Garden of Eden Location

WHERE IS THE GARDEN OF EDEN? It's buried under Lebanon ... see Ezekiel 31, verses 9 & 16 being the key verses.

Verse 3: 'Behold Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon'

Verse 9 'All the trees of Eden, which were in the Garden were jealous of it.'

Verse 16 (This verse is the key) <u>'And all the well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and best of</u> <u>Lebanon, [The ones that were in the garden itself] were comforted in the earth beneath.</u>

Scripture interprets scripture. Ezekiel 31:16 is the key that unlocks the mystery of Genesis 2:8-14. When God speaks, what He says is completely true. Sometimes the truth of His word is like the layers of an onion. As you remove each layer, there is still more onion underneath, till you get to the heart of the onion.

There's another chapter in Ezekiel that also mentions **God's Garden**. Most Bible scholars are familiar with it. It's Ezekiel 28:11-13. It's a reference to Satan, and a reference to the King of Tyre. It could also be a reference to the actual real estate, possibly referring to something that happened to the physical ground underneath the king of Tyre's feet, during The Flood. This too needs to be investigated. Verse 13 says, "you were in **Eden**, **the Garden of God**;" Verse 14 says, "you were on the Holy Mountain of God." Verse 16 says, "Therefore I have cast you as profane from the Mountain of God." Is there more to this verse than the king of Tyre, and Satan? When The Flood happened, did God remove the real estate of Tyre off of the actual Mountain of God in the **Garden of Eden**? [Was there a mountain in the **Garden of Eden**?] [This portion of scripture is quite profound in the Hebrew! If you have the resource, read it in Word by Word 'Ezekiel' {see Hebrew Research Resources}]

In some parts of history, Tyre has belonged to Lebanon. In other times of history, (during the time of the Judges), Tyre has belonged to the tribe of Asher. During the time of the Judges, Naphtali and Asher extended their territory to the other side of the Leontes River in Lebanon.

Along with the idea that the *Garden* of Eden is buried under Lebanon and Northern Israel, I believe that the description of the rivers in Genesis 2:10-14 was given as a commentary, probably by Shem or Noah shortly after the Tower of Babel incident. The inland lakes at the end of The Flood would have been full to the brim & the ocean level would have been lower by 300 feet (or more) than what it is today. The inland lakes would have included the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, the Caspian Sea, and smaller lakes in that part of the world. Because of this, the water table would have been much higher right after The Flood. After these lakes breached, the source of water flow for these rivers probably changed. Whoever first wrote the account given in Genesis 2:10-14 only describes the drainage system of where the rivers flowed after they left the garden, but never describes the whole drainage system of the river that flowed into the garden. That's why I think that it's a post-flood description, given prior to the end of Peleg and Yoqtan's lifetimes. Before the Flood, everyone knew where these rivers were. [The area where the river came from before it entered God's Garden probably got scrunched up when the mountains between the Middle East & the area North of it were formed!] [See 'IN THE BEGINNING' by WALT BROWN, www.creationscience.com]



In the Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible (1977), in volume 5, on map 4, Havilah is in the center of Saudi Arabia and Cush is generally the area around Ethiopia. Some of Cush's descendants settled along the sides of Saudi Arabia that face Africa. At the time in which the account of Genesis 2:10-14 was written 'Cush' may have also extended into Saudi Arabia and thus would have included the area of the Red Sea before it filled in with water. If that were the case, then Genesis 2:10-14 wouldn't be such a mystery. When the ocean waters rose up in this area during the lifetime of Peleg, it would have cut them off from the rest of the clan on the African side of The Red Sea. [If you want to do something really interesting, down-load 'Google Earth' & look up the satellite images of the middle section of Saudi Arabia. Use the arrow keys on your key board to focus. The interior looks like a multitude of dried up river courses.] The NKJV says that the **Pishon River** skirted the land of Havilah. In the Strong's Concordance 'Havilah' means 'stretch of sand', & that is what we see! The water system that skirted it is dried up now, but right after the Flood it probably had a pretty good flow of water. They find gold in the mountains between it & Africa, around Madinah. {Keep in mind that right after The Flood, there wouldn't have been any deserts in the Middle East or North Africa; however, the sand would have been there.} .] The other two rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates would have had their source further South from where they are located now. They too would have also been affected by the water table from the Mediterranean Sea, and possibly the lakes North of them as well, which were probably still full to the brim at that point.

It seems to me that the Lamb of God would have been sacrificed very close to the spot where the first violation occurred. Calvary is pretty close to where God says that the Garden of Eden is buried.

Another thought along those lines is, **"Why did Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, pick Salem?"** (Jerusalem. Genesis 14:18.) Was that the spot (buried deep in the earth underneath) where Adam and Eve and the rest went to make sacrifices? Shem, and probably his brothers too, were still alive when Genesis 14 happened. There is an abundance of evidence that they watched the movement of the stars, and understood the position of the stars in relation to different locations on the earth. I think that after the Flood they were able to find the location of Eden with God's help. They were a lot more intelligent than modern man!

Here's another thought to go with the above: In Matthew 23:35 Jesus, when He was rebuking the Pharisees said, "that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah whom you murdered between the temple and the altar." Did Cain murder his brother Abel in the vicinity of Jerusalem?

Here's another interesting thought: If **Eden** was in the vicinity of Lebanon, Babylon is east of it. [Before The Flood, it still would have been east of it, even thought the earth rolled. If you put all the pieces of the land puzzle back in their original places, you will see that this is so. The pivotal points for the two equatorial lines are at 0 and 180 degrees]. Is Nod buried underneath Babylon? Revelation 18: 24 says, "In her (Babylon) was found the blood of prophets and saints and of all who have been slain on the earth." [Keep in mind that **The Garden of Eden was in the land of Eden**. Eden itself could have been as large as the whole of the Middle East and part of North Africa. Babylon could have been just over the boarder into Nod, or it could have been part of Eden. The name '**Aden**' as in '**Gulf of Aden**' actually means '**The Gulf of Eden**']

And here's another question: Have the waters in Ethiopia or Havilah in Saudi Arabia ever been tested to see where they originate from? The Bible mentions underground springs in **Ezekiel 31:4,5,7**. Underground

rivers come up as springs in other places. (The water from the Sepic River at the top of New Guinea, resurfaces in the middle of Australia in Alice Springs.)

My conclusion is that the same names were given to the rivers after The Flood, but then the watersheds changed drastically during the days of Peleg as the ocean water level rose. **The Bible says that the Garden of Eden is buried beneath Lebanon**, and that should be the starting point for the investigation.

One interesting discovery I have made since writing this article: **The Jordan River**, when said in its Hebrew pronunciation **is The 'Yarden' River**. Although it's the Hebrew word for 'descend', it sounds very much like the French & English words for 'garden', and according to my understanding of the scriptures, it's in the right location!

What was the Garden of Eden like?

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