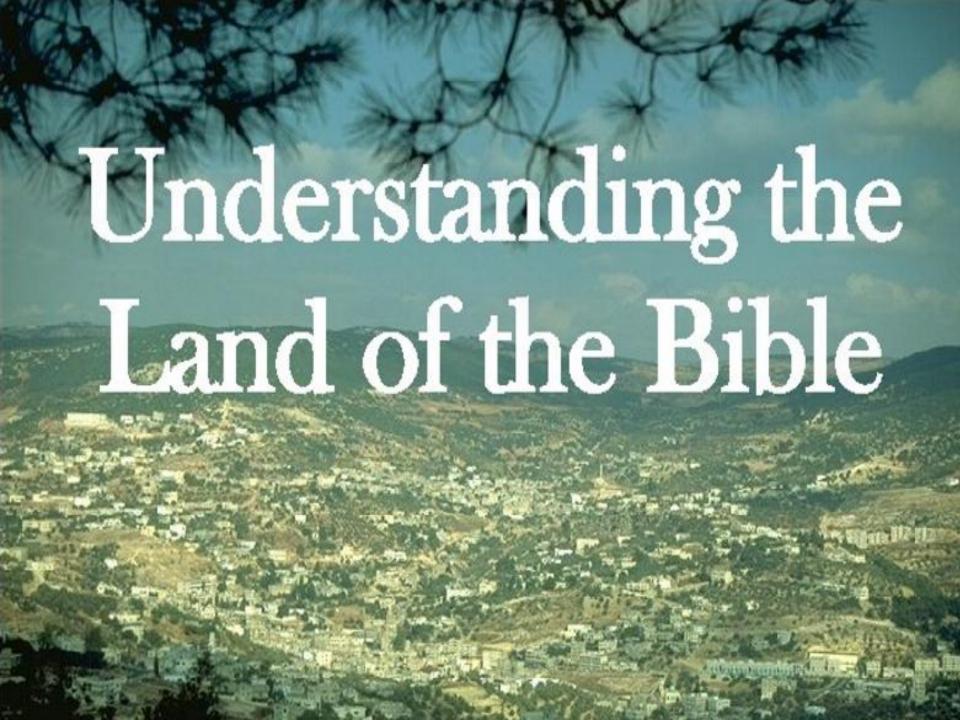
PART 1

WHERE IS THE TRUE LOCATION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN AND THE LOST GIHON RIVER

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THE EVERLASTING LOVE OF YHWH FOR HIS LAND AND HIS PEOPLE –ISRAEL!

Yahweh is anything but ambivalent concerning Israel. He is enthusiastically working toward the goal of living there among His chosen people. "Thus says Yahweh of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous for her.' Thus says Yahweh: 'I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of Yahweh of hosts, the Holy Mountain." (Zechariah 8:2-3) His intentions toward Jerusalem are crystal clear and repeated throughout scripture constantly. The prophecies are not generalized overviews either, YHWH is very detailed and very specific in his revelation concerning HIS people and their Land.

YHWH WILL CHOOSE JERUSALEM AGAIN



EDEN RESTORED

Paradise in the Bible is depicted as a garden, not only at the opening of YHWH's story, but also at it's close (Revelation 22).

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of YHWH and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse.

The throne of YHWH and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for EL SHADDAI will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

The same exact place where man fell and lost relationship with YHWH, Yahshua died and restored that relationship for man.

YHWH's entire plan of redemption for mankind occurs within the Promised Land-where it all began!

SO LET'S WORK OUT WHERE EDEN IS, FOR THIS IS THE PLACE WE SHALL RETURN TO.



THE GARDEN WAS DESCRIBED AS PARADISE

The Garden of Eden is described in the book of Genesis as a paradise, where Adam and Eve lived after they were created by YHWH, and the place where man first bowed to temptation and released the curse of sin upon the world.

The Hebrew noun #5731 "Eden" literally means pleasure, delight. The Garden of Eden was designed to be a perfect habitation for man; free of sin, it was a garden of pleasure and delight. Isaiah 51:3 describes it as the "Garden of YHWH", filled with joy, gladness, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.



WHAT WAS ADAM'S JOB IN THE GARDEN?

Although Adam lived in paradise, he wasn't exempt from having to work. YHWH gave man two jobs: "And YHWH ELOHIM took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." (Genesis 2:15).

The word "dress" is translated from the Hebrew verb #5647 "abad" which means to work, labour, and serve. Even in a state of innocence, man's psychological make-up requires him to work, as man must be actively employed in accomplishing some task to feel complete and satisfied with his life. Thus, YHWH commissioned Adam to tend the garden and help it bring forth fruit.

Adam's second job was to "keep" the garden, which is translated from the Hebrew verb #8104 "shamar" and means to keep watch and guard; to preserve, protect and watch over. The use of this word indicates that there was something or someone to protect the garden from; as one is not required to keep watch and guard over one's home unless their is an enemy lurking on the outside that intends to bring injury. We cannot be sure whether or not YHWH instructed Adam about satan or the other fallen angels at this time; but He clearly assigned to man the task of watching over and protecting the garden.

The Bible tells us that the Tree of Life and the place called "paradise" still exists. Revelation 2:7 says, "...To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of YHWH." The Apostle John also saw the tree of life in the New Jerusalem that will descend to the earth after the Millennium, "... was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (Rev. 22:2). Redeemed man will once again be invited to eat of the Tree of Life.

As to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, YHWH specifically commanded Adam to not eat of it.

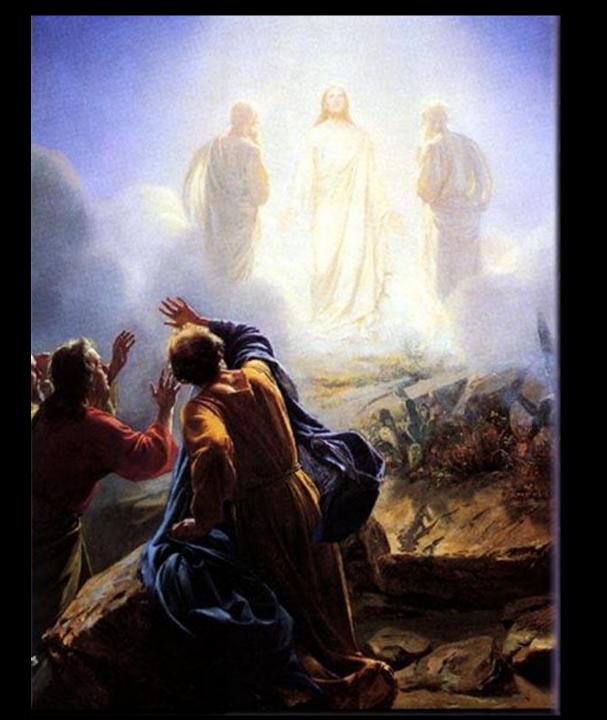
ADAM WAS CLOTHED WITH GLORY

Before sin's reign, Genesis 2:25 tells us, "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." The Basic English Translation says, "...they both had no sense of shame." In a state of innocence, man was completely free of the feelings of shame, guilt, or nakedness.

However, you must understand that Adam and Eve were not naked in the sense that we contemplate nakedness, because the Bible says they were clothed with the glory of YHWH.

Psalms 8:5 informs us that YHWH, "...crowned (Literally - to encircle, to compass) him with glory and honour (#1926 "hadar" - magnificence, i.e. ornament, decoration, adorning, splendor)." Man was literally encircled with a garment of light, adorned with YHWH's glory and did not feel naked.

Like Yahshua on the mount of transfiguration ("...his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." Mt. 17:2), and like YHWH in heaven ("Who covers thyself with light as with a garment..." Psalms 104:2), Adam and Eve were clothed with the glorious splendour of YHWH's light.



As long as YHWH's light enveloped them, shame, fear, and nakedness were foreign concepts. But as soon as Adam disobeyed the command of YHWH, the glorious light diminished and sin, with all of its consequences, contaminated their reality.

The Dakes Bible says, "Where there is no sin, there is no shame." Sin, which means to miss the mark, brings with it a sense of failure, feelings of inadequacy, and an awareness of shame. It pollutes the mind and causes man to feel guilty and unworthy.

ADAM WAS CREATED OUTSIDE THE GARDEN, THEN PLACED INTO THE GARDEN

Genesis 2:8 And YHWH ELOHIM planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made YHWH ELOHIM to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Adam here is actually called 'The Adam', את־האדם.

We are told that all Israel is Adam so there is a symbolic prophetic aspect to this narrative.



Then we read in Genesis 2:8 that YHWH placed Adam eastward from the spot of his creation; which Jewish sages say denotes Jerusalem as the spot where YHWH breathed breath into the first man. This analogy does have some geographical support.

ADAM WAS CREATED OUTSIDE THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Notice that Adam had been created and formed elsewhere and then he was placed in the Garden of Eden. Just as Israel grew and multiplied in Egypt and were further shaped in the wilderness and then placed in the Promised Land, so was Adam formed elsewhere and then placed in the Garden. The same idea is repeated where the stones of the temple were quarried and cut to size away from Jerusalem and then placed there later. Soon the ten lost tribes of the House of Israel will be regathered also and placed in Eden, the Promised Land.

WHERE IS THE GARDEN OF EDEN?

In Genesis 4:16-17 Then Cain went out from the presence of YHWH and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch.

So we are informed that Cain was driven from the land of Eden and settled to the eastward side of Eden, building cities that are known to have existed in the Euphrates Valley, which is in modern day Iraq.



COULD ADAM HAVE BEEN CREATED NEAR MT.MORIAH?

With the Garden of Eden being west of Cain's cities in Iraq, and coupled with the fact that Adam was placed eastward from the spot of his creation in the garden, this would give credence to the theory that Adam might have been created near Mount Moriah.



1 RIVER ORIGINATING FROM EDEN, BECOMES 4 HEADWATERS

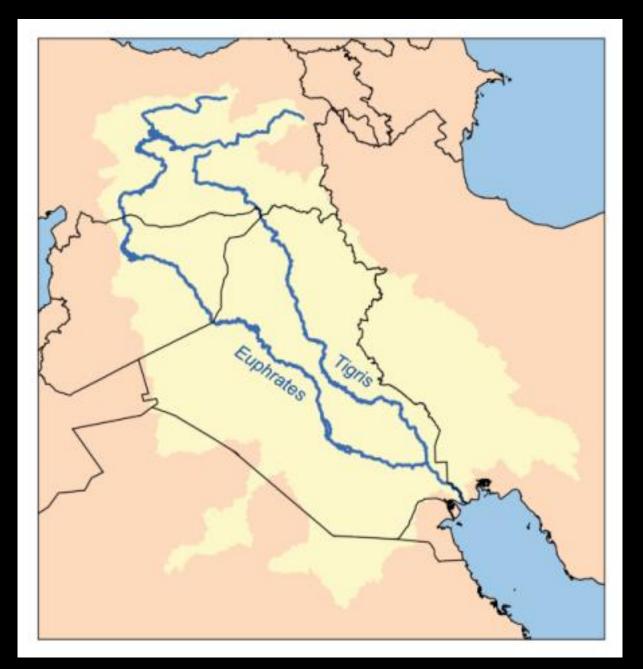
Genesis 2-3 locates the garden with reference to four rivers and the regions they flow through:

"A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Hiddekel, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates."—Genesis 2:10-14

The Bible says that a single river flowed "out" of Eden and then does something that most rivers DO NOT do; specifically, split into four separate "rivers" downstream all fed from a common single river source. Almost all rivers start from a single source.

For that reason, nobody has been able to look at modern maps of the regions mentioned in Genesis and figure out exactly where the Garden of Eden was, at least by the present topography of the lands of the Middle East. Only one river of the four, the Euphrates, is known by the same name in modern times. It presently originates in the mountains of Turkey and terminates when it flows together with the Tigris river near the Iraq/Kuwait border region. Many have speculated that the Tigris is the river Hiddekel. by multiple sources fed (tributaries). are

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This has led to speculation that the Garden of Eden was located somewhere in Turkey.

This is assumed because the present headwaters of the Euphrates river originate in Turkey, as do the headwaters of the Tigris. BUT THIS IS AN INCORRECT ASSUMPTION.

THIS LOCATION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN HAS LONG THOUGHT TO BE CORRECT BUT IT IS INCORRECT!



WHERE WAS THE PISHON RIVER?

First, let's identify the geographical region of the Pison river. The Bible says: "Pison: that is it which compasses the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold" and gives us two good clues. It should be pointed out that those mountains are mirrored by another range of mountains on the western side of the Red Sea.

The Red Sea is a tectonic spreading zone (red) and part of the Great Rift system that runs from northward in Turkey, down through the Dead Sea, down through the Red Sea, and southward deep into the African continent.

Obviously, when that mountain range was split by the Rift the source waters of the proposed Pishon river dried up.

The lost Pishon river may have flowed down what today is the Gulf of Aden south of present day Yemen (southern tip of Arabia). Yemen has both gold and onyx and the eastward trending fault branch from the Afar triangle would have been a natural riverbed in the days prior to Noah's flood (when sea levels were lower than today).



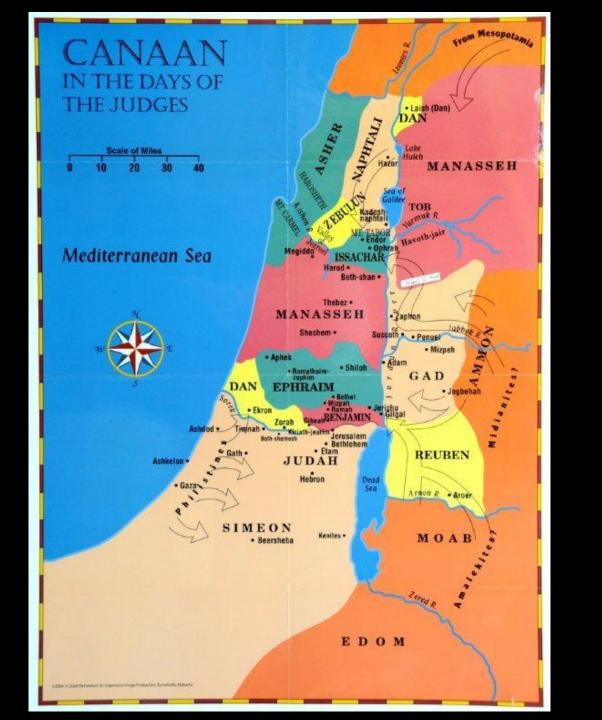
All 4 of these rivers have one thing in common: All are connected to the Great Rift system. And that is the key to the mystery. Two rivers presently originate out of Turkey to the north and two other fossil rivers flowed south of Israel.

The geographical "centre" of these four points of flow is neither Turkey nor Kuwait; the centre is somewhere near present day Israel and Jordan.

The Bible itself lends further credence to Israel (or someplace nearby) as the location of the Garden of Eden. If you run the name "Eden" through a search of the Bible, among several references the following ones provide some insightful clues:

In this passage the Bible says that the Assyrian was in Lebanon. Spiritually speaking, the "trees" in this passage refer to men and leaders. Cedar trees are mentioned elsewhere in the Bible as references to Lebanon (Judges 9:15, Psalms 29:5 & 104:16, Song of Solomon 5:15, Isaiah 2:13, Jeremiah 22:23 and more).

Notice also in the last of the passage that the Spirit associates the trees with "Eden" that "were in the Garden of YHWH." Lebanon, although not a part of modern political Israel, was a part of the Biblical lands ruled by the Kings of Israel in times past. From this we can infer that the Garden and the source of the rivers of the Garden was somewhere close to the land of Lebanon.



Borders of the Land of Greater Israel/Eden

13 Thus says the Lord God: "These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. 14 You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

15 "This shall be the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, by the road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad, 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon (which is on the border of Hauran).

17 Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

18 "On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. This is the east side.

19 "The south side, toward the South,[a] shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. This is the south side, toward the South.

20 "The west side shall be the Great Sea, from the southern boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. This is the west side.

21 "Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. 22 It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall be that in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give him his inheritance



Assuming this postulation is correct, that the source of the four rivers was somewhere near Lebanon, the interconnection of the river systems would need to be somewhat like the map below:

What roughly emerges, if all four rivers are connected to the Great Rift fault system, is a complex river network emerging from a common point of origin that flows both north and south, with each north and south extension splitting into two separate streams, for a total of four rivers. That adds up to four separate heads.



WHY THIS AREA IS HOLY GROUND AND NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED

The Israel/Lebanon region as the location of Eden and the lost river finds considerable support in the Bible. Support for this line of reasoning in found in the fact that YHWH considers the land of Israel as His Holy land. It was upon one of the mountains in the "land of Moriah" (Genesis 22:2) where Abraham was told to Sacrifice his son. Solomon was told to build the Temple "at Jerusalem in mount Moriah" (2 Chronicles 3:1) and Jerusalem was where Yahshua the Messiyah was actually crucified.

WHERE ARE THE GIHON AND PISON RIVERS TODAY?

While two of the four rivers mentioned in this passage are recognizable today, THE NILE AND EUPHRATES and flow in the same general location as they did before the Flood, the other two have apparently disappeared from the face of the earth.....OR HAVE THEY?

Great changes occurred in the topography of the earth during the Noachian flood and also at other times in the earth's history since; so it is not at all surprising that some of the pre-Flood geographical features changed or disappeared altogether.



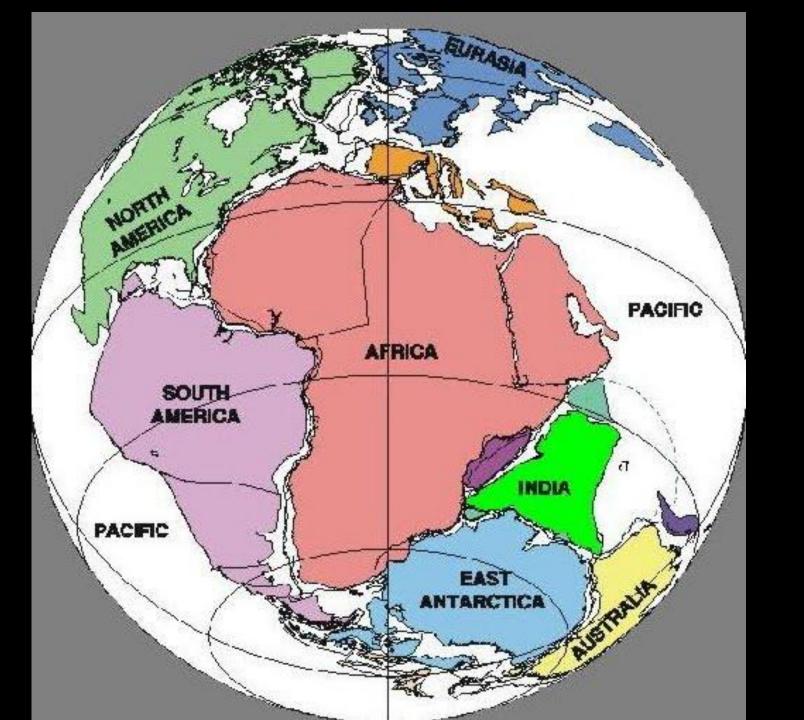
As an example of this, scientists have found evidence of floods in Mesopotamia, deep lakes in Africa, grasslands and lakes in Arabia and heavy forest cover along the eastern Mediterranean coast. This provides testimony that a lengthy wet period once enveloped the ancient Near East.

But when did this happen? The most likely time frame would be in the years immediately following Noah's Flood. Keep in mind that the Bible says there was a significant geologic event that happened 101 years after Noah's Flood (The "Earth was divided" in the days of Peleg).

PELEG – WHEN YHWH DIVIDED MEN AND THE EARTH

Genesis 10:25, To Eber were born two sons; the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

Peleg was the fifth generation descendant from Noah.



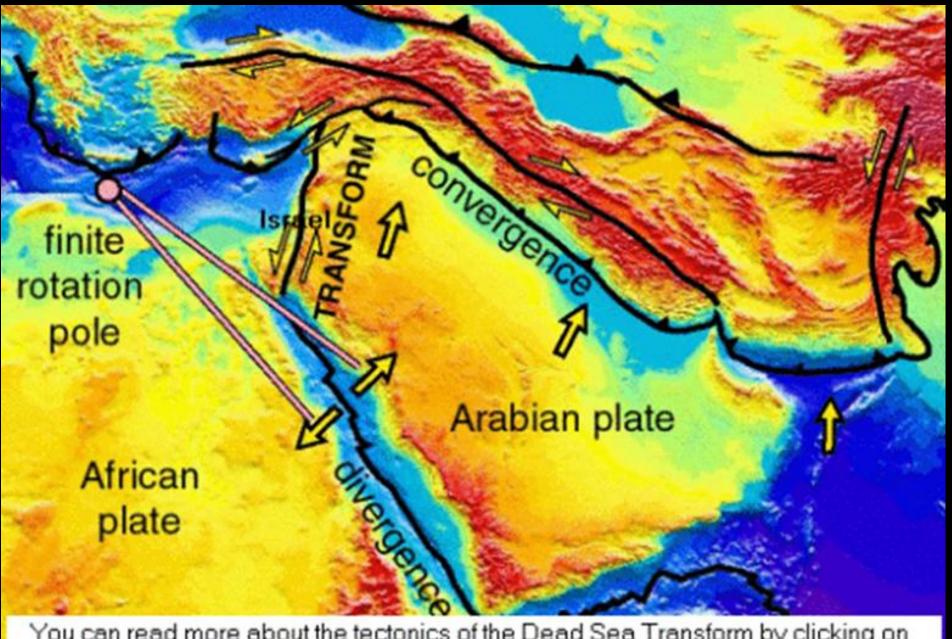
THE ONE WORLD CONTINENT CALLED PANGAEA

Whereas the fountains of the deep were broken up in the Flood of Noah, the one continent world, known in geological terms as Pangaea, was still intact. A human, in the days of Noah and Jared could walk from the eastern coast of China, across Eurasia, the continent of the Americas without having to cross any oceans. That's correct; the world was one continent, Pangaea. We will be talking about this continent called Pangaea later in The Catastrophic Destruction of Pangaea.

Since the names of Hebrew, as well as most inhabitants, were significant to a specific character or event in their life, means in Hebrew. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible (#6388) states that:

Peleg actually means, "earthquake".

How coincidental? The clues are right in front of our eyes. Let it come at face value, earthquake, split and divide and add 'for in his days the earth was divided, we have a major catastrophic event recorded in human history. The Land of Israel is sitting on the western edge of the Arabian Tectonic Plate as it slides north/south along the side of the African Plate, which is pushing into the Anatolian Tectonic Plate, also north and south. Yet the Anatolian Plate is sliding east and west along the Eurasian Plate. As can be imagined, this is a very unstable part of the world and the site of some of the major catastrophic disasters recorded in the history of man.



You can read more about the tectonics of the Dead Sea Transform by clicking on this graphic, which will take you to the site where the picture originated.

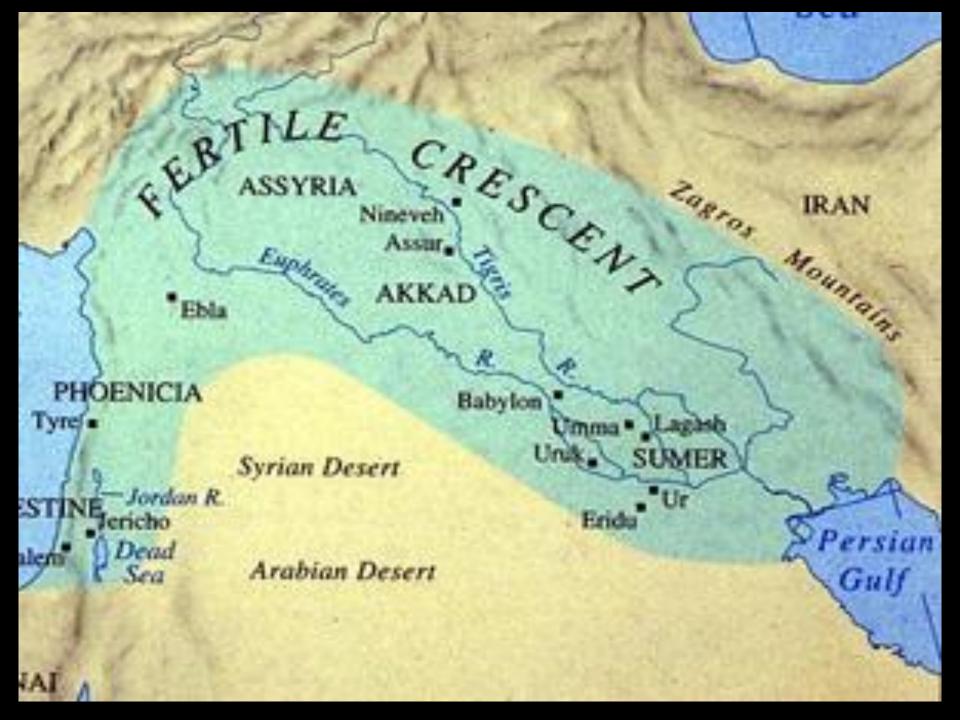
THE ORIGINAL FERTILE CRESENT WH SODON AND GOMORRAH

Genesis 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the Plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, like the garden of YHWH, like the land of Egypt, as thou go to Zoar.

Fertile land requires lots of fresh water. So there must have been a river. Could the subterranean river discovered in 1993 once have watered the area when it was still above the ground before the earthquake that destroyed Sodom cut it off?

Was it one of Eden's 4 rivers?





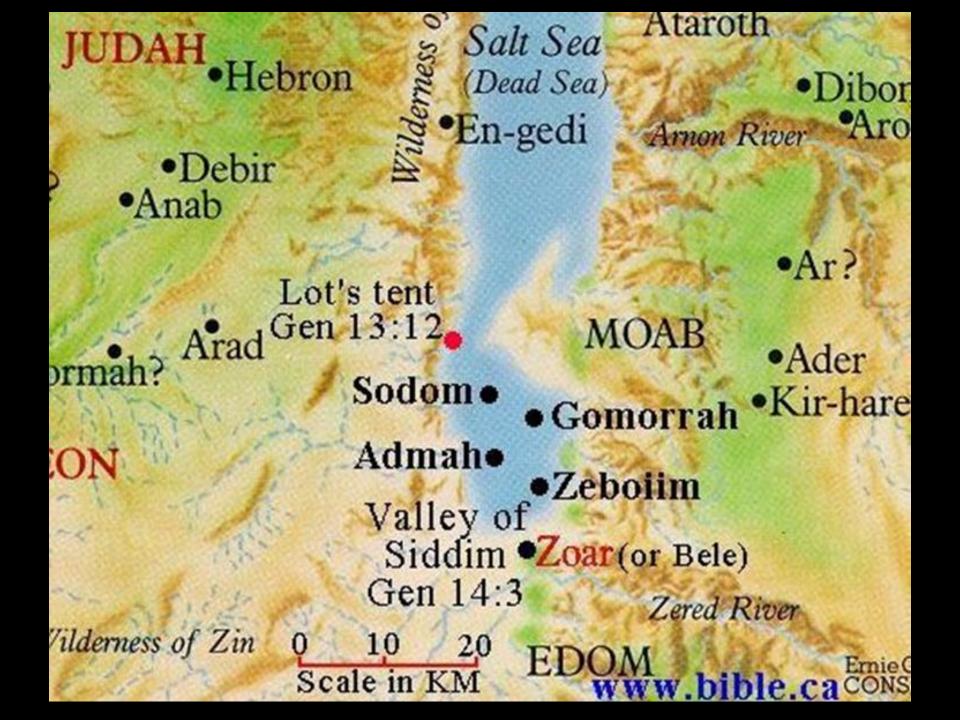


THE NEXT MOST DESTRUCTIVE GEOLOGICAL OCCURANCE ON EARTH

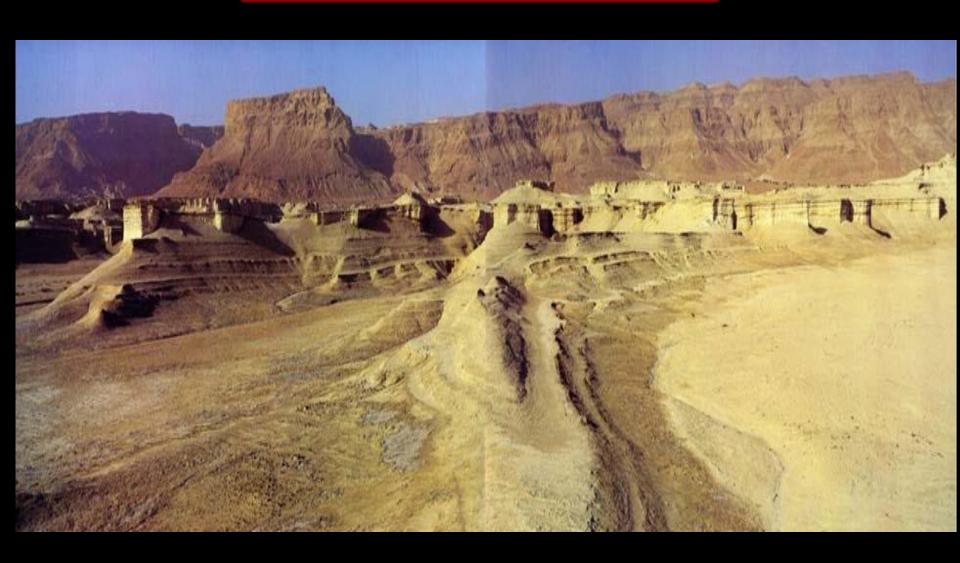
Genesis 19:23 – "The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. Then YHWH rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from YHWH out of the Heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before YHWH. Then he looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah and towards all the land of the plain and He saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.



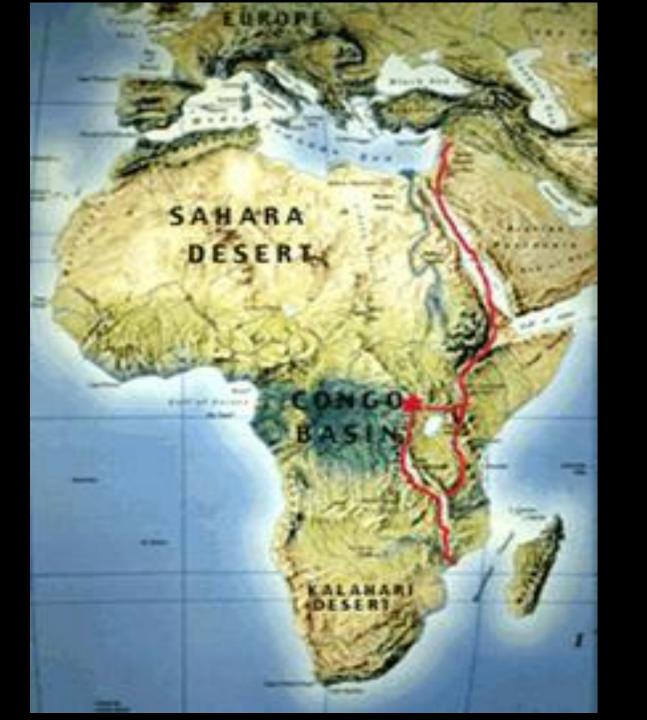


THE AREA OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH TODAY



The catastrophe at the Vale of Siddim, the valley of the cities of the plains has every element of a volcanic eruption, but it was much more. Unknown to Abraham, he was a living witness for only a few miles away the formation of the largest rift or fissure in the mantle of any continent on this earth was in progress, the Great Rift of Africa.

We do not know whether this rifting began at the border of Lebanon and went south or began at the southwestern coastline of Africa at Beira, on the coast Mozambique at the fracture point of where the unique island of Madagascar split off the African continent. So did this rift work up through the Red Sea to the Vail of Siddim?



All along this great rift system from the Jordan River to southeastern Africa are evidence of deep depressions and wall-like cliffs as it carves a deep scar into the surface of the earth. All along this depression are relics of extinct or dormant volcanoes, evidence of the action of three tectonic plates moving away from each other.

What we do know from Biblical records is that the Vail of Siddim was already a valley and a fresh water lake fed by the runoff of Mount Herman down the Jordan River. From there the Great Rift traverses down the Gulf of Agaba into the Red Sea and into the Danakil Depression in Ethiopia.

WHAT DO THE RIVERS MEAN

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Pishon = "increase"
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Gihon = "bursting forth"

Hiddekel = "rapid"

Euphrates = "fruitfulness"

WHERE IS THE PISHON RIVER TODAY?

The disappearance of the river Pishon is of some significance — just as the Edomites were utterly destroyed by YHWH (Obadiah), this river which represents 'pride which increases' was not mentioned again throughout Scripture.

Some have theorized that the Noahic flood enabled this disappearance as the river was absorbed into the waters of judgment. Perhaps this, again, is a divine implication and prophecy of YHWH's judgment on the proud?

HIDDEKEL/TIGRIS RIVER

Then we had Hiddekel (Tigris) which appears once again during Daniel's prophecy. Hiddekel, meaning "rapid, quick or sudden" "The name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth to the east of Assyria." Genesis 2:14.

The third river-head is almost as easy to identify as the fourth. While not everyone reading English will immediately recognize the name "Hiddekel, 'yet scholars are quite in agreement about it. It is the modern "Tigris." Those ancient Sumerians called the Tigris, "Idikna" or "Idikla." The early Semitic people called it, "Idiklat" (in Hebrew, "Hiddekel,"), later shortened to "Diklat." The Persians pronounced it, "Tigra," from whence the classical Greek name came, "Tigris." Today, in Arabic it is, "Dijla."

Once again, these are but variants of one name retained throughout all history. This identification is upon firm ground. To make the identification doubly sure, the Tigris is definitely the river of Assyria. The Assyrian capital city Nineveh stood upon that river's banks.



JUDGEMENT COMING FOR THE EUPHARATES

We have the river Perat, also known as Euphrates – and how aptly this river is named! This river in Assyria (2 Kings 23:29 – death of Josiah at Euphrates; Jeremiah 2:18; 51:63 – why drink from the waters of Euphrates?) has some significance in Jeremiah 51:63 and Revelations 9:14; 16:12:

"When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, and say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disaster that I am bringing upon her, and they shall become exhausted" – Jeremiah 51:63

THE EUPHRATES RIVER IS DRYING UP



THE END IS NEAR

Today, the current drying up of the Euphrates River in the Mideast is another End Time SIGN and right on time with ALL other prophecies which are NOW in their places, ready for fulfillment. This shows how close this generation is to witnessing the fulfilling of ALL foretold events, including the miraculous return of Messiyah.

In the very near future, as the Great Tribulation period heads towards the end of its 3 1/2 year nightmare at the hands of "antichrist", then "the kings of the whole world" & their armies (Rev.16:14) [including China] will have gathered together in Armageddon (Rev.16:16) in the Mideast.

SATELLITE IMAGE OF THE EUPHRATES RIVER IN 2012



"Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before YHWH, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind" 16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand, thousand: and I heard the number of them. — Revelations 9:13-16



Revelations 16:12

"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east" (this bowl being one of the seven bowls of the wrath of YHWH

Rev 16:1) –

BEFORE OUR EYES WE ARE SEEING BIBLE PROPHECY FULFILLED



Turkey has now constructed the Ataturk Dam, that can now hold back these great waters for the first time in history. At the same time, the Chinese have invested enormous sums of money, building a superhighway across the Asian sub-continent, heading towards Israel. This all-weather road runs parallel with the ancient Silk road followed by Marco Polo. This road serves no economic purpose, no foreigners are allowed anywhere near it, let alone travel it! It has been completed through the South of China, Tibet and Pakistan. Any 1 of the 22 dams already being built have the capability of literally "drying up" the Euphrates River & allowing China to cross into "Armaggedon", as the Bible predicts for the End Times.



Ataturk Dam



The world's armies' (Rev.19:19) ultimate purpose in their uniting together in the Mideast will be "to make war against Him (Yahshua) who sat upon the horse, & against His army". (Rev.19:19). This final "war" (Rev.16:14,16) of Armageddon literally takes place on the final day of the 7 year Tribulation period as Messiyah Himself returns. (Rev.19:11,19).

China & the "beast" (Euro-kingdom of antichrist) & "the kings of the earth & their armies" (Rev.19:19) will be completely destroyed in a moment's time by the overwhelming & divine appearance of Yahshua HaMashiach. (Rev.19:19-Rev.20:3).

CHINA'S COMMUNIST ARMY IS READY



Right now, China is in its place prophetically. The book of Revelation clearly stipulates that in order for China to make its way towards the "place of Armaggedon" (Rev.16:16) in the End Times, then the "great river, the Euphrates & its water must be dried up". (Rev.16:12).

This awesome soon-coming event will occur so "that the way might be prepared for the kings of the east" (China) to move their military personnel westward through the Mideast terrain & into the Holy Land. (Rev.16:12).



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THE LOST GIHON RIVER, THE GIHON SPRING AND THE FUTURE MILLENIAL RIVER