



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 2:8-15, Message 10

Today our study of Genesis introduces us to a very special place—the land of _____. Its name is synonymous with _____ and all things pleasant or delightful. As we learn from the Bible, all human history _____ here. Throughout time this same geographic location has been the center of international attention, even up to our present day in 2008. And if that is not enough, this same special place is where the book of Revelation _____. With all that said, when you consider the fact that God himself decided to plant a _____ eastward in the land of Eden, it certainly must have been an extraordinary piece of real-estate.

A GARDEN EASTWARD IN EDEN

1. Where is this garden? *Genesis 2:8, 10-14*

- Its exact location is impossible to pinpoint because:

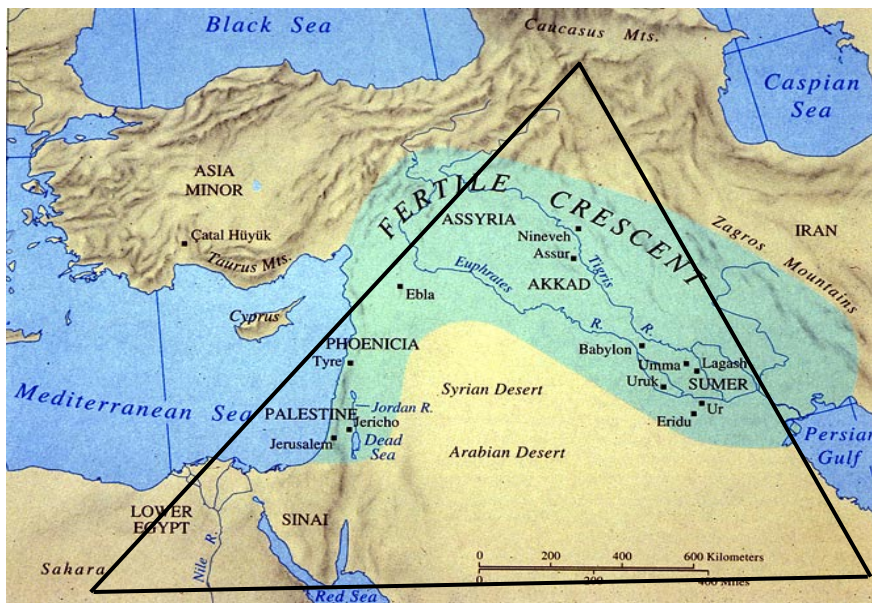
The garden was planted before the flood; the rivers mentioned would likely have travelled different routes than they travel today...

The lands mentioned have been either been renamed, relocated or rebordered since the time of writing...

- In the _____ part of the land of _____

Eden is _____ a garden... it is the land where God planted his garden...

- In the modern day _____ – an area referred to as the “Fertile Crescent”



The triangle indicates the possible borders of the land of Eden

Eden is liken to Egypt (Genesis 13:10), Jerusalem (Isaiah 51:3), and Thelasar (which is the area of Abram from Ur – 2 Kings 19:12).

Pison compasseth the whole land of Havilah – Possible locations include southern Israel and northern Arabia.

Gihon – Connected with Africa (Ethiopia, the land of Cush; maybe it's the Nile river).

Hiddekel – Called by its modern name, the Tigris River (flowing from Assyria through Iraq).

Euphrates – Retains its same name today in modern Iraq.

- Its location is a testimony to the uniqueness of the Bible

The Bible is a book of _____...

2. When did God plant this garden? *Genesis 2:8 (1:24-26; 2:7-25; 1:27-31)*

- On the _____ day of the creative week

The narrative of Genesis 2:7-25 takes place in between Genesis 1:26 & 27

3. What did God put in this garden? *Genesis 2:8-9*

- The _____ whom he had formed
- All ornamental and _____ bearing trees
- The tree of _____
- The tree of _____ of good and evil

4. Why did God plant this garden? *Genesis 2:15*

- To give man a _____
- To give man a _____ responsibility...
 - To _____ the garden*
 - To _____ the garden*
- To provide a special place where God could _____ with man

Eden ultimately testifies of mankind's downfall... but also of his redemption!