

## Genesis 2:7-14

**7. Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

You and I are alive today only by the grace of God Himself. He and He alone, is the giver of life; and He alone is the only one authorized to take life. Friends, life is a gift from God to each and every one of us here on this earth. Man in all of his arrogance is constantly treading on ground that belongs only to our God. Today we have gone to the womb, that sacred place where life is first breathed and where it is at its most vulnerable state; to kill unborn children by the millions. Man may call or label the fetus as a living mass of tissue; but God calls each of those unborn children a living being.

Verse **8. And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He formed. 9. And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

I want you to note specifically what is said about the Garden of Eden, it was planted by God. God Himself designed and planted a home for man, and then He took man and placed him there. The Lord designed it where man would live forever and would have a personal relationship with Him. Our God made a home that was the most perfect thing ever created here on earth; and in this Garden He placed everything that man would need to thrive. Our original purpose was simply to care for the garden and to be in relationship with the Trinity, forever. In it were also two trees; the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In chapter three of Genesis we will look very closely at these two trees and their significance.

Let's continue reading now with verse **10. Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. 11. The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12. And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. 13. And the name of the second river Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. 14. And the name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.**

We see that the Garden of Eden was located where the Euphrates, Tigris, Pishon and Havilah rivers were forked. We know where the Euphrates and Tigris rivers are, but not the Pishon and Havilah. The Euphrates and Tigris both rise in the Caucasus mountain region of southwest Asia; both flows southeastward and empty into the Persian Gulf. Isn't it quite interesting to note how the entire world is so closely watching what is going on in the Persian Gulf today, the same place where mankind originated?

The other thing that is quite interesting about this area is that the Caucasus-Euphrates region is approximately at the center of the Eastern Hemisphere; which is also the larger of the two hemispheres. Remarkably, Ethnologists or anthropologists who study cultural origins believe that this region is the original origin of all the present races of men; this only validates what the Word of God has been saying for over six thousand years.

Lastly, I want to share something that T.D. Jakes once spoke on concerning the Garden of Eden. In his message, he shared the significance of how there were four rivers that watered the garden. His point was that a wise man will find multiple ways of bringing income into his home, much the same way the garden was watered by more than one river. I believe that there is profound wisdom in this; especially for today. Each of us needs to consider becoming diversified in our earnings. Simply put, job security is a thing of the past.