

GEOLOGY 101

There are six different biblical geographics of the world. How important is the word of God to world geology history?

- § Original creation (eternity past and before tohu waw bohu restoration and Adam)
- § Garden of Eden (period of Innocence)
- § Antediluvian (fall of Adam to Noahic flood)
- § Post-diluvian (flood to Second Coming of Jesus Christ / our present day geology. (2 Pet.3:4-7)
- § Millennium (1000 year period)
- § New heavens and earth (eternally)

Gen.2:8-14 is a unique passage because it is the only historical record of the geology of the world prior to our present geology (post-diluvian).

These historical geology records are still in existence because it is part of the divine revelation of the Bible - "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away." (Matt.24:35)

This lesson will study SIX aspects of the GEOLOGY 101.

1. The Garden of Eden was a literal place during the period of human innocence (prior to the fall of Adam).

"And the Lord God planted a garden towards the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed." (Gen 2:8)

Ezekiel refers to it as a literal place in 36:35. He also refers to it in eternity past in 28:13. **John** refers to it in eternity future in Rev.2:7.

The principle that we learn is that the Lord God planted the Garden of Eden and placed His gardener in His parkland of grace provisions. For us, it is America!

2. Genesis teaches that man began in a garden paradise and not a cave because of God's grace. It did not begin in tohu waw bohu or chaos.

The principle that we learn from the period of Innocence is that perfect condition of life is not the solution to the problems of life or the angelic conflict.

3. The following six geographical regions of the Antediluvian world were recorded in Bible: Eden (8); Havilah (11); Cush (13); Assyria (14); Nod (4:16); and Mt. Ararat (8:4).

Note what the bible records about each region.

- § East of Eden (Original paradise home of Adam and Eve)
- § Havilah (Some believe that Havilah was the area of Jason and the Golden Fleece of Greek Mythology)
- § Cush _____
- § Assyria _____
- § Nod (Cain was exiled to it) (4:16)
- § Mt. Ararat - "The ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat." (8:4). "The water prevailed 15 cubits higher, and the mountains were covered." (7:20). "The name is related to Assyria Urartu, which became an extensive and mountainous kingdom (see Jer.51:27; Isa.37:38), including much of the

territory of north Mesopotamia and east of modern Turkey. The ark's landfall was probably in southern Urartu." (NIV, pg.17 / Gen.8:4)

4. God planted four categories of trees in the Garden of Eden for mankind. Another important principle we learn is that we reap what God's sows (Gal.6:7-8).

"And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the _____ and good for _____; _____ also in the midst of the garden, and _____."

§ What two trees have names _____ and _____? (Gen.2:9)

Write what we learn about the Garden of Eden trees from the following verses.

Gen.2: 16-17_____.

Gen.3:2-3_____.

Gen.3:6_____.

Gen.3: 11-12_____.

Gen.3:17_____.

Gen.3: 22-24._____.

Rev.2:7_____.

Rev.22:1-2_____.

Rev.22:14_____.

Rev.22:18-19_____.

5. One river flowed into the Garden of Eden and four flowed out in the period of Innocence.

"Now a river flowed (yatsa/ kal ptc) out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers." (2:10)

§ Pishon to Havilah (2:11) [flows around] (sabab / kal ptc) - Josephus and Luther believed it was the Ganges.

§ Gihon to Cush (2:13) [flows around] (sabab / kal ptc)- Josephus and Luther believed it was Nile.

§ Tigris and Euphrates to Assyria (2:14) [flows / travels] (halak kal ptc) "The garden was perhaps near where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers (see v.14) meet, in what is today southern Iraq." (NIV, pg.9/ Gen.2:8)

"The rivers that watered the garden becomes subsequently, the source of the rivers of the world." (Genesis commentary by Westermann, pg.215)

A river flowing from the **Millennium Temple** is identified with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in Ezk.47. It is also identified with the "water of life, as clear as crystal flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city (New Jerusalem)." (Rev.22)

6. Recent biblical scholars studying Landsat images from space believe that the Garden of Eden is either beneath the Persian Gulf or in mountains of eastern Turkey.

CONCLUSION: If you believe that Noah's flood was a global cataclysm, then it doesn't matter because the geology that existed before the flood was dramatically changed (2 Pet.3: 4-7; Gen.7: 19-20).

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes (nikao /p.a.ptc dsm) (1 John 5:4-5), I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God." (Rev.2: 7)