



Garden of Eden by Wenzel Peter



Hiddekel or Tigris River

Euphrates River

Assyria

wetland

Pison River

Gihon River

Havilah-son of Shem, son of Eber, son of Joktan

Gen. 2:12

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Ethiopia

Before the cataclysm of the flood, God removed the excess water from the face of the earth by stretching it (Gen. 1:9; Psa. 136:6). While the region referred to as wetland is speculative, the volume of water at the headwaters in Eden was tremendous (it produced four notable rivers), just as the volume of water we read about flowing from under the "threshold of the house eastward" (Ezek. 47:1) during the future millennium. This pristine river in Ezekiel eventually reaches a depth that is impossible to wade across as it empties into the Dead Sea and heals it (Ezek. 47:9). After the flood, the Gulf of Aqaba also known as the Red Sea or Egyptian sea (for the Egyptian army was wiped out there), was known in Isaiah 11:15 as being the source of "seven streams." This volatile tectonic, post-flood region at one time had a sufficient volume of water to support seven streams, as it welled up from deep within the East African-Syrian rift system.

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The gold of Havilah is most likely a reference to its purity in raw form. The golden wedge of Ophir is a reference to a solid wedge-shaped deposit of gold OR a giant piece of gold located somewhere in the region known as ancient Havilah. Also, bdellium mentioned in the early chapters of Genesis, could be to its medicinal benefits and the anticipated problems men would encounter after sin, death, and decline entered the world and their need for God's healing through prayer, as well as his diverse flora (art of apothecary). The onyx stone, a precious, rare and black stone signified not only man's future sin, but sin's deliverance through the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

The black onyx, or sardonyx stone, two of which were positioned on the shoulders of the Jewish high priest in ouches of gold (Ex. 28:9-12) were part of the distinctive clerical garb that separated him from the rest of his priestly brethren. For Jospheh, the black sheep of his family, the youngest of Jacob's children, Jospheh became the deliverer to his family as he became second in command only to Pharaoh [Rah-ho-tep](#) ruler of upper and lower Egypt.

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The [medicinal properties of bdellium](#) are similar to those of *C. myrrha* and *C. gileadensis*. There appears to be consensus on the resin's cholesterol-lowering and analgesic properties. Traditionally, it has been used to treat arthritis, atherosclerosis, skin diseases such as leukoderma, and obesity. Guggul has been used in Ayurvedic medicine since 600 BC, and there are references to the plant in the *Sushruta Samhita*. Guggul is used to treat ulcers and sores. Its antibacterial and anthelmintic properties have also been studied using the agar well diffusion assay process and validated. (Pankaj Goel et al, 2010). According to Ayurveda, guggul enhances circulation and helps digestion by producing warmth in the body. Guggulsterone is the major steroid isolated from the plant. Other steroids include diterpenoids, aliphatic esters, carbohydrates, and amino acids.

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