

THE EPIC OF EDEN VIDEO STUDY

Session 7—God's Final Intent

Romans 8:19-23

Where we left the story: The people of God have been driven from the Place of God, and have been separated from the Presence of God.

Redemptive History begins with the question:

What did the first Adam lose?

And ends with the question:

What did the second Adam buy back? 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45
Romans 5:14-21

The iconography of Eden:

1) *Cherubim* (Exodus 25–26, 36)

“Let them build a sanctuary for me so that I might dwell among them” (Exod. 25:8).

Who could enter the outer court of the tabernacle? anyone with proper sacrifice

Who could enter the Holy Place? priests

Who could enter the Holy of Holies? High Priest once a year

In the Holy of Holies, God sits enthroned above what? cherubim (on Ark of the Covenant)

What do the *cherubim* look like?

The face of a human.

The wings of a eagle.

The body of a lion.

What is the function of the *cherubim*?

To scare away anyone who would dare

to enter the King's presence in an

inappropriate fashion.

1) *Cherubim* (continued)

What is God communicating?

The Holy of Holies and the garden of Eden, both defended by cherubim, are the throne
room of the Almighty.

2) Rivers (Ezekiel 47)

What does Ezekiel see bursting forth under the throne of the Holy of Holies?

a spring which eventually became the River of Life

Why does it come from the temple and why does it come from Eden?

because God is there

3) Trees (Revelation 21–22)

(Rev. 21)

What does John see? A new heaven and a new earth. (a cosmos reborn)

What does he not see there? a temple

Why? because God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple

(Rev. 22)

What does the angel show John? river of water of life

What stands on the sides of the river? tree of life bearing twelve crops of fruit

Heaven is where it has always been . . . where God and humanity co-exist

The place where God is. The place where the people of God

may dwell in the place of God with full access to the presence of God!

God's rescue plan: when the 7th day is restored, two dimensions come back together

Noah re-creational moment

Abraham the covenant family

Moses the covenant nation

David a king for the nations

Jesus to make it all possible for all people - New Covenant

What does all of this tell us about Redemptive History?

What was done in Eden must be undone

for the New Jerusalem.

What was lost in Eden must be

re-won for the New Jerusalem.

What was hoped for in Eden

is what is fulfilled in the New Jerusalem.

Eden is our best picture of heaven.

Questions, comments, aha moments . . .

