

# The **TREES** of *Eden* in **GOD'S GARDEN**



The “trees” in God’s garden of Eden referenced in the books of Ezekiel, Isaiah and Hosea are His sons. They are part of God’s ruling, royal family. Created long before mankind, they are ancient according to our timeline. A special holy council of 70 have been God’s pride and joy for a long time. He taught them His law, bestowed them with His wisdom and knowledge. These have grown tall, very tall. These “cedars” are God’s strongest and most experienced sons. They sit on their seats of authority in Lebanon, God’s headquarters. They participate in decision-making and judgment with God—their Creator, their Heavenly Father.

“God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the ‘gods’**” (Psalm 82:1).

King Ahab of the house of Israel did evil in God’s eyes [as most of the kings of Israel did] and God decreed that he would die at Ramoth-Gilead, but the means of his death had not yet been decided. **God invited His council to participate in the decision** and they debated the matter until **one of the sons of God came forward and suggested: “I will go out and I will be a false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.”** Upon hearing this, **God said “Go and do it.”**

In Daniel’s vision he sees a messenger, **a holy one**, coming down from heaven and decrees the fate of Nebuchadnezzar. This decree was sanctioned by God but **decided by the holy ones** [sons of God]. “The decision is announced by messengers; **the holy ones declare the verdict**, so that the

living may know that **THE MOST HIGH IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE KINGDOMS OF MEN and GIVES THEM TO ANYONE HE WISHES and sets over them the lowliest of men**" (Daniel 4:17).

It appears that God made an announcement to all of His sons residing in the heavens, offering them a place with Him on His throne. Of all His sons, how many would successfully stand strong in righteous judgment serving the Creator? This assignment may have begun at the time of Babel, when mankind began to rebel against God, again. Satan still remains the prince of the power of the air, but ruling over the nations, God—the Most High remains sovereign. The nations needed sound instruction and perpetual guidance. So, God divided the nations according to the number of His sons in His heavenly court to rule over them and bring them onto the righteous path to God. God decided to participate in this project and He chose the people and descendants of Jacob as His inheritance.

"When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number in his heavenly court**. For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob His allotted inheritance" (New Living Translation Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

The "great eagle" in Ezekiel 17:1 appears to be a powerful and respected heavenly being, sanctioned by God to begin the process of assigning sons of God to the nations. This being goes directly to Lebanon, representative as God's headquarters, and takes one of the sons of God from the holy council and brings him to rule over the people of Babylon.

#### **A SHOOT FROM THE TOP OF A CEDAR TREE OF LEBANON TOOK ROOT IN BABYLON:**

"A great eagle with powerful wings, long feathers and full plumage of varied colors came to Lebanon. Taking hold of the **top of a CEDAR**, he broke off its topmost shoot and carried it away to a land of merchants, where he planted it in a city of traders [Babylon]" (Ezekiel 17:1-4).

While this prince over Babylon may have been loyal to God for some time, he eventually fell into what appears to be the common weakness of the ruling sons of God. He commanded the nation he ruled to worship him. He elevated himself above the Almighty God and seeded a false religion that has lingered and will linger until the end of this evil age. The prince is feared by his own brothers in heaven. They fear being overthrown. **"Now that you have been laid low, no woodsman comes to cut us down."** The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming" (Isaiah 14:8). The battle of God against the gods began, again.

#### **THE DESTRUCTION OF THE KING OF BABYLON:**

"Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians' pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah" (Isaiah 13:19).

"On the day the LORD gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage, you will take up this daunt against the king of Babylon: 'How the oppressor has come to an end! How his fury has ended! The LORD has broken the rod of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, which in anger struck down the peoples with unceasing blows... All the lands are at rest and at peace; they break

into singing. Even **the PINE trees and the CEDARS of Lebanon exult over you** and say, **'Now that you have been laid low, no woodsman comes to cut us down.'** The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming" (Isaiah 14:3-9).

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit... Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes" (Revelation 18:1-2, 4-5).

Possibly, the first son of God to fall after receiving his inheritance may have been the tallest and finest of all the members of God's holy council. Yet, with all his knowledge and wisdom and righteousness, he fell the fastest and became enraged with the Creator. Pride led to his blasphemous arrogance and God brought him down, terrifying the nations who relied on him, shattering their confidence and respect for God's choicest and best sons.

#### **THE FALL OF THE KING OF ASSYRIA, ONCE A CEDAR IN LEBANON:**

"Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest; it towered on high, its top above the thick foliage. The waters nourished it, deep springs made it grow tall... **The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it**, nor could the pine trees equal its boughs, nor could the plane trees compare with its branches—**NO TREE IN THE GARDEN OF GOD COULD MATCH ITS BEAUTY. I made it beautiful** with abundant branches, the envy of all the trees of Eden in the garden of God" (Ezekiel 31:2-9).

"By your messengers you have heaped insults on the Lord. And you have said, 'With **MY** many chariots **I have ascended the heights of the mountains, the utmost heights of Lebanon. I have cut down the tallest cedars, the choicest of its pines, I have reached its remotest parts, the finest of its forests.** I have dug wells in foreign lands and drunk the water there. With the soles of my feet I have dried up all the streams of Egypt" (II Kings 19:23-24).

King Sennacherib said, **"Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries, destroying them completely.** And will you [Judah] be delivered? Did the gods of the nations that were destroyed by my forefathers deliver them—the gods of Gozan, Haran, Rezeph and the people of Eden who were in Tel Assar? Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, or of Hena or Ivvah?" (Isaiah 37:11-13)

God responded directly to the prince ruling over King Sennacherib, **"Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. In days of old I planned it, now I have brought it to pass, that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone.** [God planned a long time ago to use this rogue kingdom to punish weaker rogue rulers. It came to pass just because God authorized it.] Their people, drained of power, are dismayed and put to shame. **They are like plants in the field, like tender green shoots, like grass sprouting on the housetops, scorched before it grows up.** But I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you rage against me. Because you rage against me and your insolence has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will make you return by the way you came" (II Kings 19:25-28).

“Because it towered on high, lifting its top above the thick foliage, and because **it was proud of its height**, I handed it over to the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with according to its wickedness. **I cast it aside**” (Ezekiel 31:10-11).

Pride comes before a fall.

God warned the prince over Egypt. “Who could compare with you in majesty?” (Ezekiel 31:2). The ruins that lie in Egypt now thousands of years later, are a wonder that continue to mystify engineers and archeologists today. The prince of Egypt built his kingdom up, so that he could see it from the heavens. This son of God fell into pride and in the height of his arrogance, he declared to be a creator. “The Nile is mine; **I made it for myself**” (Ezekiel 29:3).

### **THE FALL OF THE PHARAOH, KING OF EGYPT:**

“Which of the trees of Eden can be compared with you in splendor and majesty? Yet **you, too, will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth below**; you will lie among the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword. ‘This is Pharaoh and all his hordes,’ declares the Sovereign LORD” (Ezekiel 31:18).

“**No longer will there be a prince in Egypt**, I will spread fear throughout the land... I will set fire to Egypt... I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt. I will break both his arms, the good arm as well as the broken one, and make the sword fall from his hand” (Ezekiel 30:13, 22).

Satan is God’s oldest enemy. He built a domain on the high seas in the heavens. In his trading and crafty exchanges, he lured a son of God from the holy council to lead, fine tune, and solidify the direction of his wicked and rebellious company in exchange for a sealed contract of rulership. This company of shenanigans is comprised of a son of God from God’s holy council as the mast, giants—Nephilim are the instruments that provide movement to bring their heavenly plans forward, a son of God who holds a lesser place in God’s royal government provides support—a platform of stability, allies who once served under the prince of Egypt provide the material to capture the wind that allows them to manipulate their direction when needed, and royal family members on earth along with influential wealthy businessmen who work to keep the people on earth under the control of this rogue organism. They may feel that they have the strongest and most influential members in their company, but they are deceived for God in one blow will break them in pieces. The power of the Almighty God is somehow overlooked because he is humble and longsuffering, not wishing that any to die. Surely, they should fully understand the power of God Almighty, for by **a mere rebuke** He, the Creator dries up the sea (Isaiah 50:2).

### **O TYRE, THE DOMAIN IN THE HIGH SEAS:**

"They have made all your planks of fir trees from Senir; They have taken a **CEDAR from Lebanon** to make a **mast for you**. **Of oaks from Bashan they made your oars; of cypress wood from the coasts of Cyprus they made your deck, inlaid with ivory, fine embroidered linen from Egypt** was your **sail** and served as your banner; your awnings were of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah. **Men** of Sidon and Arvad were your oarsmen; **your skilled men**, O Tyre, were aboard as

your **seamen**. Veteran craftsmen of Gebal were on board as shipwrights to caulk your seams. All the ships of the sea and their sailors came alongside to trade for your wares” (Ezekiel 27:5).

“But **the east wind** will break you to pieces in the heart of the sea. Your wealth, merchandise and wares, your mariners, seamen and shipwrights, your merchants and all your soldiers, and everyone else on board will sink into the heart of the sea on the day of your shipwreck” (Ezekiel 27:26-27).

A devastating and terrifying shock will ripple down each man, woman and child when they realize that ALL of God’s best and choicest sons in His royal family in heaven have failed to rule righteously. Most of them are already imprisoned and awaiting judgment. God has vowed that never again will He allow His sons to reach the heights these sons reached. God loves His creation, the pain of taking their lives is excruciating.

#### **ALL THE TREES IN LEBANON, GOD’S CHOICEST AND BEST ARE DESTINED FOR DEATH:**

“**No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height; they are all destined for death**, for the earth below, among mortal men, with those who go down to the pit” (Ezekiel 31:14).

“Then **all the trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, all the trees that were well-watered, were consoled in the earth below**. Those who lived in its shade, its allies among the nations, had also gone down to the grave with it, joining those killed by the sword” (Ezekiel 31:15-17).

#### **THE FALL OF THE MIGHTY ONES AND THE ARROGANCE OF MAN FORETOLD:**

“The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), for **all the CEDARS of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the OAKS of Bashan, for all the towering mountains and all the high hills**, for every lofty tower and **every fortified wall**, for **every trading ship** and **every stately vessel**, the **arrogance of man** will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, and the idols will totally disappear” (Isaiah 2:12-18).

“The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars. **Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon**” (Psalm 29:5).

The rogue sons of God who have already been overthrown are presently imprisoned, awaiting judgment.

“In that day **the LORD will punish THE POWERS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE and the KINGS ON THE EARTH BELOW**. They will be herded together **like prisoners bound in a dungeon**; they will be **shut up in prison** and be **punished after many days**” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

“I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. **(The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time)**” (Daniel 7:11-12).

### **LEBANON WILL FALL:**

“See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. The **lofty trees will be felled**; the **tall ones will be brought low**. **He will cut down the forest thickets** with an ax; **LEBANON WILL FALL BEFORE THE MIGHTY ONE**” (Isaiah 10:33-34).

“Wail, **CYPRESS tree**, for the **CEDAR** has fallen while the **STATELY TREES are destroyed**. Wail, **OAK trees of Bashan**, for **THE OLD GROWTH FOREST HAS BEEN CUT DOWN**” (Zechariah 11:2).

So, is that the end of the story? What about Jesus Christ? Who is he—then?

## **LEBANON WILL *again* BECOME FERTILE**

“In a very short time, will not **Lebanon be turned into a fertile field** and the fertile field seem **LIKE A FOREST?**” (Isaiah 29:17)

“Instead of the thorn bush will **grow the pine tree**, and instead of briars the **myrtle will grow**” (Isaiah 55:13).

How wonderful! **God Almighty is seeding a new government**. God Almighty comes to the rescue and selects a son from His family. This son was not in the past, part of His holy council. He didn't have a significant role until God, himself, selected him and shared with him His secret plan of mankind's salvation and the overthrow of His rogue sons. This loyal son, humbly put his life on the line to bring all of God's plan into fruition and work until all things are restored, as they were prior to the time when iniquity was found. He was the only son of God to be successful and so, he is the only heir who will rule with God. He is the splendid cedar of Lebanon. God shared with Daniel another body of people, who too, will rule with Christ; these are the saints, the people of God. Satan and the rogue sons of God don't like the news of this **new three-some**; they are prepared to fight to the death.

### **THE RISE OF THE SPLENDID CEDAR OF LEBANON:**

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **I MYSELF will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it**, I will **break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots** and plant it on a high lofty mountain. **On the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it**; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a **SPLENDID CEDAR [Christ]**” (Ezekiel 17:22-23).

God chose this son, not the “great eagle” of Ezekiel 15:1. God and only God, our Creator can see into our hearts clearly and know our choices today, tomorrow and in the future. He knew this son would succeed. He chose only one, only one heir was chosen to rule with Him.

“See, **my servant will act wisely**; he **WILL BE raised and lifted up** and **highly exalted**. Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness... **He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like**

**a root out of dry ground.** He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering... he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely, he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:2-6).

**This son will stand with the great!** He remained loyal to Almighty God while he suffered both in heaven and on earth. Our enemy is not flesh and blood, but those rogue heavenly powers, those rebellious rulers in heaven (Ephesians 6:12).

“After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life, and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will give him a portion among the **GREAT**, and **he will divide the spoils with the strong** [the saints will rule with him], because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:11-12).

#### **THE KINGDOM WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SAINTS:**

“But **the court will sit**, and his power [the power of the fourth beast] will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then **the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High.** His kingdom will be everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him” (Daniel 7:26-27).

There you have it! What the sons of God who were given authority to rule over the nations wanted—God’s kingdom, will be given to the humble, insignificant, God-fearing, God-serving saints. Christ will share his rulership with them. These ordinary people like Christ are strengthened through suffering, serve in love, and obey the SUPREME God, the Creator for they know He is perfect in righteousness.

“The **righteous man will flourish like the PALM TREE**; he will **grow like a CEDAR in Lebanon**; **planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.** They will still **bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green**, proclaiming, ‘**The LORD is upright; he is my Rock**, and there is **no wickedness in him**” (Psalm 92:12-15).

“**The trees of the Lord flourish, the CEDARS of Lebanon that He planted**” (Psalm 104:16).

#### **JERUSALEM WILL BE ADORNED WITH THE GLORY OF LEBANON:**

“The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,’ declares the LORD... Though in anger I struck you, in favor I will show you compassion... **THE GLORY OF LEBANON WILL COME TO YOU, the PINE, the FIR and the CYPRESS together, to adorn the place of my sanctuary and I will glorify the place of my feet...** all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you **The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel**” (Isaiah 59:20, 60:10, 60:13, 14).

“I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs. I will put in the desert **the CEDAR and the ACACIA, the MYRTLE and the OLIVE**. I will set **PINES in the wasteland, the FIR and the CYPRESS together**, so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that **the hand of the LORD has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it**” (Isaiah 41:19-20).

#### **THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE PART OF THIS NEW GOVERNMENT:**

“**I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring**, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up **like grass in a meadow, like POPLAR TREES by flowing streams**. One will say, ‘I belong to the LORD,’ another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’ and will take the name Israel” (Isaiah 44:3-5).

“He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners... to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called **OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor” (Isaiah 61:1-3).

“I will be like the dew to Israel, he will blossom like a lily. **Like a CEDAR of Lebanon**, he will send down his roots, his young shoots will grow, **His splendor will be like an OLIVE TREE**, his fragrance like a **CEDAR OF LEBANON**. Men will dwell again in his shade. He will flourish like the grain... blossom like a vine and his fame will be like the wine from Lebanon” (Hosea 14:5-7).

“How fair are your tents, O Jacob, Your dwellings, O Israel! ‘Like valleys that stretch out, like **GARDENS beside the river, like ALOES planted by the LORD, like CEDARS beside the waters**” (Numbers 24:5-6).

#### **BUT ALAS, A FINAL BATTLE REMAINS. GOG, OF THE LAND OF MAGOG WILL BE CALLED TO ARMS:**

“Son of man, prophesy against Gog and say: This is what the Sovereign LORD says, ‘I am against you, O Gog, **chief prince** of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around and drag you along. I will bring you from the **far north** [their base is in the heavens, above Earth] and send you against the mountains of Israel [God’s headquarters on earth]. Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand. On the mountains of Israel, you will fall, you and all your troops and nations with you” (Ezekiel 39:1-4).

After 1,000 years (Revelation 20:8), the last of the rogue sons of God will be called to battle against the Almighty God. Every battle that God initiates is to demonstrate His supremacy over His blasphemous rogue sons and Satan. As it is written in Revelation and Ezekiel, this rebel group will not win. The people of Israel will be living in peace. They will have no walls—no military for Christ will be their King and Yahuah will be their God. They will be living in riches, blessings from God, for finally, these once wayward people will have been healed and they will be obeying their God of peace and love.



They appear to be an easy target. At the end of 1,000 years of peace, the final time of testing will arrive. The prince of the power of the air will be released and certain nations will listen to his call and team up with Gog, the rogue chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. They will decide to build walls and prepare for battle. But God knows who they are, what they plan, and how they will rage against Him. He will cause a great earthquake to ripple out of Israel like waves of a tsunami and their walls will fall down. The impact will be so terrifying that every living creature on earth will tremble for they will witness the mountains overturned and cliffs crumble. Down will fall torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur that will melt these rebels. Their dead bodies will fill the valley—The Valley of Hamon Gog. And so, the final battle will be fought and the God of Israel will stand the tallest, for He is our Creator, the Almighty God and there is none like Him.

“To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to?... Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, then he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff” (Isaiah 40:18-24).

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. “Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing” (Isaiah 40:25-26).

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom” (Isaiah 40:28).

God doesn't want war. Repent and He will gladly take you into His arms—MAKE PEACE WITH HIM.

“In that day—sing about a fruitful vineyard: I, the LORD, am its keeper; I water it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day. **I am not angry. If only there were briars and thorns confronting me! I would march against them in battle; I would set them all on fire. Or else let them come to me for refuge; LET THEM MAKE PEACE WITH ME, YES, LET THEM MAKE PEACE WITH ME**” (Isaiah 27:3-5).

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