

Genesis 1 - 2:16: Fact, Fiction or Fulcrum
“Genesis 1:1 and God Planted a Garden East in Eden”

I. Location and meaning of “Eden”

A. “Eden” means D_____

2. Genesis 2 – focused attention on trees and fruit.

B. Location

1. The garden is planted “in the East.”

a. Genesis 2:8

2. Elsewhere

Genesis 3:24, Genesis 11:2, Genesis 13:11

3. Why in the east?

4. Garden located in a four river region.

a. E_____

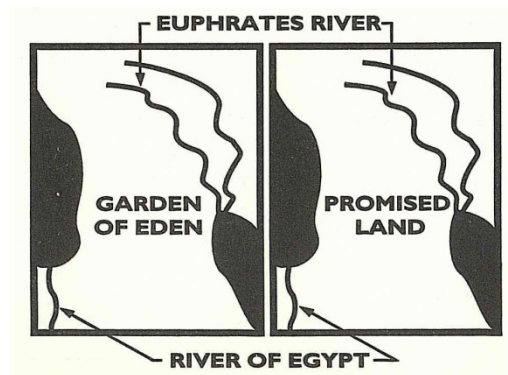
b. T_____

c. P_____

d. G_____

5. Boundaries and relevance to Promised Land.

a. Sailhamer, pg. 72



C. Linkage of Garden of Eden to the Promised Land.

1. God's blessing to Israel in the Promised Land if they obeyed.

2. Disobedience in the Garden brought banishment eastward – Genesis 3:23-24; 4:16;
11:1-2

D. Literary Context

1. First two chapters of Genesis

a. Note relevance of the Pentateuch.

E. Genesis one in context of the Pentateuch.

1. Sinai covenant similar to the directive to Adam and Eve – Deuteronomy 4:25-26