

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS  
GENESIS 2C - GARDEN OF EDEN

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head as we ask God for understanding in our study today. Today we will finish up with Genesis Chapter 2.

Say - <sup>4</sup>These are the generations (history of the world's creation) of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens (No one was around to witness this creation; only the Creator knows how they did it. Only God could have given this information to Moses to record. The Bible tells us, <sup>3</sup>Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...Hebrews 11:3)

Note: Do you see the word "LORD" is capitalized here. Normally when you see this word capitalized, it is referring to ONLY God the Father. We said in Genesis 1 that Jesus Christ was the Creator but we have to understand that God the Father is the one who has the ultimate authority or makes the plans and God the Son, Jesus, carries out His wishes which makes them both the Creator in their respective positions but it is all done by God the Father's authority which makes Him the Ultimate Creator. It is also important to know that another name for LORD is Jehovah, pronounced "Ye ho vah" and means Eternal. Some ministers of God use this term, "Eternal", when they see the capital LORD. "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth" Psalm 83:18, also Isaiah 12:2 and many other references.

<sup>5</sup>And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

<sup>6</sup>But there went up a mist from the earth (a vapor to form clouds so as to water the earth), and watered the whole face of the ground.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground (or dry earth and scientists have proven the make up of our body is of the same elements as the crust of the earth) ("formed" or fashioned as a potter with clay, read what David said, "<sup>14</sup>I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul (being) knoweth right well" Psalm 113:14), and breathed (blew) into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul ("Soul" is an important word to understand because it is "nephesh" in Hebrew and means a "living being", many people confuse this with a spirit being but it is not; it is like you and me, a "living being". Also "fashioned as a potter with clay", please read, "But now, O

LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our **potter**; and we all are the work of thy hand" Isaiah 64:8. The Bible also tells us, "He formed the eye", Ps. 94:9, "the heart" Ps. 74:17 and many other references. Job said, "The spirit (Divine power) of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life" Job 33:4. (Also another important point to make here is the Holy Day called the Last Great Day, God will do this process once again. Please read, "4Again he said unto me, Prophecy (speak) upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath (Heb. "ruwach" wind) to enter into you, and ye shall live: 6And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD" Ezekiel 37:4-6. God will resurrect to physical life, not spiritual life, just like He did to Adam all those from the time of Adam who have died not knowing the truth of God and they will be taught His truth for the very first time! This is the 2nd resurrection spoken of in Revelation 20:5 where it says, "the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished...").

8And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden (We have studied how God created a special day, the Sabbath Day, to be with His Bride; now God created a special Garden or Paradise where He could be with His Bride. The Garden of Eden, which means "Pleasant" or "Pleasure" was created appealing to the senses of man.); and there he put the man whom he had formed (Christ did the forming according to God's instructions; they work together just like we should as a church.).

9And out of the ground (or earth, so called from being red or tawnyish color) made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant (delight in) to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden (Jesus Christ, The Way of God, is like the "Tree of Life". The "Tree of Life" is spiritually symbolic of His teachings, His Instructions and His spirit which gives eternal life, nothing else will. The Bible tells us "14Blessed (not cursed) are they that do his commandments (His Torah, the first five books of the Bible), that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" Rev. 22:14). and the tree of knowledge of good and evil (The tree of knowledge of good and evil was there for a test of obedience to God their Creator, see vs. 17).

NOTE: Additional notes on the "Tree of Life". The best "gift" God has given His people is His spirit to see and know His Truth. The Bible says, "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the **spirit of truth**, and the **spirit of error**" I John 4:6. Also "Even the **Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (after repentance and baptism)" John 14:17.

10And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads (riverheads).

11The name of the first is Pison (means water poured forth, overflowing, increase, the Ganges or Indus River): that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah (India), where there is gold;

12And the gold of that land is good (metaphor for the golden splendor of the heavens as the purist brilliance): there is bdellium and the onyx stone (precious stones).

12And the gold of that land is good the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia (land occupied by the descendants of Cush located around the southern parts of the Nile River, Ethiopia).

14And the name of the third river is Hiddekel (means "rapid" and this river is better known as the Tigris River): that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates (means "fruitfulness" and is the largest and longest river in western Asia).

NOTE: Consider the spiritual analogy of this great River. Just as the river in the Garden of Eden, which divided into four great rivers, gave healing and "life" to the Garden of Eden, so the Bible tells us "8And it shall be in that day (the day of the Lord), that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea (The Dead Sea, Ez. 47:1), and half of them toward the hinder sea (Mediterranean Sea): in summer and in winter shall it be (this river of "Living Waters" will never be dried up by heat or frozen in winter; it is EVERFLOWING) " Zechariah 14:8. This River of "living waters" is spoken of in Ezekiel 47 as the "River of Healing" in God's Kingdom! Read the following beautiful verses.

8Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed 9And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh (the Dead Sea will have life everywhere the water runs just like the Garden of Eden, now it does not).

10And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many (this is bad news for vegetarians).

11But the miry places (swampy) thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt (God will allow some to be salty because there is healing in salt).

12(speaking of the Mediterranean Sea) "And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months (in every month), because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine (In Rev. it says, "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the **leaves** of the tree were for the **healing** of the nations" Rev. 22:2.)Ezekiel 47:8-12.

More about the River of Life, also read, "17When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water" Isaiah 41:17-18.

Also read, "7For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters (living waters, healing waters gushing forth just like the "Pison River" in the Garden of Eden) in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father (Husband) to Israel, and Ephraim (symbolic of Israel) is my firstborn" (they will "not stumble" any longer for they will be in the religion Christ first taught them when He brought them out of Egypt, Jeremiah 31:7-9). Note: I hope you will take the time to look up more about "Rivers of Life" and "Living Waters" in the Bible for the wonderful spiritual lessons; it is a beautiful study all by itself. Also do you see how it is one religion, one faith, one way of salvation from Genesis to Revelation; Christ did not bring or start a "new religion" in the New Testament. The story is the same from the Creation to the end of this age.)

15And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it (Most people do not realize the Environmental Movement was started in the Garden of Eden. God wanted man to work and "keep" it as in "guard, protect, wait for, keep watch, save, care for, treasure" as in His Sabbath days. We are not to destroy or corrupt His creation. We are to tend it and make it a glorious, lovely dwelling place in which to develop an intimate relationship with God. As we look at our world, we have to ask ourselves, how have we done.)

16And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (God had given them and us the power to determine good from evil), thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (God is saying "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **life** and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live" Deuteronomy 30:19. You see through His instructions, He gave them the "knowledge" to determine good or evil and death was the punishment for disobedience. The Bible tells us, "the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23.).

18And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him (a helper which would complement him or bring balance to him, not opposition).

19And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast (creature) of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him (none of these living creatures, Adam could see, was on equal footing with him).

21And the LORD God caused a deep sleep (a trance) to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man (man is "ish" in Hebrew), made he (He built) a woman (woman is "ishshah" in Hebrew), and brought her unto the man.

23And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife (stay close to, cling to, as in oneness of purpose of honoring God): and they shall be one flesh (function together in unison).

25And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (they were in a state of innocence, pure, clean, holy; they did not know evil at this point).

Say - The Good News is when Christ returns, the entire world will once again be filled with "innocence", "joy" and "thanksgiving" for the Bible tells us all devastation will be replaced with beauty, majesty and brilliant splendor emanating from God "3For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her

wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody" Isaiah 51:3.

Say - Then all will say, "This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited" Ezekiel 36:35. "Thy Kingdom Come"!

#### MEMORY VERSE

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground  
And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden  
and there he put the man whom he had formed"  
GENESIS 2:7-8

#### MEMORY VERSE FOR TOTS

"And God formed man of the dust of the ground..."  
GENESIS 2:7

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

## GARDEN OF EDEN

ONLY YOU, OUR FATHER, OUR "POTTER", FROM THE  
RED CLAY OF THE EARTH, COULD FASHION MAN  
IN YOUR IMAGE;

BY YOUR "BREATH OF LIFE" WE BECAME A "LIVING  
BEING", WE ARE "FEARFULLY AND WONDER-  
FULLY MADE"!

YOU MADE A "PLEASANT GARDEN", EDEN WAS HER  
NAME; "KEEP", "CARE" "GUARD" HER; THIS IS  
OUR DWELLING PLACE;

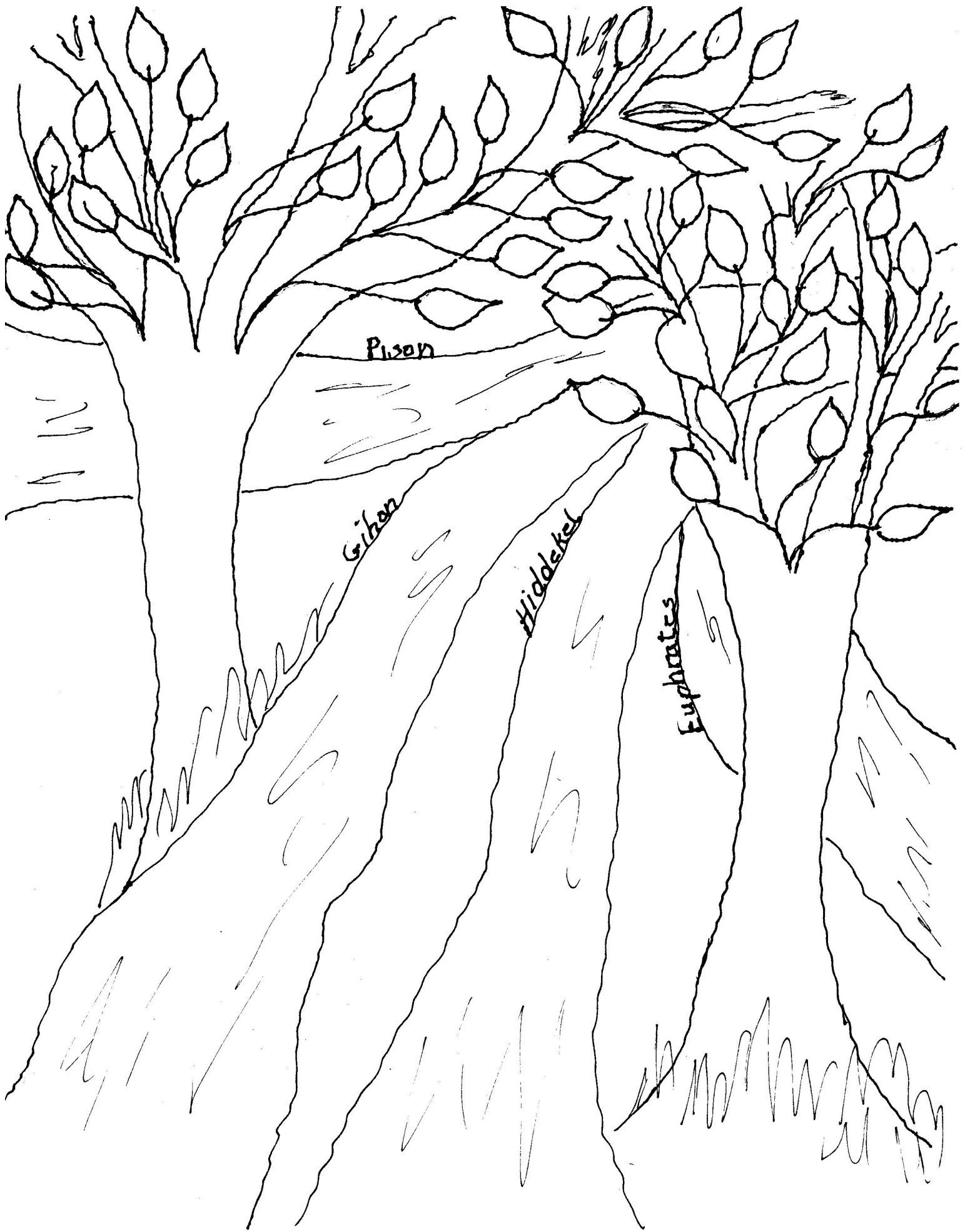
IN THE MIDST, SYMBOLIC OF YOU, THE "TREE OF  
LIFE" STOOD AND WILL AGAIN WHEN WE ARE  
FACE TO FACE.

YOU PROVIDED A GREAT RIVER, FLOWING OUT OF  
THE GLORIOUS GARDEN, TO GIVE "LIFE" UPON  
THE LAND;

INNOCENT, PURE AND LOVELY, SWEET FRAGRANCE  
FILLED THE AIR; ALL DIRECTED BY YOUR  
DIVINE HAND!

AT YOUR RETURN, JOY AND THANKSGIVING, ONCE  
AGAIN ALL THE WORLD WILL SEE;

THE ONE TRUE GOD WHO WILL RENEW THE EARTH  
TO THE GARDEN OF EDEN IT WILL BE! BY B. R. B.



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Euphrates