

TOLEDOTH TWO **(THE GARDEN OF EDEN PERIOD)**

Unger and Scofield refer to the Garden of Eden Period as the Period of Innocence. They saw in Gen.2:4 a special use of the Hebrew word “day” (yom).

(Gen.2:4) “This is the account (Toledoth) of the heavens and the earth when they were created, **in the day** that the Lord God made earth and heaven.” (Gen.2:4-4:26) [Toledoth One]

In (Gen.1:1-2:3), DAY was used with the order of creation. But the writer put it in a prepositional phrase to distinguish a different concept of DAY. It is a reference to the Garden of Eden Period.

It is interesting to me that the NIV Bible omitted “**in the day**” from the translation of the Hebrew text.

We will study four aspects of the Garden of Eden Period.

Toledoth One is the story of one family’s history in the plan of God with angelic conflict. The spiritual war between God and Satan (Eph.6:10-17).

1. We will outline the Garden of Eden Period by the following three homiletic points (Ezek.28:13; 36:35; Rev.2:7).

- **Pre-Garden of Eden Period** (Gen.2:4-6)
 - The earth without mankind (no shrubs, no plants yet sprouted, no rain, and no man to cultivate).
- **Garden of Eden Period** (Gen.2:7-3:19)
 - The earth with fallen mankind under the curse of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS).
- **Post-Garden of Eden Period** (Gen.3:20-4:26)
 - The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden (Gen.3:24) and then the expulsion of Cain from Eden (Gen.4:12-16) [the land of Nod and Cainite wanderers] (Gen.4:17-24)

2. Four primeval lands and five rivers are identified with the Garden of Eden Period and biblical history.

The four primeval lands and five rivers are connected: (Gen.2:10-14)

- **Eden** One river flowed into the Garden and divided into four rivers flowing out of it
- **Havilah** Pishon flowed around it
- **Cush** Gihon flowed around it
- **Asshur** Tigris and Euphrates flowed east of it

NOTE:

- There was river water but no rain water:
 - “For the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth.” (Gen.2:5b)
- There was **mist** from the ground to give greenhouse effect (Gen.2:6).

3. There were four special types of trees for life in the Garden of Eden Period (Gen.2:9-10).

Trees not named

- Trees pleasing to sight
- Trees good for food

Trees named (in midst of Garden)

- Tree of Life – after the fall of Adam they were not permitted to eat from it again (Gen.3:22-24)
- Tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen.3:3)

The Lord God gave two commands to Adam concerning these four types of trees (Gen.2:16-17).

- EAT FREELY (Gen.2:16) – three types of trees **freely** eat! **Eat and live! (Phil.4:19)**
- DON'T EAT (Gen.2:17) One tree **forbidden** to eat!

(Gen.3:4-5) “For in the day you eat from it you shall surely die (muth) [kal infin] and (muth) [kal impf] (dying, you shall die/ **fatal**).” **Eat and die!**

(Gen.2:16-17) is called the Edenic Law. Notice it carried a punitive consequent ([the 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin](#) (AOS) (Rom.5:12-21).

- **Divine knowledge** comes from the word of God cycled by faith in life of believer (**Col.1:9-10; 2:8-10**).
- **Cosmos diabolicus**: Eve believed that the Tree of Knowledge would be good for food and a delight to eyes and desirable to make her wise like God if she ate from it (**Gen.3:6**; 3:1-6).

4. There was only one cause for death in the Garden of Eden Period.

A plurality of death came to Adam and Eve because of disobedience to the Edenic Law regarding eating from Tree of Knowledge.

This plurality of death has been passed on to the human race through Adam's sin (Gen.2:17; Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22) (spiritual and physical deaths).

Three deaths took place on A hill called Golgotha. All three were because of Adam's sin.

- Jesus died for the sins of the world and not for His sins (2 Cor.5:21; 1 John 2:2).
- One thief died in his own sins because he rejected Jesus dying for them (Rom.5:21; 6:23; 8:1-2).
- The Other thief accepted Jesus' death for his sins (Rom.5:8-10; Luke 16:22-23). Jesus told this thief that He would see him today in Paradise (Luke23:43).

(Rev.2:7) “He who has an ear, let him hear what he Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is the Paradise of God.”

(John 5:24) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life**.”