

THE GARDEN OF THE LORD

- Class 1

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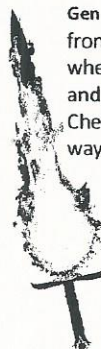
from **1598**; a garden (as **fenced**):

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a primitive root; to **hedge about**, i.e. (generally) **protect**: KJV-- **defend**.

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To keep the way...



Gen 3:23-24 "Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to **keep** the way of the tree of life."

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to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV-- preserve ... watch (-man).

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Gethsemane

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a **garden**, into the which he entered, and his disciples."



John 18:1

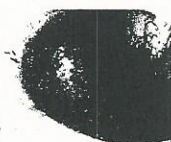
1068 Gethsemane

of Aramaic origin [compare 1660 and 8081]; oil-press; Gethsemane, a garden near Jerusalem:

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Gethsemane

"... we must through much **tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God."



Acts 14:22

2347 - thlipsis - pressure (literally or figuratively)

• 'afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.'

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But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Lev 24:2 "Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive **beaten** for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually."

3807 kathath - a primitive root; to bruise or violently strike:

KJV-- beat (down), break in pieces, crushed... smite

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Of stone's cast

Event	Christ	David
Passing over Kidron	John 18:1	2 Sam. 15:23
Leader	Judas - John 18:3	Shimei - 2 Sam. 16:5
Cursing/Mocking	Luke 22:63	2 Sam. 16:5
Attendants	Disciples - John 18:1	Servants - 2 Sam. 16:6
A great company	'band of men' - John 18:1	'mighty men' 2 Sam. 16:6
Betrayer	Judas - John 18:3	Ahithophel - 2 Sam. 16:15
Accusation of blasphemy	Mark 15:55-57	'man of belial' 2 Sam. 16:7
Attendant seeks violence	Peter - John 18:10	Abishai - 2 Sam. 16:9
Spirit of healing	Healed Malchus - Luke 22:51	"let him alone" 2 Sam. 16:11
Recog. of God's will	John 18:10 - "the cup... shall I not drink it?"	"Yahweh hath bidden him" 2 Sam. 16:10
Trust in God's justice	"when he suffered... he trusted to Him who judges justly" - Peter 2:23	"Yahweh will requite me good..." 2 Sam. 16:12
On a hill	Mt. of Olives - Luke 22:39	"along the hillside" - 2 Sam. 16:13

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A stone's cast

David	Christ
2 Sam. 15:25-26	Luke 22:42
'If I shall find favour'	'If Thou be willing'
<i>but..</i>	<i>nevertheless...</i>
'Let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him.'	'Not my will but Thine be done.'

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A stone's cast

1 Sam. 17:1 – 'Now the Philistines gathered together their armies, and were gathered together at **Shocoh**, and **Azekah** in **Ephesdammim**. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of **Elah**.'

Shocoh: 'Hedge with Thorns'

Azekah: 'dug over' – tilling or fencing

Ephesdammim: 'edge of blood'; 'boundary of blood-drops'

Elah: 'oak'

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The beginning and the end

"It was a **garden** where the drama of human life began, and where sin's inception had its opening chapter. Now there was another **garden** as sin was conquered in the mind, and yet another where the flesh was finally repudiated (John 19:41). The struggle for mankind's redemption was foretold, brought to a crisis, and gloriously resolved in **gardens**."

In both Eden and Gethsemane there would be two wills. But whereas in Eden, the thinking of the serpent had a temporary victory, now the thinking of God and **His** will, would finally triumph! **Gethsemane was to be the location of the subjugation of one will to another.**"

The Day Christ Died – p. 90

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The Garden of Love

GARDEN(S) – 4:15, 3:15, 4:26 (X2), 5:14, 6:2, 6:2, 6:1, 8:13	FRUIT – 2:3, 4:13, 4:16, 6:11, 7:13, 8:11, 8:12
ORCHARD – 4:13,	APPLE TREE – 2:3, 2:5, 7:8, 8:5
FIELD – (ground, soil) 2:7, 3:5, 7:11	FIG TREE & FIGS – 2:13, 2:13
VINEYARD – 1:6, 1:6, 1:14, 7:12, 8:11, 8:11, 8:12	PALM TREE – 7:7, 7:8
CARMEL – 'fruitful' – 7:5	VINE(S) – 2:13, 2:15, 2:15, 6:11, 7:8, 7:12
VARIOUS SPICES: ** 4:16	GRAPES – 2:15, 7:7
FRANKINCENSE – 3:6, 4:6, 4:14	NUTS – 6:11
CINNAMON – 4:14	POMEGRANATE(S) – 4:3, 4:13, 6:7, 6:11, 7:12, 8:2
SPIKENARD – 1:12, 4:13, 4:14	FLOWERS – 2:12, 5:13
SAFFRON – 4:14	ROSE – 2:1
CALAMUS – 4:14	LILY – 2:1, 2:2, 2:16, 4:5, 5:13, 6:2, 6:3, 7:2
MYRRH – 1:13, 3:6, 4:6, 5:1, 5:5, 5:5, 5:13	WHEAT – 7:2
ALOES – 4:14	SPRINGTIME – 2:12 – time of singing/doves
SPICE(S) – 4:10, 4:14, 4:16, 5:13, 6:2, 8:14	BUD – 6:11, 7:12,
DEW – 5:2	

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Lessons For us

- ✓ As individuals and ecclesias, we need to keep our gardens **pure and protected** from the world, devoted to producing good fruit.
- ✓ The ecclesia is a 'place of delight' (Eden). We ought to **view and treat** it as such.
- ✓ Victory in the battle against sin begins by bringing every thought into **subjection to Christ**.
- ✓ Submission to God's will bring victory. We each face our own 'Gethsemanes'. **Whose will will be done?**
- ✓ We need to endorse the principle of **sacrifice** as God's appointed way of re-entering Eden.

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	Mary	Song of Songs 5
Garden	John 19:41 – sepulchre in a garden	v. 1 "come into my Garden..."
Early Morning	John 20:1 – Mary Mag. came early, while it was dark	v. 2 'I sleep, but my heart waketh'
Resurrection	Matt. 28:6 – 'he is not dead – he is risen!'	v. 2 'my head is filled with dew'
Spices	Matthew 26:12 – anointed his body for the burial; Luke 24:1 – 'the women' came early on first day of the week came with spices	v. 5 – hands and fingers dropping with (sweet) myrrh
Searching for Beloved	John 20:13 – they have taken my Lord and I know not where to find him v. 15 – tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away	v. 6 – ...but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone...I sought him, but I could not find him v. 8 – if ye find him...
Sick with love	John 20:13 – woman, why weepest thou?	v. 8 – if ye find my beloved, tell him I am sick with love

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Class 2 - Thorns

THE CURSE

Before the Fall	After the Fall
Ground exceedingly <u>fruitful</u>	Ground is <u>cursed</u>
'not a man to till the ground...' 'God caused to grow' (2:9) 'God caused a mist' (2:6)	'by the <u>sweat</u> of <u>THY</u> brow' - hard labour is introduced
'every tree... good... <u>pleasant</u> ' (2:9)	' <u>thorns and thistles</u> '
'of the garden... <u>freely</u> eat' (2:16)	' <u>In sorrow</u> (labour/worry) shalt thou eat bread'
'every <u>tree</u> ' - <u>God's</u> work	'in sorrow shalt thou <u>eat bread</u> ' - <u>Man's</u> work

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WARNINGS FROM SOLOMON

- Sin is exceedingly relentless and tenacious
- If we are slothful in our vigilance against sin, it will take advantage of us, and may take over our lives
- The walls of separation between our families-ecclesias and the world will be broken down
- Spiritual 'poverty' and 'want' will overtake us
- The thorns of sin leave behind long-lasting scratches and scars in our lives

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SHITTIM - ACACIA

7848 shittah; from the same as 7850; the acacia (from its scourging thorns):

7850 shotet - to pierce;

Greek: Akis - a sharp point

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THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

Heb 3:13 "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness [delusion] of sin."

Num 25:15 "And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian."

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from 3576; false; Cozbi, a Midianitess:
ISBE - 'deceitful'; Gesenius - 'lying'; BDB - 'my lie'

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Num 25:16-18 - And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them:
18 For they vex you with their wives [5231 - deceit], wherewith they have beguiled [5230] you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi [false], the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

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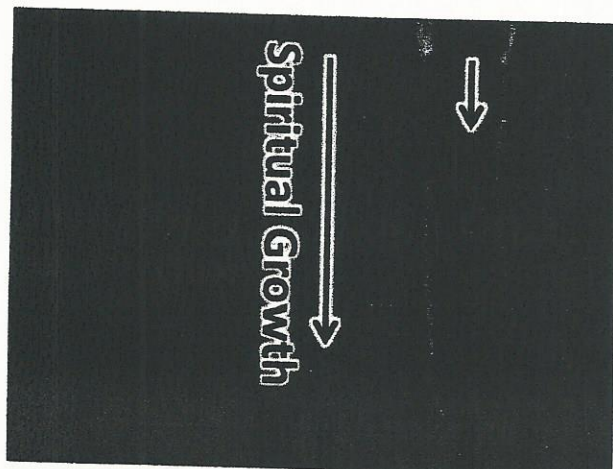
LESSONS FROM THE ENCAMPMENT AT SHITTIM

- ❑ Sin is exceedingly deceitful - it may seem appealing, but hiding behind it is death.
- ❑ We need to have an attitude of war toward sin - to vex it and be an adversary to it.
- ❑ Each of us is responsible for our own sin, to 'slay ye every one his men...'
- ❑ If not addressed, personal sins can easily and quickly infect and corrupt the ecclesia

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Class 2 - Thorns



THE TABERNACLE

"...which temple are ye." 1 Cor. 3:17

Ark of covenant - Ex. 25:10	...overlaid with gold
Staves for carrying furniture - Ex. 25:13, etc.	...overlaid with gold
Table of shewbread - Ex. 25:23	...overlaid with gold
Boards, crossbars, frame - Ex. 26:15-17	...overlaid with gold
Pillars for hanging the vail - Ex. 26:32	...overlaid with gold
Altar of burnt offering - Ex. 27:1	...overlaid with gold
Altar of incense - Ex. 30:1	...overlaid with gold

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MADE LIKE UNTO HIS BRETHREN

Heb 2:17 "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

Gal 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law..."

Heb 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." [diablos]"

Heb 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

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IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE

Gen 3:17 "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life..."

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Mar 14:34 "And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch."

Luke 22:44 "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

74 Agonia a struggle [contest] (figuratively) anguish:
• ie, 'an arena of battle'

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"And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!"

Matt 27:29

Gen 22:13 'And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns:'

God will provide Himself a lamb...

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LESSONS FOR US

- If we allow thorns to grow, they will break down our walls of separation and bring spiritual poverty & spiritual blindness - Prov. 24, Num. 33
- Sin is deceitful. The Shittim tree may appear attractive, but it hides deadly thorns - Num. 25
- Thorns choke the word in our lives, and cause us to become unfruitful - Parable of the Sower
- In order to be useful in God's temple, thorns must be stripped from our lives, and replaced with a purified faith - Tabernacle
- Because Lord Jesus Christ dealt with the sharpest thorn, we can be white like the lily among thorns'. Song of Solomon

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-Class 3 - DEW

What is dew?

- On a still, clear, cloudless night, objects lose the heat they have gained from the Sun by day.
- The air next to the objects is also cooled, until it reaches its dew point (the temperature below which the air is unable to hold all of its moisture in the form of water vapor (a gas)).
- Below the dew point, water vapor begins to condense and it turns back into a liquid, in the form of water droplets.
- These droplets are deposited as dew.

The dew of the Dawn...

Isa 26:19-21 "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

v. 19 - 'dead shall live', 'my dead body shall they arise'

v. 19 - 'dwell in dust', 'the earth shall cast out her dead' cp. Daniel 12:2

v. 20 - 'come...into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee' cp. Matt. 25, 10 Virgins

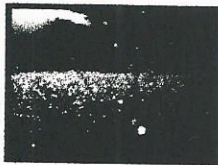
v. 20 - 'hide thyself... till the indignation be overpast...' cp. Marriage of Lamb

v. 21 - 'the LORD cometh... to punish the inhabitants of the earth for her iniquity' cp. Psalm 2, etc.

'Dew of the dawn' NASB

."Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." - (Ps. 30:5.)

."He (Christ) shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun ariseth, even a morning without clouds." - (2 Sam. 23:4.)



."The sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his beams." - (Mat. 4:2.)

."Also Ps. 46:5; 49:14; 59:16; 90:14; 110:3; 143:8; Isa. 21:12; 58:8; 60:1, 3; Hos. 6:3; Rev. 2:28; 22:16

Gideon's Signs

Context: morning (v.38), before battle of Armageddon (v.37 'save Israel' - cp. Joel 3, Ezek. 38, etc. - cp. Battle vs. Midianites in Judges 17)

Location: threshing floor (judgment - Mic. 4:12-13, Mt. 3:12, etc.)

Fleece = Christ (cp. Sacrifice in v. 19)

Earth/Ground = dead saints (Dan. 12:1; Isa. 26:19)

Dew = resurrection

Bowl = mortality 2 Co 4:7 'But we have this treasure in earthen vessels ('clay pots')...'

Bowl filled with water = change of nature

Typology:

Sign 1: dew on the fleece, none on the ground:

> Resurrection of Christ

Sign 2: dew on the ground, none on the fleece:

> Resurrection of the saints,

1Co 15:23 - 'But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.'

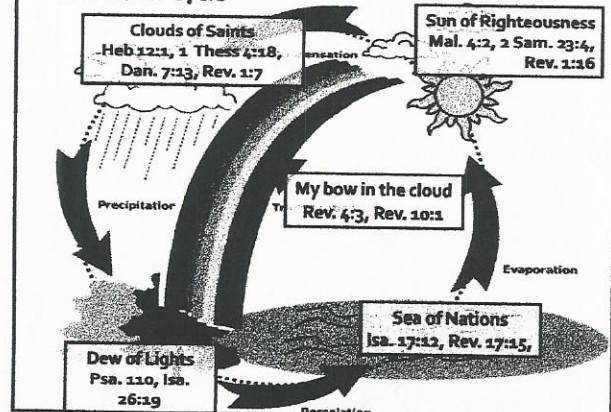
The Hidden Manna

Rev 2:17 - 'He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna...'

Exo 16:14 'And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.'

- The daily provision of manna was 'hidden' in the dew each morning.
- The manna was only visible once the dew evaporated.
- 'Those who overcome' 'eat of the hidden manna' when they are raised as the dew, and given immortality.

The Water Cycle



The Battle in the Gardens: Eden, Elah and Gethsemane Adam, David & Christ

	First Adam, Sin's conquest Gen. 3	The type of the Conquest - 1 Sam 17	The Actual Conquest (Gospels)
Seed of the Woman	Seed of the woman - v. 15	David (the beloved)	God's beloved son - Mat. 6:17
Seed of the serpent	Seed of serpent - v. 15	Goliath - 6 fingers, 6 armor items, brazen armour, 600 shekels, etc.	Faced serpent thinking; mind/will of flesh; temptations of flesh (Lk 22:28, 40, 46)
Battle between two ways	b/n two ways of thinking (2:17, 3:4)	Two companions (v. 8-10)	Battle of two wills (Lk. 22:42)
Everything depends on one man	v. 15	v. 8	Rom 5:12-13
Scene of the battle	Garden of fruit trees (2:8-9, 3:16-17), one tree in partic.	v. 2 Elah = 'oak/strong tree'	Jn. 18:1 - garden of Gethsemane
Choice re: whom to serve	Disobedience, chose to serve sin (Rom. 6:16)	'Choose ye who ye shall serve (v. 8-9)	Obedience - chose to serve righteousness (Heb. 5:8, Rom. 6:17)
Allusion to curse on ground	'cursed is ground' v. 17	v. 1 - 'Azekah' = 'tilled'	Sweat fell to ground
Thorns and Thistles	v. 18	v. 1 - Shocoh = <i>hedged with thorns</i>	Matt. 27:29 - crown of thorns
Mention of sweat	v. 19	---	Lk. 22:44 - great drops of blood
Mention of blood	v. 19 (death)	v. 1 Ephes-Dammin - 'boundary of blood drops'	Lk. 22:44 - sweat as drops of blood
Effect of sin pushed sinners out of God's presence	v. 24 - Adam & Even driven from garden	'Goliath' = 'exiled'	Isa. 53:8 - 'Cut off from the land of the living'
Same # of companions	---	3 brothers mentioned by name accompany him to battle (13)	Mk. 14:33 - 3 disciples accompany him to site of battle
Seed of woman despised by brethren	---	v. 28 - despised by brethren	John 7:5 - 'neither did his brethren believe him'
Presence of a brook	River (2:10)	v. 40	John 18:1 - brook Kidron
Mention of staves	---	v. 43 - 'comest to me with staves?'	Lk 22:52 - swords & staves
Seed of woman resorts to prayer	---	v. 45-47	Matt. 26:39, 42, 44
Seed of the woman doesn't fight with swords	---	v. 47 - only 2 swords in all of Israel (Saul & Jon.); David ignores both.	Matt. 26:52 - rejects 'two swords' offered by disciples.
Battle would bring flesh to ground	---	v. 49 - fell upon his face	Matt. 26:39 - fell upon his face
Battle was a battle of head/mind	v. 15 - 'it shall bruise thy head'	v. 49, 51 - wounded in forehead, head cut off	Gal. 5:17, Rom. 7:23, 8:3
Mention of stone's cast	---	v. 50 - stone from brook	Lk. 22:41 - withdrew a stone's cast
Battle to the death	3:19, 2:17 (mgn)	v. 51 - Goliath slain	Matt. 26:38, 27:50
Enemy put under feet	v. 15 - heel bruised when crushing serpent underneath	v. 51 - David stood upon Philistine	'all things under his feet' Heb. 2:6-8, 1 Cor. 15:25)
Shedding of blood necessary for deliverance	v. 21 - brought redemption & covering	v. 51-53 - brought deliverance from giant/Philistines	Heb. 9:14, 22, 10:19
Symbol of victory was crushed skull	v. 15 - crushed head meant salvation	v. 54 - Goliath's head taken to Jerusalem	Matt. 27:33, (Jn. 19:20, close to Jerusalem)
Seed of woman rewarded with life	v. 20 - Adam received a named wife	v. 25, 18:17, 25 - David received wife as reward	Rev. 19:7, 21:2, Psa. 45:13 - Christ received a wife as reward for victory over sin.

See 'The Day Christ Died', New Zealand, p. 96-98 for more!

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- Class 4 – The Tree of Life

The Way

John 14:5-6 "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Heb 10:20 "[we enter the holiest] by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

Prov 10:17 "He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth."

Acts 9:2 "and [Saul] asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem." (NAS)

Acts 22:4 "I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women," (RSV)

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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Eden

Gen 2:15 'And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress [Heb: abad] it and to keep it [Heb: shamar].'

Gen 2:12 'And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.'

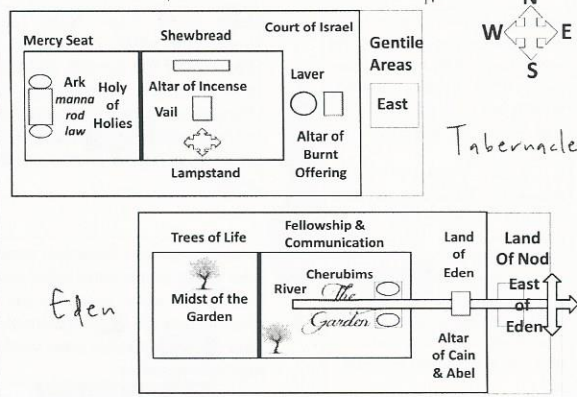
Tabernacle/Temple

Num 3:7 'And they shall keep [shamar] his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service [abad] of the tabernacle.'

Onyx – 10 of 11 occurrences related to Eden or Tabernacle

Garden images (flowers, palm trees, lilies, pomegranates) carved in cedar wood (1 Kings 6:18-35, 7:18-20) & stone pillars in Solomon's Temple, 'within and without'

Eden - Tabernacle Prototype?



Tree of Life - Almond?

Lampstand

- Exo 37:20 'And on the lampstand were four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.' (NIV)

Aaron's Rod

- Num 17:8 '...and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.'

- Heb. "awakening one"
- First plant to bloom in late winter/early spring, blossoms appear before leaves
- represents new life (resurrection)



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Feature	Eden	Genesis	Tabernacle/Temple
Stages of Fellowship	Land of Nod ('wanderers')	4:16	Gentile area
	Eden	2:8	Inner Court: (of Israel)
	Garden in Eden	2:8	Holy Place
	Midst of the Garden	2:9	Most Holy Place
Entrance	East -	3:24	East -
Implements of Sacrifice	Flaming sword	3:24	Sacrificial organization
Altar	Cp. Cain & Abel, sacrifice of skins (burnt offering)	3:21, ch. 4	Brazen Altar
Water	River flowing out of Eden	2:10	Laver
Fellowship & Communication	'LORD God walked...' & spoke with Adam & Eve	Gen. 3:8	Table of Shewbread (fellowship) & Incense (prayer)
Trees	Trees of Life & Knowledge	2:9	Lampstand, Aaron's Rod
Cherubims	Preserving way to tree of life	3:24	On vail, curtains, over mercy seat, engraved on temple
Gold and Onyx	Land of Havilah	2:12	Breastplate & overlaying
Flora	Garden of trees	2:9	Engravings of flowers, palms, lilies & pomegranates

Wisdom Benefits the Possessor

"[Wisdom] is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her."

Prov 3:18

Interpretation	Eden Exhortation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who <u>lay hold on wisdom</u> find a source of <u>life and joy</u>! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen 3:6 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to <u>make one wise</u>, she <u>took</u> of the fruit thereof..." Eve 'laid hold' on the forbidden fruit, and it brought sorrow rather than happiness.

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- Class 4 – The Tree of Life

The fruit of our wisdom benefits others

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."
Prov 11:30

Interpretation	Eden Exhortation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A righteous man's wise instruction and practice lead others to eternal life. Not only does wisdom benefit the possessor (Prov. 3), but when others partake of wisdom's fruit in us - the effect is as if we are giving them access to a tree of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam and Eve's act of <u>unrighteousness</u> in taking from the <u>wrong tree</u>, led to their souls being <u>lost</u>!

Hope Realized is a Tree of Life

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life."
Prov 13:12

Interpretation	Eden Exhortation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christ is 'the <u>desire of all nations</u>' (Mal. 2:7), and his coming brings access to the tree of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 3:6 - "... [the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was] a tree to be <u>desired</u> to make one wise". The <u>desire</u> of Adam and Eve was fulfilled by the <u>Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil</u> - <u>not</u> the <u>Tree of Life</u>!

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The tongue can be a tree of life

"A wholesome [healing] tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit."
Prov 15:4

Interpretation	Eden Exhortation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the tongue is employed in soothing the afflicted, it recreates Eden for the oppressed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James 3:8 "But the <u>tongue</u> can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of <u>deadly poison</u>." The serpent's <u>perverse (distorted)</u> words led Adam and Eve to rebel against God.

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and a flaming sword to keep the way of the tree of life...

John 18:1, 3-4 "When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, **where was a garden**, into the which he entered, and his disciples..."

3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
4 Jesus therefore, knowing **all things** that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

Luke 22:52 "Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords [*machaira*] and staves [*xulon* - timber, stick club]?"

Gen 22:6-8 "And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

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Rev 2:7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to **eat of the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

V.1 - 'He who walketh in the midst of the 7 golden lampstands'.

- cp. Tree of life 'in the midst' of the garden;
- cp. 'the LORD God WALKED in the garden...'. Gen 3:8

v.2 - "thou hast tried them which ... are liars"

- cp. Serpent as first liar



v. 2, 3 - 'thy labour' (Gk: toil, by implication, to work hard, be wearied)

- 'in the sweat of thy face'; 'to till the ground', Gen 3:17-23

v.5 - 'lampstand/candlestick' is only mentioned in the letter to Ephesus

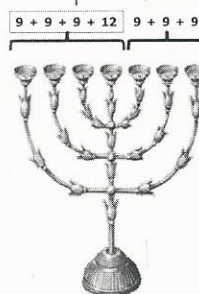
- cp. Lampstand typified a tree, perhaps the tree of life (*Almond*?)

v.5 - 'left thy first love... remember from whence thou art fallen'

- cp. Exile from Eden

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet Psa 119:105



6 branches x 3 buds = 18 flower cups
+ 4 on main shaft = 22 buds

- Cp. 22 letters in Hebrew alphabet

3 (cups, buds & blossoms) X 22 = 66

- Cp. 66 books in canon of scripture

First 4 branches = 9 + 9 + 9 + 12 = 39

- Cp. 39 books in Old Testament

Final 3 branches = 9 + 9 + 9 = 27

- Cp. 27 books in new Testament

Psa. 119:105 - 'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path'
Psa 119:130 - 'The entrance of thy words giveth light'