

THE MYSTERY OF THE MENORAH: THE FIVE RIVERS OF EDEN

GENESIS CHAPTER 2

'And a river went out of **Eden** to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads. The name of the first is **Pishown**: that is it which compasses the whole land of **Havilah**, where *there is* gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is **Gihown**: the same is it that compasses the whole land of **Ethiopia**. And the name of the third river is **Hidekel**¹: that is it which goes east of **Assyria**. And the fourth river is **Prat**².' (Gen. 2:10-14)

THE PARTING OF THE RIVERS



When a river parts it is a major milestone. A river traveller must make a decision: go left or right. Each option takes the traveller to a completely different destination: no going back.

GEOGRAPHICAL CONFUSION

Commentators have speculated where Eden is located based on river names. Genesis says the **Pishown** circled **Havilah**, the **Gihown** circled **Eithiopia**, and the **Hidiqel** passed east of **Assyria**.

Havilah is believed to be somewhere in the Saudi peninsula; Eithiopia is south down in Africa; and Assyria is north towards present day Kurdistan. Adding to the geographic confusion there are no rivers in the Saudi peninsula, nor does any river circle Eithiopia [**Cush**].

¹ 'Hidiqel' is sometimes translated 'Tigres' because that is a river that passes by Assyria. The Bible simply calls it the 'Hidiqel' river in this text, and so that is what we call it in this paper.

² 'Prate' is sometimes translated Euphrates in this text. When Scripture refers to the Euphrates it is usually called 'the great river Prat' or 'the river [of all] rivers, Prat'. The Bible simply calls the river that flows out of Eden 'Prat' and so we will stick with that name for this study. As we will see, this 'Prat' is not a geographical river.

It is simply geographically impossible to have a river that splits into four rivers which flow to the deep south of Africa, around the Saudi peninsula, and towards Assyria in the north of the Fertile Crescent. In fact the modern rivers in Assyria and Eithiopia flow in the opposite direction to what would be required if there had at one time been a central head waters between them.

The impossible geographic characteristics described in Genesis chapter 2 tell us the four rivers proceeding from Eden are spiritual waters not physical rivers. The spiritual rivers proceeding from Eden are connected to the historic people who lived in the lands they are described as encompassing or passing by. Three of the lands: Havilah, Eithiopia, and Assyria have unmistakable cultural and spiritual features which we will see later fit with our interpretation.

The river Prat is not described as encircling or passing by any country. In the Bible the Prat is referred to as 'River of Rivers' or 'The Great River'. We will look for the River Prat to be a prophetic type of something great.

SUMMARY

Our interpretation of the prophetic fulfillment of the five rivers of Eden:

River of Eden:	Age of Patriarchs:	Adam until Moses
River Pishown:	Age of the Mosaic Law:	Moses until Time of Christ
River Gihown:	First Coming of Messiah:	Jesus Christ
River Hidiqel:	First Jewish Christians:	Persecuted in the Holy Land
River Prat:	Age of Grace:	Gospel Taken to the Gentiles

As we see the River **Prat** is the great river, the river of all rivers. The River **Prat** is not described as circling one country or passing another because the River **Prat** extends to every country.

The prophetic meaning of the five rivers of **Eden** is telling us the spiritual water of the Garden of **Eden** will eventually be spread, via the River **Prat**, to the whole world.

To solve the mystery of the five rivers of **Eden** requires us to use advanced tools: the spiritual meaning of the Hebrew letters, and the meaning of spiritual numbers³. The reader may learn more at page 22 HEBREW and page 8 GEMATRIA on: www.biblenumbersforlife.com

³ The deepest mysteries of God are a double key-lock system based on knowing the meaning of Hebrew letters and spiritual numbers. Why? The secrets, especially concerning the Messiah, had to be guarded. If the enemies of God found out there would have been more genocides of the Hebrews. Even so, Satan tried this more than once. In our day by the Holy Spirit we can unlock these mysteries easily for Christ has been revealed. How did I learn the double-lock system? I learned it from no one. The Spirit of God reveals the things that are in the mind of God.

MYSTERY OF THE MENORAH

Scripture says this: 'And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence **it was parted, and became four heads.**' (Genesis 2:10) What image does this conjure in your mind?



Sometimes we Gentiles wonder how the Jews could be blessed with so many sacred symbols but not understand them. The Menorah shape speaks of a single solid root rising up from the ground with branches off it, each one rising up and holding a candle, a light for the whole room.

The table represents the earth and the Menorah represents the rivers of God, the golden rivers, flowing from Eden, the garden of spiritual truth God planted on the earth, each river in its epoch casting spiritual light upon the whole world. Now in our era we can gaze back at all the rivers and admire the truths they brought forth. We can light all the candles so to speak.

The revelation of Genesis chapter 2 tells us there are five rivers of Eden. The Menorah of the Holy Place described in the Law of Moses and revealed during the Exodus has seven branches:

³¹Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them. ³²Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand—three on one side and three on the other.' (Exodus 25:31-32)

The reason for the addition of two more candles to the Menorah in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle of Moses is that the Torah revealed to God's people new prophetic information concerning what would take place after the Age of Grace (**River Prat**). There will be two more golden rivers of God, two more epochs: (1) the Two Witnesses in the Great Tribulation, and (2) the Millennium Kingdom of Messiah. Both concern Jews. In total, seven rivers, the seventh river bringing Sabbath rest to the entire earth. [Note: The menorah of Hanukkah, with nine candlesticks is merely an invention of man and has no divine origin or prophetic value.]

THE RIVER EDEN

Eden was the garden of God. But the Evil One planted his seeds there also. Ch. 3 of Genesis says Eden also became the root and source of evil on earth. As well as being the fountain of truth and the divine rivers of God, **Eden** also was also the headwaters of the pagan religion of ancestor worship which was merely a disguise for the veneration of Satan and his evil hosts.

We see this in the gematria of the four phrases of verse 10 of Genesis chapter 2: (*G=Gematria*)

'And a river went out of Eden'	G1 = 526 meaning: 'Mount Zion' (526)
'to water his garden;'	G2 = 1300 meaning: 'Rebellion' (13) of 'Holy Flock' (100)
'from there it parted'	G3 = 680 or: 'Testimony' (10) of 'Victorious Disciples' (68)
'and became four heads'	G4 = 885 meaning: 'Weakness' (5) of 'Trampling Poor' (177)

Eden is the spiritual root of **Mount Zion**: the line of righteous patriarchs from Seth to David to Jesus and Paul⁴. **Eden** is also the root of another river: the kingdom of darkness as it is manifested in false worship. Based on phrase 1 we will take it that the 'river of Eden' in Genesis 2:10, that is pictured in the Menorah, prophetically represents the Age of the Patriarchs, the line of men who were the physical forefathers of Messiah in the flesh⁵.

We see this in the way the word '**Eden**' is written in Hebrew in Genesis chapter 2. In verse 15 where it says: '**And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it**', the Hebrew word '**Eden**' is written as it appears below:



Figure 1

⁴ After Jesus and Paul (the two goats of the Day of Atonement) the line of the patriarchs reappears in Revelation with the 144,000 witnesses. This is why it says in Revelations 14:1 '**...there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him the 144,000 who had His name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.**' The 144,000 will be Jews obedient to the Law [Father's Name] and they will preach Jesus as Messiah [His Name].

⁵ For a fuller investigation of why Paul deserves mention in the line of the Patriarchs please read our paper: 'The Book of Acts' on page 4 PROPHECY on our website: www.biblenumbersforlife.com. Paul (Saul) was a Benjamite.

The Hebrew word 'Eden' in Figure 1A is: **Ayin (70) + Dalet (4) + Nun (50)**. The total gematria is **126** which means: '**Saved From Wrath**'. There are three letters. The number 3 means '**Truth**' or '**God**'. Thus, the fundamental power of the living water flowing in the five spiritual rivers of God proceeding from Eden is salvation from the wrath of God. This is the truth we stake our eternal lives on. All other rivers, all other 'spiritual' waters, are muddy waters contaminated with the lies of the Evil One. Only the five pure gold rivers of God tell the truth. Hallelujah!

The meaning of the three Hebrew letters in the Hebrew word **Eden** is as follows:

Ayin	<u>Eyes of the LORD</u>
Dalet	<u>Door or Gate</u>
Nun	<u>Spiritual Man</u>

Put together they mean: '**Eyes of the LORD {watch over} the Door {which opens to} the Spiritual Man {Messiah}**'. Each of the Patriarchs were themselves spiritual men who possessed the root of the Holy One in the seed in their loins. The LORD watched over their lives carefully. Like a series of doors, each patriarch led to the next patriarch. Finally the line of Holy Men led to the Messiah, the ultimate Spiritual Man, whose sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary would open the last door to eternal life for all who believe.

'Then said Jesus unto them again, verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door** of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the door**: by me if any man enter in, **he shall be saved...**' (John 10:7-9)

Jesus said to the woman at the well: '**Jesus answered and said unto her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that said to you, Give me to drink; thou would have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**' (John 4:10)

Jesus said: '**He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**' (John 7:38)

Where did Scripture speak of **rivers of living water**? It was written in Genesis chapter 2. What is the door to eternal life? Faith in Jesus: '**he that believes on me**'. When we open the door of our hearts by faith what happens? The living water, the Holy Spirit, fills us with spiritual truth.

Rush on O River of God, the River of **Eden**! Rush On!

Dear reader, are you saved? Fall down now at the feet of the Messiah. See the nail wounds. He died on the Cross to grant you a door to heaven. Cry out to him: forgive my sin LORD! Now enter in. Experience the joy of knowing God loved you enough to die for you. You are saved.

THE RIVER PISHOWN

'The name of the first is **Pishown**: that is it which compasses the whole land of **Havilah**, where *there is gold*; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.'
(Genesis 2:11-12)

Our interpretation of the River **Pishown** is: The Age from Moses until the Time of Christ

From here on we will rely on the Menorah to guide our interpretations.

The Hebrew word '**Pishown**' has five letters. We place the five letters on the five branches of the Menorah and see what light (pun intended) is cast on the meaning of the word **Pishown**:



Figure 2

When placed on a menorah, or holy lampstand, the letter **Pey** connects to the **Nun** on the outer circle; the **Yod** connects to the **Vav** on the inner circle; and the **Shin** is the candle in the center.
[For Gentiles please note, Hebrew is written from right to left. So **Pey** sounds like 'p']

Our interpretation will use the double-key system to unlock the meaning.

The first key is spiritual number meanings; the second key is Hebrew letter meanings. The whole meaning is only grasped [unlocked] when we combine the results of both keys:

For the outer circle:

Spiritual numbers: **Pey (80) + Nun (50) = 130 'Accusation'**

Hebrew letters: **Pey means 'Prayer' and Nun means 'Spiritual Man'**

Combined Meaning: **Accusation of the Praying Spiritual Man {Moses & the Prophets}**

For the inner circle:

Spiritual numbers: **Yod (10) + Vav (6) = 16 'Sacrifice'**

Hebrew letters: **Yod** means 'Authority' and **Vav** means 'Man'

Combined Meaning: **Sacrificed: The Authority of Man {Obedience to the Law of God}**

The center candle stick:

Spiritual numbers: **Shin (300) = 300 'God Revealed'** (public witness of God)

Hebrew letters: **Shin** means 'Light of God' (inner witness of God)

Combined Meaning: **God Revealed: The Light of God**

The three messages hidden within the five letters of the word '**Pishown**' describe the Age from Moses to the time of Christ perfectly:

- Moses endures constant accusations from God's people; The same resistance and abuse was experienced by all the rest of God's prophets through the entire period;
- The message of the Law of God to the people of Israel was simple: you must sacrifice your authority (not play by your own rules) and obey God's rules: the Torah;
- In the process of time, starting with the Exodus but continuing through the entire period God revealed himself in many miracles; slowly the Israelites understood who God is.

The **Pishown** river circled **Havilah** where the gold is good. Yes! We see a lot of glittering gold in the temple furniture in this age. God revealed amazing spiritual truth in the construction of the furniture, the pillars, the drapes, and the hides forming the Tabernacle in the desert. We know now that the dimensions and materials of the Tabernacle in the desert all describe the sublime attitudes and attributes of Messiah⁶.

Oh the sense of humor of the Holy Spirit! 'The gold is good'. By implication, nothing else in the entire epoch was much good at all! How good is gold? In actuality gold is not 'good' in any moral sense, it is just a metal. So that makes all the people in the age of the River **Pishown** really bad - no better than a bunch of squabbling Arabs, the ancient inhabitants of **Havilah**.

With rare exceptions in cases when the Spirit of God came upon a man, such as Samson or Gideon, the wilderness wanderings and journeys of the Israelites served to prove the utter failings of our mortal flesh: we cannot save ourselves. The epoch of **Pishown** demonstrated our need for a Savior. Perfect timing! The Messiah arrives in the third river of **Eden**!

⁶ We invite the reader to explore our paper 'I Am the Gate' on page 11 MY HEART on our website. In this paper we show how the dimensions of the gate to the Tabernacle point to the nature and work of the Messiah.

THE RIVER GIHOWN

'And the name of the second river is **Gihown**: the same is it that compasses the whole land of **Ethiopia**.' (Genesis 2:13)

Our interpretation of the River **Gihown** is: the First Coming of Messiah

The Hebrew word '**Gihown**' has five letters. We place the five letters on the five branches of the **Eden** Menorah and see what light is cast on the meaning of the Hebrew word **Gihown**:



Figure 3

The third candle on the Menorah is the center candle: the Messiah! Light of light. Truth of truth. Immaculate in conception; sinless in thought word and deed; God revealed in flesh.

When placed on the Menorah of **Eden**, or holy lampstand, the **Gimel** connects to **Nun** on the outer circle; **Yod** connects to **Vav** on the inner circle; and **Khet** is in the center.

Our interpretation using our double-key system to unlock the meaning:

For the outer circle:

Spiritual numbers: **Gimel (3) + Nun (50) = 53 'Faithful Witness'**

Hebrew letters: **Gimel** means '**Camel**' and **Nun** means '**Spiritual Man**'

Combined Meaning: **Faithful Witness: Camel {burden carrier} Spiritual Man {Messiah}**

For the inner circle:

Spiritual numbers: **Yod (10) + Vav (6) = 16 'Sacrifice'**

Hebrew letters: **Yod** means 'Authority' and **Vav** means 'Man'

Combined Meaning: **Sacrificed: The Authority of Man {Obedience to the Law of God}**

The center candle stick:

Spiritual numbers: **Khet (8) = 8 'New Man' or 'Holy Man'**

Hebrew letters: **Khet** means 'Celebration'

Combined Meaning: **Holy Man: Celebration!**

The three messages hidden within the five letters of the word '**Gihown**' describe the First Coming of the Messiah perfectly:

- *The outer circle* pictures Jesus, the Camel (Gimel): the servant heart of the Spiritual Man (**Nun**) who carries burdens for others; He healed our diseases; He forgave our sins; He kept faith when we doubted; He carried the punishment of death for our sins in his body on the tree; Jesus was the faithful witness (53) of the Father: full of grace [*the humble heart of charity*] and truth [*demonstrating in his life the true God we are to worship*];
- *The inner circle* pictures Jesus, the Son of Man: the authority of the whole universe, God (**Yod**) but also fully Man (**Vav**). He experienced thirst; he experienced rejection; he even tasted apprehension of death in the Garden of Gethsemane. These attributes are most glorifying considering that Jesus placed himself under the Law of Moses: he sacrificed (16) his own (divine) authority and submitted his life to the will of the Father; his obedience took him all the way to offering his life as a sacrifice for sin on the Cross.
- *The center candle* pictures Jesus, the Holy Man (8); Jesus, the Messiah. Jesus was not the son of Adam; Jesus was a New Man (8). Jesus was immaculately conceived by the Holy Ghost through Mary. Jesus was not created, Jesus was incarnated. Jehovah set aside all his divine attributes, left the throne of God in Heaven, and was found in Mary's womb as a child, was born, and took the name Jesus. All the believers in that time and for all time celebrate (Khet) Messiah has come!

The river **Gihown** circled **Ethiopia**. God sent the freshest cleanest water to the darkest sinners - and they rejected him! The First Coming of the Messiah was glorious. There were outstanding miracles: feeding the 5,000; raising the dead (Lazarus, Talitha); teaching wiser than Solomon that no one could refute. Yet, we see the gematria of **Gihown** is **77** (3+10+8+6+50) which means '**False Prophet**'. Jesus was rejected by the High Priest for being a False Prophet! He accused Jesus of using the power of Satan to drive out Satan. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead proved it was the High Priest of the Jews (at that time) who was the False Prophet; not Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah, the Holy One of Israel. He is alive. Hallelujah!

THE RIVER HIDIQEL

'And the name of the third river is **Hidkel**: that is it which goes toward the east of **Assyria**...' (Genesis 2:14a)

Our interpretation of the River **Hidqel** is: First Jewish Christians: Persecuted in the Holy Land

The Hebrew word '**Hidqel**' has four letters. We place the four letters on the five branches of the Menorah and see what light is cast on the meaning of the Hebrew word **Hidqel**:



Figure 4

When placed on the Menorah of Eden, the **Khet** connects to **Lamed** on the outer circle; **Dalet** connects to **Qof** on the inner circle; no letter is in the center. The center candle is the Messiah. Messiah is missing because he died, rose again, and has gone to be with the Father in Heaven.

Our interpretation using our double-key system to unlock the meaning:

For the outer circle:

Spiritual numbers: **Khet (8) + Lamed (30) = 38 'Harlot'**

Hebrew letters: **Khet** means '**Celebration**' and **Lamed** means '**Trail of Blood**'

Combined Meaning: **Harlot: Celebration of Trail of Blood** {see explanation following}

For the inner circle:

Spiritual numbers: **Dalet (4) + Qof (100) = 104 'Workers Divided'**

Hebrew letters: **Dalet** means 'Door' and **Qof** means 'Holy Flock'

Combined Meaning: **Workers Divided {Schism}: Door {open to} Holy Flock {Saved Ones}**

The center candle stick:

Spiritual numbers: **0 {invisible Infinite God}**⁷

Hebrew letters: not applicable

Combined Meaning: **Invisible Infinite God {Holy Spirit}: is in charge {at center of church}**

In the time following the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ the apostles knew a powerful truth: if the nation of Israel repented of its sin of killing the Messiah, Jesus would return to Earth and the Millennium Kingdom would begin! **The Holy Spirit {0} descended** at Pentecost and tongues of fire appeared, then separated and came to rest on each one of them (Acts 2:3)⁸. The apostles announced this news and preached faith in Christ. Astounding miracles were performed including the healing of the beggar at the Temple gate (**Dalet**) called Beautiful (**Qof**).

The leaders of the Jews threw the apostles in prison and forbid speaking Jesus' name. After the apostles continued preaching, Stephen was stoned to death and a great persecution broke out. Christianity produced a huge schism in Judaism {Workers Divided}. There was no middle ground. The apostles proclaimed: if you do not accept Jesus as Messiah you will not be saved!

At the heart of the debate was Christ's blood (Lamed). To the Christ deniers it was unthinkable to drink blood. To the Christ believers (Qof), the act of drinking wine to celebrate (Khet) Christ's blood was the same as applying the blood of the Passover Lamb to the lintel of the doors (Dalet): His death, his shedding of blood, was payment for our sins. God proved He accepted this sacrifice by raising Jesus from the dead. The believers and the deniers each called the other Harlot: i.e. sharing intimacy and fellowship but without proper relationship to God.

Hidiqel passed by **Assyria** to the east. Christ said to those who demanded a sign from him: '**no other sign would be given you than the sign of Jonah**'. Jonah died and was brought back to life from the belly of the whale, picturing the resurrection of Christ. Jonah was sent to the Assyrians! The Assyrians repented at the preaching of Jonah but the Jews did not repent at the preaching of the apostles. And so the River **Hidiqel** passed by **Assyria**, it did not encompass it (capture the belief of the people). Those stubborn Jews rejected their Messiah. Jerusalem was put to flames by the Romans. The unbelieving Jews who survived were scattered to the ends of the Earth. And Christianity filled the world with the aroma of Christ. All written in Genesis 2!

⁷ The number zero is a continuous circle, indicating the infinite unending characteristic, with nothing in the center, indicating the invisible God. We know there is no such thing as nothing – because God is everywhere!

⁸ This fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus: '**everyone will be salted with fire**' (Mark 9:49)

THE RIVER PRAT

'And the fourth river is Prat.' (Genesis 14b)

Our interpretation of the River **Prat** is: Age of Grace: Gospel Spreads to the Whole World

The Hebrew word '**Prat**' has three letters. We place the three letters on the five branches of the Menorah and see what light is cast on the meaning of the Hebrew word **Prat**:



Figure 5

The Hebrew letters are all on one side of the Menorah! What is wrong? Nothing is wrong. The Spirit of God is indicating there is now a clear break between this epoch and the first two. The Messiah has come – therefore the line of the Patriarchs is ended. The Seed of Abraham has come. Therefore the Eyes of the LORD are no longer on the physical descendants of the forefathers. Secondly, the Tabernacle of Moses which is a prophetic type of the person of Messiah is fulfilled. There is no longer any need for temple worship – Christ's death on the Cross fulfilled the requirements of all sacrifices of the Jews⁹. Most importantly, a key feature of the second River of God, the **Pishown**, was the requirement of obedience to the Law by the Holy People. Obedience to the Law is set aside because Christ fulfilled the law for all believers.

The Hebrew letters being all on one side of the Menorah of Eden tells us the Holy Flock are no longer Hebrews. The new epoch of **Prat** is the promise of salvation to all who believe from any nation, not just the Jewish people. Christians are Christians. Jews are Jews. So shall it ever be.

As we will see that the branches of **Eden** and **Pishown** have actually been broken off the Menorah. God is no longer dealing with the Jews. In the Age of Grace God is dealing with Gentiles. When the Age of Grace is finished at the rapture, God will again deal with Jews.

⁹ Except the sacrifice of the Red Heifer, which was instructed to be killed outside the Temple. For more details see our paper 'The Red Heifer' on page 4.0 PROPHECY on our website: www.biblenumbersforlife.com

Since the Menorah is broken we can no longer use the double-key interpretation method. The truth is straightforward. There is no longer a need to hide any secrets to protect the line of Messiah. Messiah has come and fulfilled all prophecies. He has safely returned to Heaven.

The meaning of the Hebrew letters: [reading right to left]

Pey - **PRAY**
Resh - **LORD**
Tav - **GRAVE**

The message of the great river, the river of all rivers, the River **Prat**: '**Pray {to} Lord {of} Grave**'.

The spiritual numbers are: **Pey (80) + Resh (200) + Tav (400) = 680**. [680 = 10 x 68] The spiritual meaning of **680** is: '**Testimony (10) of 'Victorious Disciples' (68)**'.

Jesus Christ is the 'Lord of the Grave' because he triumphed over death when he arose. We enter into his triumph when we pray [**Pey**] to him [**Resh Tav**] to forgive our sins. As it is written:

'Where O grave [Tav] is your victory? Where O death is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! [Pey] He gives us the victory (680) through our Lord Jesus Christ [Resh].' (1 Cor. 15:35-36)

What happened to the Jews? Scripture tells us why there are no candles on the right side:

'If some of the branches [Eden and Pishown] have been broken off [Eden Menorah] and you though you are a wild olive shoot [Prat] have been grafted in among the others [Gihown and Hidiqel] and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root [Saved From Wrath] do not boast over those branches... They were broken off because of unbelief and you stand by faith.' (Romans 11:17-19)

The Menorah is lop-sided because the branches on the right side are broken off. Not forever:

'...if you were cut of an olive tree [Prat] that is wild be nature, and contrary to nature was grafted into a cultivated olive tree [Eden Menorah], how much more readily will these the natural branches [Eden and Pishown] be grafted into their own olive tree? Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of Gentiles has come in... this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.' (Romans 11:25-27)

The two branches on the right, **Eden** and **Pishown**, will be grafted back in. This will occur at the mid-point of the Great Tribulation. For more details on that read our paper: 'The Feast of Trumpets' on page 4.0 PROPHECY. Hope you are blessed by this paper. Your servant: mark

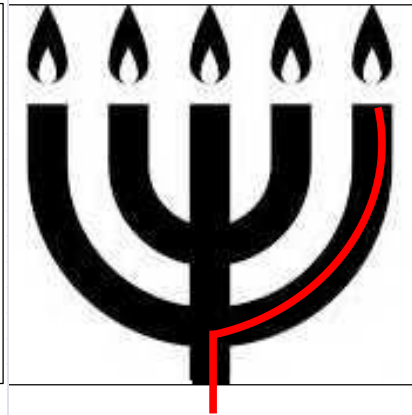
ADDENDUM: HOW THE FIVE RIVERS FLOW

In order to appreciate all the prophecy we need to know which branches of the Eden Menorah map to which specific river in the Genesis 2 text. These diagrams should help:

THE RIVER PISHOWN:

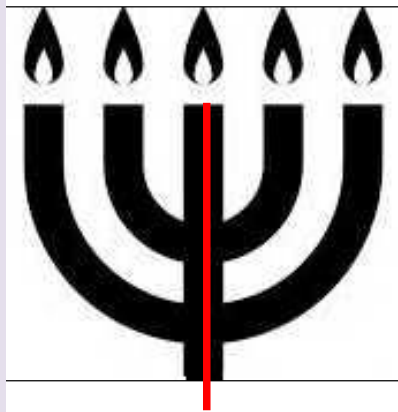


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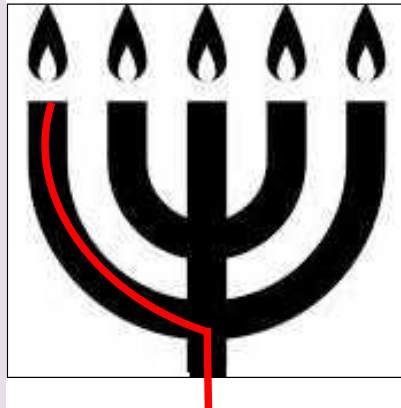
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THE RIVER GIHOWN:

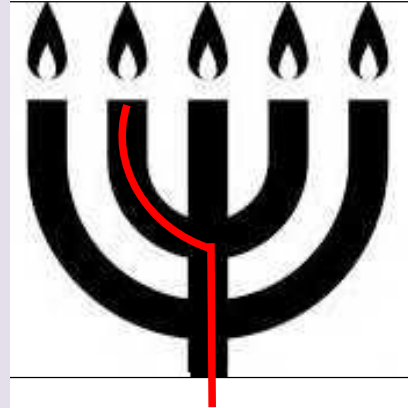


The center tree upholding it all:

THE RIVER PRAT:



THE RIVER HIDIQEL:



The branches on the left:

Why it is important to know how the rivers flow? You will see.

Each of the first two rivers, **Eden** and **Pishown**, were going straight but met an obstacle and were forced to take a detour to get to the destination. In the case of **Eden**, the obstacle was the eating the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The punishment for that was death so the river Eden could not deliver salvation. The detour was the line of the patriarchs who would carry the holy seed and keep the faith. In the case of **Pishown**, there were relentless obstacles starting with Aaron leading the Israelites in the worship of the Golden Calf and continuing with rebellion, sin, inter-tribal war, false worship, and apostasy.

The magnificent third river **Gishown** is perfectly straight! The psalmist declared '**For the righteous LORD loves righteousness**' (Psalm 11:7). Jeremiah said '**In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch [Messiah] of Righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.**' (Jer. 33:15). The apostle Paul, who was only too conscious of his failings and past sins, declared: '**For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.**' (Rom. 11:32) When we look back at the sins of even the patriarchs in the line of men leading to the Messiah we see what a wonder - what a marvel that a perfectly righteous man could come from that stock. Indeed, what good the forefathers of the Messiah accomplished was only by faith: not by any innate goodness in them. Yet every word Jesus spoke was perfect. Every step he placed was correct. Every motive and impulse of his heart was pure. Because the **Gishown** is perfectly straight, because its waters are pure, these are the healing waters that bring salvation to man. Hallelujah!

The fourth river **Hidiqel**, the faithful early church of Jewish believers, obviously met its obstacle in the form of the rejection of the leaders of Israel and the persecutions that followed.

The fifth river **Prat** also met obstacles on its way. We could point to the resistance of the Jews in the synagogues in Asia Minor that forced Paul to divert his energies and journeys to Greece. Altogether the patriarchs and their descendants were responsible for diverting four rivers: **Eden, Pishown, Hidiqel, and Prat**. Not a poster for exemplary behavior or spiritual insight!

Consider dear reader and meditate anew on the glories of the **Faithful Witness** (Isaiah 53):

'He grew up before him like a tender shoot

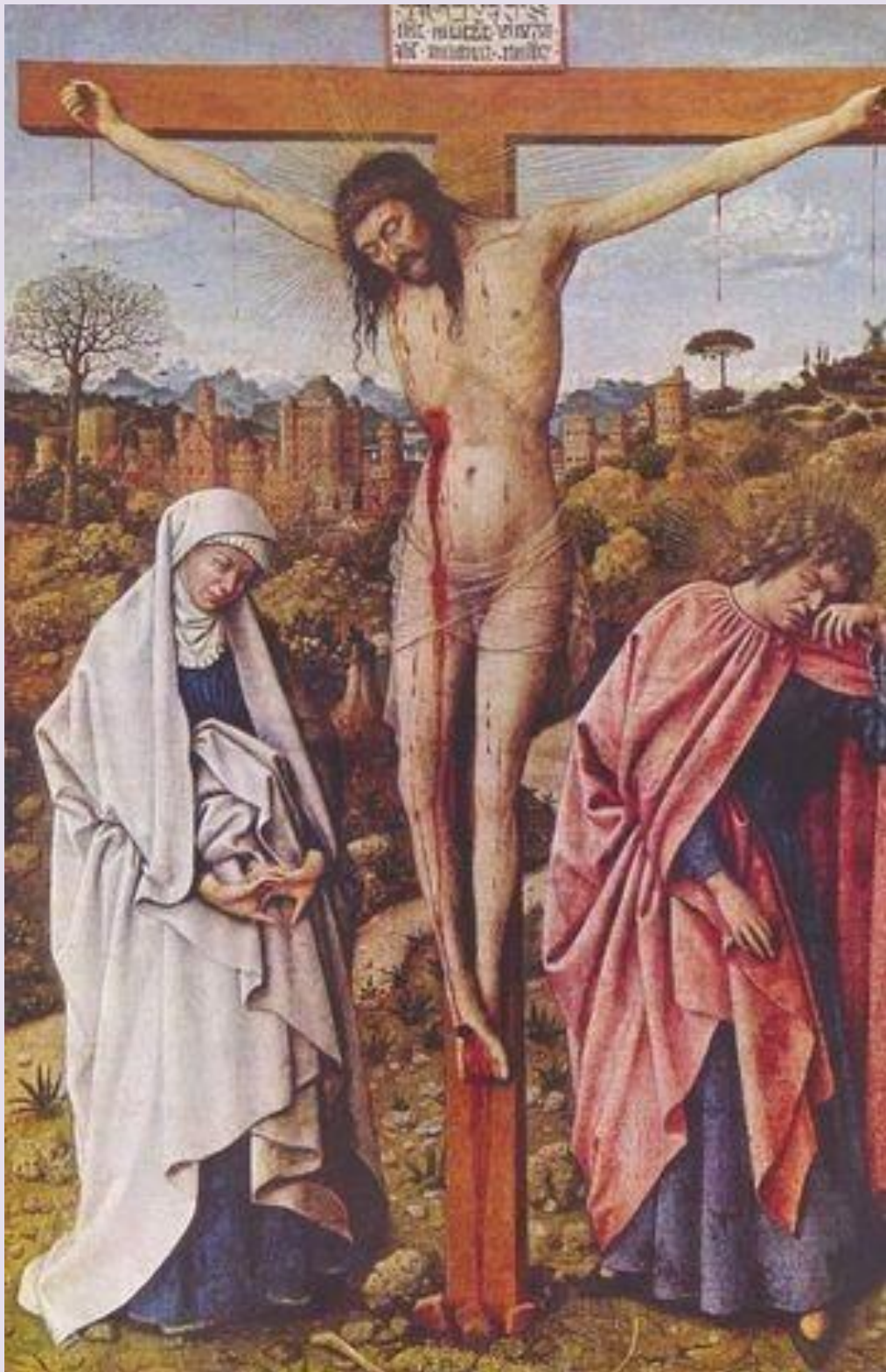
Like a root out of dry ground;

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer

And... make his life a guilt offering;

After the suffering of his soul he will see the light of life and be satisfied'

THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH! THE RIVER OF LIFE!



GEMATRIA STUDIES OF THE FIVE VERSES OF GENESIS 2

v10 Verse # = 41 | Words =11 | Letters = 45 3391 [478] POOR: CONTRITE SPIRIT

KJV	Strong Hebrew	Value	
And a river	H5104 ונהר	261	LOWLY SERVANT EXALTED
went out	H3318 יצא	101	REBELLIOUS CAST OUT
of Eden	H5731 מעדן	164	APOSTATE RELIGION
to water	H8248 להשקות	841	29 29 HOLY ONE
his	את	401	O LORD SAVE US!
garden;	H1588 הגן	58	WORLDLY LIFE
and from there	ומשם	386	ALLY WITH WICKED
it was parted,	H6504 יפרד	294	SPIRIT OF WISDOM
and became	והיה	26	GOSPEL
four	H0702 לארבעה	308	SPIRITUAL POVERTY
heads;	H7218 ראשים	551	19 29 HOLY ONE

// **Eden River - Age of the Patriarchs**

526	MOUNT ZION, CITY OF GOD
1826	22 83 NATIONS WHO HATE GOD LIGHT
1300	13 100 HOLY FLOCK
680	REBELLION 3391 prime 478 POOR: CONTRITE SPIRIT
680	20 34 MAN'S RELIGION: Money DISTRESS
1565	5 313 LYING PROPHETS WEAKNESS: life, grace
885	5 177 TRAMPLE POOR WEAKNESS: life, grace

v11 Verse # = 42 | Words =12 | Letters = 40 2551 [374] PROMISE TO PUNISH SIN

KJV	Strong Hebrew	Value	
The name	H8034 שם	340	LINE OF FAITH MULTIPLIES
of the first	H0259 האחד	18	BONDAGE
is Pishown:	H6376 פישון	446	GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE SUFFER
it	H1931 הוא	12	GOVERNMENT
compasses	H5437 הסבב	69	KILLING BELIEVERS
what is his:	את	401	O LORD SAVE US!
all	כל	50	PERSECUTION
the land	H0776 ארץ	291	DEATHLY PLAGUES
of Havilah;	H2341 החיילה	64	FELLOWSHIP BROKEN
where	H0834 אשר	501	RELIGIOUS CONTROL
there [is]	שם	340	LINE OF FAITH MULTIPLIES
gold;	H2091 הזהב	19	FAITH

// **Pison River - From Moses until Christ**

804	2 402 LAMENT SLAIN KING DIVISION
1286	2 643 [117] RELIGIOUS BUT UN-REDEEMED DIVISION
482	WORSHIP FALSE GODS 2551 prim: 374 PROMISE TO PUNISH SIN
405	PIONEERS OF THE FAITH
1265	5 253 SPIRITUAL BATTLE WEAKNESS: life, grace
860	10 86 NATIONS WORSHIP GOD TESTIMONY

v12 Verse # = 43 | Words =8 | Letters = 30 1148 = Righteousness (14) of Throne of God (82)

KJV	Strong Hebrew	Value	
(And) the gold	H2091 זזהב	20	DISTRESS
land	H0776 הארץ	296	PEOPLE TOIL
that	H1931 ההוא	17	VICTORY
is good:	H2896 טוב	17	VICTORY
there [is]	שם	340	LINE OF FAITH MULTIPLIES
bdellium	H0916 הבדלח	49	FATHER'S LOVE: TIME OF THE END
stone	H0068 ואבן	59	RICH OPPRESSOR
the onyx	H7718 השהם	350	PROPHET IN DISTRESS

// **Pison River - From Moses until Christ**

316	PEOPLE REJOICE
350	PROPHET IN DISTRESS
34	MAN'S RELIGION: Money 1148 14 82 THRONE OF GOD
389	KILLING SPREE IN THE CAMP
798	3 266 INEQUITY IN THE FLOCK
	BINDING: GOD, Spirit, Truth
409	PROMISE TO SUPPLY ALL NEEDS

v13 Verse # = 44 | Words =10 | Letters = 34 2203 [328] CONSPIRATORS ASSASSINATE KING

KJV	Strong Hebrew	Value	
(And) the name (of)	H8034 ושם	346	RULERS OVER SPIRITUAL SONS
river	H5104 הנהר	260	LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
the second	H8145 השני	365	ABSOLUTE POWER OF KING
Gihon [is];	H1521 גיחון	77	THE FALSE PROPHET
the same	הוא	12	GOVERNMENT
compasses	H5437 הסובב	75	MISSIONARIES
what is his,	את	401	O LORD SAVE US!
all	כל	50	PERSECUTION
the land	H0776 ארץ	291	DEATHLY PLAGUES
of Ethiopia.	H3568 כוש	326	SORROW TURNS TO JOY

// **Gihon River - First Coming of Messiah**

606	3 202 PRINCIPLES COMPROMISED
1048	4 262 RIVALS REFUSE TO RECONCILE
442	GOD NOT DENIED
87	SAINTS ASSEMBLY
538	2 269 DAGGER IN BROTHER'S SIDE
451	HOLY MEN SUFFER IN THIS LIFE
1068	4 267 MAN OF SORROWS
617	prime 113 RAPTURE OF SAINTS

v14 Verse # = 45 | Words =12 | Letters = 49 3781 FAITH (19) DRAMATIC RESCUE(199)

KJV	Strong Hebrew	Value	
And the name (of)	H8034 ושם	346	RULERS OVER SPIRITUAL SONS
river	H5104 הנהר	260	LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
the third	H7992 השלישי	655	5 131 CHILDREN OF GOD
Hiddekel [is];	H2313 חדיקל	142	RASH DECISION
it	הוא	12	GOVERNMENT
goes	H1980 ההלך	60	EARTHLY KING
eastward [to]	H6926 קדמת	544	2 272 KING LIVES IN LUXURY
Assyria;	H0804 אשור	507	THE LORD IS GLORIOUS
(and) river	H5104 והנהר	266	INEQUITY IN THE FLOCK
the fourth	H7243 הרביעי	297	HOLY TEMPLE
it [is]	הוא	12	GOVERNMENT
Euphrates;	H6578 פרת	680	2 340 LINE OF FAITH MULTIPLIES

// **Hiddekel - First Jewish Believers in Holy Land**
 // **Prat River - Age of Grace: Gospel spreads to World**

606	2 303 STRONG OPPONENT
1403	23 61 KING OF JEWS: MESSIAH
	DEATH
797	prime 139 SORCERY / CONTROL
	2526 6 421 RULE OF LAW
72	EVANGELISTS MAN: Flesh
1123	pr. 188 GREAT FEAR OF GOD
1051	prime 177 TRAMPLE POOR
563	prime 103 IMAGE OF GOD: WORD OF GOD
1255	5 251 EVIL SPIRIT CONTROLS
	WEAKNESS: life, grace
692	2 346 RULERS OVER SPIRITUAL SONS