**PARADISE! WHERE WAS IT? WHERE IS IT NOW?**

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 “Paradise” is also known as “Abraham’s Bosom” (**Luke 16:19-31**). Messiah related a true story about an unnamed rich man, and a poor man named Lazarus. They both died. In a very real realm under the earth, Messiah told about a great gulf between the rich man in Hell and Lazarus in Abraham’s Bosom/Paradise. This was not a parable! Messiah said: “There was a certain rich man…there was a certain beggar…and it came to be…”

 On the stake, while dying, nailed next to a repentant thief, Messiah told the thief: “Today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (**Luke 23:42-46**) The thief had asked to be with Him in His Kingdom. Paradise, then, is also another word for the Kingdom of Yahushua, on earth for 1,000 years (**Revelation 20:2, 3, 4, 5, and 7**)

 “Paradise was the name for the “holding tank” of the righteous until Messiah died, rose again, and went back to heaven.

 **II Corinthians 12:3-5**, Berean Study Bible: “And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of it I do not know, but God knows— [was caught up](https://biblehub.com/greek/726.htm) [to](https://biblehub.com/greek/1519.htm) [Paradise.](https://biblehub.com/greek/3857.htm) [The things he heard](https://biblehub.com/greek/191.htm) [were too sacred](https://biblehub.com/greek/731.htm) [for words,](https://biblehub.com/greek/4487.htm) [things that](https://biblehub.com/greek/3739.htm) [man](https://biblehub.com/greek/444.htm) [is not permitted](https://biblehub.com/greek/1832.htm) [to tell.](https://biblehub.com/greek/2980.htm) I will boast about such a man, but I will not boast about myself, except in my weaknesses.”

 In telling his account of receiving revelation from Messiah, Sha’ul is caught up to “Paradise.” Paradise was always, in the minds of Hebrews, the place where Abraham went upon death – our father in faith. Thus, it was the place where all those who died in faith were taken to upon death.

 The dead bodies of the born-again ones, since Messiah’s ascension, go into a “grave,” just like the bodies of the damned. However, the damned go into Hell or Hades. The spirit-man of the righteous enter into heaven. The spirit-man is comprised of both the soul (mind, emotions, will), and the spirit (in the area of our belly—**John 7:37-29**). Our spirit-man goes into Heaven, where we are clothed with His white robe garments. Our spirit-man looks just like us, thus all who knew us will recognize us. What makes us human is that we have an eternal spirit. We are not just an intellectual brain inside a mortal body. Our spirit is what contacts heaven after a person is truly born again! We become children of the Kingdom of heaven.

 Our body is like the “outer court” of Solomon’s Temple. However, within the area of Solomon’s Temple, there was one huge structure in two parts: 1) the Set-Apart place where the priests ministered to Yahuwah, and 2) the Most Set-Apart Place where Yahuwah dwelt over the Ark. This huge two-part structure with its two divisions separated only by a curtain, represents our soul and spirit, together called our “spirit man.”

 Our soul contacts this realm of earth through the five senses, our mind, emotions, and will. Our soul is like the Set-Apart Place. Like the Most Set-Apart Place, our spirit becomes like a temple when a person is born again, and is set-apart for Yahuwah to dwell in. As in with Solomon’s Temple in **II Kings 8**, Yahuwah must be asked to enter and dwell over the spiritual Ark within us.

 This is why at the true new birth we have **Hebrews 4:12**. The Word cuts between the soul and spirit. The spirit is perfected. However, the wild rebellious carnal earth-loving soul with its free will, has to be disciplined and our will submitted to the authority of the Spirit over our “ark” --Yahuwah actually living within us – if we ask Him to come. Only the Spirit can empower us, and transform us, and lead us and teach us and prepare us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

 Heaven and earth Meet Together in one place on earth: East Jerusalem, which is the place where Adam and Eve lived in “the Garden of Eden.”

 Three portals are near each other in that small area, which go directly into the throne room. There was a “tree of life” that Adam and Eve ate from. Directly above them, was the “tree of life” in the throne room, as we see in **Revelation 22**. We have access to this tree spiritually, as the Spirit fills our re-born spirit, and we can enter into His spiritual realm, His dimension, and fellowship with Yahuwah and Yahushua!

 **John 3:12-13**, Berean Study Bible, Messiah said: “If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** [No one](https://biblehub.com/greek/3762.htm) [has ascended](https://biblehub.com/greek/305.htm) [into](https://biblehub.com/greek/1519.htm) [heaven](https://biblehub.com/greek/3772.htm) [except](https://biblehub.com/greek/1487.htm) [the One who](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [descended](https://biblehub.com/greek/2597.htm) from

[heaven—](https://biblehub.com/greek/3772.htm) [the](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [Son](https://biblehub.com/greek/5207.htm) [of Man](https://biblehub.com/greek/444.htm).” Heaven was not opened up to the righteous until **Acts 1** when He “ascended” with the “cloud of witnesses” into heaven.

 At His resurrection, many kodesh/set-apart ones were raised from the dead and were seen walking around Jerusalem. When He ascended, they went with Him. Sha’ul called that “captivity being taken captive.” (**Ephesians 4:8; Psalm 68:18**) They were taken from Paradise into the Kingdom of heaven! If you look at **Revelation 14:1-5** you’ll see they just went up from where they were directly into the throne room. Messiah ascended from one of the three portals into heaven with them – the top of the Mount of Olives. Paradise: East Jerusalem, the “Garden,” has three portals directly into the throne room – connecting earth with heaven!!!

 How did King David know about this? He wrote it out prophetically for us? **Psalm 68:18**: “You have ascended on High; You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men…” Compare that with **Ephesians 4:8 and Acts 1**!

 He wrote in detail of many things, like about the “crucifixion” of Yahushua, about His resurrection, and about His triumphal ascension into heaven. David understood that from his lineage would come the Messiah, the “only begotten Son” of the Living Shaddai (Almighty One), who would remove sin from those who trusted in Him. Isaiah, Micah, and other prophets, tell us of the One who would remove our sin.

 So, “Paradise” was and still is a very real place on earth. Paradise will be opened again for His set-apart “blameless ones” -- not as a place of “captivity,” but as a place to love and enjoy, for the reigning King will have His throne there also, during His 1,000-year reign upon earth. I give you confirmation of all of this at the close of this article, from word meanings, and scholarly Word-comparisons.

 The night of August 6th, the answer came to me about “Paradise” - past, present, and future. It was/is in the area of the Garden of Eden! This is why the spirits of the righteous dead were walking around Jerusalem after Messiah’s resurrection - their bodies were still buried on the Mount of Olives across the Kidron. Their spirits walked around in the area of the Temple, just across the Kidron. Jerusalem was very “compact” at that time. This is why they appeared among those in Jerusalem who were there for Passover Week, which included First Fruits (“Resurrection Day”).

 Yahushua was looking right at the Garden, from the Garden of Gethsemane. He was looking right at the Tree of Life. He was nailed to the stake within the area of East Jerusalem, the area of the Garden of Eden, perhaps right near where the tree of the knowledge of good and evil once stood and also the area where the tree of life once stood (they were together evidently) - at the southeast corner of the now “Temple Mount,” on Mount Moriah.

 **Genesis 22:11-12**: While on Mount Moriah, just before Abraham took the knife to Yitzak, “`the Messenger of Yahuwah’ called to him from heaven and said, `Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, `Here I am.’ And HE, (Messenger/Yahushua) said: `Do not lay your hand on the boy, nor touch him. For now, I know that you fear Elohim, seeing you have not withheld your son – your ONLY SON, from ME.’”

 It is most likely that the place where Abraham stood to offer up Yiztak/Isaac, a portal between heaven and earth where he heard the voice of Yahushua speaking down to him, became the place in Solomon’s Temple - known as the Most Set-Apart Place - where the Ark sat and the Presence of Yahuwah dwelt. That place today is marked by a small gazebo. The Jews believe it is where the Ark sat, so they honor it greatly. The Arabs won’t go near it. They fear it greatly, calling it a place of “spirits.”

 Genesis 22 gives us a picture of the heart of Yahuwah. Abraham reflected the faith of Yahuwah Himself. Yahuwah Himself allowed His Beloved Son to die for us, knowing that He would continue, arise, and return to Him in heaven, with a great company of believers from Adam onward.

 When Enoch instantly vanished (**Genesis 5**), it was in spirit, soul, and body. He was transformed and translated. He went into Paradise without death. However, was he the first to return to the Garden/aka Paradise? It is probable that the first one was Abel.

 When Eliyahu went up in the fiery chariot, he didn’t go into “heaven,” - the throne room of Yahuwah. No one could go there until after **Acts 1** – when Messiah took the set-apart, kodesh ones into heaven in His “Triumphal Entrance,” as in **Psalm 24**. Eliyahu went into Paradise/the Garden. The Garden is still there, hidden, and also in an extra-dimensional state of being connected to heaven. As it was when Adam and Eve were there, it is directly under three portals going into the throne room of Yahuwah.

 How Enoch must have rejoiced to meet Eliyahu! However, from Abel to Enoch, to Methuselah and Noah, and on, the Paradise of the Garden become simply “Paradise,” – a holding tank for the righteous, UNTIL they were taken into heaven to live during Messiah’s ascension.

 Mary, Martha, Lazarus: They all lived in Bethany on the top of the Mount of Olives. Just down the slope of the high hill of Olives, was the Kidron Valley. The Mount of Olives and Bethany at its top were part of East Jerusalem. Thus, when Lazarus died and entered Paradise. He went across the Kidron for three days. Bethany was just on top of the hill, aka “Mount of Olives,” where Lazarus lived. When Messiah called him back in **John 11**, he did not have far to come to enter his body and walk out of his tomb. He did not come down from heaven. It was not open yet. Messiah would also be raised from the dead within that area.

 After Messiah ascended, all who die in Him go into heaven to meet their Master – into the Kingdom of light, the Kingdom of Yahuwah. When Messiah returns, the Garden area will open again for the set-apart/kodesh ones. The Kingdom of 1,000 years will epicenter in East Jerusalem, and the throne of Yahushua, son of David, will be on Mount Zion (City of David).

 During the “great tribulation” time when the Beast reigns from the top of the Temple Mount, those who are in the Garden area, will be right near the base of Moriah, between Moriah and Mount Zion – the City of David – about a city block south of the southeast wall of the Temple Mount. It’s all in such a compact area! I walked that area probably 70 or more during my life in at region.

 **Psalm 122:2-4**: “Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem. **3**[Jerusalem](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3389.htm) [is built up](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1129.htm) [as a city](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5892.htm) compacted [together,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3162.htm) **4**where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD…”

 But it is also the area of three portals into the throne room – 1) Mount Moriah **Genesis 22**, 2) Mount Zion (**II Samuel 5:7; I Kings 8:1, and Revelation 14:1-5**), and 3) the Mount of Olives (**Ezekiel 11:23 and Acts 1**)

 You might wonder how millions of saved believers could be in that area at the same time. Actually, only a few will be that area at the same time--the throne area. The earth will be turned into a “Paradise,” so that nations will once again send the men to Jerusalem for the “Three Festivals.” **Read Zechariah 14**!

 **Revelation 14:1-5**, note the two positions 1) earth, 2) the throne room – at the same time. Note: In the Garden there was the Tree of Life. Note: In heaven there is the Tree of Life in the throne room. The Garden was simply under the throne room of Yahuwah with three portals/doorways/stargates/doorways into the throne room.

 This is why Lucifer/Satan/the Dragon wants that tiny area of East Jerusalem so desperately out of all the land of earth. It was here that he deceived mankind as the “Nachash,” the Serpent. It was here that Messiah was our substitute sacrifice, our Lamb, for our sin who crushed his head (**Genesis 3:15**). It was right here, where Messiah rose from the dead. It was right here, from the top of the Mount of Olives that He ascended into heaven. It was right here, that He defeated all the plans of Lucifer and the 1/3 of the angels who rebelled with him, and all the plans of all their offspring with human women.

 **Out of all the heavens and the earth, the eternal center of Yahuwah’s rule will be directly over the area, now known as East Jerusalem, though in His dimension it is also in the eternal realm:** **Revelation 21-22**!

 **II Peter 3**: There will be a new heaven and a new earth! The former will be totally destroyed. **Isaiah 65:17**: “For behold, I am creating a new heaven and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered, nor come mind.”

 Therefore, in **Revelation 21**, we read about the “New Jerusalem.” It is 1,500 miles square. It will descend over the area of East Jerusalem with the Throne room being directly over that tiny area, spreading out to encompass the entire earth. The epicenter of His Presence with man will be in that tiny area we know as East Jerusalem, encompassing those three portal-doorways – known as “Paradise!”

 In *The Apocrypha of Noah*, when Lemach asked his son Methuselah to go ask Enoch whether the child born to his wife was a real human or a fallen one/Nephilim, Methuselah knew just where to go. He returned with the answer: the boy is yours. Enoch named him “Noah,” which means “comfort,” for Noah comforted Yahuwah that He did not have to destroy all of mankind, He had a righteous one in Noah who would be of pure DNA, and his wife, and his sons, and the wives of his sons, being his son’s cousins (according to the book of *Jasher*: **Joshua 10:13; II Samuel 1:18**), the children of his brother.

 The Garden of Eden was known as Paradise. The Garden will open to the symbolic 144,000 Bridal remnant, translated ones, as in **Revelation 14:1-5** – because they stand in the portal on Zion, and at the same time are in the throne room of Yahuwah. The Garden will be the epicenter of the going and coming of the two witnesses, and a “witness company,” who will complete give Yahuwah’s message to the world’s people, to rulers, kings, and fallen angels too.

 **Revelation 2:7**, the letter to the assembly in Ephesus - Messiah says: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes, I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of Yahuwah.”

 Wow! Does that charge your faith to want to “overcome” and be in that Kingdom of Light? First of all, we overcome by the “blood of the Lamb.” Then we overcome by the word of our testimony of our salvation by the blood of the Lamb. Then we overcome because we do not love our lives, even if we have to martyred to stay true to Yahuwah and Yahushua! Please look carefully at **Revelation 12:11**!

 Here’s a short Bible Study from biblehub.com on the word “Paradise.” They list the Scriptures I gave you above. **I did not see this Bible Study until right now, at 11:40 AM August 8th as I am writing this article. I got this information from the Spirit of Yahuwah 2 days ago.**

 **Paradise**: “This is a word of Persian origin, and is used in the Septuagint as the translation of Eden. It means "an orchard of pleasure and fruits," a "garden" or "pleasure ground," something like an English park. It is applied figuratively to the celestial dwelling of the righteous, in allusion to the garden of Eden. ([**2 Corinthians 12:4**](https://biblehub.com/2_corinthians/12-4.htm)**;**[**Revelation 2:7**](https://biblehub.com/revelation/2-7.htm)) It has thus come into familiar use to denote both that garden and the heaven of the just.”

 A Greek word signifying a park, or garden with trees. The Hebrew word GAN, garden, issued in a similar way, [**Nehemiah 2:8**](https://biblehub.com/nehemiah/2-8.htm)**;**[**Ecclesiastes 2:5**](https://biblehub.com/ecclesiastes/2-5.htm)**;** **Song 4:13**.

 The Septuagint uses the word Paradise when speaking of the Garden of Eden, in which the Lord placed Adam and Eve. This famous garden is indeed commonly known by the name of "the terrestrial paradise," and there is hardly any part of the world in which it has not been sought.

 In the New Testament, `paradise’ is put, in allusion to the paradise of Eden, for the place where the souls of the blessed enjoy happiness. Thus, our Savior tells the penitent thief on the cross, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise;" that is, in the state of the blessed, [**Luke 23:43**](https://biblehub.com/luke/23-43.htm). Paul speaking of himself in the third person, says, "I knew a man that was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter," [**1 Corinthians 12:4**](https://biblehub.com/1_corinthians/12-4.htm). [**Revelation 2:7**](https://biblehub.com/revelation/2-7.htm)**22:14**, the natural features of the scene where innocence and bliss were lost, are used to depict the world where these are restored perfectly and forever.”

Strong’s Greek, #[3857: “**paradeisos: -- a park, a garden, a paradise**](https://biblehub.com/greek/3857.htm)

Strong’s Hebrew, #1521: “**[Gichon” -- "a bursting forth](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1521.htm)**[," one of the rivers of Eden;](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1521.htm) translated into English as “Gihon.”

 Where does this “Gihon” River today exist? It flows down through the City of David/Zion to the Pools of Siloam underground, as Hezekiah created a cave for it to travel in outside the City of David, to protect it from foreign adversaries. I knelt down by this flow of water at Siloam and drank and handful of it – clean, delicious!

 Here is confirmation that indeed the Garden is in East Jerusalem. It will soon open and a remnant of His children whose passion is to return to the Garden, and live in His Presence as Adam and Eve once did. They will soon be standing on Zion, right over the Gihon River below as it courses through Hezekiah’s tunnel, and at the same time, above them, will be the throne room of Yahuwah.

 In **Revelation 21**, we see that the New Jerusalem will come down and hover over what is today the City of David – Look at **Revelation 14:1-5.** Do you see they are in the portal of heaven as well as standing on earth, with King Yahushua?

 My admonition to all of you born again ones is to be “filled with the Spirit.” Be obedient and prepared. Are you moving in what He has for you to do now? He will not give you an assignment to do for Him during the tribulation if you are not moving in His will now. Are you sharing the hope of eternal salvation with those around you? Are you exhibiting by words and actions you boldness, lack of fear, trust in Yahuwah with all your heart?

 Press forward for the highest and the best! Yahuwah wants your future to be glorious. Don’t throw it away because of fear, lies, deceptions, doubt, oppression, or self-centeredness in any way. Push in hard to know Yahuwah and Yahushua personally. Be filled with the Spirit of Yahuwah, walking in the path laid out for you personally by His Son. Open the “ears” of your spirit within you (**John 7:37-39**) and allow Him to speak to you and lead you, and obey Him quickly – for the time is short!

In His love, Yedidah

August 8, 2021 – within 3 days we’ll be inside Elul!

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