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A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

*Covenant or Cohabitation?*

Genesis 2:8-25

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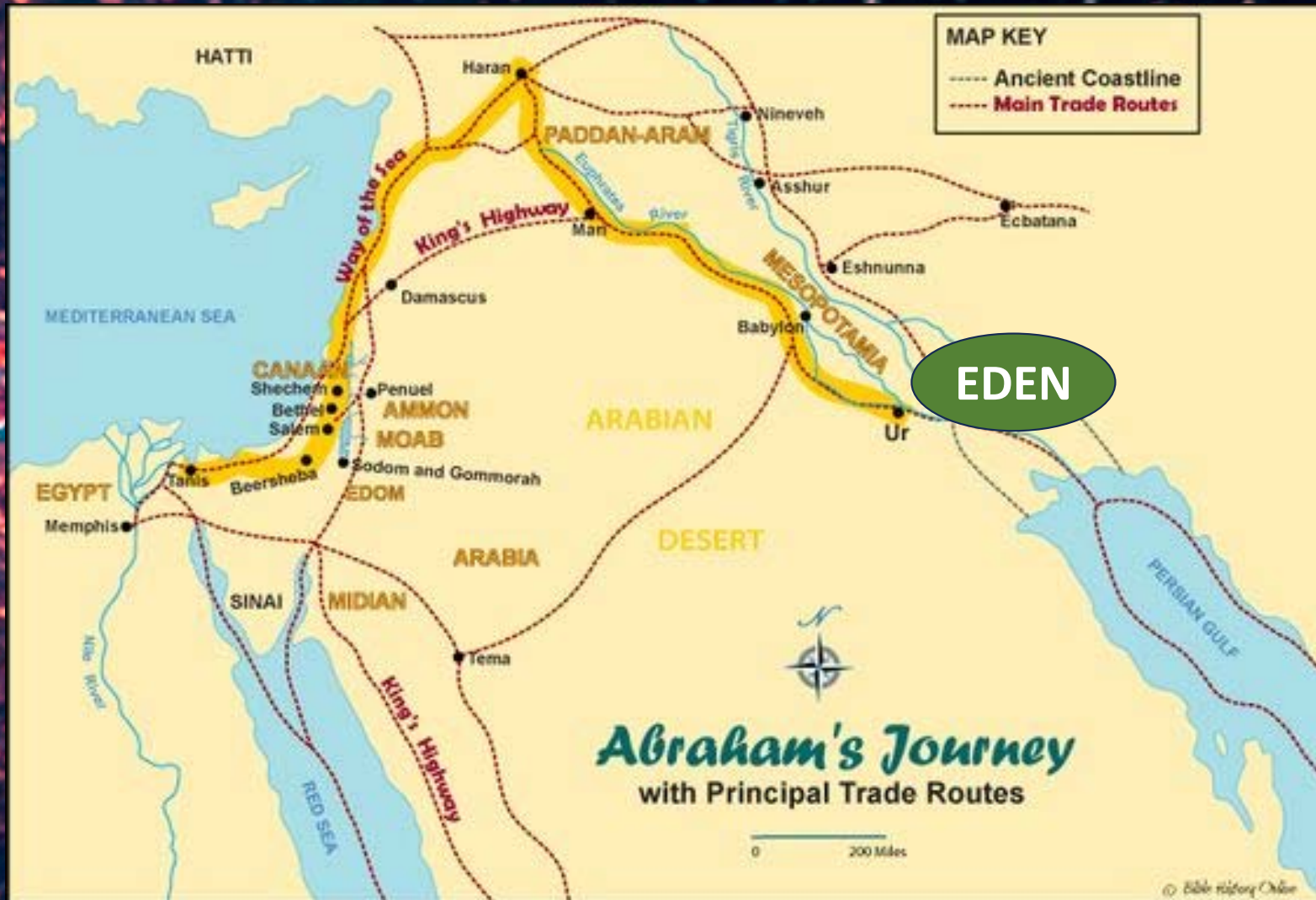
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# Genesis 1:26 – 2:7 Recap

- Every human being is created in God's Image
- God created humans to represent Him, to reproduce, and to rule over creation
- There are two genders – male and female
- All humankind is descended from Adam
- The Sabbath rest is a pattern for our work week
- Gen. 1 reveals Elohim (powerful) and Gen. 2 reveals Yahweh (personal)
- The breath of God is the source of life

# Where was the Garden of Eden?



# Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8-17)

- Eden was most likely in Mesopotamia.
- Adam's Job → To work and keep God's garden.
- Why the command to not eat of one tree?
  - We are created in His image; therefore, we have freedom to choose; true love is never forced (Dt. 30:15: "I have set before you life and death...therefore, choose life.")
- What are the consequences of disobedience?
  - "You will surely die" (both spiritual and physical)
  - Spiritual death was immediate; physical death was guaranteed

# Eden & Eternal State

## Eden (Gen. 1-2)

## Eternal State (Rev. 21-22)

Division of light and darkness (1:4)

No night (21:25)

Division of land and sea (1:10)

No sea (21:1)

Sun and moon (1:16)

No sun and moon (21:23)

Garden (2:8-9)

City (21:2)

River flowing out of Eden (2:10)

River flowing from throne (22:1)

Gold in the land (2:12)

Gold in the city (21:21)

Tree of life in the middle (2:9)

Trees of life along the river (22:2)

Bdellium and onyx stone (2:12)

All kinds of precious stones (21:19)

God walking in the garden (3:8)

God dwells His people (21:3)

## Marriage – Problem Identified (vs. 18)

- “Not good” – first time God mentions that something is not good (man was designed for horizontal relationships as well as his vertical one with God)
- “Helper” (helpmate; Hebrew “ezer” – also used to describe God) = emphasizes the complementary and compatibility aspects of the male/female relationship (body, soul, spirit)

# Marriage – Problem Recognized (vs. 19-20)

- Naming of the animals:
  - Humans are once again distinguished
  - Adam recognized he did not have a partner
- Marriage context – one male and one female (cf. Gen. 1:28 – “be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it”) – cf. Matt. 19:4-5



# Marriage – Problem Solved (vs. 21-24)

- “Deep sleep” = God is the only Creator of life
- “Rib from his side” = completion; complementary; co-equal; co-rulers
- “Brought the woman to the man” so that Adam could name her
- Covenantal: “A cord of three strands is not easily broken” (Eccl. 4:12) – becoming one flesh
- Marriage emulates Christ and His church (Eph. 5)
- They were not ashamed

## Gen. 2 Recap

- Adam's job = work and keep God's garden.
- The consequences of disobedience are spiritual and physical death.
- Adam recognized his lack of a partner.
- God's forming a wife from Adam's side points to Christ and His bride, the church.
- Therefore, marriage is a covenant.