#### A Garden, A City, and a Tree

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"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:25-26).

"But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (Jn 19:33-34).

"You were in Eden, the garden of God..." He goes on to describe the precious stones found there, and then says, "You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked" (Ezekiel 28:13-14).

"A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers" (Gen. 2:10).

"But you have come to Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering" (Hebrews 12:22).

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.

The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him" (Rev. 22:1-3).

"The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price" (Rev. 22:17).

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# ...tree of life!" (Pr. 13:12)

"Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine" (Ezekiel 47:12).

"In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:2).

"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Mt. 24:27).

"She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed" (Proverbs 3:18).

66The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30).

<sup>66</sup>The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust IS the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream and does not fear when heat comes for its leaves remain green" (Jer 17:7-8).

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all he does, he prospers" (Ps 1:3).

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit ways to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (Rev 2:7).

"Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground" (Exodus 14:15).

"Then Moses stretched out hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left" (Exodus 14:21).

"And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so" (Genesis 1:6-7).

"Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever",—therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken"

So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east [there's the east thing again!] of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life" (Gen. 3:22-24).

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made for themselves coverings" (Gen.

"Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I command you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for

your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field" (Gen. 3:17-18).

"And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food" (Genesis 2:9).

"And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve him" (Rev. 22:3).

"Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever.

again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" (Mt. 21:18"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:15).

## <sup>66</sup>Anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse" (Deuteronomy 21:23).

# 6My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1)

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen"

(Romans 11:33-36).