

Genesis 1—11

Right from the start, the *Bible* is clear that God is the Creator of all things. He initiates the heavens and earth, light and darkness, plants and animals, man and woman. He invites humans into a perfect relationship with Him. Unfortunately, that relationship is spoiled when Adam and Eve are enticed by the serpent into disobeying God. As a result, we humans are doomed to be separated from our Creator forever. Or are we? In these early chapters of *Genesis*, the stage is set and the central conflict is established. The remainder of the *Bible* is, at its heart, a resolution of this central conflict.

Major Events and Themes:

1. Creation
2. The Fall
3. Through sin, humans are separated from God

From Children's Letters to God (Internet)

Dear God,
I think one of the best things you created was the stapler.

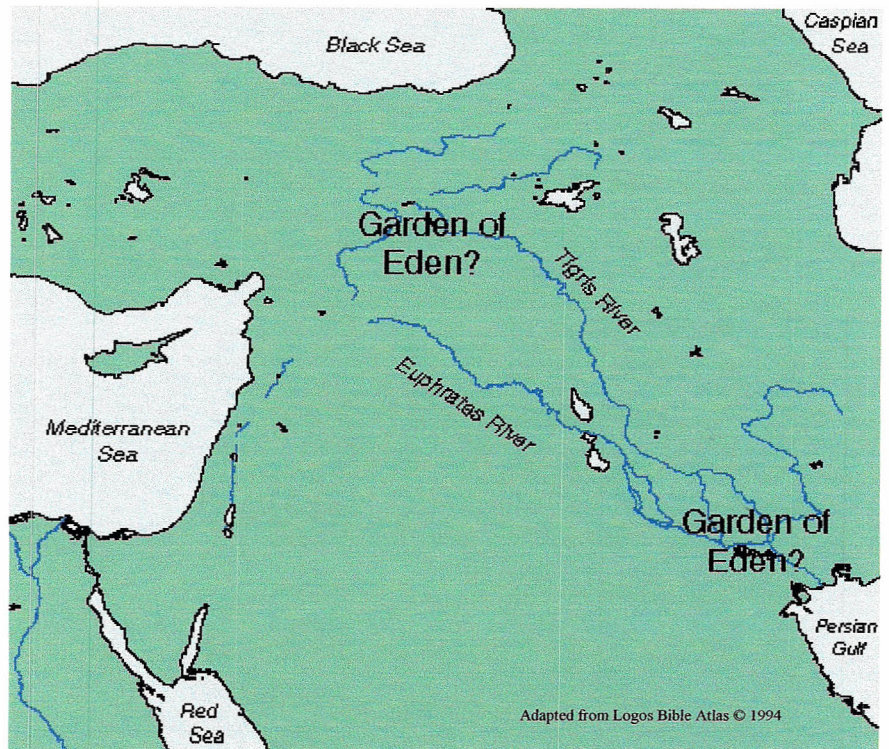
- Ruth M.

Dear God,
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

- Larry

Dear God,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset YOU made on Tuesday. That was cool.

- Eugene



Possible locations of the Garden of Eden

Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon

