



Welcome to  
Rehoboth New  
Life Center  
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# The Harvest

## Part 1: The Gardeners plan



John 20:15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.



# Sowing the seed..

Genesis 2:8 ¶And the LORD God **planted** a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.



- Planted: Hebrew, [tn , “Nata”

# For a Harvest

There first must be Gardener... Lord of the Harvest



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



# The Seed Alone... is not enough



Matthew 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

# The Gardener's plan



1 Corinthians 3:6 I have planted,  
Apollos watered; **but God gave the  
increase.**

- **Create**
  - Genesis 1:27 So God **created** man in his own image,
- **Form**
  - Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God **formed** man of the dust of the ground,
- **Make**
  - 1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was **made** a living soul;
- **Plant**
  - Genesis 2:8 ¶And the LORD God **planted** a garden eastward
- **Grow**
  - Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God **to grow** every tree that
- **Water**
  - Genesis 2:10 And a river went out of Eden **to water** the garden



# The word that bears no fruit



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*People, friends & family*

# The word that bears no fruit



Mark 4:5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

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*No endurance because  
the word was not buried!*



# The word that bears no fruit



Mark 4:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

*Cares of Life*

# The Word that is the Seed!



- Mark 4:8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.



# The Seed....Is the Word!



- Genesis 2:8 ¶And the LORD **God planted** a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
- Romans 6:5 For if we have **been planted** together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

# Luke makes it plain...



- Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**



# The Gardener In the Garden



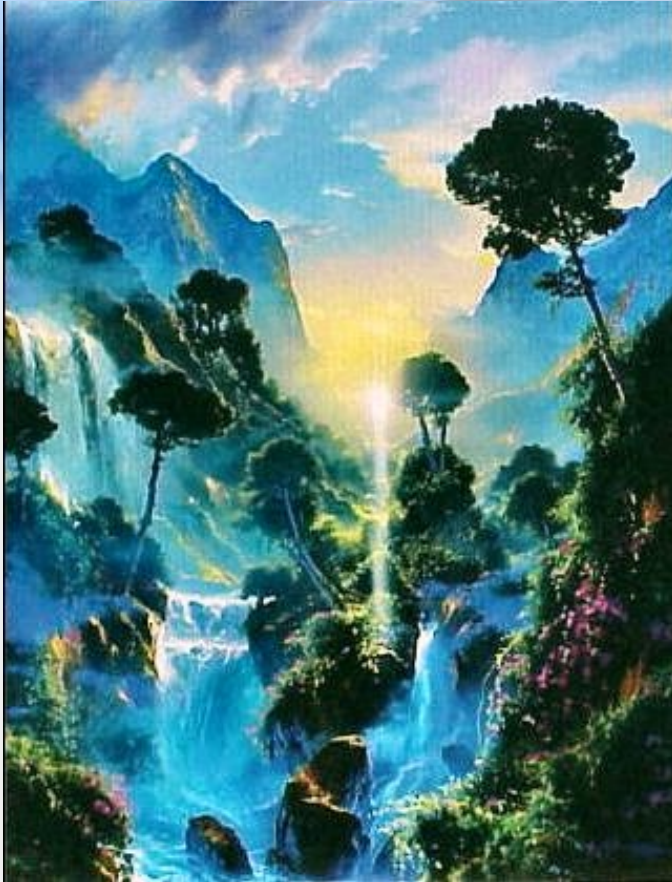
- Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
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- 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

# The Gardener's plan for us

- **Create:** Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- **Formed:** Galatians 4:19 ¶My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,
- **Made:** Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- **Plant:** Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- **Grow:** Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- **Water:** John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.



# Planted?



- Genesis 2:8 ¶And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

WHY planted , why not created, or formed ? Or made?

## The Four Major Groups of Plants

Mosses, Ferns, Conifers, and  
Flowering Plants



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**Mosses and now half of plants  
reproduce without seeds !**

# “Yielding seed after his kind”



- Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and **herb yielding seed after his kind**, and the tree yielding fruit, **whose seed was in itself, after his kind**: and God saw that it was good.



# God planted the first seeds!



- Before the fall, Man was only given to eat of plants, that had seed that God had originally planted!
- This was a model for the plan of redemption
  - Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

# The Gardener works with seeds!



- Genesis 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.



# The fulfillment



Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; **but he took on him the seed of Abraham.**

- Hebrews 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

# Have you been Planted by the Gardener?



- Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:



# Who has planted You?



- Matthew 13:24 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.



- 1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; **for his seed remaineth in him**: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 1:8 ¶ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**



# The time of harvest



- 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

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Matthew 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

- 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.



# Return to the garden



Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

# The Harvest Seasons of Ancient Israel



- Deuteronomy 8:8 A land of **wheat**, and **barley**, and **vines**, and fig trees, and **pomegranates**; a land of **oil olive**, and **honey** (crushed & boiled dates);



# The three harvest festivals



Exodus 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 Thou shalt keep the **feast of unleavened bread**: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

16 And **the feast of harvest**, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and **the feast of ingathering**, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

*Exodus 23:17 Three times in the year **all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.***

## Firstfruits of the Barley



**Presented On the  
Feast of first fruits**

## Firstfruits of the Wheat



**Presented On the  
Feast of Pentecost**

## The Last fruits of Oil, and the Wine



**Presented On the  
Feast of  
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