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.

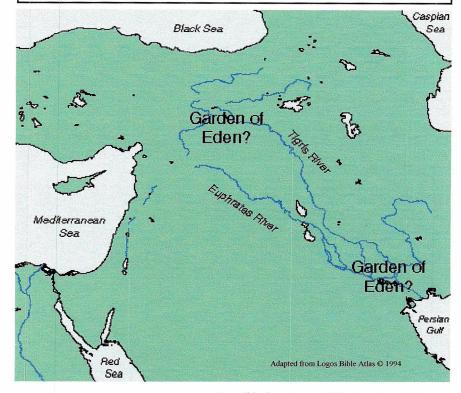
Eugene

Genesis 1—11

ight 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



Possible locations of the Garden of Eden

Old Testament T	Timeline				
ВС	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

People:

Abel second offspring, second son of Adam and Eve; becomes the first murder victim at the hands of his brother Cain Abram/Abraham founder of the Hebrew nation Adam first human; together with Eve, disobeys God, resulting in death and struggle for humans Cain first offspring, eldest son of Adam and Eve; commits the first murder by killing his brother Abel Canaan father of Sidon (firstborn), the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, and Hivites Eve first woman; together with Adam, disobeys God, resulting in death and struggle for humans Ham son of Noah, cursed by him, becomes ancestor of the Canaanites and Philistines Japheth son of Noah, blessed by him Lot nephew of Abram/Abraham Nimrod son of Cush; great warrior over Babylon, Assyria; builder of Ninevah Nephilim unknown reference Noah a righteous man, chosen by God to build an ark, to save his family and pairs of animals from a worldwide flood Sarai/Sarah Abraham's wife Semites sons of Shem serpent Satan; initiates the fall of the human race by tempting Eve to disobey God Seth third son of Adam and Eve Shem son of Noah, blessed by him, becomes ancestor of the Semites

Terms:

cherubim angels **clean/unclean** (ceremonially or ritually) - classifications based on specific guidelines spelled out most particularly in the book of *Leviticus* **covenant**—agreement between two parties **righteous** right with God

Genealogy of Christ

Abraham—Sarah
Isaac—Rebekah
Jacob—Leah
ا Judah—Tamar
l Perez
Hezron
Ram
Amminadab
Nahshon
Salmon—Rahab
Boaz—Ruth
Obed
Jesse
David—Bathsheba
Solomon
Rehoboam
Abijah
Asa I
Jehoshaphat
Jehoram
l Uzziah I
Jotham
Ahaz
Hezekiah
Manasseh
Amon
Josiah !
Jeconiah
Shealtiel
Zerubbabel
Abiud
Eliakim
Azor
Zadok I
Akim I
Eliud !
Eleazar
Matthan
Jacob
Joseph—Mary

Jesus

930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom North: South: Ahab Hezekia Elijah Isaiah	Samaria falls to ah Assyria, scatters	Jerusalem falls to Babylon, exiled	Judeans return Esther Ezra Nehemiah	Greek rule	Roman rule