

~GIHON 1 (57)

(Gi'hon) [Bursting Forth, Gushing]

- **One** of the **four rivers** that branched out from the river issuing out of Eden, described as, encircling the entire land of Cush.
- Now there was a river issuing out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it began to be parted and it became, as it were, four heads. (**Genesis 2:10**)
- And the name of the second river is **Gihon**, it is the one encircling the entire land of Cush. (**Genesis 2:13**)
- It is not possible to identify this river today with any degree of certainty. It does not seem likely, at least from a geographic standpoint, that the land of Cush referred to here represents Ethiopia, as it frequently does in later accounts.
- It could refer to the land occupied by Cush prior to the scattering that occurred after the language confusion at Babel.
- That is why its name was called Babel, because there Yehowah had confused the language of all the earth, and Yehowah had scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth. (**Genesis 11:9**)
- Some would connect the **Gihon** with the Araxes River, modern Araks River, which takes its rise in the mountains to the Northwest of Lake Van and has its outlet in the Caspian Sea.
- Some lexicographers associate the land of Cush of;
- And the name of the second river is **Gihon**, it is the one encircling the entire land of Cush. (**Genesis 2:13**)
- With the Kassites or Akkadian, *kassu*, a people of the plateau of central Asia mentioned in ancient cuneiform inscriptions but whose history remains quite obscure. [Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros, by L. Koehler and W. Baumgartner, Leiden, 1958, p. 429][A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament, by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, 1980, p. 469]

- In another direction, it may be noted that certain Arabians on the Arabian Peninsula were called **Kusi** or **Kushim**, as is indicated by;
- Under what is hurtful I saw the tents of Cushan. The tent cloths of the land of Midian began to be agitated. (**Habakkuk 3:7**)
- Where Cushan is made parallel to Midian, evidently as the same place or as a neighboring land. Thus there are various possibilities, but because of apparent topographical changes in the earth's surface as a result of the global Deluge, no positive conclusion can be reached.

See Also CUSH 2