

~HAVILAH 1 (31)
(Hav'i-lah) [Region of Sand]

- A land encircled by the Pishon, one of the four rivers branching off from the river issuing out of Eden. It is further identified as a land of good gold, bdellium gum, and onyx stone.
- 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**)
- The first ones name is Pishon, it is the one encircling the entire land of **Havilah**, where there is gold. (**Genesis 2:11**)
- And the gold of that land is good. There also are the bdellium gum and the onyx stone. (**Genesis 2:12**)
- Inasmuch as the Pishon River is no longer identifiable, the location of the land of **Havilah** remains uncertain. The description of its resources is considered by some to be typically Arabian, and it is associated by some with a region in Arabia.
- On the basis of the Biblical reference to the *entire land* of **Havilah**, J. Simon's suggests that the term **Havilah** may take in the entire Arabian Peninsula, though it is difficult to see how the Pishon River could have encircled such an area. [*The Geographical and Topographical Texts of the Old Testament*, Leiden, 1959, pp. 40,41]

See Also PISHON