

~PARK (63)

[Hebrew, *par-des'*, Greek, *pa-ra'dei-sos*]

- The word *par-des'* occurs but three times in the Hebrew Scriptures and is considered by some to be derived from the Persian word *pairidaeza*.
- According to MClintock and Strong's Cyclopaedia [1894, Vol. VII, p. 652], Xenophon used the Persian term as meaning, an extensive plot of ground, enclosed with a strong fence or wall, abounding in trees, shrubs, plants, and garden culture, and in which choice animals were kept in different ways of restraint or freedom, according as they were ferocious or peaceable.
- The Greek form of the word *pa-ra'dei-sos* was used by the translators of the Septuagint in all references to the garden of Eden.

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- Among his great works, Solomon made both **gardens** and **parks, orchards**, KJ, Hebrew, *phar-de-sim'*, in which he planted fruit trees of all sorts.
- I made gardens and **parks** for myself, and I planted in them fruit trees of all sorts. (**Ecclesiastes 2:5**)
- He uses the same term in his superlative song when he has the shepherd lover describe the Shulammite maiden's skin as a **paradise** of pomegranates, with the choicest fruits.
- The superlative song, which is Solomon's. (**Song of Solomon 1:1**)
- A garden barred in is my sister, my bride, a garden barred in, a spring sealed up. (**Song of Solomon 4:12**)
- Your skin is a paradise of pomegranates, with the choicest fruits, henna plants along with spikenard plants. (**Song of Solomon 4:13**)
- In postexilic times,
- And I went on to say to the king; If to the king it does seem

good, let letters be given me to the governor's beyond the River, that they may let me pass until I come to Judah. (**Nehemiah 2:7**)

- Also a letter to Asaph the keeper of the **park** that belongs to the king, that he may give me trees to build with timber the gates of the Castle that belongs to the house, and for the wall of the city and for the house into which I am to enter. So the king gave them to me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. (**Nehemiah 2:8**)
- Shows that the Persian king had placed Asaph as the keeper of the **park** that belongs to the king and that application had to be made for permission to fell trees from this park for the reconstruction work in Jerusalem.

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