

~PISHON (52)

(Pi'shon) [possibly, More Scattered]

- One of the four rivers branching out from the river issuing out of Eden and thereafter encircling the entire land of Havilah, a land stated to be the source of 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**)
- The identification of the **Pishon** River is conjectural, suggestions ranging from certain rivers in Armenia all the way to the Ganges River of India.
- In the article **EDEN 1**, it mentioned the possibility that the global Flood obliterated the evidence for positive identification of the **Pishon** and Gihon rivers today.
- This, of course, does not eliminate the possibility that these rivers were still in existence and known in Moses day when the book of Genesis was recorded.
- His reference to the land of Havilah is not likely to be understood as meaning that a region was so named prior to the Flood, even as is the case with his reference to the land of Cush.

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- And the name of the second river is Gihon, it is the one encircling the entire land of Cush. (**Genesis 2:13**)
- Rather, Moses references to these lands are evidently to places so named in post-Flood times and serve as geographic points commonly known in his day.

- In addition to whatever changes the Flood wrought, the ability of earthquakes to change the course of rivers or to wipe sections of them out must also be given consideration. Such could have occurred in post-Flood times, Armenia, the probable location of Eden, is in an earthquake belt.

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