

# The Two Gardens

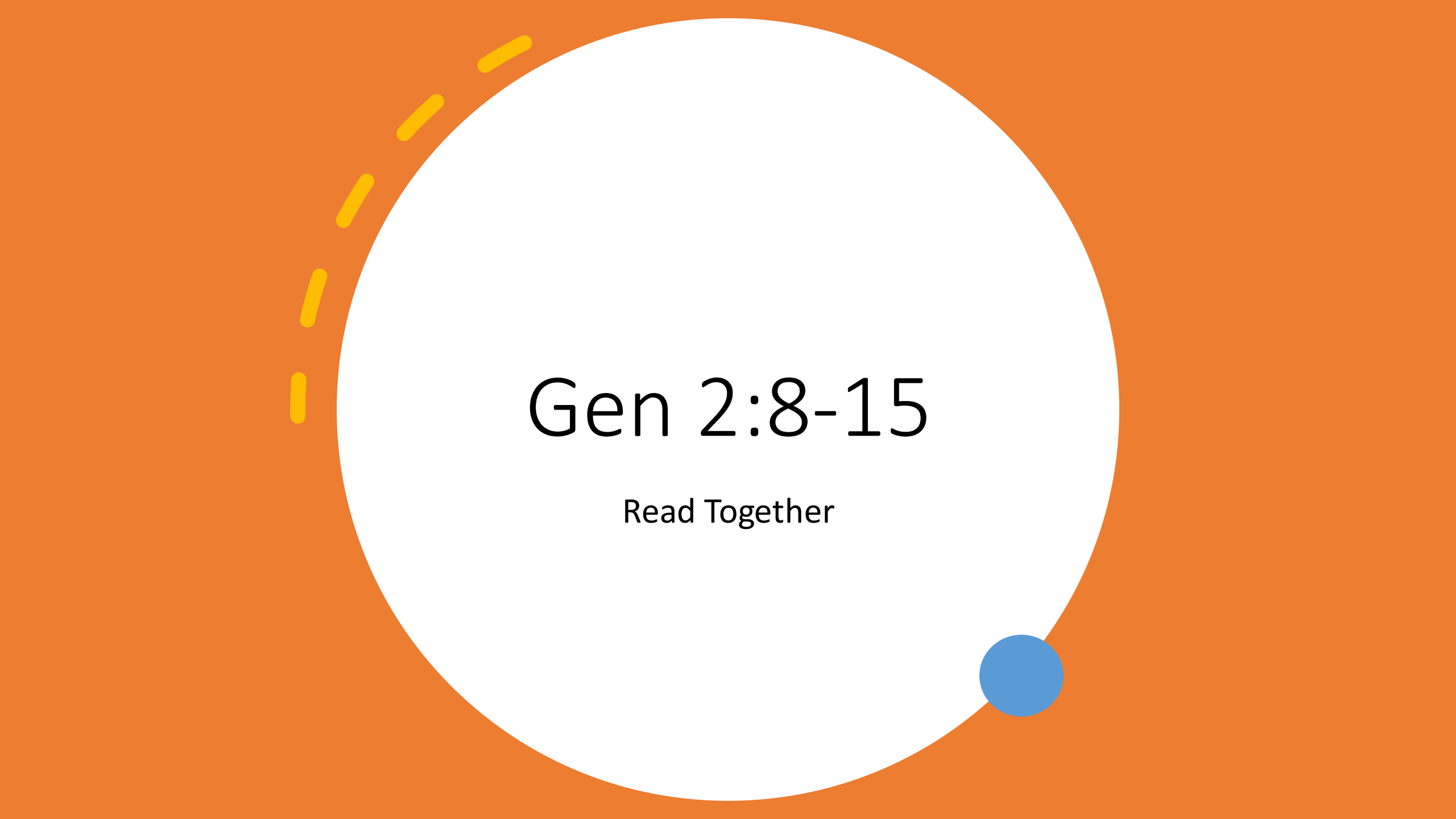
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Comparing the Garden  
of Eden to the New  
Heavens and New Earth

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What garden-like features can we find in  
both Eden and the New Heavens and  
New Earth?




# Gen 2:8-15

Read Together

# Garden of Eden (Gen 2:8-15)

Garden features we find:

- Tree of Life (v9) – one of two specific trees
- River (v10) – used to water the garden
- A gardener (v8, v15) – dress and keep



# Rev 22:1-3

Read Together

# The Garden City (Rev 22:1-3)

Garden features we find:

- River (v1) – water of life
- Tree of Life (v2) – fruits, leaves
- Servants (v3) – serving the throne



# 3 similarities

Between Eden and The Garden City



# God's Presence

No temple in either, yet God was present

- God walked in the garden “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day” (Gen 3:8)
- God dwells on His throne “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them” (Rev 21:3, Rev 22:3)






# The Tree of Life

Tree of Life is required to sustain and heal:

- Adam was driven from garden lest he “take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever” (Gen 3:22)
- The leaves of the tree were for “the healing of the nations” (Rev 22:2)



# River of Living Water



A river watered the garden, flowing out from God's presence.

- “a river went out of Eden to water the garden” (Gen 2:10)
- “a pure river of water of life ... proceeding out of the throne of God” (Rev 22:1)



# 3 differences

Between Eden and The Garden City



# The Serpent

No serpent present in the New Heavens and Earth:

- The serpent (“more subtle than any beast”) lied to and deceived Eve and Adam (Gen 3:1-6)
- Satan (the deceiver) is thrown into the Lake of Fire after one last deception (Rev 20:7-10)



# The Curse

The curse is removed, and nature of work changes:

- God cursed the ground, making gardening difficult work (Gen 3:17-19)
- The curse is removed, but there is still work for the servants (Rev 22:3)



# Sun, Moon, Daylight

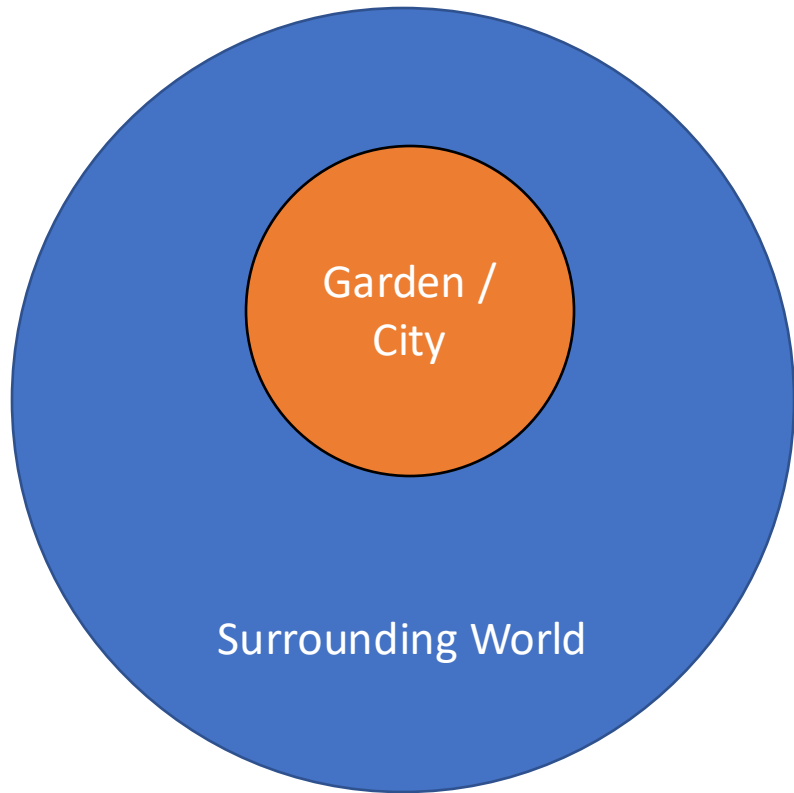
The city has “no night” and doesn't need the sun or moon for light

- “for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof” (Rev 21:23, 25)
- Contrast this with the lights (sun, moon) God made to light the garden and for signs & seasons (Gen 1:14-18)



# Garden / City

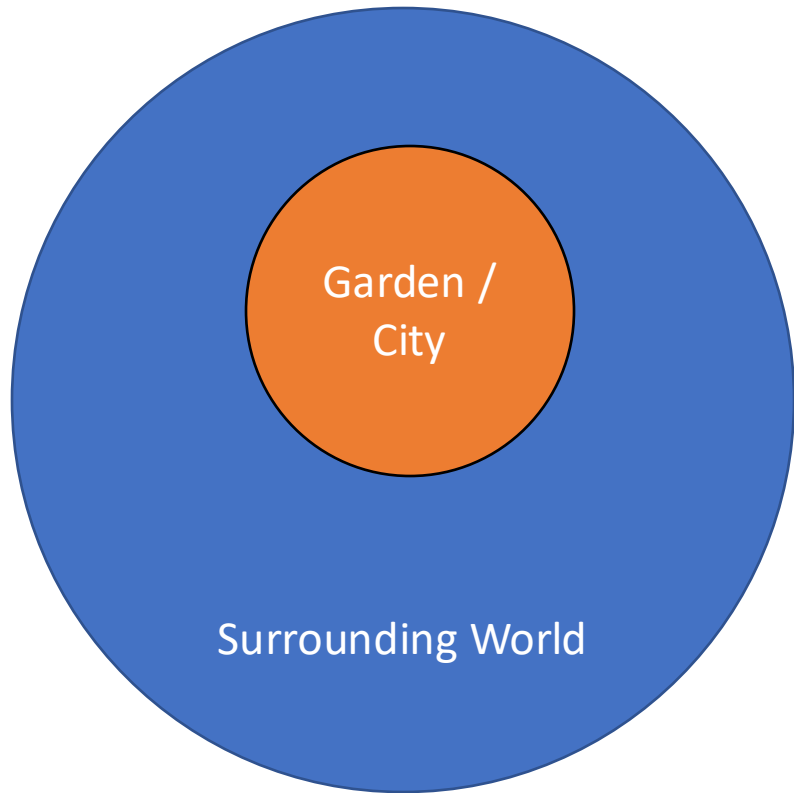
As a space with defined boundaries



The Hebrew word for Garden (*gan*) implies an “enclosed” or “fenced” garden and comes from the word to “defend”.

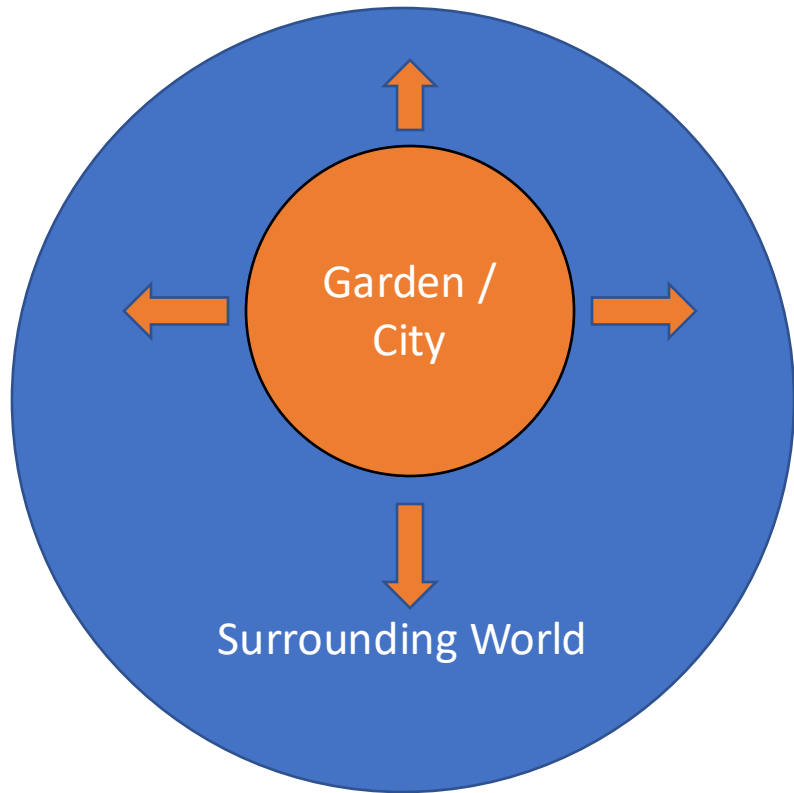
- Adam was to keep (or “guard”) the Garden (Gen 3:15) – from what?
- New Jerusalem had high walls with gates (Rev 21:12, 21:25) – why?





### A Theory:

- The environment inside the Garden/City may be different from the surrounding world
- What's true on the inside may not necessarily be true on the outside



### A Theory:

- Revelation ends with the curse, the enmity, and the barriers put in place in Genesis 3 finally removed
- It's a new beginning that will finally allow God's ultimate purposes and plans to unfold throughout creation

# Recap

The Garden / City is a defined space with boundaries and special characteristics and/or exclusions that hold true – needs keeping, guarding, growing

## Similarities

- God's Presence
- The Tree of Life
- River of Living Water

## Differences

- Sun, Moon, Daylight
- The Serpent
- The Curse





# Discuss

Some questions that make us think:

- What do you think is or was going on in the world outside of these gardens? How might it be different than what is within these gardens?
- If death is completely impossible, why is the Tree of Life present in both gardens?