

TWO TREES IN THE GARDEN

Scripture is the chronicling of YHWH's dealings and shaping of mankind throughout the ages. Although some insight is given into the Messianic age to come and beyond, it basically traces humanity from the beginning in the garden, to the consummation of the ages as Messiah returns. Like so many other revelations in scripture, the entire story of mankind from Genesis to Revelation is also complete with bookends at the beginning and at the end.

In Genesis we see that YHWH placed two trees in the garden, one the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and the other the tree of life. Eating of the fruit of one would bring death and eating of the fruit of the other would bring life. A simple choice. This is the beginning bookend.

In Revelation 18, v. 4 & 5, we see a warning about another tree YHWH has placed in the world. Although it is not referred to as a tree, but rather as a tower of sorts that has been piled up even in to the heavens. It is called the great harlot and her sins that are piled up to the heavens. God's people are told to come out of her or suffer her fate at the hand of YHWH. In verse 5 the word "kolla" (Strong's 2853) is used which best translated means "glue". One translation refers to this tower (or tree) as a "sticky mass piled up to heaven". What a wonderful description of the world today, which in every aspect (religious, economic, social, political, moral) is in a totally fallen condition. The world and its systems have tentacles that reach into all of our lives and indeed is a "sticky mass". Eating of the fruit of this tree leads to death and destruction.

Believers take heart. As in the beginning, there is another tree in the world, which offers a choice. This tree is also a tower of sorts and rests on a foundation stone that is our Messiah, Yahshua. The tower (or tree) is a column of trust that reaches even into the heavens where we find a capstone, which is also our Messiah, Yahshua; for He is the beginning and the end. Also as in the beginning, this is the tree of life and eating from its fruit brings life and deliverance.

These two trees are the consummation bookend. As we endure through this time of consummation of the ages, we should take heed of the warning in Revelation 18 and place no trust in the world or it's systems. Rather we should eat of the fruit of life and place our trust only in Messiah. If you now find yourself resting in the shade of the world's tree and trusting in your wealth, political power, church affiliation or any other aspect of the world's system to deliver you from the tough times to come shortly, then repent and place your trust in the tree of life. Only a complete trust in the one true God, Yahshua, will deliver you from destruction. Come, and sit with me under the shade of His tree.