

The Garden of Eden - What it Teaches about Heaven

1. By describing heaven in edenic terms, the Bible assumes a certain continuity between them.

A new heaven and a new earth... (Rev. 21:1)
Isa. 65:17
Isa. 66:22
2 Pet. 3:13
2. Rather than thinking only of these as places, consider them as a state of soul or way of life.

God will wipe away every tear... (Rev. 21:4)
Isa. 35:10
Isa. 51:11
Isa. 65:19
3. Daily and intimate communion with God is ultimately what makes both so wonderful.

God walking in the garden... (Gen. 3:8)
God himself will be with them... (Rev. 21:3)
4. Enjoyment of God's material blessings are added as a secondary, but true, blessing.

The Tree of Life...
Gen. 2:9, 3:22
Rev. 2:7
Rev. 22:1-2
5. Finally, the "garden walls" are significant in that they provide absolute and eternal security.

Its gates... (Rev. 21:25)
Gen. 3:23-24
Rev. 21:25-27
Rev. 22:14-15