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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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A Garden Inclosed

**Song of Solomon 4:12 A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse;
a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.**

Here in verse 12 of Song Of Solomon chapter 4, the Holy Spirit draws our attention to a **garden**. This is not by accident.

Some Facts:

The Hebrew word translated "**garden**" here is found some 42 times in the Old Testament. By far the greatest number of occurrences of this word is found in the Book of Genesis. There it is used 14 times. 13 of these occurrences are found in Genesis 2-3, and refer to the **Garden of Eden**. The last reference of this

word in Genesis is found in 13:10, which is a reference to the Garden of Eden.

From the human side of things, some very bad things happened in this Garden.

Now for the first time we find the word "**garden**" used in Song Of Solomon 4:12. We will find it used a total of *eight times* in this book. And 8 is the number of the new beginning in Scripture.

Some very good things happen in this garden!



Interestingly, the word "**garden**" is found in the New Testament also. It occurs 5 times in the KJV. Once it is found in Luke, and 4 times in John. The John references are:

Joh 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a **garden**, into the which he entered, and his disciples. **Joh 18:26** One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the **garden** with him? **Joh 19:41** Now in the place where he was crucified there was a **garden**; and in the **garden** a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.