

about the planting of this garden, verse 9 says that "out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to ~~the~~ the sight and good for food. The Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of the Good and Evil". There is no mention here of creation of herbs or of plants of any kind except just trees and it does not say that trees were created. It says that a garden was planted ~~at~~ in a particular place and at that particular place these trees were brought into existence. It is proper then to question that this is an account of original creation of vegetation at all. In addition to that, the use of the word planting is a very strange way to speak of bringing vegetation into existence. This is merely the telling of producing a particular garden, a part.

Furthermore, we find it necessary to ask the question, "~~When~~ ~~was~~ ~~this~~ ~~planted?~~" In the Hebrew there is no plu-perfect tense. The expression which we translate as past can often also be rendered as plu-perfect, depending on the situation. If these sentences (?) are to be taken as showing that verse 8 follows verse 7 we then find that the statement is that God made man and then He formed a garden in which He put the man and it doesn't say that He caused the garden to come into existence; it says He planted it. If one is to have a good place with certain kinds of trees, almost any kind of trees, it will take at least two or three years after they are planted before they grow up to decent size. In this case we are told that all kinds of trees were there. The language suggests that a period of a good many years would be involved between a planting of this garden and a time when it would be a fit place for ~~the~~ God to put the man whom He had created. It is described here as a ~~place~~ food for the man. It is surely unreasonable to say that the man was created and the garden planted and then many years passed by before there was a place fit for the man to live or a source of food for him to eat. Only a ..(13).. could imagine things with such an utter lack of