

VI. Gihon: Over Our Heads

**And the name of the second river is Gihon:
the same is it that compasseth
the whole land of Ethiopia (Genesis 2:13)**

The next river in Genesis is Gihon. Gihon means *a river of paradise* and comes from a word meaning *to gush forth (as water), to issue: break forth, labor to bring forth, come forth, draw up, take out*. Ethiopia means *hot, warm, (from a tropical habitat)*. The last river in Genesis is when the waters will be over our heads. We will no longer be in sin, and God will *draw us up* and *take us out*. This is what the apostles experienced when they left their bodies and God was able to take them to heavenly realms. They were able to return to the Garden of Eden (tropical habitat) and walk and talk with God.

This is the final stage that we reach with our horse. I think we could be great horsemen and ride horses our entire lives, yet, still have only a few horses, if any, ever reach this stage. These horses are truly out of this world. All self-preservation is dead and the horse and person truly become one. It is like we have returned to Eden with perfect submission and willing communication. I have definitely not attained this with any of my horses. However, I will ride the rest of my life in hopes of having at least 1 horse reach this stage. This stage is not easy to get to with our horses, or with the Lord. Of all the great people in the Bible, there were only 2 people that fully completed this stage, Elijah (**2 Kings 2:11**) and Enoch (**Genesis 5:24**).

One time as I was praying, I saw myself walking with Jesus through a field. We walked for a while, and after a while He ascended into heaven. I told the Lord that I wanted to go with Him. I wanted to experience what the apostles experienced when they left their bodies and were able to go into the heavens. He said, **“You must first have the full armor of God.”** I then saw myself with a breastplate of gold. He gave me a piece of the armor, but to go with Him, we must be fully armed with the armor of God. Sin will then have no hold on us, **“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes”** (**Ephesians 6:11**) and He can *take us out* to the river of paradise.

Going through Havilah, although it is not fun, will help us to stay focused on Him and help us to receive the full armor of God. This will then enable us to mature in Christ (Pison) and be able to reach the final river on earth, where we will *break forth* from this world and *come forth* to the heavens (Gihon), just as the apostles were able to do. **“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell”** (**2 Corinthians 12:2-4**). The rivers that the apostles were able to walk into are the same rivers that are here today. We just need to ask ourselves, “How far am I willing to leave this world and walk out into His waters?”