



My mother was a Sunday school teacher all the years I was growing up, and she also was an avid gardener. Each Saturday she liked to sit in her garden and prepare her lesson for the next day. Whenever she came across a plant in the Bible, she would make a note of it, and often, later that afternoon, we would go in search of it at our local nursery. Over time, she created what they now call a 'biblical garden,' although she called it her meditation garden. She added a St. Frances of Assisi statue and a birdbath and feeder and it was quite a lovely, peaceful, and song-filled place.

Today, there are two types of biblical gardens, Old Testament ones and New Testament ones; actually, some gardens combine them both. Many synagogues in America have built Old Testament gardens, one in particular starts with a fountain representing the River Jordan, that flows into a long formal pool lined with bull rushes and papyrus





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