

## “East” in Genesis

2.14	The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows <b>east</b> <u>of Assyria</u> . And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
3.24	drove out the <i>'adam</i> ; and at the <b>east</b> <u>of the garden of Eden</u> he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.
4.16	Then Cain went away from the presence of YHWH, and settled in the land of Nod, <b>east</b> <u>of Eden</u> .
11.2	And as they <u>migrated from the east</u> , they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
12.8ab	From there he moved on to <u>the hill country on the east</u> of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west <u>and Ai on the east...</u>
13.11	So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and <u>Lot journeyed eastward</u> ; thus they separated from each other.
13.14	YHWH said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Raise your eyes now, and <u>look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward...</u>
23.17-18	So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the <b>east</b> <u>of Mamre</u> , the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, passed to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, in the presence of all who went in at the gate of his city.
25.6	But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, while he was still living, and he <u>sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east</u> country. (again, 25.9)
28.14	<u>your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south</u> ; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.
41.6	Then seven ears, thin and <u>blighted by the east wind</u> , sprouted after them. (again, 41.23, 27)

### **Compare the Deuteronomistic History's perspective:**

1 Kings 4.30	Solomon's wisdom surpassed the <u>wisdom of all the people of the east</u> , and all the wisdom of Egypt.
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### **Compare exilic Isaiah:**

41.2	Who has <u>roused a victor from the east</u> , summoned him to his service? He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow.
46.10b-11	"My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention," <u>calling a bird of prey from the east</u> , the man for my purpose from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it.