

Vision of Paradise in 1 Enoch [from "The Book of the Watchers"]

[CHAPTER 31]

And I saw other mountains, and amongst them were **groves of trees, and there flowed forth from ² them nectar**, which is named sarara and galbanum. And beyond these mountains I saw another mountain to the east of the ends of the earth, whereon were aloe-trees, and all the trees were full ³ of stacte, being like almond-trees. And when one burnt it, **it smelt sweeter than any fragrant odour.**

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¹ And after these fragrant odours, as I looked towards the north over the mountains I saw **seven mountains full of choice nard and fragrant trees and cinnamon and pepper.** ² And thence I went over the summits of all these mountains, far towards the east of the earth, and passed above the Erythraean sea and went far from it, and passed over the angel Zotiel. **And I came to the Garden of Righteousness, ³ I and from afar off trees more numerous than I these trees and great-two trees there, very great, beautiful, and glorious, and magnificent, and the tree of knowledge, whose holy fruit they eat and know great wisdom.** ⁴ That tree is in height like the fir, and its leaves are like (those of) the Carob tree: and its fruit ⁵ is like the clusters of the vine, very beautiful: and the fragrance of the tree penetrates afar. Then ⁶ I said: 'How beautiful is the tree, and how attractive is its look!' Then **Raphael the holy angel, who was with me, answered me and said: 'This is the tree of wisdom, of which thy father old (in years) and thy aged mother, who were before thee, have eaten, and they learnt wisdom and their eyes were opened, and they knew that they were naked and they were driven out of the garden.'**