

# Garden References in the Qur'an

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## Did You Know?

There are:

- 78 verses in the Qur'an with the term, "garden."
- 67 verses in the Qur'an that include "fruit."
- 4 verses that include the term, "herb."
- 8 verses with the word, "plant."
- 7 verses with the word, "soil."
- 8 verses with the word, "seed."
- 29 verses with the word, "grow."
- 43 verses with the word, "tree."
- 5 verses with the word, "grape."
- 6 verses with the word, "olive."
- 17 verses with the word, "date."
- 3 verses with the word, "pomegranate."
- 8 verses with the word, "vine."
- 5 verses with the word, "crops."
- 5 verses with the word, "till."
- 8 verses with the word, "harvest."
- 14 verses with the word, "corn."
- 1 verse with the word, "fig."
- 20 verses with the word, "palm."
- 1 verse with the words, "Garlic, onion, lentils, cucumbers."
- 8 verses with the word, "grain."

## A Sampling of Qur'anic Verses

16:10 (Y. Ali) It is He who sends down rain from the sky: from it ye drink, and out of it (grows) the **vegetation** on which ye feed your cattle

16:32 (Y. Ali) (Namely) those whose lives the angels take in a state of purity, saying (to them), "Peace be on you; enter ye the **garden**, because of (the good) which ye did (in the world)."

18:33 (Y. Ali) Each of those **garden**s brought forth its produce, and failed not in the least therein: in the midst of them We caused a river to flow.

43:72 (Y. Ali) Such will be the **garden** of which ye are made heirs for your (good) deeds (in life).

18:41 (Y. Ali) "Or the water of the **garden** will run off underground so that thou wilt never be able to find it."

2:22 (Y. Ali) Who has made the earth your couch, and the heavens your canopy; and sent down rain from the heavens; and brought forth therewith **fruits** for your sustenance; then set not up rivals unto Allah when ye know (the truth).

50:9 (Y. Ali) And We send down from the sky rain charted with blessing, and We produce therewith **gardens** and Grain for harvests

2:126 (Y. Ali) And remember Abraham said: "My Lord, make this a City of Peace, and feed its people with **fruits**,-such of them as believe in Allah and the Last Day." He said: "(Yea), and such as reject Faith,-for a while will I grant them their pleasure, but will soon drive them to the torment of Fire,- an evil destination (indeed)!"

6:59 (Y. Ali) With Him are the keys of the unseen, the treasures that none knoweth but He. He knoweth whatever there is on the earth and in the sea. Not a leaf doth fall but with His knowledge: there is not a **grain** in the darkness (or depths) of the earth, nor anything fresh or dry (green or withered), but is (inscribed) in a record clear (to those who can read).

6:95 (Y. Ali) It is Allah Who causeth the seed-**grain** and the date-stone to split and sprout. He causeth the living to issue from the dead, and He is the one to cause the dead to issue from the living. That is Allah. then how are ye deluded away from the truth? –

36:33 (Y. Ali) A Sign for them is the earth that is dead: We do give it life, and produce **grain** therefrom, of which ye do eat.

55:6 (Y. Ali) And the **herbs** and the trees - both (alike) bow in adoration.

20:53 (Y. Ali) "He Who has, made for you the earth like a carpet spread out; has enabled you to go about therein by roads (and channels); and has sent down water from the sky." With it have We produced diverse pairs of **plants** each separate from the others.

2:267 (Y. Ali) O ye who believe! Give of the good things which ye have (honourably) earned, and of the **fruits** of the earth which We have produced for you, and do not even aim at getting anything which is bad, in order that out of it ye may give away something, when ye yourselves would not receive it except with closed eyes. And know that Allah is Free of all wants, and worthy of all praise.

20:6 (Y. Aii) To Him belongs what is in the heavens and on earth, and all between them, and all beneath the **soil**.

2:264 (Y. Aii) O ye who believe! cancel not your charity by reminders of your generosity or by injury,- like those who spend their substance to be seen of men, but believe neither in Allah nor in the Last Day. They are in parable like a hard, barren rock, on which is a little **soil**: on it falls heavy rain, which leaves it (Just) a bare stone. They will be able to do nothing with aught they have earned. And Allah guideth not those who reject faith.

56:63 (Y. Aii) See ye the **seed** that ye sow in the ground?

16:10 (Y. Aii) It is He who sends down rain from the sky: from it ye drink, and out of it (**grows**) the vegetation on which ye feed your cattle.

22:5 ...thou seest the earth barren and lifeless, but when We pour down rain on it, it is stirred (to life), it swells, and it puts forth every kind of beautiful **growth** (in pairs)

50:7 (Y. Aii) And the earth- We have spread it out, and set thereon mountains standing firm, and produced therein every kind of beautiful **growth** (in pairs)

27:60 (Y. Aii) Or, Who has created the heavens and the earth, and Who sends you down rain from the sky? Yea, with it We cause to **grow** well-planted orchards full of beauty of delight: it is not in your power to cause the **growth** of the trees in them. (Can there be another) god besides Allah. Nay, they are a people who swerve from justice.

21:47 (Y. Aii) We shall set up scales of justice for the Day of Judgment, so that not a soul will be dealt with unjustly in the least, and if there be (no more than) the weight of a mustard **seed**, We will bring it (to account): and enough are We to take account.

23:18 (Y. Aii) And We send down water from the sky according to (due) measure, and We cause it to soak in the **soil**; and We certainly are able to drain it off (with ease).

30:9 (Y. Aii) Do they not travel through the earth, and see what was the end of those before them? They were superior to them in strength: they tilled the **soil** and populated it in greater numbers than these have done: there came to them their apostles with Clear (Signs). (Which they rejected, to their own destruction): It was not Allah Who wronged them, but they wronged their own souls.

17:91 (Y. Aii) "Or (until) thou have a garden of date trees and **vines**, and cause rivers to gush forth in their midst, carrying abundant water

32:27 (Y. Ali) And do they not see that We do drive rain to parched soil (bare of herbage), and produce therewith **crops**, providing food for their cattle and themselves? Have they not the vision?

95:1 (Y. Ali) By the **fig** and the Olive

6:95 It is Allah Who causeth the seed-grain and the **date**-stone to split and sprout.

6:99 (Y. Ali) It is He Who sendeth down rain from the skies: with it We produce vegetation of all kinds: from some We produce green (crops), out of which We produce grain, heaped up (at harvest); out of the **date**-palm and its sheaths (or spathes) (come) clusters of **dates** hanging low and near: and (then there are) gardens of grapes, and olives, and pomegranates, each similar (in kind) yet different (in variety): when they begin to bear fruit, feast your eyes with the fruit and the ripeness thereof. Behold! in these things there are signs for people who believe.

6:141 (Y. Ali) It is He Who produceth gardens, with trellises and without, and **dates**, and tilth with produce of all kinds, and olives and pomegranates, similar (in kind) and different (in variety): eat of their fruit in their season, but render the dues that are proper on the day that the harvest is gathered. But waste not by excess: for Allah loveth not the wasters.

16:11 (Y. Ali) With it He produces for you corn, olives, **date**-palms, grapes and every kind of fruit: verily in this is a sign for those who give thought.

16:67 (Y. Ali) And from the fruit of the **date**-palm and the vine, ye get out wholesome drink and food: behold, in this also is a sign for those who are wise.

13:3 (Y. Ali) And it is He who spread out the earth, and set thereon mountains standing firm and (flowing) rivers: and **fruit** of every kind He made in pairs, two and two: He draweth the night as a veil o'er the Day. Behold, verily in these things there are signs for those who consider!

14:25 (Y. Ali) It brings forth its **fruit** at all times, by the leave of its Lord. So Allah sets forth parables for men, in order that they may receive admonition.

14:32 (Y. Ali) It is Allah Who hath created the heavens and the earth and sendeth down rain from the skies, and with it bringeth out **fruit**s wherewith to feed you; it is He Who hath made the ships subject to you, that they may sail through the sea by His command; and the rivers (also) hath He made subject to you.

23:19 (Y. Ali) With it We grow for you gardens of **date**-palms and vines: in them have ye abundant fruits: and of them ye eat (and have enjoyment),-

26:148 (Y. Ali) "And corn-fields and **date**-palms with spathes near breaking (with the weight of fruit)?"

13:4 (Y. Ali) And in the earth are tracts (diverse though) neighbouring, and gardens of vines and fields sown with corn, and **palm** trees - growing out of single roots or otherwise: watered with the same water, yet some of them We make more excellent than others to eat. Behold, verily in these things there are signs for those who understand!

16:11 (Y. Ali) With it He produces for you corn, olives, date-**palm**s, grapes and every kind of fruit: verily in this is a sign for those who give thought.

2:265 (Y. Ali) And the likeness of those who spend their substance, seeking to please Allah and to strengthen their souls, is as a garden, high and fertile: heavy rain falls on it but makes it yield a double increase of **harvest**, and if it receives not Heavy rain, light moisture sufficeth it. Allah seeth well whatever ye do.

7:57 (Y. Ali) It is He Who sendeth the winds like heralds of glad tidings, going before His mercy: when they have carried the heavy-laden clouds, We drive them to a land that is dead, make rain to descend thereon, and produce every kind of **harvest** therewith: thus shall We raise up the dead: perchance ye may remember.

50:9 (Y. Ali) And We send down from the sky rain charted with blessing, and We produce therewith gardens and Grain for **harvests**.

57:20 (Y. Ali) Know ye (all), that the life of this world is but play and amusement, pomp and mutual boasting and multiplying, (in rivalry) among yourselves, riches and children. Here is a similitude: How rain and the growth which it brings forth, delight (the hearts of) the **tillers**; soon it withers; thou wilt see it grow yellow; then it becomes dry and crumbles away. But in the Hereafter is a Penalty severe (for the devotees of wrong). And Forgiveness from Allah and (His) Good Pleasure (for the devotees of Allah.. And what is the life of this world, but goods and chattels of deception?

2:261 (Y. Ali) The parable of those who spend their substance in the way of Allah is that of a grain of **corn**: it groweth seven ears, and each ear Hath a hundred grains. Allah giveth manifold increase to whom He pleaseth: And Allah careth for all and He knoweth all things.

55:12 (Y. Ali) Also **corn**, with (its) leaves and stalk for fodder, and sweet-smelling plants.

78:15 (Y. Ali) That We may produce therewith **corn** and vegetables

80:27 (Y. Ali) And produce therein **corn**

55:68 (Y. Ali) In them will be Fruits, and dates and **pomegranates**

80:28 (Y. Ali) And **grapes** and nutritious plants

39:21 (Y. Ali) Seest thou not that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and leads it through springs in the earth? Then He causes to **grow**, therewith, produce of various colours: then it withers; thou wilt see it **grow** yellow; then He makes it dry up and crumble away. Truly, in this, is a Message of remembrance to men of understanding.

26:148 (Y. Ali) "And corn-fields and date-palms with spathes near breaking (with the weight of **fruit**)?"

28:57 (Y. Ali) They say: "If we were to follow the guidance with thee, we should be snatched away from our land." Have We not established for them a secure sanctuary, to which are brought as tribute **fruits** of all kinds,- a provision from Ourselves? but most of them understand not.

50:10 (Y. Ali) And tall (and stately) palm-trees, with shoots of **fruit**-stalks, piled one over another;

76:14 (Y. Ali) And the shades of the (**garden**) will come low over them, and the bunches (of fruit), there, will hang low in humility.

55:52 (Y. Ali) In them will be **fruits** of every kind, two and two.

68:22 (Y. Ali) "Go ye to your tilth (betimes) in the morning, if ye would gather the **fruits**."

2:265 (Y. Ali) And the likeness of those who spend their substance, seeking to please Allah and to strengthen their souls, is as a **garden**, high and fertile: heavy rain falls on it but makes it yield a double increase of harvest, and if it receives not Heavy rain, light moisture sufficeth it. Allah seeth well whatever ye do.

3:133 (Y. Ali) Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a **garden** whose width is that (of the whole) of the heavens and of the earth, prepared for the righteous,-

3:163 (Y. Ali) They are in varying **garden**s in the sight of Allah, and Allah sees well all that they do.

9:72 (Y. Ali) Allah hath promised to Believers, men and women, **garden**s under which rivers flow, to dwell therein, and beautiful mansions in **garden**s of everlasting bliss. But the greatest bliss is the good pleasure of Allah. that is the supreme felicity. –

10:9 (Y. Ali) Those who believe, and work righteousness,- their Lord will guide them because of their faith: beneath them will flow rivers in **garden**s of bliss.

86:12 (Y. Ali) And by the Earth which opens out (for the gushing of springs or the sprouting of **vegetation**),-

## Garden and Growing in the Stories of the Qur'an

### Story of Yunus

37:146 (Y. Ali) And We caused to **grow**, over him, a spreading plant of the gourd kind.

### Story of Maryam

19:25 (Y. Ali) "And shake towards thyself the trunk of the palm-tree: It will let fall fresh ripe **dates** upon thee.

### Story of Adam and Eve

7:19 (Y. Ali) "O Adam! dwell thou and thy wife in the **garden**, and enjoy (its good things) as ye wish: but approach not this tree, or ye run into harm and transgression."

Story of Ibrahim and Hajar

14:37 (Y. Ali) "O our Lord! I have made some of my offspring to dwell in a valley without cultivation, by Thy Sacred House; in order, O our Lord, that they may establish regular Prayer: so fill the hearts of some among men with love towards them, and feed them with **fruits**: so that they may give thanks.

Story of Yusuf – storing corn

12:43 (Y. Ali) The king (of Egypt) said: "I do see (in a vision) seven fat kine, whom seven lean ones devour, and seven green ears of **corn**, and seven (others) withered. O ye chiefs! Expound to me my vision if it be that ye can interpret visions."

12:46 (Y. Ali) "O Joseph!" (he said) "O man of truth! Expound to us (the dream) of seven fat kine whom seven lean ones devour, and of seven green ears of **corn** and (seven) others withered: that I may return to the people, and that they may understand."

Saba

34:15 (Y. Ali) There was, for Saba, aforetime, a Sign in their home-land - two **gardens** to the right and to the left. "Eat of the Sustenance (provided) by your Lord, and be grateful to Him: a territory fair and happy, and a Lord Oft-Forgiving!

34:16 (Y. Ali) But they turned away (from Allah., and We sent against them the Flood (released) from the dams, and We converted their two **garden** (rows) into "**gardens**" producing bitter fruit, and tamarisks, and some few (stunted) Lote-trees.

### Wife of Pharaoh

66:11 (Y. Ali) And Allah sets forth, as an example to those who believe the wife of Pharaoh: Behold she said: "O my Lord! Build for me, in nearness to Thee, a mansion in the **garden**, and save me from Pharaoh and his doings, and save me from those that do wrong";

## Metaphors Galore!

54:20 (Y. Ali) Plucking out men as if they were roots of **palm**-trees torn up (from the ground).

2:265 (Y. Ali) And the likeness of those who spend their substance, seeking to please Allah and to strengthen their souls, is as a **garden**, high and fertile: heavy rain falls on it but makes it yield a double increase of **harvest**, and if it receives not Heavy rain, light moisture sufficeth it. Allah seeth well whatever ye do.

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10:24 (Y. Ali) The likeness of the life of the present is as the rain which We send down from the skies: by its mingling arises the produce of the earth- which provides food for men and animals: (It grows) till the earth is clad with its golden ornaments and is decked out (in beauty): the people to whom it belongs think they have all powers of disposal over it: There reaches it Our command by night or by day, and We make it like a **harvest** clean-mown, as if it had not flourished only the day before! thus do We explain the Signs in detail for those who reflect.

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105:5 (Y. Ali) Then did He make them like an empty field of stalks and straw, (of which the **corn**) has been eaten up.

18:32 (Y. Ali) Set forth to them the parable of two men: for one of them We provided two gardens of grape-**vines** and surrounded them with date palms; in between the two We placed corn-fields.



24:35 (Y. Ali) Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The Parable of His Light is as if there were a Niche and within it a Lamp: the Lamp enclosed in Glass: the glass as it were a brilliant star: Lit from a blessed Tree, an **olive**, neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil is well-nigh luminous, though fire scarce touched it: Light upon Light! Allah doth guide whom He will to His Light: Allah doth set forth Parables for men: and Allah doth know all things.

48:29 (Y. Ali) Muhammad is the apostle of Allah. and those who are with him are strong against Unbelievers, (but) compassionate amongst each other. Thou wilt see them bow and prostrate themselves (in prayer), seeking Grace from Allah and (His) Good Pleasure. On their faces are their marks, (being) the traces of their prostration. This is their similitude in the Taurat; and their similitude in the Gospel is: like a **seed** which sends forth its blade, then makes it strong; it then becomes thick, and it stands on its own stem, (filling) the sowers with wonder and delight. As a result, it fills the Unbelievers with rage at them. Allah has promised those among them who believe and do righteous deeds forgiveness, and a great Reward.

2:264 (Y. Ali) O ye who believe! cancel not your charity by reminders of your generosity or by injury,- like those who spend their substance to be seen of men, but believe neither in Allah nor in the Last Day. They are in parable like a hard, barren rock, on which is a little **soil**: on it falls heavy rain, which leaves it (Just) a bare stone. They will be able to do nothing with aught they have earned. And Allah guideth not those who reject faith.

13:35 (Y. Ali) The parable of the **garden** which the righteous are promised!- beneath it flow rivers: perpetual is the enjoyment thereof and the shade therein: such is the end of the Righteous; and the end of Unbelievers in the Fire.

18:45 (Y. Ali) Set forth to them the similitude of the life of this world: It is like the rain which we send down from the skies: the earth's **vegetation** absorbs it, but soon it becomes dry stubble, which the winds do scatter: it is (only) Allah who prevails over all things.

## Related Garden Verses in the Bible

*Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you...* Job 12: 8a

*The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.* Isaiah 58: 11 (NIV)

"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce." Jeremiah 29:5 (NIV)

"He You who dwell in the gardens with friends in attendance, let me hear your voice!" Song of Solomon 8:13 (NIV)

Seek peace, and pursue it. *Proverbs 34:14*