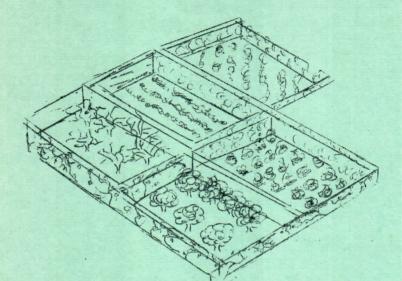
GARDENS





King Solomon had a very
large garden. He said, "I made
me gardens. I planted trees in
them of all fruits. I made
pools of water to water the
wood." (Ecclesiastes 2:4-6)

King Solomon probably did not have just one but several gardens side by side. Each garden was a walled rectangle. The walls were covered by hedges. One garden had nut trees. Then there was a garden for spices. Some of the plants came from Arabia and India.

There was another king. His name was Ahab. He wanted a garden of herbs. He wanted this garden to be close to his palace. So this king took Nathan's vineyard to use as his garden. You can read about this in I Kings 21:2.

Most of the people living in the towns and cities did not have gardens. They did not have enough water or land to have a garden.

Many of the gardens in the Bible are more like our parks.

Sometimes a person was buried in a garden. The body of Jesus was taken down from the cross. It was carried to the garden of Gethsemane and placed in a tomb. (John 19:40-42)