It was a good land . . .
Figs were in it, together with grapes,
Wine was more abundant than water,
Honey was great, plentiful was its plant-oil,
With all kinds of fruit on its trees,
There was barley, together with wheat,
And without limit cattle of every kind.
Hieroglyphic transcription of Sinuhe lines B 71-83

Hieroglyphic transcription of Sinuhe lines B 84-95

Ostrakon with the final eight lines of the Tale of Sinuhe
(British Museum EA 5629)

Deuteronomy 8:8:
אֶרֶץ חַ שֶׁבֶת וַתְּקָעָה וַתְּקָחָה וְהָרֹן
אָרְזֵי נַחֲלֵי שַׁבִּיל
“a land of wheat and barley,
and vine and fig and pomegranate;
a land of olive oil and honey”

Sinuhe
Figs were in it, together with grapes,
Wine was more abundant than water,
Honey was great, plentiful was its plant-oil,
With all kinds of fruit on its trees,
There was barley, together with wheat,

Deuteronomy
a land of wheat and barley,
and vine and fig and pomegranate;
a land of olive oil and honey
grapes, figs, pomegranates

olives, dates
(a form of honey, cf. Arabic \textit{dibs})

Bruce Feiler
\textit{Walking the Bible}
(HarperCollins, 2001)

\textbf{Sinuhe, lines B 22-24}

An attack of thirst overtook me,
I was scorched, my throat parched,
I said, “This is the taste of death.”
An attack of thirst overtook me, I was scorched, my throat parched, I said, “This is the taste of death.”

Deuteronomy 8:7
For YHWH your God is bringing you unto a good land; a land of wadis of water, springs and deeps, coming-forth in the valley and in the mountain.
Deuteronomy 11:10-12

For the land into which you are coming to inherit it, it is not like the land of Egypt from which came forth; where you must sow your seed and water with your foot like a vegetable garden.

And the land that you are entering to inherit it, it is a land of mountains and valleys; from the rain of heaven you shall drink water.

A land that YHWH your God cares for; always the eyes of YHWH are on it, from the beginning of the year until the end of the year.
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Psalm 72:6
May he be like rain on the mown-field; like raindrops (as) a downpour on the earth,

Zechariah 10:1
Ask YHWH for rain, at the time of the latter-rain, (it is) YHWH who makes the rainclouds; and rain (upon) rain he will give to them, to everyone vegetation in the field.
Jeremiah 14:3
And their nobles send their youths to the water; they come to the cisterns, they do not find water, they return, their vessels empty, they are ashamed and embarrassed, they cover their heads.

Jeremiah 14:4-6
4 Because of the ground there is dismay, for there has been no rain on the earth; the plowmen are ashamed, they cover their heads.
5 Even the hind in the field forsakes her newborn fawn, because there is no grass.
6 And the onagers stand on the bare-heights, snuffing the air like jackals; their eyes pine, because there is no vegetation.

Words for springs, rivers, wadis, rivulets, etc.
Psalm 126:4

שובנו יהוה אגרפשים חמשי קנים:

Restore our fortunes, O YHWH,
Like watercourses in the Negev.
And I will give the rain (to) your land in its season, former-rain and latter-rain; and you shall collect your grain, and your new-wine, and your fine-oil.

Deuteronomy 11:15

And I will give you grass in your field for your cattle; and you shall eat and you shall be-satiated.

Michael Pollan, The Omnivore’s Dilemma, pp. 125-126

... but if you ask Joel Salatin what he does for a living (Is he foremost a cattle rancher? A chicken farmer?) he’ll tell you in no uncertain terms, “I’m a grass farmer.” The first time I heard this designation I didn’t get it at all—hay seemed the least (and least edible) of his many crops, and brought none of it to market. But undergirding the “farm of many faces,” as he calls it, is a single plant—or rather the whole community of plants for which the word “grass” is shorthand.
Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*, pp. 125-126 (continued)

“Grass” so understood, is the foundation of the intricate food chain Salatin has assembled at Polyface, where a half dozen different animal species are raised together in an intensive rotational dance on the theme of symbiosis. Salatin is the choreographer and the grasses are his verdurous stage; the dance has made Polyface one of the most productive and influential alternative farms in America.

**Hosea 2:4**

> The Hebrew root רחם means ‘pity, have compassion’, but it also means ‘rain’ (cf. South Arabian).

**Hosea 2:5**

> And her sons, I will not have compassion / cause-rain, for they are the sons of whoredom.

**Hosea 2:6**

> 6 And I will betrothe you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know YHWH.

**Hosea 2:21-22**

> 21 And I will betrothe you to me forever, And I will betrothe you to me in righteousness and in justice, And in fealty and in compassion. 22 And I will betrothe you to me in faithfulness; And you shall know YHWH.
Hosea 2:23-24

23 And it will be, on that day, I shall respond, states YHWH; I shall respond to the heavens; And they shall respond to the earth.
24 And the earth shall respond with the grain, and the new-wine and the fine-oil; And they shall respond to Yizre’el.

Hosea 2:25

25 And I will sow her for me in the land, and I will have-compassion / cause-rain upon Lo-Ruhama; and I will say to Lo-’Ammi: You are my people, and he will say: My God.
Isaiah 29:18-19

In that day, the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see (even) in gloom and darkness.

The humble shall have increasing joy through YHWH, and the neediest of men shall exult in the Holy-One of Israel.

Isaiah 35:5-7

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be revealed, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened.
6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shall shout; for waters shall burst-forth in the wilderness, and wadis in the barren-land.
7 And torrid-earth shall become a pond, and parched land, fountains of water; the ground of jackals, a pasture, (and) grassland, reeds and rushes.