

# Eternity Trilogy



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## Preface

*For I know the One in whom I have placed my confidence,  
and I am perfectly certain that the work He has committed to  
me is safe in His hands until that day.*

2 Timothy 1:12 J.B. Phillips Translation

Dedicated to: El, Ruach and Yahweh Elohim

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## Chapter One



### Eternity's Direct Line

*"From eternity to eternity I am God.*  
*No one can snatch you out of my hand.*  
*No one can undo what I have done."*

Isaiah 43:13 NLT

The word "eternity" only appears three times in the Bible!

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#### **Eternity does not begin after we die**

A considerable majority of Christians believe eternity begins and continues after we die. The existence of God is eternal. Like God, eternity has no beginning or end. Eternity is simply God's Rolex.

Forever and ever extends from pre-creation through history and beyond Judgment Day. Eternity precedes and includes human history and extends beyond the confines of this existence.

The Creation of Earth is finite, limited, and encapsulates time. Heaven and Earth will ultimately be destroyed and replaced with new heaven and earth, unlimited, infinite and without end. Eternity is simply a continuum of what has always been. It is forever and ever more. Eternity is not a dimension. It is God's throne room.

#### **Eternity is the Presence of the Family of God**

Eternity is God's residence. Eternity is God's DNA, GPS, and Zip Code. God and Eternity are one and the same. Eternity cannot exist without God. God is infinite, immortal, and forever. Eternity is the sum of the story of the presence of the Family of God. There is NO "in the beginning" defining the Family of God! The Family of God has no entrance, just existence.

The essence of God permeated eternity long before the creation of the Universe. Eternity prior to Earth was forever. It was the infinite, everlasting, unlimited reality of the Family of God. Eternity is simply the presence of God.

## **Eternity only surfaces three times in Scripture**

One could easily assume the subject of eternity would garner a huge description in God's Word. Incredibly, in the Old Testament, the Hebrew word "owlam" is translated "eternity" only twice and means: "not limited in the present".

1. God's work from the beginning to the end.

*He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity (Heb: owlam) in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. Ecclesiastes 3:11*

2. Yahweh's presence is from days long ago.

*But as for you, Bethlehem, Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity (Heb. owlam). Micah 5:2*

Most translations of the 438 Old Testament occurrences of "owlam" insert the words: everlasting, forever and ever, perpetual, forevermore or ancient. "Owlam" signifies "remotest time...from everlasting to everlasting, or forever and ever. From the most distant past time to the most distant future time."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> W.E. Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament words. P. 72, Everlasting.

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3. Jesus is attributed glory now and to eternity.

Amazingly, in the New Testament, the Greek word “aion” (an age or eternal) is translated “eternity” only once and corresponds with the meaning of the Hebrew word “owlam”.

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, and now and to the day of eternity (Greek: aionos). Amen. 2 Peter 3:18*

2 Peter 3:8 compares “the day” to 1000 years. Other definitions of “aion” are forever, ever, evermore, eternal and everlasting and appear in the New Testament over 90 times.

*I am with you all the days, until the completion of the age (Greek: aionos). Matthew 28:20*

Upon my graduation from Bible College my parents took me on a pilgrimage to Israel. We left New York and had a layover in Rome, Italy, to change planes. We were informed our connecting flight was delayed and we used our time to tour several sites in Rome.

We visited the Colosseum, Mamertine Prison, and the statue of Marcus Aurelius. When we arrived back at the airport, I was seated in the Terminal next to a passenger waiting for his flight to Germany. In broken English he asked me where I was from and where I was travelling. I replied I was from Michigan, and I was headed to Israel. The passenger didn’t ask me where I was. He was fully aware we were physically and presently in Rome.

Where we are from, where we are now and where we are going composes the fabric of our eternity.

## **Eternity has directionality**

*From eternity to eternity, I am God.* Isaiah 43:13 NLT

### **The Past**

“From eternity” describes a distant past realm, dimension, age or time. It is where someone existed long ago. God is always in the present tense. Like God, eternity is in the present but also encapsulates direction, “from” and “to”. God is Spirit and He created our spirit and placed it in a human body. We are “from” God. Earth is our layover. We make choices of where we want to go and what we want to do while we are here. After our layover we travel “to” our destination. “From” and “to” are tiny words describing our infinity with God through eternity.

### **The Present**

God sees the entirety of the past and future in the present. Yahweh, I AM, is in the present tense. “The Greek word for “eternal” is ‘aion’ which does not focus on the future per se, but rather on the quality of the age it relates to. Thus, believers live in “eternal life” right now, experiencing the quality of God’s life now as a present possession.<sup>2</sup>

### **The Future**

“To eternity” expresses movement and direction toward a destination, adventure, or relationship. God has our back. No one can snatch us away from Him except by our own choice. What can separate us from God? Nothing but ourselves. The afterlife is the reality to come.

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<sup>2</sup> Strong’s Concordance 166.

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### **Before, now and forever**

*To the only God our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen* Jude 25

Jude identified the reality of eternity in its three components: (1) Before all time; (2) now, and (3) forever. God's Word explains where and when our spirit originated, our purpose on Earth, and our destiny. God's family lines persist throughout eternity!

### **Eternity is the original space opera franchise**

Eternal life has no beginning and no end. Like God it has and always will exist on a non-ending continuum. Humans are time oriented. Christians often confuse the sequence of eternity, placing the focus on man's creation rather than God's presence.

Eternity is a trilogy consisting of "before all time", now" and "forever".

#### **1. Preternity**

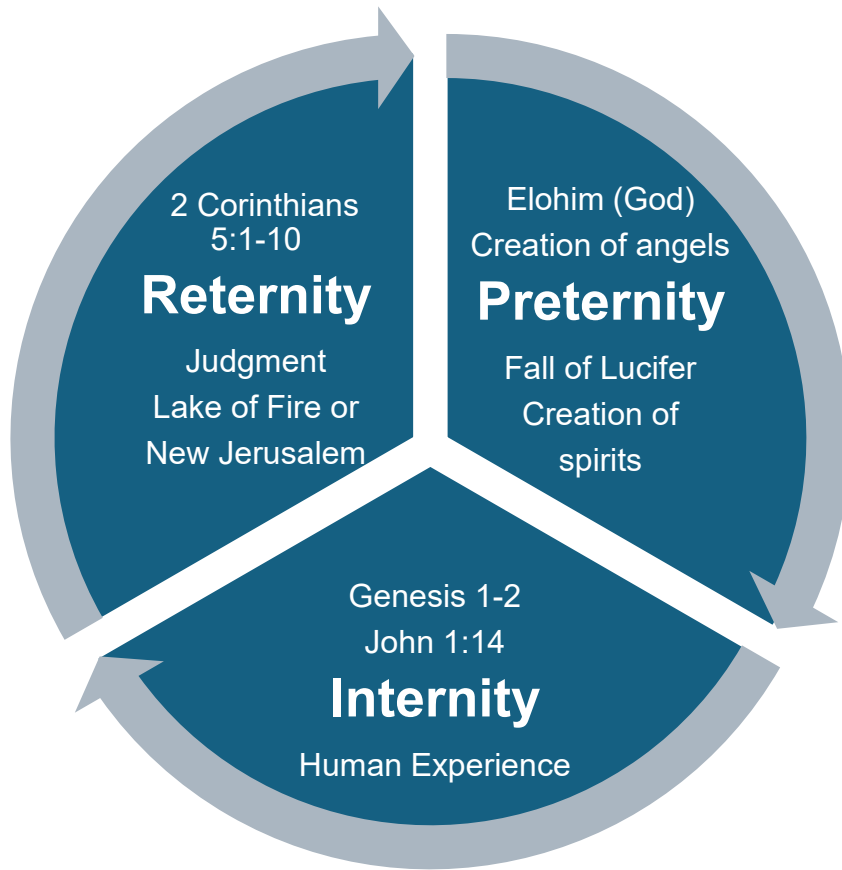
"Before all time" describes what happened in God's presence (Heaven) and the creation of the Earth. It is Heaven's story before human history:

#### **2. Internity**

"Now" encases the time frame of all earth and human history. "Now" envelops the purpose of human existence in the Chess Match here between good and evil. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. Spiritual and physical warfare play out daily on Earth's Chessboard to prove God is greater than Satan.

### 3. Reternity

“Forever” is our spirit’s continuing existence through eternity after this planet’s destruction. It pertains to the transition of humans into the afterlife with or without God. Eternity continues through judgment into two permanent destinations: New Jerusalem or the Lake of Fire.



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**Eternity is a Direct Line**

Envision an inflatable Earth beachball with a long string threaded through the tab on the top. Place the Earth ball in the middle of the string and attach the ends of the string to opposite walls. This will visually assist you in understanding the longevity of eternity and how miniscule earth's existence is compared to "forever".



← Preternity	→ Internity	→ Reternity →
"Before all time"	"Now"	"Forever"
"From eternity"	"I Am"	"to eternity"
I was...	I am...	I will be...
Forever	Present	and ever
Infinite	Finite	Infinite
Everlasting	History	Everlasting
Unlimited	Limited	Unlimited
Heaven	Earth	New Heaven

*Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Psalm 90:2*

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Most of us in the Christian faith have been taught that life for us began at conception or at birth. However, the scriptures hint otherwise. Study your Bible and you will discover that your life is ceaseless.

Your past did not originate with your footprints on your Birth Certificate, and your life doesn't conclude with your Death Certificate.

Once we understand this, we will experience freedom and fulfillment. Life will take on an entirely new meaning, purpose, and perspective.

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## Chapter Two



### Eternity's Timeline

*To the only God our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen*

Jude 25

Eternity is not timeless. Eternity is God's timing.

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### **Stars prove eternity is all about time**

There are countless numbers of stars in the universe. Our Galaxy alone is thought to contain 400 billion stars. If you can count one star per second continuously without sleep it would take 400 billion seconds or 12,674 years 451 days, 3 hours, 6 minutes and 40 seconds.

Add to that fact that it is estimated there are about 400 billion galaxies in our universe. Our Galaxy is large comparatively but let us assume that the average number of stars in any given galaxy is 100 billion. Counting one star per second would take 1,267.4 trillion years, or to put it into perspective 92,308.8 times longer than the universe has been thought to have existed.<sup>3</sup>

### **Our lifetime is a drop of water into eternity's ocean.**

Imagine a sparrow scooping one drop of water from the Atlantic Ocean in its beak and flying across America until it reaches the Pacific Ocean. The sparrow deposits the drop of water into the Pacific, then retraces its path back across the nation until it reaches the Atlantic, where it once again retrieves a drop of water and again flies back to the Pacific where it again deposits the drop of water.

Eternity is the length of time it takes for the sparrow to empty the Atlantic Ocean into the Pacific Ocean and then to empty the Pacific Ocean back into the Atlantic one drop at a time.

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<sup>3</sup>[www.answers.com/astronomy/How long would it take to count all the stars in the entire universe?](http://www.answers.com/astronomy/How_long_would_it_take_to_count_all_the_stars_in_the_entire_universe?)

**“Before all time”...Preternity**

Jude 25

War has a beginning. It has a start time. The war in heaven had a concluding event.

*“There was war in heaven”. The great red dragon was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*  
Revelation 12:7, 9

The war in heaven was finished. The war started and later the war transferred to Earth. The apostle John inferred there was a start time and an end time to the war before the creation of the heavens and the earth. The adverb: “longer” refers to time or distance.

*And they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.* Revelation 12:8

Revelation 12 has been diagnosed by many with varying interpretations regarding the woman, child and the red dragon. “A great sign appeared in Heaven”.

*The woman fled into the wilderness prepared by God so she might be nourished for 1,260 days.* Revelation 12:6

1,260 days is a specific time parameter. A time approximation and a distinct number of days are evidence of definitive time allocations in Heaven's Preternity. Eternity is not timelessness but rather pertains to the presence and actions of God and His creation in a time-space dimension.

“Time is a continued sequence of existence and event that occurs in an apparently irreversible succession from the past, through the present, and into the future. Time is considered a fourth dimension.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Wikipedia: Time

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### **“Now”... Internity**

The Apostle John noted time was a reality in Heaven during his apocalypse. This occurred during his earthly lifetime. Revelation 8:1

*There was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

John's estimation of time lapse is an approximation: “about a half hour”. Half an hour is a time designation. “Internity” is obviously governed by our human concept of time. Our birth and death certificate are both siphoned into a hyphen on our tombstone.

*You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer.* Job 14:5

### **And Forever...Reternity**

In Reternity's New Jerusalem, time will be a reality.

*On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.* Revelation 22:2

“Month” is a time designation. Even plant life revolves around a heavenly time frame. As time is ingrained in humans, it is a component that evidently extends into and permeates our spiritual celestial environment.

We are spiritual beings. God tells us in His Word “where” we came from, “why” we are on Earth, and “where” we are going. The only ingredient missing is “when”. That is resolved as we understand “eternity”. Life is not limited by time. There is no limit to our spirit's life. We are eternal beings having a human experience.

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As part of the transmutation that happens after we die, our inner spirit and a large portion of who we are, and our experiences extend into eternity. Time is a human factor and is intertwined with our being. To believe that death extinguishes this important element in us is to misunderstand the process of our change in form, nature and substance. I am constantly "in eternity". I am part of it and never leave it. My spirit sequence: I was, I am, I will be.

God is spirit. Our spirit is created in His image. Like our Creator, our spirit is eternal. Our spirit intersects and exists through eternity. We were, we are, and we will be a living, animated spirit created by God to praise Him throughout infinity.

Scientists project the universe is 13.8 billion years old. Astronomer Michael J. L. Brown wrote: "We are now processing the first data from the James Webb Space Telescope. One of the key science goals of Webb is to peer back in time and observe the early Universe. Webb can do this because, like all telescopes, it is a time machine. Webb has detected a number of galaxies in the direction of SMACS 0723 and other regions that could be so distant their light has taken 13.5 billion years to reach us. We are seeing these galaxies as they were 13.5 billion years ago. We could be seeing galaxies as they were just a few hundred million years after the Big Bang."<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Expert Voices, web article, August 2, 2022

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The “Big Bang” is a theory, not fact. God’s construction of the universe is not defined by time or title. Eternity has always existed. Eternity thrusts backward before the so called “Big Bang Theory” when allegedly, something was made from nothing. God created by choice, not by chance. It takes more faith to believe the universe was created by chance than by choice. Atheists and Agnostics require great faith because for them, an art masterpiece came to life without an Artist. All that is created has no Creator.

Eternity’s past is current and relevant in the present and future because it is all the same. Motion is always progressing forward with a rearview mirror indicating where the motion was initiated. God is the author of all energy.

#### **Eternity moves backward and forward.**

Eternity is like a vehicle’s transmission which has a “D” for “drive” as well as an “R” for “reverse”. Boat motors have a forward and reverse. Lights have an “on” and “off” switch, but the electricity is always flowing. We never question automobile engineers, boat captains, or the electric company for the engineering of energy movement. We don’t hesitate to flip on the switch in a dark room. Too many people simply believe this life is all there is, and their reality is frozen in time in “N” for “neutral”, or “P” for “Park”. Eternity’s past is still current, relevant in the present, and extends into the future.

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### **A Star's light proves time moves backward and forward**

The dynamics of the stars are revealed on a clear night. As you watch them twinkling, you are seeing light that was initiated millions of years ago. By the time you see a star's light, you are witnessing what happened in eternity prior to present time. It takes millions of years for the light from a star to get to earth. When we see a star, we see evidence of what occurred prior to time. Even if a star burns out, its light shines for millions of years. Just like a star's light, eternity extends backward and forward.

One can safely conclude that "eternity" does not begin when one dies. Eternity is immediate and in the here and now. Living in the presence of God does not require us to die, but to live. God is always present. When Moses asked God what His name was, the response was present tense: "I AM". Yahweh God was "I Am" in the past. He is "I Am" today and when our life ceases on this planet, His name will still be "I Am".

There is no limit to our life. We are eternal, spiritual beings having a human experience. Every human being is a spirit whose light extends through eternity to the present. Our light now was ignited in the presence of Almighty God, our Creator. We can shine brightly here and now because we enjoyed our existence with God there and then. Life is eternal. Time in the presence of God is eternal. Light is eternal. Your light will never burn out.

We will exit this life when our purpose on Earth is complete. Our spirit transitions back to God who created us. Our human experience is temporary. The existence of our spirit is eternal. Our spiritual being has always possessed a purpose and mission then, now and forever.

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## Chapter Three



## Eternity's Dateline

*In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth.*  
Hebrews 1:10 NLT

Spiritual beings inhabiting Heaven

Spiritual beings residing on Earth

Evidence the Book of Job was written before Noah's flood

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**Eternal life is inheritably spiritual.**

Spiritual beings existed in Heaven before “the beginning”, now and will continue to thrive long after Earth’s destruction.

**The venue: Heaven** (Spiritual beings who inhabited Heaven before the Earth was created prior to Genesis 1:1.)

- Elohim (Hebrew plural) The Family of God
  - El Elohim: Father God
  - Ruach Elohim (feminine): Spirit God
  - Yahweh Elohim: I AM God
- Wisdom (Hebrew: “chokmah”) Proverbs 8:22
- Cherubim angels: guardians to Eden’s Garden.  
Four living beings (cherubim) around God’s throne.  
Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 10:1-22; Revelation 4:8
- Michael the Archangel: Jude 9; I Thessalonians 4:16
- Helel: the anointed cherub: “the shining one, the morning star, lucifer, the great red dragon, Satan, the devil, the serpent of old.” Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:14; Rev. 12:9
- Seraphim angels: have six wings and stand above the Lord on His throne. Isaiah 6:2; Rev. 4:8
- Angels: myriads and thousands. Revelation 5:11
- 24 Elders sitting on 24 thrones Revelation 4:4
- “Before (Greek: pro) the foundation of the world (Greek: Cosmos)”, other spiritual beings were created.
  - Yahweh chose us. Ephesians 1:4; 2:10
  - Jesus was foreknown by us. I Peter 1:20
  - Yahweh *saw me before I was born.* Psalm 139:16
  - Yahweh knew us and dedicated us before we were fashioned in the womb. Jeremiah 1:5
  - Our names and length of days were numbered in God’s book. Psalm 139:16 NLT; Job 14:5

## **The Narrative of the Creation**

### **The venue: Heavens and Earth**

The Family of God (Elohim) fashioned the heavens and Earth.

*In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth* (Hebrew: erets= ground or land). Genesis 1:1

### **The Venue: Heaven** prior to Genesis 1:1

Celestial spiritual beings engaged in a war.

*There was war in Heaven. Michael and his angels waged war with the dragon and his angels who were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.* Revelation 12:7-9

### **The Venue: Earth**

These heavenly angels were ejected from Heaven and transferred to Earth.

- The great dragon

*The great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world was thrown down to the earth.* Rev. 12:9

- One third of the angel corps of Heaven.

*The dragon swept away a third of the angels of heaven and threw them to the earth.* Revelation 12:4

Destruction, confusion, chaos, formlessness, darkness, and emptiness on Earth were direct results of the war in the heavens. Genesis 1:2

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**Venue: The Foundation of the Earth**

The Spirit of God (Ruach Elohim) and the Lord (Yahweh) were involved in the laying the foundation of the earth and placing our spiritual beings into a human body.

*The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:2*

*Thou, Lord (Yahweh), in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth. Genesis 1:3-2:3; Hebrews 1:10*

*The Lord stretches out the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit (Heb: ruach) of man within him. Zechariah 12:1*

- The Lord (Yahweh Elohim) stabilized the earth.

*He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever. Psalm 104:5*

- God: Elohim (plural) fashioned the human body.

*Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. Genesis 1:26-27*

**The Account of the Creation of the Earth.**

**The Venue: Earth and the Garden of Eden Gen. 2:4-3:24**

*This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created in the day that the Lord God made them. Genesis 2:4*

## **The Fashioning of man and woman**

- Adam (man)

*The Lord God formed man of the dust from the ground (flesh) and breathed into his nostrils the breath (Heb: nismat= spirit) of life and man became a living being (Heb: nephesh=soul, person).*

God breathed or transmitted our heavenly created spirit into our fleshly body making us humans. Our soul is perishable, but our spirit is eternal. When our breath leaves our human body, our spirit transfers out of our body.

- Eve (Heb: chavvah, a woman/wife: Ishshah)

Genesis 3:20

God created man from the ground and then placed him in the Garden of Eden with the tree of life and tree of knowledge of good and evil. No time parameters were established in the Garden. Countless children may have been born to Adam and Eve in the garden as she experienced no childbirth pain. They experienced the Lord's presence.

*The Lord God walked in the garden in the wind (breeze) of the day.*

Genesis 3:8

## **The Serpent's appearance and temptation**

- The Serpent

It was craftier than any beast of the field. It walked on four legs. Eve succumbed to the temptation of the serpent while Adam watched without intervening. The serpent of old, a.k.a. the devil, lucifer, Helel deceive them and all three received consequences and a promise from the Lord.

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- The Family of God

*Then the Lord God (Yahweh Elohim) said, "The man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever. The Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden.*                      Genesis 3:22-23

- Cherubim:

The Lord God stationed the cherubim, with flaming swords which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 10:11 and Revelation 4:6-9

Adam and Eve migrated east of the Garden. God placed cherubim in the east to prevent mankind from returning to the tree of life. It reappears in new Jerusalem.

**The Venue:** Earth    Genesis 4:1-24

### **Adam and Eve's children outside of the Garden of Eden**

- Cain was the eldest son of Adam and Eve. He became a cultivator of the soil...a farmer.
- Abel was the second son and became a shepherd. This indicates animals were also released from the Garden of Eden. He was murdered by his brother.
- The Lord God: Yahweh Elohim...present on Earth.

*Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground.*    Genesis 4:3-4

Yahweh heard the voice of Abel's blood crying to Him from the ground and spoke with Cain.      Genesis 4:6-15

## **Separation from the Lord's Presence**

Yahweh set a mark on Cain. Perhaps it was the mark of the beast. The sign may have passed down generations, indicating the wearer had been separated from God and joined with the serpent. Genesis 4:15; Revelation 13:16

*Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and settled east of Eden, in the land of Nod. Genesis 4:16*

Cain's departure from the Lord's presence led him eastward from the garden. Nod appears only once in the Bible. It may mean "wanderer, exile or fugitive". Possibly, Nod was in south central Asia.

## **Venue: East of the Garden of Eden**

He built a city and named it for his son Enoch.

*Cain had relations with his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name Enoch, after the name of his son. Genesis 4:17*

Cain's wife was a daughter of Adam and Eve in the garden who perhaps with many other children immigrated out of Eden. The author of Genesis did not elaborate. Their son Enoch stood at the head of the Cainite genealogy highlighting cultural advance (city-building, metallurgy, music) yet accelerated moral decline. Cain's descendants produced six generations before the global flood. His lineage produced a people characterized by sin, hatred, evil and vengeance.

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**The Venue:** west of the Garden of Eden

- Seth was the third son of Adam and Eve. Genesis 4:25

He was a son in Adam's own likeness, according to his image. Seth had a belly button. Genesis 5:3

Eve was appointed by God to provide another son to be like Abel...a man who worshipped God.

Eve affirmed, *"God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel"*. Genesis 4:25

Seth migrated west of the Garden of Eden toward "the promised land".

*And to Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord (Yahweh).* Genesis 4:26

However, Satan's work continued. Worship of God eroded quickly. Other than Enosh, Job, Enoch and Noah, pre-flood Earth's population was a sinful trainwreck.

There were eight generations in Seth's genealogy. The tribes from the east may have cojoined with the western tribes in that Methushael, father of Lamech in Cain's ancestry may be the same as Methuselah, the father of Lamech in Seth's descendants. Either way, men began to call upon the name of the Lord but ceased their relationship with Him and the sins of all men but one were despicable to God. Five generations later, only Seth's descendent Enoch walked with the Lord.

*Then Enoch walked with God (Elohim) and he was not, for God took him.* Genesis 5:24

## **The Sons of God and the daughters of men**

*Now it came about, when mankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.*

The sons of God may have been the descendants of Cain and Seth as they “multiplied on the face of the land”. More likely, they were fallen angels swept to earth by the dragon’s tail. Revelation 12:4

“These sons of God” were the same as those referred to in the Book of Job.

*There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them...to present himself before the Lord. Job 1:6; 2:1*

Satan had a backstage pass to the Lord’s concert...into the very presence of the Lord...on Earth!

Commentators assume Satan arrived in Heaven to crash the audience based on Yahweh’s question: “where have you been”? Satan responded, “from roaming on the earth and walking on it.” As previously noted, the presence of the Lord was on Earth. He talked and walked with Cain and Enoch. Scripture does NOT indicate the Lord’s conference and discussion with Satan was in Heaven.

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The “sons of God” were connected to a time of old, men who were legends long before the Pangea crippling flood. A timeline emerges.

*Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not remain with man forever, because he is also flesh; nevertheless, his days shall be 120 years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of mankind, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men (Hebrew: gibbor=champions, giants) who were of old, men of renown.* Genesis 6:1-4

#### **A dateline emerges**

1. The sons of God mated with the daughters of men. This description is of two distinct classes: the daughters were earth-born. The sons of God saw the daughters were beautiful. All angels (Heb: malak, Greek: Angelos) in scripture are males. “Fallen angels were rewarded by Satan with sexual prowess.”
2. This happened either in pre-earth during the chaos and darkness of Genesis 1:2; preceding Abel and Cain in the land of Nod, or during the ten generations of humans post garden of Eden.
3. These proclivities occurred long ago...the sons of Gods were legends. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Genesis 6:4

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When angels appeared on Earth they were normally described as men. Three men (Hebrew: ish) appeared before Abraham forecasting the doom of Sodom. Genesis 18:2 Later two are identified as angels (Heb: malakim) who arrived in Sodom. Lot called them "lords", but the residents said, "Where are the men (Heb: ish) who came to you tonight?" Genesis 19:2, 5

Fallen angels can also possess humans as well as mate with human females. Mark 5:1-20

#### **The existence of Giants before the flood.**

- Nephilim.

*The Nephilim were on the earth in those days (long lifespans), and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of mankind, and they bore children to them.* Genesis 6:4

Nephilim were legendary giants of extraordinary stature and strength. Nephilim were "mighty men on earth in those days of old" before the flood.

#### **The existence of giants after the flood.**

Nephilim giants were present on earth before and after the flood. Nephilim "also lived afterward": These were mighty giants on earth who lived in the days after the flood. Noah and/or his sons were giants. Nephilim survived the flood.

*The Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward.* Genesis 6:4

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- Nephilim thrived in Joshua's lifetime.

They lived in Caanan, Hebron and Gaza. Joshua sent twelve spies into God's promised land to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the enemy. Ten intimidated spies reported the giants were enormous and undefeatable.

*All the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers on our own sight, and so we were in their sight."*

Numbers 13:32-33

- Anakim were giants. 85-year-old Caleb requested Joshua give him Hebron, the hill (mountain) country. The land had great fortified cities. Joshua 14:12-15

*"The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there."*

Deuteronomy 1:28

- Raphaim giants were descendants of Rapha. They were from Gath and killed by David and his servants.

I Chronicles 21:5-8; 2 Samuel 21:16

- Goliath was a Philistine from Gath who lived during David's lifetime (1040-970 BCE). Goliath was a giant 9'9" tall. He wore a bronze helmet, clothed with 150 pounds of scale-armor. His spear shaft was like a weaver's beam. The head of his spear weighed 20 pounds. I Samuel 17:4-7

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- Lahmi was the brother of Goliath from Gath (Gittite). He was also a giant and his spear's shaft was like a weaver's beam. He was killed by Elhanan.  
I Chronicles 20:5
- Ishbi-benob  
His spear head weighed 10 pounds. His sword was new and he intended to kill David. Abishai, one of David's soldiers, killed the giant. 2 Samuel 21:16
- Saph (Sippai) was a descendant of Rapha. Another one of David's warriors, Sibbecai, struck this giant down. 2 Samuel 21:18; I Chronicles 20:4
- There was a nameless man of great stature who had 12 fingers, and 12 toes and was a descendant of giants. Jonathan the son of Simea, David's brother, killed him. 2 Samuel 21:20-21; I Chronicles 21:6-7

It is a statement of faith in God that David picked five stones from the creek-bed. He intended to wipe out Goliath and his entire family!

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**Job lived before the flood**

Most commentators conclude Job lived during the Patriarchal age sometime after Joseph. The content of Job's book suggests he lived and wrote prior to the flood and before the Patriarchs.

Job settled in the land of Uz, generally considered to be in Edom (west). Jeremiah 25:20; Lamentations 4:21

Evidence Job lived prior to the Patriarchs.

1. Job was aware of the "sons of God" council.

- They presented themselves before the Lord on a specific day. *"There was a day..."* Job 1:6; 2:1

*The morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy.* Job 38:7

2. Job described Satan as "walking". Job 1:6-7

Yahweh asked Satan about where and what he had been doing. Satan replied,

*"From roaming about on the earth and walking about it."* Job 1:7

The Serpent roamed and walked in the Garden of Eden. He was cursed to crawl on his belly after being ejected from the garden. Genesis 3:14

Job's description of the serpent's ability to walk and not crawl places his lifetime soon after the Garden of Eden migration.



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The Lord's human lifespan benchmark of 120 years longevity was stated before the flood pertaining to those who lived after the flood. Mankind's longevity diminished substantially after Babel's confusion of languages.

Job had ten sons and daughters and accumulated many flocks of animals. He was not a young man before suffering the loss of his entire children and flocks. After Satan's trial, Job and his wife had seven more sons and three daughters. His livestock increased from almost nothing into the thousands. This all takes a lot of time.

After that Job lived 140 years! Job 42:16-17 NLT

*Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and grandchildren. Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.*

Abraham was 175 when he died. Genesis 25:7  
Moses was 120 years old when he died. Deuteronomy 34:7

Job was a "mighty man of old, a man of renown." His faith in knowing that his "Redeemer lives" is a testimony of a personal relationship with his creator. He sustained endurance and steadfastness even through the barrage of suffering was instigated directly from Satan himself.

Mathematically and deductively, Job lived and died prior to the Patriarchs. The Book of Job is the only written book prior to the great flood and authored by Job as he was the only one privy to the extensive personal conversations between Yahweh and Satan.

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### **The flood separated Pangea into the seven continents**

Geologists speculate the earth was initially a supercontinent singular landmass surrounded by a solitary sea. Either the Lord God or the great flood of Noah separated the continents during the year-long event.

God is still on His throne. The inhabitants of Heaven surround Him. They have vested interest in human choices and consequences. Spiritual beings still thrive on Earth. Satan is more active than ever.

- Angels and demons influence human events.
- Nations have guardian angels...Michael is the Prince of Israel. Daniel 12:1
- Angels and demons wage spiritual warfare on earth today. Ephesians 6:12
- Churches have angels. Each church mentioned in Revelation had an angel.

Life is inherently spiritual. The Family of God created spiritual beings living in Heaven. Our spiritual being was deployed to Earth to experience human existence. Once our human flesh ceases, our spiritual being dwells with or without our Creator in the destination our deeds and beliefs choose. Through eternity we are spiritual beings created in the image of God.

Eternity's dateline was established in God's timeline. Satan attempts to disrupt and corrupt God's plan, but to no avail. God is still on His throne.

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## Chapter Four



### Eternity's Key Line

*Thus declares the Lord who stretches out the heavens,  
lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of  
man within him.* Zechariah 12:1

“The foundation of the Earth”

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Eternity is God's story, our spirit's story, and Earth's story. The key line in understanding eternity is the biblical phrase, "the foundation of the earth".

*Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth.*  
Hebrews 1:10

Jesus is the architect. He planned, designed and developed the concept of the foundation of the earth. This was accomplished in Heaven before Earth's creation.

The foundation is the planning, preparation and initial phase for creation of this planet. Laying the foundation involved a process and a timeline. The Lord's blueprint page is titled: "the foundation of the earth" but there are three stages in the procedure. They spotlight what happened before, during and after the foundation was laid. The foundation was the initial step, not the complete structure in the earth's construction.

Earth's foundational development was introduced by three small words with huge implications.

- **Before** the foundation of the world.
- **The Laying** of Earth's foundation.
- **From** the foundation of the world.

"Before" is the Greek word "pro" and "from" is "apo". These are key words delineating the timeline of eternity.

In house construction there is a step-by-step process to prepare and develop a foundation. A designer or architect prepares the plans, the builder pulls the permits; construction crews excavate, dig footers, install plumbing and pour the slab or stem wall based on building codes.

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**Starting Line: “Before the Foundation of the World”**

**The Designers of Earth's foundation...**

- God the Father (Hebrew: El)

*Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God (El).* Psalm 90:2

- Jesus was known as the architect before the foundation of the world. Colossians 1:15-17

*For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has appeared in these last times for your sake.*

I Peter 1:20

Before any creation projects were initiated, El and Yahweh Elohim existed from everlasting to everlasting and the designers were known by angels and spiritual beings.

**The Blueprints/Plans...**

- Jesus chose people before the foundation of the world.

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

Ephesians 1:4; 2:10

How could Jesus choose us if we didn't already exist with Him in Preternity? Not only did he choose us, but he also provided guidelines for our relationship with Him. The chosen were to demonstrate holiness and blamelessness before Him.

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**The Permits...**

Before God gave birth to the world or the foundation of the earth, Jesus saw us. Our spirit had an identity.

- God *saw me before I was born.* Psalm 139:16
- God knew us and dedicated us before we were fashioned in the womb.

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you.* Jeremiah 1:5

- The length of our days were numbered in God's book.

*Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

Psalm 139:16 NLT: Job 14:5

- Our names were possibly written in the Lamb's Book of Life when Yahweh chose us, saw us, knew us, dedicated us and recorded our days.

"Before the foundation of the earth" examines scriptural evidence of events in Preternity prior to Genesis 1:1. It is scriptural substantiation of who was there and what took place in Heaven before the Earth became a reality.

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**The Centerline: “Laying the Earth’s foundation”**

The “laying of the foundation of the Earth envelops the first verse in the Bible. It is NOT the finished product we know as Earth but the beginning.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

*Thus declares the Lord who stretches out the heavens,  
lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of  
man within him. Zechariah 12:1*

**Excavation of the Earth...**

- The Lord established Earth’s foundation.

*Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth!  
Tell me if you have understanding, Who set its  
measurements, since you know? Job 38:4-5*

- Job seemed to be present during this event according to the Lord.

*You know, for you were born then, and the number of  
your days is great! Job 38:21*

- Job must have been present when God created the foundation of the earth. How else would he know the earth dangled in space? Not from aliens!

*He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs  
the earth on nothing. Job 26:7*

## **The Footers... the beginning of the foundation**

- The Lord fashioned and formed the earth.

*He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever.* Psalm 104:5

*Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth.* Hebrews 1:10

The laying of Earth's foundation is the preliminary "form" for God's creative acts in Genesis One.

### **A Red flag halted construction**

During construction of a house an inspector may issue a "red flag", temporarily stopping work. Red flags require immediate attention and require repair or renovations. During the creation of the foundation of the world, the great red dragon swept away one-third of the stars (angels) of heaven and threw them to the earth.

*There was war in heaven.* Revelation 12:3-4, 7

Construction on the foundation ceased and destruction followed in the heavens and the earth.

*And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.* Genesis 1:2

Three words describe the red dragon's effect upon the foundation of the earth: it was formless, empty and darkness permeated everything. Chaos resulted.

*The great red dragon was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.* Revelation 12:9

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**The Plumbing...**

- The Holy Spirit intervened and created order out of disorder over the surface of the waters.
- Elohim separated the waters from dry land.

*Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."* Genesis 1:6

The laying of Earth's foundation was complete!

**The Dividing Line: "From the Foundation of the Earth"**

"From" indicates the footers were now complete, and the construction of the heavens and the earth continued. Genesis 1:7- 2:9 describe these events.

**The Slab is poured...**

- We inherited the kingdom God prepared for us.

*"Come you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."* Matthew 25:34

- The names of the faithful may have been recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life upon our inheritance of the kingdom or when Yahweh chose us, saw us, knew us, dedicated us and recorded our days.

The World now had a foundation. Further creation continued based on the Family of God's Blueprints: the walls, power, windows, doors, and roof were installed.

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### The Walls...

- The names of Satan's worshippers were NOT recorded in the Book of Life.

*All who dwell on the earth will worship him (the beast), everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. Revelation 13:8*

*Those who dwell on the earth will wonder, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world. Revelation 17:8*

- Only Jesus could break through the walls sin erected.

*He would have needed to suffer often since (Gk: apo: from) the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Hebrews 9:26*

### The Power...

- We were hard-wired with intuitive knowledge of God.

*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. Romans 1:18-20*

### The Windows...

- God inserted eternity in our heart.

*He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart... Ecclesiastes 3:11*

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**The Doors...** This is Genesis 3:1- until Jesus returns.

- House dwellers can walk in and out the door anytime.

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
Romans 3:23-24; 6:23

- Our name can be erased from God's Book of Life.

*The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book."*  
Exodus 32:31-33; Deuteronomy 29:20; Psalm 69:28

**The Roof...**

- Our building is protected from every kind of weather.

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*  
Philippians 3:20

Once construction is completed and fully approved, the owner can be issued a Certificate of Occupancy and the property deed or title.

**The Certificate of Occupancy... Our Life on Earth.**

- Our mission and commission.

*Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing your toil is not in vain.*  
I Corinthians 15:58

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**The Recording of the Deed...**

*Rejoice that your names have been recorded in heaven.*

Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:

**The Finish Line**

- Names registered in the Book of Life will live in New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:2

*Nothing evil will be allowed to enter (the new Jerusalem), nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.* Revelation 21:27 NLT

- If our name is not recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life the Lake of Fire is our final destination.

*Anyone's name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.* Revelation 20:15

The Book of Life was written with our names in it before Earth was created. We were commissioned to serve God here. Our spirit was deployed into our human body. If we are faithful to God in our purpose, our names remain in the Book because Jesus redeemed us from all sin. If we choose to sin and reject God, our names are deleted from the Book of Life.

Does this suggest that some humans are chosen by God before the creation of the world to be "saved"? God provided the Old and New Covenant based on human response. Those who obey God's Word, were guaranteed before their birth to live with God eternally. Those who choose to disobey God's Word select their own path and destiny to swim with Satan in the Lake of Fire.

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**The Lord God created me**

**I was...**

He gave me a name

It is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life

He saw me

I have an eternal identity

He planned every day of my life

**I am...**

I am Unique!

No one has a tongue texture like mine

My fingerprints have no comparison

My footprint is distinct

**I will be...**

I will hear my name on Judgment Day

My name will be read from the Lamb's Book of Life

I will eat at the Tree of Life

I have an invitation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb

I will live forever in my new home in New Jerusalem

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## Chapter Four



### Eternity's Book Line

*And all who dwell on the earth will worship the beast, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.* Revelation 13:8

The Books in God's Library

### **The least known book in all the world's libraries**

Of the 31,102 verses in the Bible there are only 14 scriptures that refer to the "books of life".

- "The Lamb's Book of Life": 2 verses.
- "The Book of Life": 6 verses.
- "The Book": 4 verses.
- "The books": 2 verses.

Mathematically that means the most significant books in God's library, which distinguish the saved from the lost, appear .00045% of the entire Bible (which ironically means: "book"). If names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, this is proof positive we were spiritual beings known, identified and called by God prior to Earth's creation. This is the smoking gun of our spirit's pre-existence.

### **The Lamb's Book of Life**

It is stunning that the Lamb's Book is only mentioned twice in the Bible! In essence the entire Bible is the Lamb's Book of Life. The Book belongs to the Lamb who was slain. It is His story and His book.

**Before the foundation of the world** Ephesians 1:4; 2:10

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

Jesus chose us before the footers of the Earth were set, and we presume the names of God's faithful were inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life. However, no scripture states this. It only states that Earth dwellers who worship the beast will not have their names recorded in His book.

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**From the foundation of the world**

“From” points to a potential frame of reference after the foundation was laid and continued through the events in the Garden of Eden. The worship of the beast is the Continental Divide for those whose names are absent.

*And all who dwell on the earth will worship the beast, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.* Revelation 13:8

**After Judgment Day**

*Nothing evil will be allowed to enter (the new Jerusalem), nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.* Revelation 21:27 NLT

**The Book of Life** (registered from the world's foundation)

Those who sin against God and worship the beast have their names erased from the Book of Life.

*Pile my enemies' sins up high, and don't let them go free. Erase their names from the Book of Life and don't let them be counted among the righteous.* Psalm 69:27-28

*The beast is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction and those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast.* Revelation 17:8

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The Book of Life contains the names of the faithful.

*Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.*

Philippians 4:3

The names of overcomers will not be erased.

*He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

Revelation 3:5

Erased names from the book of life have a destination.

*I saw the dead standing before God's throne and another book was opened, which is the book of life.*

Revelation 20:12

*If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15*

### **The Book**

This book belongs to the Lord (Yahweh). It was written by Him. Yahweh will blot out of His book whoever has sinned against Him. The number of our days is set.

*Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves. But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!" The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book."*

Exodus 32:31-33

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*The Lord shall never be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the Lord and His jealousy will burn against that man, and every curse which is written in this book will rest on him, and the Lord will blot out his name from under heaven.* Deuteronomy 29:20

*Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.* Psalm 139:16

God will rescue those whose names are in the book.

*“Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise and there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.”* Daniel 12:1

**“The Books”** (plural)

There is more than one book. The books may pertain to the Lamb's Book of Life, The Book of Life and the Book, or may be in addition to these. The books seem to reveal the deeds of humans and perhaps angels at Judgment.

*Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, and the books were opened.* Daniel 7:10

*I saw the dead standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books (scrolls), according to their deeds.* Revelation 20:12

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**Names Recorded (enrolled in Heaven) Present tense**

Believers in God can rejoice that their names are recorded or enrolled in heaven.

*Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.* Luke 10:20

The faithful's names are enrolled in the book of life.

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful assembly. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are enrolled in heaven.* Hebrews 12:22-23 NLT

Our spirit's pre-existence is verified, validated, confirmed, registered and documented in the Lord's Book before the foundation of the world. This is the smoking gun that our spirit pre-existed our human deployment!

**When were names written in the Lamb's Book of Life?**

We were chosen by Jesus **before** the foundation of the world. Jesus could not choose someone without knowing their name. Ephesians 1:4; 2:10

The war in heaven may have happened between "before" and "from" the foundation of the Earth.

The names of God's chosen were identified from the foundation of the world.

*"Come you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."* Matthew 25:34

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Satan's chosen were erased from the Lamb's Book of Life **from or after** the foundation of the world.

*All who dwell on the earth will worship him (the beast), everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. Revelation 13:8; 17:8*

The war in heaven may have happened after the foundation of the Earth but before the creation of the Earth was completed.

Deductively, if everyone whose name has not been written **from** the foundation of the world, then all must have had their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life **before** the war in heaven. Those who had their names erased or unwritten experienced this because they chose to participate in Satan's army during the war in heaven. The other possibility is God chose His elect and predetermined the category of the lost who have no redemption options.

*We should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13*

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## Chapter Five



### Eternity's Lost Line

*For the Son of Man has come to seek  
and to save that which was lost.”*  
Luke 19:10

How the lost became “lost” .

## **How the lost became lost**

The names of the “lost” were never recorded or were erased from the Lamb’s Book of Life without a precise explanation of “when”. This issue has been the source for divisive debate among “God’s people” for centuries. Few of the theological collisions investigate the controversy from the perspective: “We are spiritual beings having a human experience.”<sup>6</sup> It is usually argued from the frame of reference “we are human beings having a spiritual experience.” If every person is a spiritual being created before deployment to Earth, the scriptures must clarify when and why some names appear in the Lamb’s Book of Life while other people’s names are not registered.

## **Potential Timelines of “the lost”**

### **1. Before the foundation of the world**

Jesus recorded in the Lamb’s Book of Life the names of the chosen spiritual beings He created BEFORE the foundation of the world. The rest of Earth’s construction was not yet initiated. He also specified His expectations.

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

Ephesians 1:4; 2:10

*Rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.*

Luke: 10:20

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<sup>6</sup> Before Here Through Eternity, J. Michael Hargrave, “Apologetics for Sceptics”, pp. 82-84.

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“Before the foundation of the world” distinctly points to a process and timeline. “Before” (Greek “pro”) pertains to all spiritual inhabitants of Heaven. All were before (Gk: pro) the foundation of the earth, i.e. “the third day” in Genesis 1:6-13. Everyone’s name was written in the Book of Life before the foundation of the Earth including Cherubim, Seraphim and spiritual beings later to become humans and dwell on Earth.

Many believe God chose NOT to record the names of some inhabitants in the Book of Life. This doctrine does not fit the character of God as displayed in John 3:16-17. However, something changed...

## **2. During the foundation of the world**

*“There was war in heaven...”* Revelation 12:7

War changes everything. Satan’s rebellion resulted in the sweeping away of one-third of the once “pro-God” angel corps to the Earth. They were either coerced or had a choice. Either way, they exchanged their worship of God to follow the Devil. These angels became demons. Early humans may also have been swept up into the red dragon’s chaos and consequences soon after when Nephilim roamed on the earth. Genesis 6:1-4

Their names were eliminated from the Lamb’s Book of Life by their choice to worship Satan instead of God.

*Pile my enemies’ sins up high, and don’t let them go free.  
Eraser their names from the Book of Life and don’t let  
them be counted among the righteous.* Psalm 69:27-28

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The account and accumulation of sin was the watershed moment when the names of the created were erased from the Book of Life. God's pencil is equipped with a lead point on one end and an eraser on the other. He recorded our names in His Book of Life, but our choice of which team to play on facilitates our choice to be traded. This is the point when our names are erased. We broke the contract by our life choices and signed with Satan's team.

### **3. From the foundation of the world**

The lost had names but they were not recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life FROM the foundation of the world.

*Those who dwell on the earth will wonder, whose name has not been written in the book of life of the Lamb FROM the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.*

Revelation 17:8, 13:8

The lost were (separated) "from (Greek: apo) the foundation of the world" which began on the second day of the Genesis 1:8 account. After the firmament's creation and existence their names no longer appeared in the Lamb's Book of Life. In Revelation everyone whose name has not been written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be filled with awe and wonder when they see the same beast as the one who originally initiated the war in Heaven. They were separated from God after their deployment to Earth as humans. They became separated from their Creator when they chose to follow Satan. The choice became a way of life in Genesis 3.

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The Lord God was replaced in their hearts by the Red Dragon beast. This began in the Garden of Eden and continues in present day. After the founding of the Earth humans were separated from God and became lost. Adam's sin as well as ours separates us FROM God then and now.

*The LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book."*

Exodus 32:31-33; Deuteronomy 29:20; Psalm 69:28

Names were erased after the foundation of the Earth because of Satan's deception and our consequential sin. There is further evidence in Genesis of sin's progression and God's intervention. Following the murder of his brother Abel and a conversation with the Lord, Cain left home.

*Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.* Genesis 4:16

Three observations pop out from this verse supporting the feasibility that we erase our own name from the Lamb's Book of Life by our own choices.

1. Cain "went out" or "separated" himself from "the presence of the Lord". The Greek word for death is "thanatos" which means "separation of the spirit from the body or from God".
2. He settled in the land of Nod. Cain "settled" for less than the presence of God. Nod means "vacancy" or "wandering". This is the definition of being "lost".

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3. Nod was east of Eden. God placed cherubim at the east side to guard the way to the Tree of Life. East becomes a marker of alienation. Movement toward the east parallels Cain's moral departure; the direction that once bore life-giving rivers now signaled separation from God. Cain and his descendants self-banished access to their origin and God. This may have been the linchpin when names on the Book of Life were erased.

After Abel's murder and Cain's departure to Nod, Adam and Eve bore another son named Seth. Eve said...

*God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord (Yahweh).* Genesis 4:25-26

This may be the event when God's faithful's names were restored.

1. God set the appointment.
2. Seth was Abel's substitute.
3. Men began calling upon the name of Yahweh.

Mankind became separated through Cain. Their names were removed from the Book of Life. Humans became reconnected with the Lord God through Seth. Their names were restored to the Book of Life.

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Before the foundation of the world, no one was lost.

- All spiritual beings' names were recorded in God's Book of Life.
- The aftermath of the war in Heaven resulted in angel's names being removed from the Book of Life.
- After or "from the foundation of the Earth" people's names could be erased or blotted out of the Lamb's Book. They are lost by their own choice. When deployed from Heaven to Earth people forgot their creator and chose to pursue their own mission or Satan's. How do the lost become lost if their spirit was born here on earth? They can only become lost if their spirit originated in Heaven.
- The lost become lost because they intuitively know there is a creator but reject Him. They are reminded of Him as they see Earth's panorama. They forget God named them, saw them, knew them, placed them in His Book of Life, chose them for a mission and deployed and delivered their spirit to their human body.
- The relationship between God and mankind was lost through Cain and restored through Seth.
- The names of the chosen are etched into the Lamb's Book of Life by calling on the name of Yahweh.

*"Come you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*  
Matthew 25:34

The condition of being "lost" is evidence that all humans once had a point of origin or home in Heaven. It is also proof that the lost were cognizant when they chose to drift or move away from their safe harbor.

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People search for the meaning and significance of life through art, science, religion, politics, addictions, theories, thrills and things. They want to find purpose but don't realize they are lost. You can't be found until you know you are lost.

Earth is Satan's playground. Humans are vulnerable to the Devil's temptations. Our choice to sin separated us from God. Our purpose and mission were diminished by sin and selfishness. We cannot find our way back to God through Satan's darkness even though God's eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen. Mankind has no excuse.

Awareness of our lost condition comes from God's Word, laws and eventually the coming of Jesus. God intervened by sending His Son to Earth to redeem humanity and show us the way back to God. The purpose of Jesus becoming flesh and dwelling among us was to seek and save those who are spiritually lost. Only Jesus can conquer Satan, sin and death.

Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection provide the bridge by which the lost can be reconnected with God. Deliverance from sin and darkness can be achieved by faith in Jesus, the light of the world. The Bible consistently calls the lost to repentance and turning away from sin and turning to God. Jesus commissioned His disciples to take the message of reconciliation and salvation to those who are lost. The fact that Jesus came to Earth "to seek and save the lost" is confirmation of our spirit's origin in Heaven.

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If our spirit was developed in our human body, that means Earth is our place of origin and home. We cannot be lost if this home is all that we have ever known. If our spirit originated in Heaven before our deployment, then our drifting from God during our travels on Earth ensures that we are "lost" without a savior. Jesus' entire purpose was to save us.

We are lost when we have no means or method of getting ourselves back home. Our spirit's home is where we originated and the return destination for those who are saved. Those who don't find their way back to God through Jesus choose a different destination.

All is not lost if we restore our relationship with our Creator. Paradise is lost only if we don't want to return to it. God has not lost track of you. Whether you were lost in transition or Satan's transfusion, God wants you back home. He gave what was most precious to Him to save us...His son, Jesus. Jesus left Heaven to redeem us from sin and pay our way back home.

Jesus is the evidence, proof and confirmation of pre-existence. Jesus' spirit left Heaven to become flesh. His spirit was delivered into a human body.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1-3, 14*

Jesus became flesh. His spirit was delivered into a human infant. He is our creator, and we were made in His likeness. That has been God's Modus Operandi all along.

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## Chapter Six



### Eternity's Lifeline

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew  
in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned  
for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

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### **The Rejected Marble became the Masterpiece**

In 1501 Italian officials commissioned sculptors to fashion a statue of David from a massive block of mediocre marble for a cathedral in Florence. A famous sculptor began to work on the legs but discontinued because of the marble's poor quality. Another labeled the marble unusable. The block remained untouched in the courtyard for 25 years.

Michelangelo was given the opportunity to work on the neglected marble when he was 26 years old. Others saw flaws...he saw potential.

Michelangelo worked with the imperfections of the marble, allowing the figure of David to emerge from the stone as if he had always been there. Artist Giorgio Vasari would later describe Michelangelo's miraculous process as "the bringing back to life of one who was dead."

The stone rejected by the builders became a masterpiece. The seventeen-foot giant statue portrayed David as a lad preparing to face his battle with a real-life giant, Goliath.

### **The saved are God's masterpiece**

The saved had their names inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world.

1. It was signed by the Lamb before we were born on Earth by the Lamb Himself.
2. We were deployed and delivered to our human body.

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3. Our inscription became jeopardized when we were separated from God and by our choice to serve Satan.
4. The Lamb sacrificed Himself in a signature move to purchase and deliver us from our sins.
5. The Lamb was the gift that saved us by the grace of God through faith. Ephesians 2:5, 8-9
6. Our names reappear in the Lamb's Book of Life when we confess with our mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead. Romans 10:9
7. Those who endure to the end will be saved and attend the Lamb's marriage supper. Matthew 10:22; Rev. 19:9

God created the faithful and signed their names in the Book of Life. God knew our potential and purpose before He deployed us to Earth.

Soon after our arrival other humans attempted to chisel away our godliness and refashion us to this world's standards. Our human flaws and defects surfaced. Our weaknesses and sins became insurmountable. Lost in our poor qualities, we neglected ourselves as did others. We were lost and could not save ourselves. We needed our Creator's miraculous process.

Jesus knew our imperfections but loved us as our Creator. He redeemed us, bought us back by grace, faith and confession. Our name, individuality and relationship with God emerged as it had always been. Our Savior's sacrifice on the cross brought back to life one who was dead.

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## Chapter Seven



### Eternity's Tree Line

*“To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.”* Revelation 2:7

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### **The Tree of Life**

The Tree of Life is the icon of this book for obvious reasons: It was the source of eternal life in the Garden of Eden and in New Jerusalem.

- The tree of life appears in three verses in Genesis: 2:9, 3:22, 24. Yahweh planted it in the Garden of Eden.
- Adam was formed from the dust of the ground outside the garden. The Lord God placed him in the garden He planted toward (in) the east. Genesis 2:7-8; 3:23-24

*The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden;  
Genesis 2:8*

- The tree was the central feature of the Garden of Eden.

*And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:9*

- The fruit of the tree could be eaten freely. 2:9; 3:2

*“From any tree in the garden you may eat freely.” 2:16*

- The tree sustained life while Adam and Eve remained in the Garden. Conversely, eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil caused a double death.

*“But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat from it, for in that day that you eat from it you shall surely (Hebrew: muth = die) die” (Hebrew: muth = die). Genesis 2:17*

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- The tree is the source of everlasting life.

*Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever. Genesis 3:22; Revelation 22:2*

- Cherubim (plural) were stationed to the east to guard the way to the tree of life.

*The Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.  
Genesis 3:23-24*

- The tree of life is an eternal provider of life. Perhaps the Garden of Eden remains on this planet but is inaccessible as mighty angels guard it from every direction. It is a spiritual location known only to Yahweh.
- The tree of life grows in the presence of the Lord God.

*And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden of the cool (wind, breeze) of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the Garden. Genesis 3:8*

God's arboreal or arboretum was conceived and originated in Heaven, planted in the Garden of Eden, still exists and is the source of healing for all nations in New Jerusalem. The Tree of Life exists in the first book of the Bible and the last.

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### **The Tree of Life in Revelation**

- The tree of life appears in four verses: 2:7; 22:2, 14, 22.

*“To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.”* Revelation 2:7

This promise was made to the Ephesian Church. They had a lot to overcome...they had divorced their first love. They were instructed to repent with the warning...Jesus was coming to them and would remove their lampstand. Their pastors were Timothy, Priscilla and Aquila, Apollos, and the apostles Paul and John. Yet, with all those great people of faith, the church members must not have repented. The lampstand was removed and the church is no more. All overcomers will eat from the tree of life. All who refused to repent were given access to a pair of swimsuits but not to Paradise.

- The tree of life in New Jerusalem appears to be one tree growing on both sides of a river sourcing the water of life.

*And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life...* Revelation 22:1-2

- The source or headwaters of the river begin under the throne of God and flow down the middle of the transparent, golden Broadway. On each side (Greek: “enteuthen” – on this side and “ekeithen”- on that side) of the river grew a tree of life. Revelation 21:21

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- The tree of life bore twelve unspecified kinds of fruit, or crops of fruit every month. The leaves of the tree will be medicinal for the nations.

*bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.* Revelation 22:2

- Eating from the tree of life is a privilege for those who wash their robe, perhaps in the water of life.

*Blessed are those who wash their robe, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.* Revelation 22:14

- There are four benefits to the tree of life:
  1. There shall no longer be any curse. 22:3
  2. The throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it.
  3. His bondservants shall serve Him and see His face.
  4. His name shall be on their foreheads. Rev. 22:3-4
- There is no excuse for not studying this book. It shows the way to the tree of life and New Jerusalem!  
Disrespect of the prophecy negates the tree and city.

*If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and from the holy city, which are written in this book.* Revelation 22:19

The two trees still exist today. Which tree do we choose to eat from: the tree of life or the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

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**The fruit of the Spirit and the Tree of Life**

Galatians 5:22-23



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## Chapter Eight



### Eternity's Headline

*For our citizenship is in Heaven from which also we eagerly wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 3:20

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#### **The dynamics of eternity compose our essence.**

Eternity is our home in the presence of God. Eternity's existence in the past and present is miniscule compared to its extension after Judgment Day. It makes complete sense that we research what our forevermore home will be like according to biblical writers since eternity is too long to be wrong!

There are two Heavens in Revelation:

1. The present temporary place where God dwells and to where the spirits of the deceased faithful transfer.
2. The Future permanent new Heaven or new Jerusalem where God dwells with us.

#### **The Present Heaven...**

This is the temporary residence of the faithful after death until Jesus returns.

- It has an open door. Revelation 4:1
- Voices and trumpets are audible. Revelation 4:1
- Mobility of our spirit: "Come up here" Revelation 4:1
- The sense of sight is operable. Revelation 4:1
- God sits on the throne laid in heaven. Revelation 4:2
- His appearance was like a jasper stone and sardius. 4:3

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- A rainbow of emerald, lapis lazuli and sapphire stone colors appear round the throne. 4:3; Ezekiel 1:26; 10:1
- 24 thrones surround the One sitting on a throne. 4:4
- 24 elders wear golden crowns and sit on thrones. 4:4
- Flashes of lightning and peals of thunder emanate from the throne. Revelation 4:5
- Seven spirits of God each hold a lamp of fire before the throne. Revelation 4:5
- In front of the throne there is a sea of glass. 4:6
- Four living beings full of eyes in front and behind them are in the center and round the throne. Revelation 4:6
- Ezekiel identified the four living beings as Cherubim. Ezekiel 1:5-25; 10:1-22
  1. Creature was like a lion
  2. Like a calf
  3. Had a face like that of a man
  4. Was like a flying eagle.They speak and have six wings. Revelation 4:8; 6:1
- Seraphim angels stand above the Lord. Isaiah 6:1-2  
Each one has six wings. Two cover his face. Two cover his feet. They also have hands and can speak. 6:6-7
- Hundreds of millions of angels gather around the throne. Revelation 5:11

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- Those who experienced the great tribulation wash their robes in the Lamb's blood. They serve Him in the temple and God covers them with His tabernacle. 7:14-15
- The Lamb in the center of the throne will guide them to the springs of the water of life, wipe every tear from their eyes and no one will hunger or thirst. SPF 1000 is available. Revelation 7:14-17; 21:4
- The victorious over the beast stand on a sea of glass mixed with fire, playing God's harps. Revelation 15:2
- Angels are clothed in stunning garments. Their chests are wrapped with golden sashes. Revelation 15:6

The present, temporary heaven is where God has existed "before time". It is where the faithful live after our time, mission and purpose are fulfilled.

Headline Omissions:

The present Heaven does not have pearly gates.

The present Heaven does not have streets of gold.

### **The New Heaven...new Jerusalem**

*I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.* Revelation 21:1

- New Jerusalem comes down out of Heaven from God. She is prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:2, 10
- God and His tabernacle lives among us. Revelation 21:4

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- God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death, mourning, crying or pain. 21:4
- God will provide water from the spring of life to the thirsty with no cost. Revelation 21:7; 22:17
- The faithful will see the bride, the wife of the Lamb. Revelation 21:9
- The holy city has God's glory. *Her brilliance was like a stone of crystal-clear jasper (every color of the rainbow).* Revelation 21:11
- New Jerusalem has 4 walls with 12 gates and angels inscribe the names of the twelve tribes. Revelation 21:12
- Twelve foundation stones have plaques etched with the names of the 12 apostles. Revelation 21:14
- The holy city is a square, 1,364 miles in length, 1,364 miles in width and 1,364 miles in height. 21:16
- The walls are 216 feet high. Human measurements are the same as angelic measurements. Revelation 21:17
- The city is pure gold, like clear glass. The walls are decorated with every kind of precious stone in a variety of colors. Revelation 21:18-20
- Each of the twelve gates is a single pearl. The streets are pure gold, like transparent glass. Revelation 21:21

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- The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple. There is no sun or moon. The glory of God and the Lamb are the source of light. Revelation 21:23; 22:5
- The gates will never be closed. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter. Revelation 22:25, 27
- A crystal-clear river flows from the throne of God and the Lamb. Revelation 22:1
- In the middle of the pure gold street and on each side of the river is the tree of life producing twelve crops of fruit each month. Revelation 22:2
- It is the fruit of the tree of life which produces the leaves for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2
- The throne of God and the Lamb shall be in New Jerusalem. We will see His face, His name shall be on our foreheads, and we shall serve Him. Revelation 22:4
- We shall reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:5
- Washing our robes guarantees entry into the city and rights to eat the fruit from the tree of life. Rev. 22:14

Do your laundry, enter God's holy city and picnic by the river from eternity's fruit tree!

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## Epilogue



### The Greatest Story Rarely Told

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16 NLT

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There lived in a spiritual dimension a family known as “Elohim”.<sup>7</sup> El was the Father,<sup>8</sup> Ruach was His wife.<sup>9</sup> Their son was named Yahweh. The son was called “the Lord God”<sup>10</sup> and it was He who created everything.<sup>11</sup> Their kingdom was “Heaven”.

In “Preternity”<sup>12</sup> they created spiritual beings.<sup>13</sup> Cherubim, seraphim and multitudes of angels served and worshipped the family of God.<sup>14</sup> There were other spirits known and commissioned by God. Before “in the beginning,” the Family of God reigned until Helel, “the star of the morning”,<sup>15</sup> one of the cherubim, became jealous and elevated himself as an equal to God.<sup>16</sup> Instead of loving his Creator, Helel loved and worshipped himself.

In his arrogance, he manipulated one third<sup>17</sup> of the angelic host to rebel against the Family of God. The created revolted against their Creator. There was chaos in the Cosmos. The war transferred to the heavens and the earth and the forces of good versus evil clashed in all dimensions.

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<sup>7</sup> Elohim (Noun Masculine plural) Genesis 1:1

<sup>8</sup> El Elohim: God, the God. Genesis 32:20

<sup>9</sup> Ruach (Noun Feminine) Genesis 1:2

<sup>10</sup> Genesis 2:4 Yahweh Elohim

<sup>11</sup> Colossians 1:16-17

<sup>12</sup> “Preternity”: combining “Pre” + “eternity”

<sup>13</sup> *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you. Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”*  
Jeremiah 1:6; Psalm 139:16

<sup>14</sup> Revelation 5:11

<sup>15</sup> Isaiah 14:12

<sup>16</sup> Isaiah 14:14

<sup>17</sup> Revelation 12:4

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God ejected Helel and his allies from His presence sending them to Earth. And darkness was upon the face of the deep.<sup>18</sup> Earth became the battle ground to confirm that light is stronger than darkness. “Internity” began as Yahweh fashioned man from dirt and placed Adam in the Garden of Eden.<sup>19</sup> He breathed into man, and he became a living being.<sup>20</sup> Because of Adam’s loneliness, God formed a corresponding mate for him. Woman was fashioned from man’s side, the closest place to man’s heart. The Lord God (Yahweh) gave them two rules: “You may eat from any tree of the garden, but you may not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for if you do you will die twice.”<sup>21</sup>

Yahweh wasn’t the only celestial being strolling in the Garden. Helel was craftier than any beast of the field. Satan tapped on Eve’s shoulder while Adam watched and remained silent. Helel, in the form of a serpent beast,<sup>22</sup> deceived Adam and Eve with the false promise: “Defy God’s law and you will become God yourself.” They both consumed the fruit from the one forbidden tree. Before Adam and Eve were dispatched from the Paradise chess match the Lord God predicted the ultimate outcome of the contest: “Satan will bruise my heel, but I will crush his head.”<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> *And the earth was formless, and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep.* Genesis 1:2

<sup>19</sup> *The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.* Genesis 2:8

<sup>20</sup> *The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul).* Genesis 2:7

<sup>21</sup> Genesis 2:16-17. Hebrew: mowet tamut (die die).

<sup>22</sup> Genesis 3:1

<sup>23</sup> Genesis 3:15

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Meanwhile, the Devil planned to refortify his angel-demon corps by recruiting human mercenaries. The world stage was set. Man and woman were cast out of the Garden with a new reality: pain, suffering and death. Their first-born cheated God but their youngest worshipped God. Cain murdered his brother because of jealousy, and this act became mankind's brand. The afterlife of humans now needed an afterworld destination because the Biblical word for "death" does not mean "annihilation", but rather separation of the spirit from the human body or separation from God.<sup>24</sup>

Because God had not yet revealed His law, He was compelled to create temporary afterlife destinations for those disobedient of God and those sometimes disobedient to God. "Sheol" was originally prepared for Satan and his angels.<sup>25</sup>

World History is the story of the spiritual competition between El and Helel. Satan mustered his army and tasked them with overwhelming Earth's inhabitants with evil. Yahweh was so infuriated by mankind's sin that He was sorry He had created humans.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> "Maveth" (Hebrew: to die) "thanatos" (Greek: death =separation from God or from the body).

<sup>25</sup> *You have been cut down to the earth, you have been brought down to Sheol.* Isaiah 14:11-12

<sup>26</sup> *The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord...Noah walked with God.* Genesis 6:8-9

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One individual and his family found favor in the eyes of the Lord...Noah. They were commissioned to preserve mankind and protect God's Genesis handiwork. A world-wide flood would temporarily cleanse the stench of evil from this world.

It was Yahweh who closed the door on the ark Noah's family constructed. The flood resulted in the Pangea effect that separated continents but could not eliminate Satan's influence separating humans from evil.

People returned to their obsession to become like God. Mankind attempted to build a tower to ascend into Heaven. The icon would symbolize man's equality with God. Elohim, the family of God,<sup>27</sup> interrupted the project with the introduction of multiple languages. But evil infected people no matter where they scattered.

A common thread in history is the redeeming element of faith. Among the multitudes of evil people throughout the chronicles of mankind, someone would believe in their Creator and live for Him. Abraham was such a person. Upon his death, God would give him possession of a place in the afterlife and named it after him: "Abraham's Bosom".<sup>28</sup> All who followed God would reside there. Sheol was now divided into two realms: one for the righteous (Abraham's Side), and the other one for the unrighteous (Hades).<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> *"Come, let Us go down and confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."* Genesis 11:7

<sup>28</sup> *"Now it came about that the poor man died, and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom."* Luke 16:22

<sup>29</sup> Luke 16:19-30

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Sin blossomed in the hearts and minds of people. Those who were obedient to God and died, were carried by angels to Abraham's Bosom. Those who disobeyed God were transferred to Sheol, or Hades. A great chasm divided the two realms.

Mankind needed more than just the moral law. Humans needed God's Law. Yahweh Elohim gave direction, guidance, and the Law to Moses. God provided a tabernacle for the people to worship God. Satan was not impressed.

The Law and Tabernacle provided no salvation. Yahweh's plan continued to roll. He provided prophets and priests and inspired them to spark hope of salvation through a coming Messiah, or "Anointed One." Every book in the Old Testament points to Him but one.<sup>30</sup>

The remnant of God's faithful was always outnumbered by the unfaithful. For every champion God raised, Satan spawned a million cronies. Their attacks were always for the purpose of degrading the Creator.

Universally, nations worshipped idols made of wood, stone and precious materials. The Hebrews built a Temple but followed man-made laws instead of God's laws.<sup>31</sup> God's chosen people became God's frozen people. God's plan to redeem man was not in the Law<sup>32</sup>, but in the Creator's own intervention.

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<sup>30</sup> The Book of Esther does not mention the name of God.

<sup>31</sup> *"You shall not worship idols or serve them; for I, the Lord your god, am a jealous God..."* Exodus 20:5

<sup>32</sup> *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory...* John 1:14

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The personal confrontation between Yahweh and Satan came at the crossroads of B.C. and A.D. Yahweh Elohim, son of El and Ruach, became flesh and dwelt among us.<sup>33</sup> The Lord God, the Son of God, was given to humanity because of God's love.<sup>34</sup>

The Lord God became known as Yeshua, Immanuel. We know Him as Jesus. After He was immersed in the Jordan River, Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the unholy spirit for 40 days and nights. Three times Satan tested Jesus with Earth's pleasures and prestige. Jesus resisted with the Word of God.

Losing the round, but determined to win the Chess match, Satan lurked in the background in the minds of the religious leaders confronting Jesus wherever He taught. Final victory was within the Devil's reach.

Jesus had compassion on the multitudes. He showed God's love for His people. He warned the religious about their hypocrisy. He encouraged his followers to develop a relationship with God, not religion. He came to seek and save the lost.<sup>35</sup> He came to forgive us our sins and bring us salvation.

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<sup>33</sup> *But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.* Galatians 4:4-5

<sup>34</sup> John 3:16

<sup>35</sup> *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."* Luke 19:10

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Jesus confirmed that He was Yahweh, our Creator through miracles, signs, and wonders.<sup>36</sup> But Helel could mimic miracles, signs, and wonders also.<sup>37</sup>

Jesus confirmed in the Temple He was the expected Messiah. He stated to the Jews: “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born (came into being), I AM.”<sup>38</sup> This was a direct reference to Moses’ request to know the name of God whose response was, “I AM WHO I AM” (YHWH).<sup>39</sup> It is no wonder the Jews picked up stones to throw at Him.

Jesus informed His disciples in the storm-tossed boat that He was “I Am”.<sup>40</sup> Jesus bluntly said to them: “From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I AM HE.”<sup>41</sup> Satan countered with his own tactics. Through temptation and religion, most of God’s chosen people rejected Yeshua. Some Gentiles believed, but even his own twelve disciples were unconvinced.

Jesus verified He was Yahweh to the Roman cohort in Gethsemane. Jesus asked them, “Whom do you seek?” The answered, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them “I am” (Greek: ego eimi). They were stunned and immediately fell like dominoes upon the ground.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> *Men of Israel, listen to these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst.” Acts 2:22*

<sup>37</sup> *The one whose presence is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs, and false wonders. 2 Thessalonians 2:9*

<sup>38</sup> John 8:58-59

<sup>39</sup> Exodus 3:14

<sup>40</sup> Mathew 14:22-23

<sup>41</sup> John 13:19

<sup>42</sup> John 18:5-6

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Jesus was betrayed by one of His own disciples. The others ran and hid. Jesus was delivered by the religious elite to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. He offered to release one prisoner to the Jews: Jesus Barabbas (the son of the father) or Jesus Immanuel, (the son of God). The people selected a murderer instead of the Savior.

As promised by the prophets, the Creator of the Universe, one who did not sin, was sacrificed and crucified with two criminals at Golgotha, the place of the skull.

One represented Satan and ridiculed and cursed Jesus. The other did so temporarily but changed his attitude and requested: "Remember me when You enter into Your kingdom!" Jesus responded, 'Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.'<sup>43</sup>

In great pain, Jesus cried out to His Father: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"<sup>44</sup> Jesus specifically referred to His Father's name: "Ei". He absorbed the sins of all who were, are and will live on this planet. His final words were, "It is finished"<sup>45</sup>

Satan shouted throughout Sheol, Hades and the universe: "He is finished!" While eternal, rebellious angels, demons and unrighteous humans rejoiced, Jesus' body was buried...but not His Spirit.

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<sup>43</sup> Luke 23:42-43.

<sup>44</sup> Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46

<sup>45</sup> Luke 23:46

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Satan was convinced the crucifixion of Jesus was his ultimate triumph. The Creator of all things had died for His faithful followers who betrayed and abandoned Him. Jesus' body was in the tomb. Across the cosmos Satan's cry resounded: "Game over! We have won our victory!"

In Heaven there was silence. Jesus "yielded up His spirit".<sup>46</sup> His spirit was committed to the Father in pursuit of His mission in the afterlife. He fulfilled His promise to the criminal on the cross and gave hope and rescue for those in the afterlife who were separated from God.

Jesus' spirit transitioned to the residences of all who had perished, from Adam to the criminal on the cross, in order to preach to those in prison after His crucifixion.<sup>47</sup>

In the underworld, in Satan's own backyard, Jesus' spirit preached the Gospel to all who had lived and died. The roll call of the faithful and faithless heard the Gospel from the Creator of Life himself! In the afterlife, there was a revival and a resurrection.

Then came Sunday! The Spirit of Elohim resurrected Yahweh Elohim. We know Him as Jesus. The tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. Coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many<sup>48</sup> fulfilling Jesus' promise.

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<sup>46</sup> Matthew 27:50

<sup>47</sup> *Christ went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah...* I Peter 3:19-20

<sup>48</sup> Matthew 27:52-53

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*“For an hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice and shall come forth, those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life.”<sup>49</sup>*

The result of the proclamation in Abraham’s Bosom and perhaps among those who had sometimes been disobedient to the moral and unwritten laws, was the honor and privilege of once again walking around in Jerusalem. All those spirits who were raised from Abraham’s Side were shouting praises to God as they cruised through the Holy City and were escorted to Heaven.

Satan and His demon angels must have screamed in agony! They knew it was going to happen but were powerless to stop it. Sheol and Hades had been invaded and the inhabitants were given a second chance of hearing the Gospel. Moses, Elisha, Rahab, Esther, Deborah, Samuel, David, Ruth, and all the rest of the valiant and victorious in Abraham’s Bosom were liberated and ascended to heaven.

After Jesus’ ascension He returned to Earth for 40 days to prove His spirit was real. His spiritual body was able to see, hear, taste, speak, reason, remember, and forgive. He told them they would never be alone. He promised the Holy Spirit would come upon and within them after his ascension. Jesus announced He would appear (return, come) again.

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<sup>49</sup> John 5:25; 28-29

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He commissioned them...

*“Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...”<sup>50</sup>*

He encouraged them...

*“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”<sup>51</sup>*

He promised them...

*“I will send the Helper to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment.”<sup>52</sup>*

Jesus confirmed He would prepare a place for us.<sup>53</sup> That destination is heaven. Some propose that Christ’s followers go to sleep when they die. There is no benefit to God or us if the dead are asleep. How can we praise and please God if we are asleep? Jesus wasn’t asleep when His body was in the tomb. The rich man and Lazarus were not asleep in Hades or Abraham’s Bosom.

Our story concludes knowing those who have died are awake and worshipping the Family of Elohim. They are aware and able to see, hear, taste, speak, reason, remember, have mobility, feel comfort, and eat from the Tree of Life.<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> Matthew 28:19

<sup>51</sup> Matthew 28:20

<sup>52</sup> John 16:7-8

<sup>53</sup> John 14:1-3

<sup>54</sup> Revelation 22:1-2

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Those who disbelieve reside in Hades or Gehenna. They, too, are awake and aware and able to see, hear, taste, speak, reason, remember, recognize one another, and feel pain. On the great day of God there will be judgment.<sup>55</sup>

Two thousand Earth-time years have passed since Jesus ascended into Heaven. Satan's temporary victory at the cross resulted in a harsh defeat in the resurrection. On that fateful day, Satan's head was crushed but not defeated.

The devil is using every weapon he has in his arsenal upon humans. The created Cherub has unleashed the forces of darkness prepping the cosmos for disaster. His demons distract, divert, deceive, divide and destroy God's chosen people at the cost of their own lives. To compete with God, Satan is always willing to pay any price to condemn his own followers with misery exacerbated by his own unquenchable narcissism.

One day, when least expected,<sup>56</sup> God will deploy Jesus to appear in the sky, bringing with Him those who have lived and died and reside in Heaven.<sup>57</sup> Those who are alive on Earth during this epoch event will be morphed into their spiritual body and meet the Lord in the air. What a reunion that will be!!!

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<sup>55</sup> *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, everyone one of them according to their deeds.*

Revelation 20:12-13

<sup>56</sup> *"But about that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."* Matthew 24:36

<sup>57</sup> I Thessalonians 4:13-17

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Satan and his cronies will be escorted to the Lake of Fire. Checkmate! Game Over!

Those who were and are unbelievers will be transported out of Hades to Judgment. The names of those written in the Book of Life will be read.

*I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Revelation 20:11-12; 15

Those who committed their lives to Helel's side will be transferred to the Lake of Fire<sup>58</sup> where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. There will be no one asleep in that environment.

The faithful will hear their names pronounced on Judgment Day. For them, Elohim will create a new heaven and earth...the New Jerusalem. This is where the faithful righteous will live forever and more with Jesus.

This is the greatest story rarely told. Everyone on earth deserves to hear it! Eternity is too long to be wrong!

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<sup>58</sup> Revelation 20:14-15

## Afterward

Eternity has no beginning and no end. Our human existence has no definitive beginning and no ending. In essence, we are always home...with God. How long is our journey? If we are going to travel by car the best vehicle to purchase is an "Infinity". It is equipped with Elegance with Performance!

*That is why we never give up.*

*Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are renewed every day.*

*For our present troubles are small and won't last very long.*

*Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!*

*We don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen.*

*For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last for eternity.*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT

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