

Part 2

Most of us observe the world around us and conclude that this is reality... some of us look around and think, 'This is all there is.' So many of us believe that reality consists of all that we can see, hear, taste, touch and smell... this is it!

But nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the invisible realm is, by far, the more substantial, more concrete and certain realm than what we can, now, experience; our current physical bodies were only created to be able to experience the tangible, the physical realm.

The 'invisible realm' is really not invisible at all... it is only unseen by our human eyes; God has simply created our physical bodies with a filter so that we are unable to experience or interact with the unseen realm.

Something being 'spiritual' does not mean without substance or tangibility. .. only that we, currently, cannot perceive it.

Soon, at the moment of the Rapture, suddenly, then before us will be opened and revealed all that had been theretofore invisible and unknown to us... we will be like Jesus Christ: *'Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.'*³ *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.'* 1 Jn 3:2

That is our blessed hope which motivates, strengthens and encourages us in these last dark and corrupt days... we are fast approaching the end of Lucifer's rule over the Earth.

Here, then, is the small and incomplete understanding of God's Eternal Plans and Purposes: remember, His absolute number one objective has always been: the Glory of God. He, alone, is worthy of all praise, honor and glory; therefore, it would be wrong for Him to work toward anything short of that.

Long before The 'Beginning'... there was God... God alone. Father, Son and Holy Spirit in perfect union, harmony, unison and peace.

God created His own place: Heaven, His Throne... a majestic and glorious place. He had need of nothing.

Then, He chose to create angels; they were servants of God but also, the Bible calls them the sons of God.

God gave the angels the ability to sing and to praise and worship Him; their songs are like nothing we've ever experienced; when we do finally hear their vast choirs, it will be unimaginably glorious!

Lucifer was a very special angel who is thought to have been the musical leader; we read about him in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28:

'How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!'¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.¹⁵ Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.' Isa 14:12

And: *'Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.¹³ Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy **tabrets and of thy pipes** was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.¹⁶ By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.¹⁷ Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.'* Ezekiel 28:12

Tabrets and pipes are musical instruments. Lucifer was lifted up with pride over his beauty and music. He is the source of worldly music today and even the music in many churches with their pride, beauty and song.

Lucifer rebelled against God's authority and 1/3 of the angels rebelled with him.

God created the Lake of Fire into which He planned to eventually condemn all rebelling angels: *'Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels...'* Matt 25:41

God has revealed Himself as masculine... His pronouns are always He/Him. All of the angels are also revealed as masculine; the Bible never refers to female angels. Perhaps that has something to do with why some of them were so taken with the beautiful human women in Genesis 6.

God created Earth and He created the first man to rule over the Earth and all its creatures. But something was missing... not only did God want a man to love, who would love Him, He intended for man to fill the Earth so God created what was missing: the first woman; they were meant to love each other and to love and obey God.

They had just one commandment: 'Don't ever eat from just that one tree!' They had a huge beautiful garden filled with trees and flowers and marvelous creatures and yet, they decided, with Lucifer's prompting, to disobey that one simple command... they just had to eat from that one tree and from that moment, sin and death began to fill the Earth.

The humans began to fill the Earth but most of them were rebellious and filled with sin.

God planned to create a people for Himself whom He did choose and elect from the foundation of the World. This particular and peculiar people would eventually be recreated, from being sinful, rebellious and lost, into a people who would be made perfect in every way, sinless and glorified by God, to praise, exalt, extol and worship Him throughout all Eternity.

What we fail to understand is that Eternal God chose to create a physical world into which He would cause every one of His chosen elect to be born. Then, during the minuscule span of time in this, our first part of life, we would have the opportunity to receive His unspeakable gift of Eternal Life and then to gain unimaginable eternal rewards from the hand of God when we stand before Him. All that, glorifies God.

His plan included creating a specific people to love, forever, who would, in turn, love Him forever in light of all that He will have done for them... that will glorify God forever.

Sadly, so few ever come to understand this crucial fact. Now is our only opportunity to gain eternal rewards. As soon as the Lord Jesus Christ comes for us in the Rapture, that will be it!

Then we will begin to see Eternity, to live within Eternity and to rule and reign with Him for all Eternity.

What will it be like, after the Rapture, after our return, with Him, at Armageddon, after the Millennium and after He destroys the present creation and then creates a New Heavens and a New Earth... what will it be like?

The New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven to the New Earth.

Rev 21:5 *'And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. ⁶ And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.'*

He was, eternally before 'the beginning,' and He is forever with us and He will be, forever, long after the 'end' of all that we now experience. The difference between the beginning and the end: we will also be, with Him throughout all Eternity... forever and ever-more.

Rev 21:7: *'I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (we'll see where that 'water of life' comes from in the chapter 22)*

'He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.'

This is the greatest promise in all of God's Word! We are the true children of God and He has given us all things.

Remember: We are overcomers now! We have overcome; every one of these promises are given to us!

1 John 5:4 says: *'For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even **our faith**.⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but **he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**'*

We are born again, of God; we do overcome the world. It is our faith in Jesus Christ that makes us *those who overcome*; we believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Therefore, according to God's Word, we overcome! Just as our Eternal Salvation is not based on our own works, neither is our status as one who overcomes; that, too, is based solely on Jesus Christ and our faith in His finished work.

Adam and Eve had one simple command: 'Don't eat from that tree!'

Our Eternal Salvation is based on one simple command: *'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.'* Acts 16:31

And here's the beauty of that command: it's also according to God's work. He is the One Who chose each one of us for Himself, He is the One Who gave us the faith to believe, He is the One Who revealed Himself to us, such that we could not help but believe and then, finally, He is the One Who granted us His gift of repentance.

In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, we read the 7 letters Jesus dictated to John, for 7 different churches. At the end of each letter, Jesus promises something to 'him that overcomes:' *'I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God (This pertains to our eternal life in Him); he shall not be hurt of the second death; (we will never die) I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it (this references the personal, intimate nature of our relationship with Him); I give power over the nations (this speaks of the fact that we will rule and reign with Him forever); I will give him the morning star (Jesus is the morning star and He is saying that He has given Himself to us, completely, as a bride and groom do with each other); He shall be clothed in white raiment (the white raiment signifies our complete holiness and righteousness in Jesus Christ); and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels (this is His promise of our complete security in Him: no one and no thing could ever remove us from our place of security in Him); Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth (His promise to remove us, in the Rapture, before the Tribulation begins); I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name (this is our intimacy in being with Him and knowing Him, completely) Remember, when He comes down, at Armageddon, it says, 'and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.'* We will be given a secret, intimate name known only to ourselves and to God; this says, also, that He will have a name known, at first, known only to Himself, but that, then, He will tell each of us His secret Name: like a newly married couple who've given each other their secret names of endearment); *I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (again, He is reiterating that we will, in fact, really rule and reign with Him forever. Ours will not be just a 'made-up' title or station; we will have real authority over the areas He gives us to administrate.)*

Rev. 21:8: *'But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.'*⁹ *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*¹⁰ *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*¹¹ *Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal... .. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*²⁴ *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour*

into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. ²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.'

Out, into Eternity... there will still be specific nations and specific kings...

Further, in Revelation 22, we read more about Eternity...

Rev 22:1 'And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (It appears that there will be something in the 'nations' in need of healing or, at least, of sustaining... it could be that the leaves of the tree of life, along with the water of life are what enables the maintaining of Eternal Life in those who were not the Bride/Church/We who did receive glorified eternal bodies at the Rapture. The Bible does not give the promise to O.T. Saints, Tribulation Saints or to Millennial Saints, of being changed to be Like the Lord Jesus Christ; It may be that they receive bodies like ours, also, but the Word does not specifically say so) Just something to think about... in rightly dividing His Word of Truth... Remember... always... if God says something in His Word... it is true and He means for us to understand it as we 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' 2 Tim 2:15

God said, for a reason, nations, kings, being granted access to the water of life and to the leaves of the tree of life for healing... We, the Body and Bride of Jesus Christ, were given Eternal Life at the moment of our Salvation; we will not need access to the water of life or the leaves from the tree of life; we will be changed, in a moment, to be like Jesus Christ.

Rev 22:3: 'And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: ⁴ And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. ⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. ⁶ And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. ⁷ Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.'

Where will there be no need of candle or sun... in New Jerusalem... but that does not necessarily pertain to the rest of the Earth or other planets around stars... New Jerusalem will be 1400 miles square, presumably resting in the area of Israel and Jerusalem. Remember, God promised the Israelites an everlasting kingdom, ruled by David, on the very land which God has given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... forever... even on the New Earth.

'I Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.' Deut 4:40

We will rule and reign with Him forever... during the Millennium and then on the New Earth and over all the Universe... forever!

There will be kings and kingdoms all around the New Earth... they will not be lit by New Jerusalem's light.

We will be kings and priests forever... we, are now, and then, even more so, Eternal Beings.

Next time we will look at the other side of forever... Hell, Hades, Tartarus and the Lake of Fire.

Something to think about: We might find it hard to not be happy that certain persons, many certain persons, current or past, will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. What if we have been guilty of just 1% of 1% of their sin... 1/10,000th? What is .0001% of forever? Since forever is forever, .0001% of forever is still forever!

No matter how *small* we want to think our sin is... we still deserve to be in the Lake of Fire forever!

Glory to God forever!