

**A GODLIKE
OVERVIEW *of*
EARTH'S END**

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In ancient times, people gained knowledge of God's Sacred Truth by the reading of **Scrolls** of Holy Scripture. The Scrolls from which they read had **a wooden roller** at each end, and each of the two rollers was called a **"tree of life."** Thus there was a **"tree of life"** at the **beginning** of the Scroll, and another **"tree of life"** at its **end**.

This characteristic of the ancient scrolls (on which the individual books of the Bible were written) is another **prophetic element** of our religious history, and it gives us a wonderful **foreshadowing** of the ultimate **outcome** of the entire Bible!

It likewise gives us **a foreknowledge of the future fate of our Earth**, for in the structure of a Scroll of Scripture we can see **the Beginning and the End of the planet Earth!**

Just like a Scroll of Holy Scripture, the content of the Bible proceeds from a **“Tree of Life” in Genesis** (the first of its many books), and ends up with a **“Tree of Life” in Revelation** (the last of the 66 books). In the middle is the long story of humanity — **a history of vast suffering, of repetitious afflictions**, and some occasional triumphs over evil. Revelation explains that the **“Tree of Life”** and **a New Paradise** are the ultimate **destination** of our planet Earth.

At **Earth's End**,
there is a *New*
Paradise waiting
for the people
of our planet!

You have surely heard stories about that **Perfect Earth** at the Beginning of human history, the **Paradise** that God first created. But have you ever considered its similarity to that **Final Earth** which God plans as the **ultimate destination** of human history?

God long ago **started out** with a **Paradise Earth**, and He plans to **end up** with a **Paradise Earth**!

He will achieve this goal, in spite of all the many ailments of this sin-ravaged **Fallen Earth** in which we must presently spend our lives!

God will transform the Earth and make a new world **for those whom He considers loyal to His cause.** He will populate His New Earth with a **remnant** people that He has kept for Himself. The ones who **survive the chaos** of the present Earth will be those persons who have **placed their faith in God and His Plan of Salvation.**

The population of God's **New Earth** will be composed of those persons who have successfully **passed through a Time of Testing in the Broken Earth** that we now experience. They will thus be prepared by God, **approved by God**, and **appointed** to be the inhabitants of His New Earth.

More details about His grand process of **Divine Selection** will be found in the latter part of this tract.

But for now, let's consider some **amazing similarities** between the **First Paradise** and that last Paradise which is ahead for Earth. God has promised us an **ultimate utopia** on Earth!

Some people consider the Eden of God's first Paradise to have been only "mythological," but God plans to **re-create** it as a **reality**!

Consider the parallels between the **First Earth** and the **Last Earth** which God is planning...

Consider the parallels between
the **lost paradise** of First Earth
and the **final paradise** of the
Last Earth . . .

At the **Earth's Beginning**, there was a **Tree of Life** in the midst of the Garden, but human beings were not permitted to eat of it.

At the **Earth's End**, there will be a **Tree of Life** on the **New Earth**, and human beings will freely eat of it. The **Tree of Life** will bear **twelve different kinds of fruit** on one single trunk, and **each Tree of Life will bear its fruit continuously, yielding its fruits in every month that passes by!**

On the **First Earth**, the first humans were given all plant-life and vegetables to be their food supply. There was **no killing** of animals for food until later, when sin entered the Creation of God.

On the **Last Earth**, the last humans will again get their food from plants and from the Tree of Life. There will be **no more slaying of animals** for food.

At the **Earth's Beginning**, there was no toil, pain, or suffering.

At the **Earth's End**, there will be no more toil, pain, or suffering.

On the **First Earth**, God walked with human beings.

On the **Last Earth**, God will live with human beings again.

At the **Earth's Beginning**, there was no hostile climate or bad weather.

At the **Earth's End**, there will be food growing on the trees in every month of the year.

On the **First Earth**, there was no death, disease, or decay.

On the **Last Earth**, there will be no more death, disease, or decay.

At the **Earth's Beginning**, no **sacrifices were necessary** (until sin entered the world).

At the **Earth's End**, no further **sacrifices will be required** of Earth's inhabitants.

On the **First Earth**, the first humans **tended God's Garden**.

On the **Last Earth**, the last humans **will take care of God's New Earth**.

At the **Earth's Beginning**, the **Sun** was in existence as a source of light. At the **Earth's End**, the **Sun** will **no longer be necessary**.

On the **First Earth**, the **light** was **provided primarily by the Sun** that God had created for the planet Earth.

On the **Last Earth**, the **light will come instead from the brilliance of God**, who will illuminate all the world in lieu of the Sun.

We can more readily see the comparison if we place the characteristics into **two lists** with parallel columns, **side-by-side**, in this fashion . . .

First Earth:

***Tree of Life**

- *Food from plant-life, vegetation
- *No toil, pain, or suffering
- *God walks with human beings
- *Clean and pristine Earth
- *No sin, no killing of animals or humans
- *No curse on the Earth or Earth's soil
- *No death, disease, or decay
- *No affliction of human beings
- *No hostile climate or weather
- *No sacrifices necessary

*The first Earthlings **tend God's garden**

*The Earth's Sun exists as a source of light

***Light comes from the Sun**

God has created for the Earth

Last Earth:

***Tree of Life**

- *Food from plants & Tree of Life
- *No more toil, pain, or suffering
- *God lives with human beings again
- *Cleansed and paradisiacal Earth
- *No more sin, no killing of animals or humans
- *No more curse on the Earth and its soil
- *No death, disease, or decay
- *No more afflictions for human beings
- *Food grows on trees in every month
- *No further sacrifice required of Earth's inhabitants
- *God's servants **take care of His New Earth**

*The Earth's Sun is no longer necessary

***Light comes from God**, who has replaced the Sun of Earth with the brilliance of His glory

Did you ever see **breadfruit** growing on the trees in a tropical island paradise, like the ones that exist in the Pacific? On some of these islands, the **breadfruit** grows every month, all through the year!

God has planned something similar **for the future of the planet Earth!**

Jesus Christ said of Himself, **“I AM the Bread of Life.”**

In a way, we can think of Jesus as a wonderful **breadfruit** growing on the **Tree of Life**. It is only by eating of the **Bread of Life**, which is **the salvation of Jesus Christ**, that we humans may find access to that **Final Paradise** which God plans for our Earth.

God Himself will be the **Sun** who **illuminates** the **New Paradise** of the **Last Earth!**

But even today, you should make God the **center** of your “**spiritual solar system.**” He should be the **Sun** at the **heart** of your own internal universe — **around which all other things must revolve.** Why is this?

Because you need **a brilliant light-source** at the **center** of your own thought-system, **directing all the interactive elements** of your **life and world-view!**

To be among the remnant that God rescues and preserves for His **New Earth**, a person must become a believer of God and **believe all God's words (His open communication to the human race)** as **revealed through Holy Scriptures** and through God's only true Son, Jesus Christ.

God will show us mercy and forgiveness of our sins **only** when we come to Him through the sacrificial death of His one true Son, Jesus. God has made provision for grace (leniency and forgiveness), but He offers it to us **only** via the substituted sacrifice of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Any person can be spared on the basis of God's own painful sacrifice, by a belief in the salvation God offers through His chosen Messiah, His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Those “harvested” by God for His New Earth will be the ones that have opened the door of the heart — the ones who have allowed Jesus Christ to come inside, through the Holy Spirit, to take up a residence inside as the New Center of the universe . . . as a brilliant internal light at the center of the spiritual "solar system."

You will get to see **God's New Earth** only if you have chosen to place His Son Jesus Christ, **who within the Trinity of God created our Universe**, upon a throne at the center of your heart! *He deserves that position and that kind of respect.* He was first **God The Son**, but when born in human flesh He became the only sinless and righteous person who ever lived. Yet He sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself, in order that you and I — that all people — **that whoever wishes for salvation might be rescued from the due punishment of sins.**

All it really takes is a simple but sincere little prayer -- one that you should make up in your own words. The prayer for deliverance and for God's leadership should come from your own heart!

Some important elements that you might include are:

- 1) your desire to turn away from the wrongness or evil of your past life, and your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of God's truth through Bible study,
- 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

This tract will end with something solid, roughly equivalent to the wooden roller of the Bible Scrolls. That wooden roller known as a **“tree of life”** was a necessary and also practical part of all the ancient Scrolls of Holy Scripture. But we know now that it was also very **meaningful**. It has **a special prophetic significance**, unveiling for us **the Biblical scheme of Earth’s history and direction: the Beginning and the End**.

So let’s conclude this message with some **sacred words** from the **ancient Scrolls** of **God’s Holy Book. . .**

Remember the former things,
which I did of old; for I am God, and
there is no one else; I am God, and
there is none like Me,

**Declaring the end and the
result from the beginning,** and
from ancient times **the things that
are not yet done,** saying, My
counsel shall stand, and I will do all
My pleasure and purpose.

Isaiah 46: 9,10

Then I saw a new heaven and **a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away**. . . And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be **no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away**.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “**I am making everything new!**”

Revelation 21: 1, 3-5

On each side of the river stood the **Tree of Life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.** And the leaves of the Tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. **The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city [of God],** and His servants will serve Him.

Revelation 22: 2-3

They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. **There will be no more night.** They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the Sun, for the Lord God will give them light. . . *Revelation 22: 4-5*

It's important for each of us to remember this:

1) **WE SPEAK TO GOD** by our prayers.

2) **GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of Holy Scripture.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can!!

God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live-- so let Him reward your lengthy search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!

Jesus said of the people of God that "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that God has cast into the sea, and it gathers of every kind: When it is full, it will be pulled up on the shore, where they will sit down to sort the catch, and they will collect the good fish in baskets, but the bad things will be thrown away. This is the way it will be at the end of the world: The angels shall come forth, and they will separate the unrighteous persons from among those justified by God . . ."

Excerpt from the book of Matthew, who was a constant companion of Jesus and his devoted disciple [13:47-50].

Jesus spoke of the people of God as being like a seed that is growing secretly, saying, "As for the Kingdom of God, it is as if a person should cast seed into the ground; and then he sleeps, and he rises up night and day to see that the seed is springing forth and always growing up, although he knows not exactly how. The Earth is bringing forth fruit from itself; first the blade, then the ears of corn, and after that the fullness of the ears of corn. And when all the **fruit of the Earth has come forth, immediately God will use the sickle to reap the fields, because the **harvest-time** has come."**

Excerpt from the book of Mark [4:26-29].

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