

06-GOD'S PERFECT PEOPLE

The purpose of the original books that compose the Bible was to describe to the reader how the Living God will consummate His plans with exactly what He intended to have from the beginning. The Lord wanted a perfect people to live in a perfect land. The Lord wanted those people to choose to remain perfect and to return love to Him through obedience. When the Lord created Adam and Eve, they were perfect. They were sinless. God placed them in the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was a perfect, sinless place. The third qualifying determinant was that God wanted them to choose to remain perfect and to return love to Him through obedience. But Adam and Eve chose, of their own free will, **not** to return obedient love to God. God told Adam and Eve they could freely eat from every tree in the Garden of Eden except one. It was a test.

Again, Adam and Eve chose, of their own free will, **not** to return obedient love to God. They chose, of their own free will, **not** to obey God's will for their life. They fell for one of Satan's oldest lies. **You will be equal to God!** " ¹ *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"* " ² *And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,* " ³ *but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'* " ⁴ *But the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.*** " ⁵ *For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God,** knowing good and evil."* " ⁶ *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."* Genesis 3:1-6 (Easy-To-Read Version)

Put in other words, Satan convinced Adam and Eve that if they would disobey the Living God, he (Satan) would make **them** a god (Genesis 3:5). Please note that **if** you could become a god, among other things, people would pray to you and you could answer prayers and grant favors. Adam and Eve failed the test and their eternal destiny was immediately put into jeopardy. Both their material bodies and their spiritual bodies within their material bodies were immediately out of fellowship with the Living God. " ²³ *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

"²³ For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (New American Bible-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

So, how will the Lord end up with a perfect people to live in a perfect land who choose to become perfect and to return love to Him through obedience? "¹³ **There is no one who has gone up to Heaven**, but there is One who has come down from Heaven, namely the Son of Man whose home is in Heaven. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted high the serpent in the Desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ in order that everyone who trusts in Him may have the Life of the Ages." ¹⁶ For so greatly did God love the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who trusts in Him may not perish but may have the Life of Ages. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ **He who trusts in Him does not come up for judgment.** He who does not trust has already received sentence, because he has not his trust resting on the name of God's only Son. ¹⁹ And this is the test by which men are judged—the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than they loved the Light, because their deeds were wicked. ²⁰ For every wrongdoer hates the light, and does not come to the light, for fear his actions should be exposed and condemned. ²¹ But he who does what is honest and right comes to the light, in order that his actions may be plainly shown to have been done in God. John 3:13-21 (Weymouth New Testament)

How will those whose spiritual bodies have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God live in a perfect land? After the White Throne Judgment those whose spiritual bodies have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God will find themselves living on a new earth which the Lord will create. "³ I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Now God's home is with people. He will live with them. They will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain. All the old ways are gone." ⁵ The one who was sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this, because these words are true and can be trusted." ⁶ The one on the throne said to me, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give free water from the spring of the water of life to anyone who is thirsty. ⁷ All those who win the victory will receive all this. And I will be their God, and they will be my children. ⁸ But those who are cowards, those who refuse to believe, those who do terrible things, those who kill, those who sin sexually, those who do evil magic, those who worship idol, and those who tell lies—they will all have a place in the lake of burning sulfur.

This is the second death." Revelation 21:3-8 (Easy-To-Read Version)

The Lord, Himself, will abide on that new earth, in a city He has prepared called the Holy City Jerusalem. " ¹ *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed.* ² *I also saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband."* Revelation 21:1-2 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Some of those whose spiritual bodies have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God will be living in the Holy City Jerusalem while others will be living outside the Holy City Jerusalem. " ²¹ *The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each gate was made from a single pearl. The street of the city was of pure gold, transparent as glass.* ²² *I did not see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb.* ²³ *The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God shines on it, and the Lamb is its lamp.* ²⁴ *The peoples of the world will walk by its light, and **the kings of the earth will bring their wealth into it.*** ²⁵ *The **gates of the city** will stand open all day; they will never be closed, because there will be no night there.* ²⁶ ***The greatness and the wealth of the nations will be brought into the city.*** ²⁷ *But nothing that is impure will **enter** the city, nor anyone who does shameful things or tells lies. **Only those** whose names are written in the Lamb's book of the living **will enter** the city.* Revelation 21:21-27 (Today's English Version)

Please note, however, that we **did not** say that our sinful, material bodies are going to be living on the New Earth. Our material bodies are not going to make it off of this present earth alive. It is the spiritual body that is cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God and will be living on the New Earth for eternity. You may go to our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>, for more information about what **your** Bible **really** says about what is happening in your life today, what is going to happen in your future and how it will affect you, your family and your friends. We particularly recommend the paper "A Chronological Study Of Revelation" on our website.