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SCRIPTURES

- Romans 5:12-21
- Genesis 1-3
- I Corinthians 15

Title:

IF I RAN THE ZOO

- A Type of Adam
- The Gift
- The Exchange

SEED:

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion over** the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26 NKJV

"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28 NKJV

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** "Genesis 3:6 NKJV

"Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:22-24 NKJV

FRUIT:

"For if **by the one man's offense death reigned** through the one, **much more** those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.)"Romans 5:17 NKJV

"Therefore, as **through one man's offense judgment came** to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so **through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.** "Romans 5:18-19 NKJV

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

It's just your garden-variety love story: man is created by God; he is put in charge of everything; success never fully satisfies him; man becomes lonely; God has a woman for the man; man meets the woman; man loves the woman; they are both naked; man's head spins with desire (he can't think straight); woman makes a really bad choice; man stands by and watches (he's too distracted by her naked body); man participates in the really bad choice; God finds out; man blames the woman; woman blames the devil; they both receive a death sentence (along with all of their future children). The outcome looks bleak.

What would you do if you ran the zoo? What would you do if you had an opportunity to rewrite the story? What if you could just advise Adam before his fateful act of utter neglect? You could warn him that what he was about to do would birth death and destruction into creation. Would you do it? Would you attempt to change the course of history and help mankind sidestep thousands of years of pain, misery, and suffering? I wouldn't! Certainly, we'd be better off had Adam never shirked his responsibility, no? Surely, if we had the option to rewind and help Adam make a better choice, all of mankind would benefit, right?

The answer is a resounding no! Had sin never come into the world, sure things would have been perfectly pleasant since creation. Unfortunately, one thing is easy to overlook that supersedes the potential benefits of living in a world that never tasted sin—the need for a Savior! And the ultimate inheritance we have with that savior—a perfect, permanent, unalterable, incorruptible eternity with God. You see, Adam and all humans after him, would have forever carried the risk of sinning at some point—resulting in death. Human beings are potentially fallible. But the glorified body we will inherit one day because we have a Savior is permanently infallible, and I would not attempt to prevent all the pain, misery, and suffering experienced throughout human history, if losing that was the price!

A TYPE OF ADAM

1. Think Two Adams

A. A Step Back...

- (1) How did we get here?
 - (a) Before we proceed...
 - 1. "And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through** whom we have now received the reconciliation." Romans 5:11 NKJV
 - (b) How should that affect your lifestyle between now and that moment of your last breath? Peter's Advice:
 - 1. "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into." I Peter 1:6-12 NKJV

- (2) That's the secret; you are a brand new person ALREADY!
 - (a) You don't have to wait until eternity to take advantage of your inheritance. In fact, you are commanded not to wait; the time is NOW!
 - 1. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the world of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:17-21 NKIV
 - 2. "as **His divine power** <u>has given</u> to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:3 NKJV
 - 3. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace to the hearers.**" Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

B. Liable Anyway

- (1) From Adam to Moses
 - (a) Death reigned from Adam to Moses
 - 1. "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come." Romans 5:12-14 NKJV
 - (b) The Fall of Man: The narrative verse-by-verse as sin enters creation...
 - "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "<u>Has God indeed said</u>, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

- 2. And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; [TRUE!]
- 3. but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God has said, 'You shall not eat it** [TRUE!], nor shall you touch it [NOT TRUE!], lest you die.' "
- 4. Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. [NOT TRUE!]
- 5. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God [NOT TRUE!], knowing good and evil [TRUE!]."
- 6. So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
- 7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked** [Became aware of what they had done!]; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings [to cover up what they had done!].
- 8. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- 9. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
- 10. So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."
- 11. And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
- 12. Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." [Tragic strategic error: humility, personal responsibility, and repentance would have been the right choice!]
- 13. And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" **The woman** said,
 "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." [Tragic strategic error: humility, personal responsibility, and repentance would have been the right choice!]
- 14. So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this [sinned AND attempted to cover it up], You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
- 15. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
- 16. To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

- 17. Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife [you were passive and did not protect her], and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
- 18. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
- 19. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." [You will now die!]
- 20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
- 21. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.
- 22. Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— [Had you chosen humility, personal responsibility, and repentance you would have not lost access, but...]
- 23. **therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden** of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
- 24. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

 "Genesis 3:1-24 NKJV [... instead, you chose to compound your error with more lies, a cover-up and finger-pointing.]

25. Overview

- a) "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate." Genesis 3:6 NKJV
- b) "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and <u>made themselves coverings</u>." Genesis 3:7 NKJV
- c) "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."" Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV
- d) "For dust you are, **And to dust you shall return.**" Genesis 2:19 NKJV
- e) "Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—"" Genesis 3:22 NKJV
- f) "For **the wages of sin is death**, but the **gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NKJV

- g) "So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:24 NKJV
- h) "For I know that in me (**that is, in my flesh**) **nothing good dwells;** for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find." Romans 7:18 NKIV
- i) "For as many as have sinned without law will also **perish without law**, and as many as have sinned in the law will be **judged by the law**" Romans 2:12 NKJV
- j) "Therefore, **to him who knows** to do good and does not do it, to him **it is sin**.

 "James 4:17 NKJV
- k) "because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression." Romans 4:15 NKJV
- I) "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law..." Romans 7:7 NKJV
- m) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23 NKJV
- n) "I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died." Romans 7:9 NKJV
- o) "And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit." I Corinthians 15:45 NKJV
- p) "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a **better covenant**, which was **established on better promises**.

 "Hebrews 8:6 NKJV
- q) "For **the wages of sin is <u>death</u>**, but the **gift of God is <u>eternal life</u>** in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NKJV
- r) "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings." Genesis 3:7 NKJV
- s) "Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them." Genesis 3:21 NKIV
- t) The remedy! "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked." II Corinthians 5:2-3 NKJV

(2) Question

- (a) Are we better off because Adam sinned or would we better off had he not sinned?
 - 1. "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit

of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into." I Peter 1:10-12 NKJV

THE GIFT

2. Polar Opposites

A. The Offense and The Gift

- (1) Two Men
 - (a) Adam and his Offense; Y'shua and His Free Gift
 - 1. "But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many." Romans 5:15 NKJV
- (2) One Sin vs. Many Sins
 - (a) One Sin: Judgment & Condemnation; Many Sins: Gift & Justification
 - "And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment
 which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came
 from many offenses resulted in justification." Romans 5:16 NKJV

THE EXCHANGE

3. It's an unfair exchange; Praise Yahweh for that!

A. Death and Life

- (1) Justification for Condemnation
 - (a) Paul drives this reality so deep into your soul that you will be thanking Adam by the time we are done!
 - 1. "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) *Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."
 Romans 5:17-19 NKJV
 - 2. Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 5:1 NKJV

- 3. "through whom <u>also</u> we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:2 NKJV
- 4. "therefore the Lord God **sent him out of the garden** of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**" Genesis 3:23-24 NKIV
- 5. "So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." [Isaiah 25:8] "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" [Hosea 13:14] The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:54-57 NKIV

(2) Grace for Sin

- (a) Let's seal the deal!
 - "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21 NKJV
 - 2. "...for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20 NKJV
 - 3. "...I would not have known sin except through the law." Romans 7:7 NKJV
 - 4. "But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, <u>produced in me all manner of evil</u> <u>desire.</u> For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died." Romans 7:8-9 NKJV
 - 5. "Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful." Romans 7:13 NKJV
 - 6. "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." Romans
 7:11-12 NKIV
- (b) A Look Ahead...
 - 1. "What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" Romans 6:1-2 NKJV

B. Adam's Body (human) vs. a Glorified Body (heavenly)

- (1) The Glorified Body: your inheritance because Adam sinned!
 - (a) Let's go step by step here...

- "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV
- 2. "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:2 NKJV
- 3. "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. **Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have** flesh and bones as you see I have."" Luke 24:39 NKJV
- 4. Life in the Blood which was then shed in order that we would have a new life: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'" Leviticus 17:11 NKJV
- 5. He is the Light of the world; those who come to Him are filled with that light and become that light: "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."" (John 3:19-21 NKJV) "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."" (John 8:12 NKJV) ""You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14 NKJV
- 6. Y'shua gave us a preview of what a light-filled (bloodless) body looks like: "and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." Matthew 17:2 NKJV
- 7. "When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." Colossians 3:4 NKJV
- (2) The Glorified Species
 - (a) No mixed marriages allowed! (See <u>Interspecies Marriage</u> especially pages 40-50)
 - 1. "Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God. Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, know for certain that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the Lord your God has given you." Joshua 23:11-13 NKJV

- (b) No permission to yoke with a different species!
 - 1. "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."" II Corinthians 6:14-17 NKJV
- (c) Y'shua sealed His permanent position as a glorified being in The Garden of Gethsemane.
 - 1. "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**"" Luke 22:42 NKJV
 - 2. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God [a Spirit], did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men [a human] . And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death [who resurrected in a glorified body], even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:5-8 NKJV
 - 3. "Now when she had said this, **she [Mary]** turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and **did not know that it was Jesus.** Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" **She, supposing Him to be the gardener,** said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." "John 20:14-15 NKJV
 - 4. And that is exactly how He comes again for His bride, in His glorified body. "who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."" Acts 1:11 NKJV
- (d) The Law of the Hebrew servant demanded He make a choice!
 - 1. "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing. If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever." Exodus 21:2-6 NKJV

- 2. ""For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be **joined to his wife**, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning **Christ** and the church." Ephesians 5:31-32 NKJV
- (3) Incorruptible for Corruptible
 - (a) And with what kind body will you resurrect?
 - 1. "But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a lifegiving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man." I Corinthians 15:35-49 NKIV
 - (b) Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God
 - 1. "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved
 - 2. "for where there is no law there is no transgression." Romans 4:15

3. "I would not have known sin except through the law..." Romans 7:7

C. Something that would have never happened had Adam not sinned:

- (1) "Death is swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
 - (a) If I Ran the Zoo: a word of advice for all would be zoo-keepers!
 - 1. "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."" Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

(b) Coming Soon!

- 1. "For the earnest expectation of the **creation** eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." Romans 8:19 NKJV
- 2. "For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Romans 8:20-21 NKJV
- (c) Special Consideration!
 - 1. "Now I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea." Revelation 21:1 NKJV
 - 2. "In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:2 NKJV