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## God the Creator of all Things

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Gen 1:1	In the beginning or eternal past, God created, over periods of time, the vast universe with all its innumerable suns, stars, and planets. Consider that our sun is 1 million 300 thousand times bigger than our planet earth. With the eye, we can see 4,000 stars, and by telescope 600,000. One cannot begin to imagine how long it took God to form the materials and then to fashion with His own hands every part of His boundless creation.
Jn 1:1-3	In the beginning was the Word (the Lord Jesus), and the <u>Word was with God, and the Word was God</u> . All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. Here we learn that God, before becoming the Son of God, created all things.
Heb 1:2 Gen 1:26	God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, by whom also He made the worlds. Jesus was his Father's agent in planning and creating all things. He was also his Father's agent to speak to us the word of God. Rev. 19:13 tells us that his name is called the "Word of God."
Jn 1:14	<u>And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us</u> , his glory as of the only begotten of the Father.
Luke 2:11 Heb 7:1-3	For unto us <u>this day</u> , some 2000 years ago, in the city of David, which is Bethlehem, is born unto Mary a Savior, Christ the Lord. Christ's sonship refers to his humanity (Acts 13:33). <u>As God, he was never conceived and born</u> for he had neither father and mother nor beginning as the prophet Micah 5:2 declares, "His goings forth have been from everlasting."
Heb 11-3	<u>Through faith</u> we understand that the worlds were formed or created by the word of God, so that things which we see were made of things which cannot be seen. <u>In other words, God spoke material or matter into existence then formed all things, visible and invisible, with His hands. He created all things out of nothing!</u> This is hard for us to imagine.

Ps 8:3 Gen 1:14	When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained to divide the day from the night. . .
1 Tim 2:13 Gen 2:7	Adam was first formed, then Eve. God formed them out of the dust of the earth.
Ps 95:5	The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.
Col 1:15-17 Heb 1:3	Christ is the image or <u>the exact likeness</u> of the person of the invisible God who lives on planet heaven. Both God and planet heaven are invisible to us because they are too far away to be seen, <b><u>but God can and has appeared to men.</u></b> and one day believers will go to live in their Father's house. Christ created things on earth that are visible to us, and the things in heaven that are invisible to us. <u>We are taught that we can know what God and heaven are like by the things seen here on earth</u> ( Rom 1:20). What thing on earth could best describe God? <b><u>Is it not man, who was made in His image?</u></b> God also made angels, powers, and authorities to rule for Him in their various spheres. The Archangel Lucifer was put in charge over angels and men to rule here on earth when it was first created in Gen. 1:1.
Ezek 28:13-18	<b><u>Lucifer was perfect in obedience to God until sin was found in him.</u></b> He became a proudful dictator, corrupting his beauty and wisdom. He began a rebellion among more than 1/3 of God's angels and among men who were his earth's subjects. <u>God destroyed his kingdom in a universal upheaval and flood as described in Gen. 1:2. "And the earth was without form, and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep."</u> The earth became dark when God commanded the sun to cease shining. In a cataclysmic upheaval of the planet, the springs of underground waters erupted and, along with heavy rains from the clouds, flooded the dry land with a devastating deluge. Read Job 9:5-7 and Psalm 104:1-9 & 30. Some 6000 years ago, the Spirit of God moved upon the waters to begin a 6 day recreation

of the earth and its inhabitants. He commanded the sun to shine again, and so divided the day and night. He then rebuked the waters to return underground, while forming clouds once again. Dry land appeared once again and God commanded grass to grow. On day four, the sun and moon were given back their task of regulating night and day eternally. **Adam was created and told to repopulate the earth and to rule in Lucifer's place.** He named all the newly created beasts and fowl and took dominion over them.

Isa 14:12-15

Lucifer bragged, I will ascend above the clouds and stars to make my throne in heaven, but he and his rebel angels were cast out of heaven by God's army of faithful angels. **When Adam sinned, Lucifer once again gained rulership over the earth and sin and death came upon all men.**

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**God has been seen by men many times in scripture**

Jn 4:24

Many believe that God is a spirit without a body to dwell in. Yet scriptures speak often of his bodily parts - hands, face, feet, mouth, etc. We read of him speaking, walking, sitting, going from place to place as men do. God gave bodies to all things. Even the sun and moon have bodies, the glory of the sun's body differing from that of the moon's. Are we to assume that God is the only one without a body? His spirit body may differ in glory from our own, but it is still a body.

1 Cor 15:40-41

Gen 12:7

The Lord appeared in visible and tangible form to Abraham saying, I will give you and your seed the land of Canaan, today's Israel.

Gen 18:1-8  
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Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him. It was God and two angels. They ate a roast beef sandwich Abraham had prepared for them. After walking and talking with one another, the Lord and Abraham parted, each going their separate ways.

Gen 32:24-30	<u>Abraham's grandson Jacob wrestled with God in hand to hand grappling. I have seen God face to face, he spoke in amazement, and my life is preserved! The scripture reads, ". . . and there wrestled a <u>man</u> with him."</u> Spirit beings, like God and angels, must have material substance with which to wrestle another person. <u>It is a spirit body made of a higher, spiritual substance.</u>
Exo 24:9-11	Moses, Aaron, and his 2 sons, Nadab and Abihu along with 70 leaders of Israel went to meet God atop Mt. Sinai. <u>They saw God</u> , and there was under <u>His feet</u> a paved work of a sapphire stone. <u>Together they ate and drank.</u>
Exo 33:11	<b><u>And the Lord spoke with Moses face to face as a man speaks to his friend.</u></b>
Job 42:5	At the end of his trial and satanic onslaught (for Lucifer roams the earth in great power), Job answered the Lord declaring, I have heard of you by the hearing of my ears, <u>but now my eye sees you.</u>
Isa 6:1 & 8	Isaiah the prophet saw the Lord sitting upon a throne saying, <u>Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?</u> <u>Isaiah cried, Mine eyes have seen the Lord of hosts.</u> It stands to reason that God must have a body with back parts to sit down upon and a mouth to speak.
Dan 10:5-6	Both the prophet Daniel and the apostle John had a similar vision of Christ. Daniel saw him in his glory before he became man, while John saw him glorified <u>after</u> his death, resurrection, and ascension back to heaven.
Rev 1:13-15	John saw ". . . one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. <u>His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow</u> , and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

Phil 2:6-11

**Christ was God before he became man.** He humbled himself from a divine form as God to assume the form of a man; **that is, he emptied himself of his spirit body so he could take on flesh in order to experience death on a cross.** Death has no power over a spirit body, for the spiritual material which makes up a spirit body is indestructible. In order to be in every way like us, God took on human, but sinless flesh with all its passions, frailties, and mortality. Because he was willing to become a servant, God highly exalted him, giving him a name above all names. Every knee will one day bow down to him. Believers have bowed their knee now, meaning they have surrendered their will to obey Jesus calling him Lord of their lives. Sinners will also bow their knee - in hellfire.

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### **Scriptural proof of a divine trinity**

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1 Jn 5:7-8

There are three that bear witness in heaven testifying of the humanity of Jesus Christ. They are the **Father**, the **Word** (or Jesus himself), and the **Holy Spirit**.

Gen 1:26

God said, Let us make man in our own image. Compare Gen. 3:22 when God said “. . . man has become as one of us . . .”

1 Cor 8:6  
Isa 9:6-7

All three members of the trinity are called God:  
There is but **one God, the Father, and one Lord Jesus Christ.** Jesus is called **the mighty God and everlasting father.** In what way? He authored eternal or everlasting life through his death on a cross, making him the father of eternal life. There is **one Holy Spirit called God.** Peter told Ananias, You lied to the Holy Spirit, to God Himself, not to me.

Eph 4:3-6  
Acts 5:3

#### **Note!**

As individuals each can be called God, and collectively they can be spoken as “one God” because they are unified, being in perfect unity and agreement as Moses spoke, “Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one (unified) God.” Like our words sheep or deer, the word God can be used in the singular or in the plural. In fact, the Hebrew bible translates God 2700 times in the plural. “Elohim” means Gods.

Gen 1:26-27 Eph 3:9 Job 33:4 & Ps 104:30	In the beginning Elohim (Gods) created the heaven and earth. Each member of the Trinity has His part in the decreeing, planning, and execution of creation. They work together in peaceful, productive, single-minded unity to create all things.
Exo 22:28 Ps 82:6-8 Jn 10:34-35	God commanded Israel not to revile the Gods (Elohim) who made the laws, nor to curse the rulers (gods) who stand in God's stead to execute the law.
1 Sam 4:8	When they heard the shouts of Israel set in array for battle carrying the ark of God's presence, the Philistines were afraid saying, <u>Woe unto us, who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? These are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues.</u>
Dan 5:12-14	The prophet Daniel while in captivity in Babylon was summoned by King Belshazzar; Art thou that Daniel whom my father Nebuchadnezzar brought out of Jewry? I have even heard of thee, <u>that the spirit of the gods is in thee</u> , and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee . . . to make interpretation of dreams and to dissolve doubts.
Matt 3:16-17 Jn 1:32-34 1 Jn 5:5-8	<u>Israel knew of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.</u> It was Jesus, as the Father's Son, whom they refused to accept as God and Messiah. John Baptist testified of him. When Jesus came to be baptized of John all three members of the trinity were present. The heavens opened and John saw the <u>Holy Spirit</u> descending and resting upon Jesus. <u>Then the voice of the Father</u> , whom John knew, spoke from heaven, "This is my beloved Son."
Jn 14:16 & 26 Acts 1:8 Jn 16:7 & 13	Jesus did not leave us orphans. He prayed to his Father to send us another Comforter (another of the same kind, but separate from), <u>which is the Holy Spirit. He will endue you with power to do miracles and will guide you into all truth.</u> No puff of invisible smoke nor a mere influence could endue with power and guide into truth. Power and the ability to give guidance are attributes exercised by a person and manifested by bodily faculties.

Acts 8:26-40	An angel from the Lord spake to evangelist Philip to head towards the desert south of Jerusalem. Along the way, Philip found an Ethiopian riding in a chariot reading the scripture. <u>“Then the Holy Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot.”</u> Philip led the Ethiopian to Christ and invited him to be water baptized. <u>“And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of or from the Lord caught away Philip, transporting him to the city of Azotus.”</u>
Isa 63:9-14 Num 11:16-17 & 24-25 Jn 15:26	When the scriptures speak of “my spirit,” or “the Spirit of the Lord” <u>it refers more times than not to the person of the Holy Spirit sent forth from either one or both of the other two</u> as the following scriptures reveal:
Isa 42:1	Behold my servant, (the Father speaking about His Son) mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him”. <u>This was the Holy Spirit sent from God, who came upon Christ at John’s baptism.</u>
Isa 61:1 Luke 4:16-24	<u>The Spirit of (or from) the Lord God is upon me;</u> because the Lord has anointed or empowered me (with the Holy Spirit) to preach . . . Jesus gave this testimony in his hometown synagogue of Nazareth.
Jn 1:33	John said, “. . . he (the Father) that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him <u>the same is he which baptizeth (believers) with the Holy Ghost.</u>
1 Cor 2:9-12	<b><u>Each member of the trinity has his own spirit body,</u></b> soul, and spirit. The soul feels, the spirit knows, <u>and the outward spirit body houses both the soul and spirit of each member.</u> Angels were created as spirit beings with a spirit body, soul, and spirit. <u>Man was given a human, fleshy body to house his soul and spirit. The spirit is the seat of the mind, will, and intellect.</u> The soul is the seat of affections, desires, and emotions. <u>Both the soul and spirit are invisible, while the outward body is seen.</u>

Luke 16:19-28

The rich man died. His body was placed in a grave. **His innerman (the invisible part made up of soul and spirit) went to hell.** He could speak, feel pain, experience remorse, know and recognize father Abraham across the great gulf, begging him to send Lazarus to his relatives to warn them about hell. The rich man's body was dead, but his innerman was incorruptible. Read James 2:26 and 1 Peter 3:4.

Jn 4:24

1 Cor 15:40-44

**God is spirit, a spirit being with a spirit body.** He is not a puff of smoke. There are celestial (heavenly) bodies and bodies terrestrial (earthly); but the glory of the celestial is one kind, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

Heb 1:14

Ezk 1:5 & 14

Angels are called ministering spirits (such as have an immortal spirit body). Man is never called a "spirit being." Why? A spirit body is made up of spiritual matter that is of a higher substance than human, fleshly bodies. God and angels have abilities that humans do not possess. Spirit beings can appear and disappear at will, travel at tremendous speed, and can walk through closed doors.

Acts 12:5-10

The apostle Peter lay in prison. An angel came to him, and a light shone in the room. Arise up quickly, said the angel, and Peter's chains fell off his hands. When they were past the second guard, they came unto the iron gate which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

1 Cor 15:42-44

Phil 3:20-21

**In the resurrection, saints will partake of a heavenly body when their corruptible bodies will take on immortality.** It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

Luke 24:31-43

1 Jn 3:2

Jn 20:19 & 26

Christ in his resurrected, immortalized body vanished out of the sight of two disciples lodging in the village of Emmaus after he revealed himself to them and expounded the scriptures to them. Later on, Christ walked through the closed doors where the other disciples were staying. They were afraid, believing they were seeing a spirit. Why are you troubled?

Jesus remarked. Behold my hands and feet. Handle me, for a spirit hasn't flesh and bone as you see me have. I am the same Jesus you knew before. When we are resurrected, we shall be altogether like Jesus, having a spiritual, heavenly, human body looking the same as before, only younger and radiant.

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**No man has seen God? How shall we understand it?**

Jn 1:18  
Jn 1:14

"No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom (the security and intimacy) of the Father, **he hath declared Him.**" The word seen means to see with the eyes and also to see with the mind or to understand. **That it means in verse 18 to understand is clear from the fact that many men have seen God with the eyes.** However, no man has ever understood or experienced God at any time in all His fullness until Christ came in the fullness of God's grace, power, and truth.

Matt 11:27

Jesus said, All things are delivered unto me of my Father . . . no man knows the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.

Jn 14:6-10

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me." If ye had known me, ye should have known the Father also . . . he that hath seen me or understood my teachings, hath seen the Father. The words that I speak and the miraculous works that I do are not of myself, but of my Father. Believe me when I tell you that my Father and I are one in unity; that is, our aim is to save men from sin and death that they may have eternal life.

Jn 6:44-46

Men are drawn to the Father and taught by Him through His Son whom He sent into the world. Every man that hears and has learned of the Father comes to Christ to have eternal life: for no man has fully comprehended the Father except His Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.

1 Jn 3:6-9

Whosoever abides in the truths Christ teaches sinneth not: whosoever sins hath not seen him (understood his teachings), neither known him experientially. The Father sent Christ to take away sin, that men could walk like His Son walked. When we understand this truth, we do not sin. If we do not believe that the wages of sin is death, then we do not know Christ.

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### No man has seen God in all his glory. How so?

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1 Tim 6:16

God dwells in a light and glory which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see. However, out of His glory men have seen God face to face many times as Moses did on Mt. Sinai.

Exo 33:18-20

Moses entreated God saying, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And God said, **You can't see my face in all my glory and live.** . .but I will hide you in the cleft of a rock with my hand as my glory passes by . . . And I will take away my hand, and you will see my back parts, but my face shall not be seen in all its glory and light.

Rev 22:4-5

However, in our glorified bodies, resurrected saints will live in their Father's house, the city New Jerusalem where God's glory will be shown, **"And they shall see his face:** and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night there, neither light of the sun; **for the Lord God giveth them light:** and they shall reign forever and ever."

Rev 21:23-24

"And the city had no need of the sun to shine in it: for the **glory of God the Father did lighten it,** and the **Lamb (Christ Jesus) is the light thereof."**

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### Does God know everything?

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God did not create man a mere robot, but gave him a free will to make his own choices. God does not always know how man will choose. Furthermore, we need not believe that God knows every detail of every act or thought of everyone from all eternity in order to understand His omniscience (all-knowing ability).

God learns the conditions of men's hearts the same as men do, seeing and knowing things as and when they happen, as the following scriptures prove:

Gen 18:16-21

God had received reports about the evil being committed in Sodom and Gomorrah. He said, "**I will go down now, and see** if they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me, and if not, I will know."

Gen 22:12

God tested Abraham by telling him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, on an altar. When He saw Abraham's willingness to do it, He declared, **Now I know that you fear me, seeing you were ready to kill your son.** As a free will agent, Abraham could have failed God, but testing him made it possible to say, **Now I know.** God does not plan man's choices or acts, but holds him responsible for them should he choose to act contrary to both his own conscience and to the best good of himself and others. God respects the free will of man to choose whether to be faithful to obey God in all things or not, thereby limiting Himself in His dealings with mankind.

2 Chron. 16:9

**God's eyes search the world over to discover someone with a perfect heart toward Him so He can bless that man.**

Exo 4:1-9

God did not know if Israel would believe, so He gave Moses the ability to do three miraculous signs before Israel. God said to Moses, If they don't believe after the first two signs, then perform a third by taking water from the river and pouring it on the ground. It will turn to blood.

Deut 8:2-5

God proved or tested Israel in the wilderness to know what was in their hearts, and to see whether they would love and obey Him. If God knows everything, why does He test men?

Zech 6:1-8

Angels go forth from standing before the Lord in heaven to scout the earth and to bring back news to Him of men's doings.

Ps 139:1-6	<b><u>God searches men to know them.</u></b> <u>What is the purpose of searching men to know them if God already knows everything from all eternity past?</u>
Jer 17:10	God searches, investigates, and tests men thoroughly and carefully in a effort to find out their hearts and motives so He can reward them according to their works.
	<b><u>God is sovereign and omniscient (all knowing),</u></b> “declaring the end 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.” See Isaiah 46:10. At different times and seasons, according to His pre-ordained plan, God has chosen or elected certain men and women to take part in fulfilling that plan. Consider this: <u>If God had no plan, He could not predict future things.</u>
Jer 1:5-10	<u>God knew beforehand, even from the womb, that He would set Jeremiah apart to be His prophet.</u> On a certain day in his youth, God commissioned him to go to the nations.
Jer 12:3	Jeremiah prayed, “Thou, O Lord, knowest me; <u>Thou hast seen me and tried (tested) my heart toward Thee.</u> ”
Judges 13:1-5 & 24	Samson was set apart a Nazarite unto God from the womb to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. Like Jonah the prophet, Samson failed God, but in the end he renewed his Nazarite vow to God.
1 Samuel 1:11 & 27-28	Samuel was set apart unto God from the womb by his mother Hannah. He proved a faithful and blameless prophet and judge in Israel.
Luke 1:15-17	John Baptist was set apart and filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb. He fulfilled God’s plan of presenting Christ to Israel.
Matt 1:18-25	A virgin named Mary shall conceive and bear a Son. Mary fulfilled God’s plan to bring forth the Savior of the world.

Gal 1:15-16

God saw Paul's fiery disposition even while he was still in the womb. God was proved correct for Paul became a very zealous Pharisee, dogmatic in Jewish traditions. When Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus, Paul believed Christ, going on to become a powerful preacher of righteousness by faith and not by the works of the law.

Rom Ch. 9

In the same way, God chose Jacob from the womb over his brother Esau, that God's plan of electing or choosing men by faith and not by works could be shown in the two men's lives. Esau would forfeit his birthright for a bowl of lentils, while Jacob took up the role of carrying on God's program to raise up the 12 tribes to form the Jewish nation that would bring forth the Savior of the world.

When apostle Paul taught the Roman church about God's election or choice to forebear with the sins of Israel long enough to raise up both Jew and Gentile unto salvation by faith in Christ, the Jews answered Paul saying, Is it our fault that God hardened us in our sin so He could be merciful to those who accept His will? **Paul cried, Who are you to question God's righteousness to bless the obedient while punishing the wicked?** God formed the 12 tribes of Israel like a potter forms the clay. Shall the thing formed, when it has corrupted itself through unbelief, pretend to correct Him who brought them into existence? Paul goes on to explain that Israel hardened itself, because they persisted in seeking righteousness by the works of the law and not by faith towards God. It is God's will to save sinners by faith, and all who believe become His chosen people.

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### **What do we mean by the foreknowledge of God?**

The word foreknowledge simply means to know beforehand that certain events will happen. At the devastating overthrow of Lucifer's earthly kingdom in Genesis 1:2, God set in motion a pre-ordained plan to restore the earth and to create Adam to repopulate the planet. Adam would be tested, and should he

Gal 3:22 Rom 11:28-36	fail as Lucifer was tested and failed, all men would become sinners through Adam and in need of a Savior.
Rev 13:4-8	<b>At the same time of the overthrow (Gr. katabole) of Lucifer's world, a plan was pre-ordained that God would become man to die for man's sin, and that all who would accept the slain Lamb of God as Savior, their names would be written in the book of eternal life.</b> All who would refuse would be damned. <u>Remember, it was the preordained plan that was known by God, not every man's choice to either accept or reject it.</u>
Acts 2:22-28	<u>God knew beforehand that if Adam sinned it would be necessary to send a Savior to deliver this world from the curse of sin and death and to fulfill his plan for man to live eternally in holiness. God determined and planned the crucifixion, resurrection, and exaltation of the only-begotten Son.</u> Read Isa 53:1-12
Gen 3:14-15	God foretells or prophecies that the seed of the woman (Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary) would crush Satan's head or power and bring salvation to men. That prophecy was fulfilled 4,200 years later when Satan's power over sin and death was defeated on the cross. Notwithstanding, Satan is still permitted to roam the world to tempt men to sin.
Isa 9:6-7 Rev 19:11-14	Some 7 centuries before it came to pass, Isaiah the prophet spoke on this wise, <u>Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, the mighty God and Prince of Peace. Of his government there shall be no end.</u> It is part
Tit 2:13 Dan 7:19-22	of God's plan to return with His Son, Jesus Christ, with the angels and resurrected saints, to defeat the armies of this sinful world and to establish His kingdom of righteousness on earth forever.
Luke 1:30-35	<u>The time of Isaiah's prophecy to be fulfilled had come.</u> The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary saying that the Holy Ghost will overshadow her, and that the holy child born of her shall be called the Son of God. He shall reign over Israel in the future as the King of Kings forever.

Isa 53:3-12

Isaiah prophesied that the sinless Son of God would be despised and rejected of men. Men would think that he was smitten and afflicted by God for his own sin, but he was wounded for our sins. It pleased God to bruise him so that he could be made an offering for our sin. **He was killed for the sin of all men.**

Acts 7:37-52

For centuries, God saw and received reports of Israel's continued rebellion against His plan for them. Because of their stiff-neckedness, He could safely foreknow and predict their rejection of Christ. **Remember, it is the plan that God foreknew and foreordained, not Israel's rejection of it.** Israel chose, of her own free will, to reject their Messiah. They paid a terrible price for having despised God's Son, and will yet pay a price in the soon coming 7 years of tribulation. Zech. 13:8-9

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### **The sovereignty of God. What does it mean?**

By sovereignty we mean that God has all power and exercises dominion over all creations. It means that He has the supreme right to order His creations in the manner He sees fit, while providing for all every good thing. He shuddered the day sin entered His universe for the first time under Lucifer and his rebel angels and men. **Up to that time, all creation lived in perfect unity with God,** because they recognized and felt His goodness and love toward them and so responded in kind. **In this age, since the restoration of earth and creation of Adam, God has chosen to qualify men through testings and trials** so that their love for Him and their willingness to obey Him perfectly can shine forth and be a blessing to Him and to all who long for righteousness on earth. It is the sovereign God's pleasure that no man should perish, but that all should be saved from sin and death to share eternal ages with Him as before the rebellions of Lucifer and Adam when sin entered the world. God's character is humble, just, fair, and compassionate. He can do nothing against His character. He remains forever a shining light and glory to all men of reason and conscience, which is why saints adore Him and have laid their lives before Him.

1 Tim 2:4

2 Pet 3:9

Rev. 22:17

1 Chron 29:11-12	Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.
Rev 4:11	Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
Isa chp. 40	<p>The prophet Isaiah speaks of God's sovereignty on this wise:</p> <p>All flesh of men is as the grass that fadeth away, but God's word shall stand forever. Behold, all the nations are as a drop of water in a bucket. All the nations before God are as nothing to him. In Revelations 17:10-12, bible history speaks of 5 world empires that have fallen, and of 2 future empires ruling just before Christ's return. See pamphlet # 8, called <u>Revelation Overview</u>, on page 14. God raises up nations and puts them down according to his preordained plan for Israel and all mankind.</p> <p>To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out the stars of heaven and calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth.</p> <p>Have you not known or heard, that the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. And they that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.</p>



