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With the final judgment meted out on the White Throne where heaven and earth have passed away, the all wise Creator God of time and history will usher in the eternal age of the Kingdom of God and heaven reunited as one:

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

Here finally death, the last enemy is destroyed:

*And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:14-15)*

With the second death meted out to those rebels in time and history of the old world, death and hell cast into the lake of fire, death vanishes from the future reality. Death enters because of sin but in the eternal age, sin and death are forever eradicated from the real world of glory and bliss. Here comes the brand-new world in eternity. An era of perfect holiness and blessedness in everlasting glory where the presence of God is permanent for all His creatures is finally dawning upon a new world.

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Earth and heaven go together, and the sun and moon and the stars are secondary in God’s creation. The first heaven and first earth are a thing of the past. The new heaven and new earth are here to stay. Here, God is still emphasizing on heaven and earth and not the sun, moon, and stars. True light comes from the Creator God and not lights from the planetary stars. So, this new heaven and new earth are the future habitation of the redeemed race of human race, angels and spirits of just men made perfect. The holy city in the age of eternity is the city, which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God; for this city is not built by men but this city comes down from heaven. The description of this glorious city is too fascinating for the human minds of men to fully comprehend.

*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, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 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. 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. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 21:10-27)*

Since the beginning of time, men built cities. Here Almighty God builds this city. In the past, cities on earth needed light from the sun and the moon. This holy city needs no light, for the glory of God is the light thereof. In the past fallen men went to the holy city to worship. In eternity redeemed men from saved nations go to this holy city bringing their glory to this eternal holy city for God is now finally dwelling with men whose sins are no more. It is like in the beginning where Adam and Eve could fellowship with the Lord God face to face before the fall. In previous ages, holy city needed gates to guard against the enemies. Here in eternity, the gates of this holy city shall not be shut as all enemies have been vanquished. There is no night there as this world has entered the age of an eternal day. All those written in the book of life are the privileged ones to visit this holy city for all eternity. The throne of God in eternity will be the source of sustenance and life. for God is the Creator of life and the Man Christ Jesus claims He is the truth, the way, and the life.

*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. 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. 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: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 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. (Revelation22:1-5)*

The former earth in which Adam lived was sustained by a river from Eden that parted into four heads (Genesis 2:10). The tree of life was then inside the Garden of Eden. During the Millennium reign of Christ, a river flowing out from the temple in Jerusalem provides the sustenance and healing of the land (Ezekiel 47). In eternity, this world will be sustained by a river coming right from the throne of God. The water of life is getting closer to God, the true source of life. What the Psalmist saw will be fulfilled:

*There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. (Psalm 46:4)*

 In the earth, the ground was cursed because of sin. In the eternal world, the curse is no more. The tree of life makes its appearance again on this new earth. This time, it is not only one tree of life in the midst of the Garden: it is the abundance of the tree of life on either side of the river in paradise. Here the servants of God shall serve Him all sealed with God’s name on their foreheads having been redeemed by this great and gracious God who loves them. The requirements expected of men is to do God’s commandment:

*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)*

 For those redeemed sons of God from fallen men during the Church age, eternal life is completely secured in Christ. The tree of life here has no consequence for them. For the saints in other ages, in particular, during the Millennium reign of Christ, the tree of life is here to provide them healing and eternal life. Those men and women who stood with God and His servants at the end of the Millennium reign against Satan and the rebels are the ones who do God’s commandment and as such, they will be given the right to the tree of life in eternity. These redeemed sons of men will still be earth bound like Adam in the beginning expected to be fruitful and multiply. In this new earth, sons of men are to replace Adam in the beginning, given the blessing to be fruitful and multiply to replenish this brand-new earth where the sea is no more:

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (Revelation21:1)*

 For the former earth was depopulated when the discontented sinners joined Satan in his final rebellion seeking to overthrow the Lord Jesus Christ’s reign on earth. In the new heaven and earth, there will be nations of men and women going into the holy city to worship the thrice Holy God. These redeemed children from the former world living in the Kingdom age will procreate to replenish the earth. They will fulfill what Adam and Eve failed in the beginning. These redeemed men and women who pass God’s test of obedience during the Millennium Kingdom are now sinless having eternal life obtained from the tree of life as their reward. They will reproduce after their kind of sinless children who will obtain eternal life from the tree of life given freely to them. Sinless human will produce sinless human and heaven and earth will unite as one. Satan and his fallen angels will be destroyed and tormented forever in the lake of fire and there will be no more tempters in eternity to tempt anyone to rebel against God. The days of heaven shall be upon the earth and this time, it will be forever as the earth shall be full of the perfect knowledge of the Lord as the waters of life shall cover this blessed land of bliss. With the redeemed sons of God from the Church age to replace the fallen sons of God in the beginning, these redeemed children of men from the Kingdom age will procreate to fulfill the original intention of God for them to be fruitful to multiply and live on earth forever. In the beginning, Adam had failed to procreate before his fall during his sinless state. It is now taken over by the sinless nations of men and women on earth who kept God’s commandment and given the right to the tree of life. Had Adam obeyed God and kept God’s commandment in the beginning, he would have been rewarded with the tree of life and he would reproduce after his kind of sinless men to replenish the earth. After the fall, fallen men reproduced fallen men in need of salvation in which was accomplished by the divine procreation of the God-Man, Christ Jesus, via the virgin birth. Procreation of the nation of Israel serves this end to bring forth the Messiah, the King of the Jews and the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world. Procreation by the redeemed sons of God during the Church age reproduced spiritual children washed by the blood of Christ. They in turn multiplied and reproduced spiritual sons of God sitting in heavenly places to replace the fallen sons of God in the past. During the Millennium reign of Christ, fallen men having escaped the time of Jacob’s trouble, still reproduced after their kind like the days before the flood living in longevity. The Lord Jesus Christ tells us:

*For in the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. (Matthew 22:30)*

Resurrected saints do not marry and reproduce physical earthly children. They rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium reign on earth. Saved men and women from the Kingdom age who did not join Satan in his final rebellion did not die and they will enter eternity in sinless state having been given the rights to the tree of life. They will reproduce sinless children to populate the new earth. In time past God divided the nations according to the number of the children of Israel:

*When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. (Deuteronomy 32:8)*

 In eternity, this will be fulfilled when these saved nations of men and women shall enter the city of God via the twelve gates to worship:

*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. 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. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Revelation 21:23-26, 22:14)*

**There will be nations of people on earth in eternity. Nations of men and women will continue to live on earth and worship the Creator God and bring glory and honour to God in the holy city of God. The future of eternity is infinite and the growth of God’s redeemed creatures in His vast universe will continue:**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

It is unimaginable to think of eternity as a static and finite world that is limited by time and space. When there will be no more sea in the new earth, the land mass on earth will be more than three times its present size if the new earth remains the same in size as the present earth. However, the new earth needs not be the same in size as the present earth. If other planets can be so many times larger than the present earth, the future earth can be many times its present size as well. What is there to limit the creative power of the Creator God to bring in a much larger or even an ever-increasing earth in the eternal world! The new earth will be compatible in dimensions and glory to accommodate the glorious holy city that comes down from heaven. Of the increase in the eternal Kingdom shall surely be no end. Hence, in eternity future, there will still be nations of saved men and women living in a new earth, being fruitful and multiply to populate this new earth. They will enter the city of God bringing honour and glory unto the thrice Holy God who is now united in One, being all in all like the beginning in eternity past:

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God maybe all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:26-28)

 This is truly the final resting place for all mankind where death is no more, and bliss is permanent. Hence, procreation of mankind has come full circle. God is the very essence of life. God is the true source of life; in particular, eternal life:

*In him was life; and the life was the light of men. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 1:4, 6:47, 17:3, 20:31)*

 This Light from God is the permanent source of light that lights up that eternal world. God is the One who produces spirit beings and men after His image. Men are given the privilege and capability to procreate after their kind. The purpose of procreation of men is to bring forth a race of people who will willingly love God and give God all the honour and glory and worship and adore this great and gracious God for all eternity. Therefore, when the dust from the war of ages has finally settled down, procreation of men continues to serve God’s original purpose of having all creatures who are all sinless recipients of eternal life living in peace to worship and serve God for all eternity. What the first Adam had failed to accomplish before the fall to procreate children, especially having eventually been rewarded with the fruit from the tree of life to reproduce sinless children who will live forever, will now become a reality fulfilling God’s original divine will for men. May that eternal day soon dawn upon men finally living in eternal bliss having been reconciled with the God of Creation to inherit what this loving and gracious God has prepared for them who love Him and obey Him!

*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)*