

The background is a vertical, abstract painting. At the top, a bright sunburst with yellow and green rays emanates from a central point, set against a swirling blue and purple sky. Below the sky, two jagged, brown and tan mountains rise. In the middle ground, a dense cluster of green trees is rendered with thick, expressive brushstrokes. The foreground is dominated by a turbulent sea of various shades of blue, with white foam and dark, swirling patterns. The overall style is expressive and textured, with visible brushwork throughout.

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Introduction

God's book the Bible contains His prophetic timeline of the earth from its creation to its final destruction. Bible prophecy has been proven 100% accurate, from its prediction of the world empires that have already risen and fallen to its description of the current moral decline of societies. According to the Bible, we are now living in the "Last Days" before the end of our world as we know it.

The central person in the Bible and in Time and Eternity is God's Son Jesus Christ:

- The LORD GOD Almighty
- Creator of everything
- Savior of mankind
- Conqueror over Death
- Bridegroom of believers
- Eternal King of Kings
- LORD of Lords
- The Judge in the final Judgment

Scripture Versions Used

New Living Translation (NLT)

The Living Bible (TLB)

New International Version (NIV)

The Message (TM)

Who is GOD?

In the Bible, GOD reveals Himself as the eternal God of all Creation, Life, Truth, Love, Peace, Joy, Comfort, Wisdom, Holiness, Justice and Righteousness.

Spirit Person

GOD is an eternal, invisible SPIRIT who exists in three Persons:

- GOD the Father
- GOD the Son, Jesus Christ
- GOD the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ is the Visible God

Colossians 1:15, 16a (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation. Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see.

Revelation 1:8 (NLT)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega--the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come, the Almighty One."

The invisible GOD of the universe created everything through His Son Jesus and made it possible for humans to know Him personally through Jesus who came to earth in a visible body.

Creation of a Perfect Earth

God "spoke" the heavens and the earth into existence from nothing. He made everything perfect in every detail. Then He gave the world to humans to enjoy.

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 33:6, 7 (NLT)

The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. He gave the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs.

Psalms 19:1-3 (NLT)

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies.

Romans 1:20 (NLT)

From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

God displays His miraculous creation for everyone on earth to see, so no one can doubt that He exists.

Creation of Perfect Humans

Before God created the earth, He planned to make humans (spirit beings) like Himself and love us as His children. He designed a perfect body for us to live in and breathed into us His own breath and gave us our own individual soul with which to think, feel and choose.

Ephesians 1:4 (TM)

Long before God laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

The LORD God formed a man's body from the dust of the ground and breathed into it the breath of life. And the man became a living person.

Psalms 139:13, 14 (NIV)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God created humans with a plan for each person.

Humans Reject God

God chose to make humans the focus of His love and desired to share His life with us. But from the first man Adam, humans chose to shut God out and be a god to themselves. This rebellious PRIDE against their Creator is the root SIN that caused humans to FALL into DEATH.

Romans 5:12b (NLT)

When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

Romans 1:19 (NLT)

The truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts.

Romans 1:21 (NLT)

They knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused.

Romans 1:25 (NLT)

Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they worshiped the things God made but not the Creator himself, who is to be praised forever.

To reject GOD is to reject the Foundation, the Source, the Purpose, and the Meaning of LIFE.

Mankind Falls into Death

Spiritual death and darkness entered into the human experience through sin. Sin caused humans to fall into the spiritual hands of the devil and take on his nature. Human nature is naturally sinful, worldly, and resistant to God and His laws.

- Humans fell from spiritual light and life into spiritual darkness and death.
- Human bodies fell subject to aging, disease, depravity, suffering, and death.
- The world fell into the hands of the devil and under the curse of destruction, decay, and natural disasters.
- Humans fell into a meaningless, empty existence--without God, without hope.

Romans 6:23a (NLT)

The wages of sin is death.

Romans 8:6, 7 (NLT)

If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.

For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will.

Through sin, mankind cut themselves off from God's Life and His Holy nature.

The Devil's World

Satan, the devil, began as a created angel in heaven. But when he tried to promote himself above God, he was cast out of heaven. Now Satan is the god of all evil, worldly lusts and false systems of thinking that divert people from knowing God.

II Corinthians 4:4a (NLT)

Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe.

John 8:44b (NLT)

The devil was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. He is a liar and the father of lies.

Colossians 2:8a (NLT)

Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world.

I John 2:16a (NLT)

The world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father.

Exodus 20:1...5a (NLT) God's first commandment

I am the LORD your God. Do not worship any other gods besides me. Do not make idols of any kind. You must never worship or bow down to them.

Satan is the god behind false religions and idols.

God Comes into the World

God's eternal love for His created human children caused Him to send His only Son to earth to shed his blood and die to rescue mankind from Satan, sin and death. Prophets foretold hundreds of details about the Savior's coming. Jesus Christ's miraculous birth, life, death on the cross, and resurrection fulfilled every prophecy.

John 3:16, 17 (NLT)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)

Though he was God, Jesus Christ did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross.

Romans 3:25b (NLT)

We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.

In love, God sent His only Son to die to save us from perishing in hell. In love, Jesus came to die for us, rather than to spend eternity without us.

Christ's Resurrection

Three days after Jesus died on the cross and was buried, he bodily rose from the grave, having conquered death, hell and the grave for all who would believe in him. When a person believes in the risen Jesus as their Savior and Lord, they are given eternal life and enter into a "living" personal relationship with God.

John 11:25 (NLT)

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again. They are given eternal life for believing in me and will never perish."

Romans 1:4 (NLT)

Jesus Christ our Lord was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 15:3b-4 (NLT)

Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said.

When Jesus rose from the dead, he proved that he was God's Son. He lived on earth among people for 40 days after his resurrection; then he ascended back to heaven. His life, death and resurrection split world history from B.C. to A.D.

A New Creation for Heaven

God gives the GIFT of new spiritual LIFE to anyone who believes in Jesus as their personal Savior. Instantly, they are "born again" of the Spirit of God and become God's child. Their name is registered in the Book of Life as a citizen of heaven. HEAVEN becomes their eternal HOME.

John 1:12, 13a, c (NLT)

To all who believed Jesus and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn! This rebirth comes from God.

II Corinthians 5:17, 18a (TLB)

When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did.

Ephesians 2:8..9a (NLT)

God saved you by his special favor when you believed. It is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done.

Luke 10:20b (NLT)

Rejoice because your names are registered as citizens in heaven.

Heaven is not a reward for being good, but is a gift from God for accepting His Son Jesus as Savior.

Time for Good News

Before Jesus ascended back to heaven after his resurrection, he promised to come back to take his followers to heaven prior to the end of this world. Until then, believers are to go tell everyone the Good News that God loves them and wants them to come live with Him forever in heaven. HEAVEN IS FREE because Jesus shed his blood and died to pay for everyone's sins.

II Corinthians 5:19 (TLB)

For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others.

John 3:17, 18a (NLT)

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him.

Mark 16:15b (NLT)

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.

II Corinthians 6:1b (NLT)

We beg you not to reject this marvelous message of God's great kindness.

The Good News is that no one needs to perish in hell. God made a way for every person to go to heaven--simply by asking God to forgive their sins and inviting Jesus into their heart as Savior.

Rejecting God's Way to Heaven

MOST people will not go to heaven, because they have been deceived by the devil's "broad" humanistic worldly lies that lead to hell. They reject Jesus' "narrow" claim to be the only way to heaven. They choose to go another way.

John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus told him: I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

1 Timothy 2:5, Acts 4:12 (NLT)

For there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus.

There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.

Matthew 7:13, 14 (TLB)

Heaven can be entered only through the narrow gate! The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide enough for all the multitudes who choose its easy way. But the Gateway to Life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.

Believers have shared the Good News for over 2,000 years after Jesus promised that he would return for them before the End. Now the End is very near. We are beginning to see the kinds of people and events that the Bible prophesied would appear in the End Times before Jesus comes back.

End Time People

In the End Times, people will become increasingly self-centered, materialistic, lustful and blasphemous toward God. They will be selfish, proud, disrespectful, cruel, corrupt and deceitful.

II Timothy 3:1-5a (NLT)

In the last days there will be very difficult times, for people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good.

They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, love pleasure rather than God. They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.

II Peter 2:1b..2 (NIV)

There will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

Liars, thieves, terrorists, and murderers will take over, as people remove God from society.

End Time Events

Wars, Earthquakes, Famines

Luke 21:10, 11 (NIV)

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

Disturbing Signs in the Skies

Luke 21:25, 26 (TLB)

There will be strange events in the skies--warnings, evil omens and portents in the sun, moon and stars; and down here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. The courage of many people will falter because of the fearful fate they see coming upon the earth, for the stability of the very heavens will be broken up.

Persecution of Christians and Jews

II Timothy 3:12, 13 (NLT)

Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will go on deceiving others, and they themselves will be deceived.

Rejection of Truth

II Timothy 4:3a (TLB)

There is going to come a time when people won't listen to the truth.

End Time events will terrorize the whole world.

The Rapture

When these End Times signs BEGIN TO HAPPEN, Jesus will return to "rapture" his "Bride" (believers) directly to heaven before the horrors of Tribulation years.

At that moment, millions of Christians worldwide (dead and alive) will have their bodies suddenly transformed into heavenly bodies to meet Jesus in the clouds and disappear from earth.

I Corinthians 15:52, 53 (TLB)

It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. There will be a trumpet blast from the sky and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too. Our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever.

I Thessalonians 4:16a...17b (NLT)

The Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God...and we will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and remain with him forever.

This event is known as the Rapture. It is NEXT on God's Timeline. Jesus can return at any moment.

Celebration in Heaven

Raptured believers in heaven with Jesus!

Beholding Jesus Face to Face
(I Corinthians 13:12, I John 3:2)

While believers are living on earth, they know Jesus spiritually heart to heart. But in heaven, they will see him face to face. Believers on earth are like children growing to be like Jesus. At the Rapture, they instantly become like him.

Bodies like Jesus

(I Corinthians 15:35-57, John 20:19-29, John 21)

At the Rapture, believers' bodies will be resurrected, transformed, and glorified to be like Jesus' body was after he rose from the dead. The believer's old body will be instantly restored to perfect health and wholeness, youthful, filled with divine life, never again to be subject to sickness or death. Their new body will be reunited with their eternal soul forever.

The Marriage Supper
(Revelation 19:7-9)

All who received Jesus as personal Savior make up "the Church", "the Bride of Christ". Jesus is the Bridegroom of believers.

Judgment for Rewards
(II Corinthians 5:10, Matthew 6:1))

Believers will stand before The Judgment Seat of Christ and be rewarded for their selfless, faithful service to God, done in the power of the Holy Spirit, while they lived on earth.

Time of Tribulation

Meanwhile on earth, after the Rapture of believers, those who had rejected God's sacrificed Son Jesus as Savior have been "left behind" and are facing seven years of Tribulation, as global terrors intensify in severity, magnitude and frequency.

(Revelation 6-16)

- Global famines
- Pandemic plagues
- Sun darkening
- Stars falling out of the sky
- Chaotic changes in global climate
- Floods
- Earthquakes

Salvation of the Jews in Tribulation

Among those "left behind" are the unbelieving Jews in Israel. God chose the Jews to be His "Chosen People" and sovereignly gave them the land of Israel. He sent Jesus to be born through the Jewish race. But when Jesus came to earth, the Jews did not believe that he was their promised Savior and rejected him.

Because of their unbelief, idolatry and rejection of Jesus, the Jews have suffered greatly throughout history. But when the Rapture happens, they will suddenly realize that Jesus truly was their Messiah and believe in him.

One World Dictator

(Daniel 7, Revelation 13:11-18)

In the chaotic aftermath of the worldwide disappearance of millions of Christians in the Rapture, a powerful charismatic world leader will rise and promise to fix everything. The desperate world will trust him and give him power to rule over them. But 3 ½ years later, he will be revealed as Satan himself. He will demand that every person worship him as god and take his mark (666) on the forehead or right hand in order to buy or sell anything. At the end of seven years, he will lead nations to take the land of Israel from the Jews and annihilate God's Chosen People.

The Second Coming of Christ

(Revelation 19:11-21)

Just as the Jews are about to be attacked at the Armageddon, Jesus will return with his angels and with all the believers who had been raptured. He will destroy all the enemies of Israel and rescue the Jews. Then he will cast the devil into the Lake of Fire.

Christ's Reign on Earth

(Revelation 20:1-10)

For the next 1,000 years, Jesus will rule and reign on earth with his believers. The Kingdom of God will be established on earth in truth, righteousness and peace. The perfect will of God will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Judgment of Unbelievers

(Romans 10:8-10, John 3:18-20)

Many unbelievers think they are believers just because they *mentally acknowledge that* God exists and *that* Jesus died for sins. But they never believed *in* Jesus as *personal* Savior. They never repented of their sins nor asked Jesus to forgive their sins. Therefore, they are not spiritually born of God, and their name is not recorded in God's Book of Life in heaven.

Judgment Day

(Luke 16:19-31, Revelation 20:11-15)

When unbelievers die, their body is buried, but their eternal soul goes to Hades, a place of torment, to wait for Judgment Day. Judgment Day comes at the end of the 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth. At that time, the unbeliever's physical body will be resurrected from its burial place and reunited with its eternal soul to be judged at the Great White Throne. Judgment is based on one's personal choice while living on earth--either to reject or trust in Jesus as their Savior. Those whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life will be cast into hell.

Hell

(Revelation 21:8, Matthew 13:49, 50)

Hell is a real place where unbelievers will perish forever in the Lake of Fire. They will be eternally separated from the God they rejected, never to know how deeply He loved them.

All Things Made New

After the final Judgment, God will purify the old earth and old heavens with fire, and burn away every stain of sin and every sign of death, decay and the curse.

Then God will restore and refresh all things into perfect condition, better than new. And God himself will come and live among His children in the new heaven and the new earth. God's children will live forever, enjoying the loving relationship with God that they were created for.

Revelation 21:1a, 3b, 4 (NLT)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.

He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.

Revelation 22:3 (NLT)

No longer will anything be cursed. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

Still Time to Choose Life

From the beginning, God wanted to be with His created children forever. But He will not force anyone to be with Him. However, He will keep knocking on the heart's door of every unbeliever, calling to them, until they die.

Revelation 3:20 (TLB)

Look! I have been standing at the door and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.

Deuteronomy 30:19, 20a (NLT)

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live! Choose to love the LORD your God and to obey him and commit yourself to him, for he is your life.

A Prayer for Choosing Life with God

Dear Jesus, Today I choose you to be my Savior and Lord. Please come into my heart and forgive my sins and make me a child of God. I want to live for you on earth and be with you forever in heaven.

Sign _____

Date _____

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About the Author

Patsy Oda invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior when she was eight years old. Miraculously, she became aware of God as her Heavenly Father and heaven as her eternal home.

But the religion of her Japanese ancestry, culture and family was Buddhism, which does not believe in God or in Heaven. Her family could not understand the invisible reality in her heart. But she could not deny the God who had become so real and precious to her.

Opposition to her faith challenged her to examine both Buddhism and Christianity for over 50 years. Part of God's plan and purpose for her life was to write what she learned about the eternal differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Her autobiography *Heart's Desire* tells about her life with God.