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INTRODUCTION – Two Other Papers for You to Read:

As I was editing this study, the Holy Spirit helped me to realize how this study “dovetailed” with my previous paper “A Study on the MYSTERY of the ETERNAL Jesus Christ as God/Man Resolved!” When you have time, PLEASE read this study. It will help you to have a more complete knowledge of Jesus Christ as God/Man. Click on this link for this study: www.pastorharrysimons.com/manjesus

We must know and understand as much about Jesus Christ as we possibly can, but it can get complicated! We are even going to have to look into “King Melchizedek” to get a clearer understanding about ETERNITY and Jesus. Click on this link for another’s thoughts about Melchizedek and ETERNITY so you will know more:

<https://www3.nd.edu/~jneyrey1/days.html#:~:text=The%20author%20of%20Heb%207,identification%20of%20his%20clan%20or>

I believe I must make known everything that I know and understand about God the Father and Jesus God the Son to anyone who is interested. Why am I NOT including God the Holy Spirit? There are numerous other Christians who have expounded on Him, and I do not know what I can add except for the tremendous help He has been to me in my life and ministry!! Why is God’s Word and His presence in my life so important to me? As I study the Scriptures and sincerely try to live a Christ-like life, it helps me to LOVE, WORSHIP, and SERVE Him more by knowing Him better. Let’s study Jesus’ Own Testimony of what He requires of us. First from the book of Hosea on what destroys people’s faith in God:

✓ Hosea 4:6 My {God’s} people are destroyed for lack of knowledge {about Me}; because you [the priestly nation {New Testament Church people?}] have rejected knowledge {about Him so let’s study and learn about Him!}, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children. AMP

✓ John 8:23-24 {This is Jesus' Own Testimony about His origin} He said to them {the gathered Jews/people}, You are from below; I am from above {I share My Father's Throne in His ETERNAL Kingdom in the Third Heaven [Revelation 3:21]}. You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world. 24 {He now shares His judgement for those not truly believing in Him.} That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be — if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins. AMP

Let's examine Jesus's own Testimony before I move on – In verse 23, He tells us where He lives and Who He lives with. In verse 24, He tells us the consequences for NOT having as complete a faith in Him as we should have “you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be — if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins.” I must insert some other Scriptures to give us a perspective as to the period of time – ETERNITY through the end age – this entails.

The first one is from Hebrews 13:8 where it simply states “that Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).” {for ALL of ETERNITY} AMP I believe that when Jesus was here on earth some 2,000 years ago, that whatever He was in Being as God or Man that is what He has always been, and He will always be because He is ETERNAL and unchanging!

✓ Malachi 3:6 For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. AMP

There is a Scripture that hardly anyone uses where Jesus “a mere man claims to be God,” AND He does NOT deny the Jews accusation of blasphemy against Him because He knows the Truth as to Who He truly is!

✓ John 10:33 The Jews replied, We are not going to stone You for a good act, but for blasphemy, because You, a mere Man, make Yourself [out to be] God. AMP

✓ John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and {I AM} the Truth and {I AM} the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me. AMP

Moving on. I am still very interested in the ETERNAL ERA before creation and time began, and I continue to gather as much information and knowledge about God and His Kingdom. and its location and attributes during this ERA as I can. Does the Bible contain information about this ERA? What about ETERNITY?, where is it located?, how large an area is ETERNITY?, what does “King Melchizedek” have to do with ETERNITY?, Who is God?, where does God live?, how long has He lived there?, how many Persons are in the Godhead?, is there an ETERNAL Gospel?, is God’s Throne in heaven?, which heaven?, how large is the area for God’s Throne?, what are some of the amenities found in God’s Kingdom?, what form {Man or Spirit} does Jesus have when He descends to earth and ascends back to heaven {known as His appearing in Christophanies}? Are there testimonies from Jesus?

✓ Revelation 1:2 {It is I, John} Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God {Who is Jesus} and the testimony of Jesus Christ {as found in the Book of Revelation}. AMP?

A couple of questions for you before I start this study – “Can/do YOU share your testimony about Jesus with others? And why are so many of us so reluctant to know as much about our Lord God and our Savior – Jesus Christ as we can so we can FULLY worship and serve Him in Spirit and Truth?”

✓ 1 Timothy 2:1, 3 FIRST OF all, then, I {Paul} admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men,

3 For such [praying] is good and right, and [it is] pleasing and acceptable to God {Jesus Christ} our Savior, AMP

✓ John 4:24 {The Godhead including} God {The Son of Man} is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality). AMP

PART 1 – How Does the Bible Explain ETERNITY?

The Bible shares with us from Ecclesiastes 3:1 that, “God has set eternity in their {human} hearts.” This means that all of us because we are created in the image and likeness of God have an in-built awareness that one’s human life does not stop at one’s physical death, but ALL humans continue to live SPIRITUALLY for all of ETERNITY future. The Bible contains the most compelling and authoritative words ever said about life beyond the grave:

✓ John 3:16 For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost {forever separated from God in Hell}) but have eternal (everlasting {resurrected}) life {with God in His ETERNAL Kingdom}. AMP

Jesus stated that He would NEVER leave those who are truly redeemed and of sinless Adam’s “Born Again” character;

✓ Hebrews 13:5 Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] [Josh 1:5.] AMP

Before I go any farther, I must include the highly discussed character of “King Melchizedek.” He was known as “resembling the Son of God.” The Bible states that Jesus was after the order of Melchizedek – meaning without a past. Jesus is not just ETERNAL with reference to future but ETERNAL with reference to the past as well – ALL of ETERNITY! For more information on ETERNITY and Melchizedek, my webmaster Stewart Waterhouse furnished a link –

<https://www3.nd.edu/~jneyrey1/days.html#:~:text=The%20author%20of%20Heb%207.identification%20of%20his%20clan%20or>

I pray this helps you to have a better understanding of ETERNITY.

✓ Hebrews 7:3 {"King Melchizedek" was} Without [record of] father or mother or ancestral line, neither with beginning of days nor ending of life, but, resembling the Son of God {Jesus Christ as the Son of Man}, he continues to be a priest without interruption and without successor {All of these characteristics are of the ETERNAL God/Man – Jesus Christ!}. AMP

Continuing on, there is one truth that I believe and know about ETERNITY – it has NO START OR BEGINNING in history nor does it have an END to anyone's personal existence! Upon our death our spirit will return to God, our physical body will decay, but our soul will live either WITH God in His ETERNAL Kingdom in the Third Heaven or in Hell separated from Him for all the rest of ETERNITY {Ecclesiastes 12:7}!

I believe the Third Heaven is located beyond our Second Heaven {called the Celestial Heaven} and is so immense in area that it is beyond anything that we can envision/imagine. It is the ETERNAL abode of the Godhead! It is claimed that it is supposedly best described in the Book of Enoch which is NOT in our Bible. But the Bible does share with us that God inhabits ETERNITY, and believe me, it is NOT AN EMPTY SHABBY PLACE!!! It is beyond amazing!:

✓ Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the high and lofty One {God} — He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place {in My Kingdom in the Third Heaven}, but {I also dwell} within him {or her My redeemed Children on earth} who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the thoroughly penitent [bruised with sorrow for sin] {the true Christian believer}. [Matt 5:3.] AMP

PART 2 – Scriptures That Reveal the ERA BEFORE Creation and Time.

There are Scriptures that help to reveal this ERA BEFORE creation and time, and what God the Father was doing during this ERA. We know that during this ERA He was writing in His Book of Life with His plans for ALL humans who are naturally conceived throughout world history. We also know that during this ERA as the architect for all of creation, this ERA was when He made His plans for it. We also know this ERA is when He produced His ETERNAL Gospel for ALL peoples:

✓ Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people. AMP

I believe this ETERNAL Gospel to be God the Father's most personal and in-depth part of His creation BOTH for His angels and for the human makeup of each and every naturally conceived human who potentially have male/female bodies with different skin colors, different intellectual levels, different temperaments - human emotions, moods, etc. I believe angels and humans to be very complex beings in their/our makeup! God cared so very much for His created angels that when Lucifer sinned, He sent the Savior of the world to save those angels who would believe in Him. Listen to their Testimonies as being "fellow servants with us" for God:

✓ Revelation 13:8 And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration and pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice {I believe to redeem the fallen sinful angels}] from the foundation of the world. AMP

✓ Revelation 19:10 Then I {John} fell prostrate at his feet {the angel} to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours]. AMP

✓ Revelation 22:8-9 And I, John, am he who heard and witnessed these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell prostrate before the feet of the messenger (angel) who showed them to me, to worship him. 9 But he said to me, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] a fellow servant along with yourself and with your brethren the prophets and with those who are mindful of and practice [the truths contained in] the messages of this book. Worship God! AMP

And as for God's thoughts and feelings toward humans listen to how God thinks of mankind. The first is from the Book of Job {TLB} which cracks me up. Job was supposedly a righteous man {As the author of the Book of Job says on more than one occasion, Job was "blameless and upright, a man who feared God and turned away from evil."}, but what does Job himself say about his being tired of God watching over and testing him ALL of the time? So how does God really feel about man?:

- ✓ Job 7:17-19 {Job speaking} What is mere man that you should spend your time persecuting{/tormenting} him? 18 Must you be his inquisitor {cross examiner} every morning and test him every moment of the day? 19 Why won't you let me alone-even long enough to spit? TLB
- ✓ Psalms 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? AMP
- ✓ Psalms 144:3 Lord, what is man that You take notice of him? Or [the] son of man that You take account of him? [Job 7:17; Ps 8:4; Heb 2:6.] AMP

So how does God REALLY feel about His truly redeemed children?:

- ✓ Hebrews 13:5 Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] [Josh 1:5.] AMP

Again, we also know this ERA was when God the Father gave Jesus His authority, heirship, and ownership over EVERYTHING!!!

✓ Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me {by My Father}. 19 {Jesus passing some of this authority on to us} Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be). AMP
✓ Hebrews 1:2-3 [But] in the last of these days He {God the Father} has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son {Jesus Christ}, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order {PLUS the Father made Him Savior for ALL the angels and humans. Jesus is Creator, Savior, and Judge for the angels and men.}]. 3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high {on the Father's Throne in the Third Heaven}, AMP

I believe we MUST start our search for as complete a knowledge about the Godhead in this ERA as best we can. It seems to me that Jesus Christ has always been "SHORT CHANGED" i.e. He has/is NOT been given enough recognition for Him as being ETERNALLY God/Man with ALL of His ministries! Are there any prophecies that state that Jesus was from ETERNITY?

✓ Micah 5:2 But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One {Jesus Christ} will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity {past and future}." NASU

PLEASE know and remember that God the Father appointed Him Heir and lawful Owner over all things, gave Him His authority over everything and also by and through Whom He created the worlds, granted Him to be Savior for ALL the world's peoples in history, and appointed Him as Judge over ALL the peoples of the world. God the Father planned ALL of creation, but He did NOT actually bring these things forth – creation, salvation, and judgement Himself. God the Father may assist/participate in these things, but it is Jesus Who did or is doing them ALL “TODAY” to the Gory of His Father!!! God the Father may assist Christ in these things, but it is Christ Who brings them to fruition!

Let's start with His role as being ETERNALLY God/Man. I must interject that during this ERA the word beginning does NOT mean a literal beginning because ETERNITY has NO BEGINNING back in history or on into the future. The word “beginning” during this ERA is just a reference point – who knows when that was!

✓ John 1:1-3 IN THE beginning {a designated period during the ERA} [before all time] was the Word (Christ) [#3], and the Word was with God {the Father [#1], God the Son [#2], and God the eternal Holy Spirit [#4] – Hebrews 9:14}, and the Word {Jesus Christ} was God {the Son of Man #3} Himself. [Isa 9:6.] 2 He {God the Son of Man} was present originally with God {the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. How many Person's do you count? I count four!} 3 All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. AMP

✓ Isaiah 9:6 For to us a Child {Jesus} is born, to us a Son {Jesus} is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace. [Isa 25:1; 40:9-11; Matt 28:18; Luke 2:11.] AMP

I pray and hope that you more clearly know Jesus as God which the John text clearly shows. I believe the 1 John text clearly reveals Him as God the Son of Man:

✓ Matthew 12:8 For the Son of Man is Lord {the Greek word for Lord can also be translated “God”} [even] of the Sabbath. AMP

The ETERNAL Word of Life in 1 John 1:3 is the SAME ETERNAL Word as in John 1:1 Who was/is God. In 1 John the Word of Life is designated as existing from the beginning – in the ERA BEFORE all creation and time began, and Jesus is credited as being ETERNALLY Life/Man.

✓ 1 John 1:1-3 [WE {Jesus 'Disciples} ARE writing] about the Word of Life [in] Him {the Man Jesus Christ} Who existed in the SAME beginning {as John 1:1 which is a designated period during the ERA BEFORE time}, Whom we have heard, Whom we have seen with our [own] eyes, Whom we have gazed upon [for ourselves] and have touched with our [own] hands.

2 And the Life [an aspect of His being] was revealed (made manifest, demonstrated), and we saw [as eyewitnesses] and are testifying to and declare to you the Life, the eternal Life [in Him] {Jesus as a human cannot give ETERNAL Life without being ETERNAL Himself.} Who already existed with the Father and Who [actually] was made visible (was revealed) to us [His followers]. 3 What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize and enjoy fellowship as partners and partakers with us. And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). AMP

PART 3 – Scriptures That Indicate What God the Father As the Architect/Designer of the Universe Was Doing During this ERA.

God the Father in this ERA BEFORE creation and time began {Scientists believe that creation started some 13.77 billion years ago so it was BEFORE then that God} was planning and writing His plans in His Book of Life for His creation. This is mindboggling to me that God can implement His plans so precisely down through the ages after so much time in history. Following are some Scriptures that reveal a little about what He produced in the ERA before creation. PLEASE read them carefully. King David KNEW some of what God foreknew in ETERNITY. How did David know any of this?:

✓ Psalms 139:16 {King David speaking to God the Father} You eyes saw my unformed substance {literal image}, and in Your book {of life} all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them. AMP These things were ALL written by God the Father in His Book of Life for ALL humans who were to be naturally conceived in the ERA before creation.

✓ Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome {death in your cessation of physical life}. AMP

God's thoughts and plans produced the ETERNAL Gospel during this ERA:

✓ Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people. AMP

✓ Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth or ever You had formed and given birth to the earth and the world {universe}, even from everlasting to everlasting {ETERNITY} You are God. AMP

✓ Ephesians 3:9-11 Also to enlighten all men and make plain to them what is the plan [regarding the Gentiles and providing for the salvation of all men] of the mystery {secrets} kept hidden through the ages and concealed until now in [the mind of] God Who created all things by Christ Jesus. 10 [The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities

(principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere. 11 This is in accordance with the terms of the eternal and timeless purpose which He has realized and carried into effect in [the person of] Christ Jesus our Lord, AMP

✓ Titus 1:2 [Resting] in the hope of eternal life, [life] which the ever truthful God Who cannot deceive {lie} promised before the world or the ages of time began. AMP

There is also a New Testament text that shares the SAME thought about this ERA BEFOE creation and time, but I believe it deals with the future “Born Again” Saints who will personally accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord according to the ETERNAL Gospel, and whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life from the foundation of the world:

✓ Ephesians 1:3-4 May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (given by the Holy Spirit) in the heavenly realm! 4 Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us {redeemed Saints} out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love. AMP

✓ Romans 8:29-30 For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also {pre}destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] {in the ERA before creation} to be molded into the {physical} image of His Son [and share inwardly His {spiritual} likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren. 30 And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

✓ Revelation 21:27 But nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed shall ever enter it {city of New Jerusalem}, nor anyone who commits abominations (unclean, detestable, morally repugnant things) or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. AMP

PART 4 – God the Father’s Relationship to His Son – God the Son of Man Jesus Christ:

The Bible does share some insights as to the relationship of the Father to His only Son during this ERA:

✓ Psalms 2:7-8, 12 I will declare the decree of the Lord {God the Father}: He said to Me {Jesus}, You are My Son; this day [I declare] I have begotten You

{Jesus was NEVER BIOLOGICALLY reproduced, but God the Father ordained Him with His heirship and ownership. Hebrews 1:2} [Heb 1:5; 3:5,6; 2 Peter 1:17,18.] 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession.

12 Kiss the Son {Jesus Christ} [pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon {during the end of the age} shall His wrath be kindled. O blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge and put their trust in Him! AMP

✓ Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, on the clouds of the heavens came One like a Son of man {Jesus}, and He came to the Ancient of Days {God the Father} and was presented before Him. 14 And there was given Him [the Messiah] dominion {total control over all parts of creation} and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed. [Rev 5:1-10.] AMP

Some Scriptures of Jesus’ own Testimony to His ETERNAL history:

✓ John 8:23-24 He {Jesus} said to them {the gathered people}, You are from below; I am from above {I live in My Father’s ETERNAL Kingdom in the Third Heaven.} You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world. 24 That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be — if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins. AMP

✓ Revelation 1:17-18 When I {John} saw Him {Jesus}, I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am

the First and the Last, [Isa 44:6.] 18 And {Jesus as God the Son of Man calls Himself} the Ever-living One [I am living in the eternity of the eternities] {is His claim as ETERNALLY being God/Man}. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead) {as Man}. AMP

✓ Revelation 1:8 I am {Jesus' referring to Himself as Deity AND Man} the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord God {Jesus Christ}, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the Ruler of all). [Isa 9:6.] AMP

✓ Hebrews 1:2 [But] in the last of these days He {God the Father} has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son {Jesus Christ}, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order]. AMP

PART 5 – God’s Kingdom Located in ETERNITY in the Third Heaven:

I believe the ETERNAL Kingdom of God is located in the Third Heaven in ETERNITY. I believe the Third Heaven is a real and literal place, and it is where the Godhead resides with ALL of His and its amenities. As I have stated before, I firmly believe the Third Heaven to have sustenance {Eden the Garden of God for food which also}, produces oxygen, a lushness, a fragrance, tremendous peace, and beauty way beyond our wildest expectations and biggest dreams:

✓ 2 Corinthians 12:2 {Paul speaking} I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — was caught up to the third heaven. AMP

I believe that Eden the Garden of God is in the Third Heaven and the Garden of Eden was/is located on earth. They are NOT equal nor the SAME! God the Son of Man planted the Garden of Eden on the earth, placed Adam in the Garden, and He also walked there.

✓ Genesis 2:8 And the Lord God {Jesus} planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He put the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted). AMP

✓ Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God {Jesus} 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. AMP

God’s ETERNAL Throne which seats Him and Jesus is also located in the Third Heaven and has water flowing out of it to water Eden the Garden of God.

✓ Revelation 22:1 THEN HE {the angel} showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb. AMP

PART 6 – Some of The ETERNAL Human Characteristics of Jesus Christ As “I AM” That Are Part of His Own Testimony:

Before I go any further, I must elaborate on Jesus’ Title of being ETERNALLY “I AM” in PART 6 and PART 8, and I pray this makes Him more knowledgeable to you! In PART 6, Jesus claims to be “I AM” as Deity and yet He gives us certain attributes as Man. Such as – I AM the door, the living water, the bread of life, etc.

Let me ask you another question. Are there any prophecies that state that Jesus as Man was from ETERNITY?

✓ Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, you are little to be among the clans of Judah; [yet] out of you shall One {Jesus Christ} come forth for Me {God the Father} Who is to be {a human} Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from of old, from ancient days (eternity). [Gen 49:10; Matt 2:5-12; John 7:42.] AMP

I do not think it can get much clearer than that! We must understand that whenever Jesus claimed attributes of deity, He was stating that He was “I AM whatever,” but He could also be identifying Himself as God the Son of Man. He applied these attributes to Himself some 2,000 years ago, and because He is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever {Hebrews 13:8} means to me that He will always be these things back AND forward in ETERNITY i.e. God/Man is in ETERNITY FOREVER whichever direction you want to go!!!

God the Father identifies His Name past, present, and future as “I AM:”

✓ Exodus 3:13-14 And Moses said to God {the Father}, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them? 14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you! AMP

PART 7 – Jesus Transforms Himself Into Being 100% Man and Then Prays To His Father To Restore Him To The Glory That He Had With Him BEFORE The Foundation Of The World.

Jesus Christ testifies of Himself as Deity when He transforms Himself into a Man. The Eternal Gospel is started to be revealed in verses 7-9:

✓ The Philippians 2:6-12 Who {Jesus}, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God{head} was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, 7 But stripped Himself {EMPTIED Himself, made Himself nothing – set aside His Divinity} [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. 8 And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross! 9 Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, 10 That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. AMP

I ask you to look at verse 7 – “emptied Himself, made Himself nothing” which are phrases from other translations for “stripped Himself” AMP. I believe “emptied Himself” to clearly show that He EMPTIED Himself 100% of being God to become 100% Man some 2,000 years ago. The only thing I can see that Jesus as Man “had in common” with His Deity was the Godhead Who lives within Him and us but that did not make Him God nor does It make us a god.

✓ Hebrews 2:14 Since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood [in the physical nature of human beings], He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought and make of no effect him who had the power of death — that is, the devil — AMP

✓ Hebrews 2:17 So it is evident that it was essential that He be made like His brethren in every respect, in order that He might become a merciful

(sympathetic) and faithful High Priest in the things related to God, to make atonement and propitiation for the people's sins. AMP

PLEASE think on this! When we became “Born Again,” God the Holy Spirit came instantly to live in us:

✓ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own, 20 You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body. AMP

And IF we love and obey Christ by the way we live our daily lives, He and His Father will come to live in us meaning the Godhead lives in us:

✓ John 14:23 Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him. AMP

Thus, we have the Godhead living in us BUT that does NOT mean we are “gods or a god” because we are still 100% human! I believe the SAME applies to Jesus when He EMPTIED Himself of His Divinity to become 100% Man some 2000 years ago. He can have the Godhead living within Him as we can have the Godhead living within us and He and us will still be 100% Man.

In the preceding Scripture Philippians 2:6-11, we find Jesus emptying Himself of His Divinity to totally become 100% man, and in verse 11 He is doing this to “Glorify His Father.” In His Priestly prayer in John 17:1-5, we find Him praying to His Father to restore His Divinity and Glory that He Jesus had with His Father as God/Man during the ERA BEFORE creation and time began {Book of Genesis}.

In John 17:4 Jesus stated that He had FINISHED the “work” that His Father gave Him. What was this “work?” Study Philippians 2:11 to see the reconciled Glory that is restored between God the Father and His Son in the following text:

✓ John 17:1-5 WHEN JESUS had spoken these things {as Man}, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify and exalt and honor and magnify Your Son {restore My Divinity}, so that Your Son may glorify and extol and honor and magnify You. 2 [Just as] You have granted Him power and authority over all flesh (all humankind) {as Man}, [now glorify Him] {as God/Man} so that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You down here on the earth {as Man} by completing the work that You gave Me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself and restore Me to such majesty and honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed {as being ETERNALLY God/Man}. AMP

Again, we must ask ourselves, “What was this work {John 17:4} that He completed for His Father?” I believe it was His fulfilling the ETERNAL Gospel that His Father created and ordained in the ERA before creation and time:

✓ Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people. AMP

Jesus can use the Name “I AM” because in the Book of Genesis God refers to Himself as “us” – Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7. I have listed some of His “I AM’s” as found in the New Testament. Jesus uses the Name for Deity as “I AM” in His own Testimony. Do you realize the following text is Jesus’ Testimony?

✓ John 8:23-24 He said to them, You are from below; I am from above {I live in My Father’s ETERNAL Kingdom in the Third Heaven}. You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world. 24 That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be — if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins. AMP

- ✓ John 6:35 Jesus replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst anymore (at any time) {for I am also the Living Water – John 4:13-14}. AMP
- ✓ John 8:12 Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is {ETERNAL} Life {1 John 1:2}. AMP
- ✓ John 10:7 So Jesus said again, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that I Myself am the Door for the sheep. AMP
- ✓ John 10:11 I am the Good Shepherd. AMP
- ✓ John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am [Myself] the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live; AMP
- ✓ John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and {I AM} the Truth and {I AM} the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me. AMP
- ✓ John 15:1 I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. AMP
- ✓ John 8:58-59 Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I AM. [Ex 3:14.] 59 So they took up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus, by mixing with the crowd, concealed Himself and went out of the temple [enclosure]. AMP
- ✓ John 18:4-5 Then Jesus, knowing all that was about to befall Him, went out to them and said, Whom are you seeking? [Whom do you want?] 5 They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. Jesus said to them, I am He. Judas, who was betraying Him, was also standing with them. AMP

There are more Old and New Testament references for Jesus being Devine AND Man. Research them! DO NOT SHORTCHANGE HIM!!!

In the Book of Revelation Jesus continues to make His deity part of His Testimony:

- ✓ Revelation 1:2 {John} Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God {Jesus} and the testimony of Jesus Christ. AMP

PART 8 – Some of The ETERNAL Titles of Jesus Christ As Deity “I AM” ” That Are Part of His Own Testimony:

In this PART, Jesus claims to be “I AM” using certain Titles as ETERNALLY being God. These attributes are as applicable “TODAY” as they have been for ALL ETERNITY! Jesus gives His Testimony as “I am” for BOTH Deity and Man as being the “Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last” in BOTH the New Testament and the Old Testament:

✓ Revelation 1:8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord God {Jesus Christ}, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the {human} Ruler of all). AMP

✓ Isaiah 9:6 For to us a Child {Jesus} is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace. [Isa 25:1; 40:9-11; Matt 28:18; Luke 2:11.] AMP

✓ Revelation 1:11 {Jesus speaking} Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia — to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. AMP

✓ Revelation 1:17-18 When I {John} saw Him {Jesus}, I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, [Isa 44:6.] 18 And {Jesus as God the Son of Man calls Himself} the Ever-living One [I am living in the eternity of the eternities {as is His claim as ETERNALLY being God/Man}]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead) {as Man}. AMP

✓ Revelation 22:13 {Jesus said} I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last (the Before all and the End of all). [Isa 44:6; 48:12.] AMP

✓ Isaiah 41:4 {Jesus speaking} Who has prepared and done this, calling forth and guiding the destinies of the generations [of the nations] from the beginning? I, the Lord — the first [existing {in the ERA} before history began] and with the last [an ever-present, unchanging God] — I am He. AMP

✓ Isaiah 43:10 You are My witnesses, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know Me, believe Me and remain steadfast to

Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. AMP

✓ Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God. [Rev 1:17; 2:8; 22:13.] AMP

✓ Isaiah 48:12 {Jesus as God the Son of Man speaking} Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called [ones]: I am He; I am the First, I also am the Last. [Isa 41:4.] AMP

NOW can YOU better understand and know Jesus Christ as being ETERNALLY God/Man AND His being our Creator, Savior and Judge?

CONCLUSION:

In the ERA some 13.77 billion years before creation and time began, I discuss ETERNITY the four Persons of the Godhead Who lives in God's Kingdom in the Third Heaven. I again shared the Scriptures that declare Jesus as FULLY and ETERNALLY being God/Man.

I shared the Scriptures that take us back to this ERA, and we have a glimpse of the relationship of the Father and the Son. Jesus gives us His Testimony as Deity by using the SAME Name as His Father – I AM. I close His Testimonies with Him using "I AM" as the "Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." This is the BEST knowledge of God that I have at the present! IF you have some additional information about this ERA, please let me know!

AMEN and AMEN