Creation to Death

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

In the beginning God created Heaven and earth, light and dark and the Universe. The Universe is so vast and so mysterious that scientists have not yet figured out how big it is and probably will never figure it out. Yet in the expanse of this vast Cosmos there was this planet we call earth. A perfect place for God to create life. But before this event...

Sometime in the Eons, God banned Satan and cast him out of the Heavens to the earth.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Now when God created man, He did it on Earth. Not any random planet but Earth the only livable planet we know of in space with oxygen, water, light and dark and hot and cold. Right in Satan's colony. And God created man and woman.

Adam and Eve had all but personal autonomy. Later the serpent arrived at the garden. Here are a couple of questions/observations about his visit.

- 1. Why did God choose Earth as the planet where to create Human beings? Is it because Satan was there?
- 2. The Book of Life was there at the beginning of creation.
- 3. AND Who let the snake into the Garden?

Now it appears in the scriptures that they had never experienced death, so this curse was all new to them. Adam lived 930 years. There is no record of how long Eve lived. They saw their son Abel die.

Look at Ezekiel as he was staying with a widow during the famine. Her son died and she accosted Ezekiel to bring him back to life. In King 17:21 tells of this event: "And he(Ezekiel) stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again."

Conclusion: The soul came back to the boy. The boy's body was dead, but the soul was not. Now the boy's body will die again later.

The soul does not die, just the body.

Psa 90:9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is as a sigh.

Psa 90:10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they *be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and* sorrow; *for it is s*oon cut off, and we <u>fly way</u>.

Psa 90:12 So teach *us* to <u>number our days</u>, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

Three score plus ten would be 70 years. Fourscore would be 80 years. Oops I am 84. Time is short.

And then we fly away.

Reference Jesus story on the beggar Lazarus.

Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried and went to Hell.

Conclusion: We will die, and God has a plan. With Jesus as our savior, we will fly away.

How about those in the Old Testament's time, before Jesus' time? Ergo the Jewish answer was Sheol.

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life the-Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8 KJV)

Jesus' work is from eternity to eternity. Jesus' work appears before the foundation of the world. God's plan is to defeat Satan.

Conclusions:

- 1. We as a person of God never die only the shell(body) dies.
- 2. Our body dies and rots. But God has promised us a resurrection in end times with a new body.
- 3. The story of Lazarus does not extol the moral superiority of poverty but that those who are saved, their destination is much better.
- 4. Throughout the bible (old and New Testament) there is an underlining desire of all parts that we need a savior. And Jesus was it.
- 5. The exercise of human will contrary to God's will is why we are in the situation we are in, that is why every person must die physically. It is not a good idea to exercise my will contrary to God's.
- 6. The return to life of widow's son was not resurrection, but revivification. The boy still had to die.

Applications:

- 1. Sort out my thinking on Heaven and work to have as many rewards as God's allows when I get there.
- 2. Get excited and praise God for your chance to be with Him in Heaven.

3. Remember, this life is to prepare us for our coming time in Heaven, not to only solve the moral cultural problems of today.

Sounds like a good deal to me! How about you.