

Part 6 – To Endure and Be Established

In part 5 we learned *why* the Lord (YHVH) will return ‘with a vengeance’ at Jesus’ Second Advent, i.e. it’s because of the things He sees happening on earth. And, just because *we* cannot see the Lord (YHVH), when we are in this dimension (in our flesh body), *doesn’t* mean He can’t see us! For truly *He can*. And, as many Scriptures confirm, He not only sees all we do, but He can even see what goes on in our heart (desires, emotions, intentions, motivations) and mind (thoughts). And, one of the main things the Lord (YHVH) is watching all people on earth for is, to see who will call out to Him for help. And specifically, He’s watching to see if they’ll call out for help from the *spiritual* bondage (via deception) that Satan has us in when we *willingly* sin (rebel) against our Heavenly Father. For, it’s truly our Heavenly Father’s will that all of His children be saved from spiritual death (being blotted out of existence) and that’s why He watches what goes on in the earth so closely. So, He not only takes good care of His faithful servants (those who have already come to a good repentance) but He’s also watching closely for anyone who is a willful sinner (even the wicked ones) who will turn back to Him and repent; because He *will* forgive anyone of their sins when they believe in Jesus Christ (which means sincerely repent of their sins, work to learn His Word and strive to obey it *sincerely*). And, that’s *why* He gives us His Holy Spirit, after all; because His Holy Spirit (the truth, His Word) IS what frees us from spiritual bondage to sin and Satan (i.e. lies and deception).

And then we also learned He’s also watching what goes on in the earth to ensure His Name is eventually declared (and praised) in Zion, i.e. Jerusalem - which is something that *will* be done when His faithful servants testify of Him during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11), as well as when Jesus Christ returns. For God has promised *all* knees will bow to Him and everyone *will* be forced to confess He *truly is* the King of kings and Lord of lords, at that time. And, we also learned that, when Jesus Christ returns, He’ll gather *all* people (good and bad) and separate them for judgment, so that the Millennial teachings can begin. And, thanks to the righteous rule of Jesus (and His faithful servants), people will finally be taught the truth and experience the blessings of a truly righteous government. As Isa 9:7 declares: *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 for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.* So, there’s much to look forward to at the return of Jesus Christ; that is, so long as you are a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Those who hate Him, are ‘workers of iniquity’ and worshiped Satan (and his wicked beast governing system) will be truly ‘shaking in their boots’ and ‘crying their eyes out’ when He returns. But, hopefully, many of them will be saved during the Millennium, so they too can learn the joy of praising, loving and serving our Heavenly Father instead of sin (Satan). But, we’re certainly not done learning from this precious Psalm 102, for there are more lessons (and prophecies) yet to come...

Psalms 102

23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Now the Psalmist is speaking of himself again, pointing out (again) how he doesn't think he's got much time left to live. It's likely that he's begging God to let him live longer in hopes he'll be able to see some of the things he's been speaking (prophesying) of come to pass. The word 'God' in verse 24 is 'El (#410) and means **strength** and **mighty**. And, while it can be used of *any* deity, it is also used to refer to **the Almighty God** who is Omnipotent. Thus, **this 'title' ('El, #410) shows the Lord's (YHVH's) strength, power and might**. 'El is thus the God Who knows all (first occ. Gen 14:18-22) and sees all (Gen 16:13) and that performeth all things for His people (Ps 57:2) and in Whom all the Divine attributes are concentrated. And that's likely *why* this 'title' is being used here, for the Psalmist is calling upon the 'Almighty' to let him live a bit longer for (as we learned in the first part of the verse) he's not only terribly pained internally, his flesh body is ailing too. Yet, he also acknowledges that our Heavenly Father's 'years' endure 'throughout all generations', which is simply another way to say 'forever' - which is exactly what the Lord's sacred (and covenantal) name (Yehovah #3068) means - which is the name the Psalmist has been using throughout most of this Psalm. Truly, our life in the flesh is short (very temporary); and the older you get, the more you realize this! But, in contrast, our Heavenly Father has *always* existed and *always* will. As 1 Peter 1:24-25 points out: ***For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever...***

Psalms 102

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Now the Psalmist continues to speak about our Heavenly Father, but in regards to His creation. This is important to grasp because, while he's begging the Lord for more time to live on earth, he's still focused on what *really* matters: our Heavenly Father. And (as we've learned previously when studying this Psalm) in the midst of all our pains, and troubles, focusing on our Heavenly Father **is** what helps us to endure the hard times, even if it is at the end of our life (i.e. if we're dying a slow and painful death as this Psalmist evidently was). Now, this verse (and the next few, i.e. verses 25-27) are actually quoted by Paul in Heb 1:10-12. And he does so to point out how Jesus Christ is not only the heir of all things (because He loves righteousness and hates iniquity, vs 9) but also is whom God used to make the '**worlds**' (Heb 1:2), which actually means the earth **ages** (#165). You can learn more about this in apx. 146 in the *Companion Bible*, as well as the studies below...

3 World Ages <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/190?single>

Already There <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/191?single>
 In The Beginning, The World That Then Was <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>
 Genesis Chapter 1 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Genesis/21
 Companion Bible Appendixes: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/12>

So, Paul quotes from this Ps 102 *because* it speaks of how God created the earth, but also how He will also change (and cleanse) it *after* Jesus Christ returns. And, as the *Companion Bible* points out in its notes, this (again) shows (proves) that this Psalm truly is prophetic of the Messiah, who is Jesus Christ. So, let's keep this in mind as we study these next few verses. So then, this 25th verse (in Ps 102) says that: *Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands*. Interestingly, the words '**of old**' is one Hebrew word that actually means **the face** (as the part that turns, but, when used as a preposition, it can also mean **before** (#6440), which is why (in Heb 1:10) Paul renders it as '**Thou, Lord**'. And then the words '**laid the foundation**' is one Hebrew word (a prim root) that means (in the context of this verse) **to set** (literally or figuratively) or **to found** (#3245). And the word '**earth**' means either **the earth at large**, or **partitively a land** (i.e. a portion of land) (#776). And the 'earth at large' is what's being referred to here, in verse 25. And the word '**heavens**' means **the sky, as aloft**; the dual perhaps **alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve** (#8064). And the word '**work**' means (in the context of this verse) **an action** (good or bad) or **activity** (#4639) and comes from a prim root that means **to do or make** (#6213). And then the word '**hand**' does mean **a hand** but **the open one** (which is in distinction from the closed one) and thus, **indicates power, means and direction** (#3027). In Heb 1:10, Paul quoted this verse as saying: *Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands*.

So, the Psalmist is declaring that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah, #3068) is not *only* the creator of our body, soul and spirit (Ezek 18:4), but He's also the Creator of all things, even the earth and the 'heavens' above it, including what we think of as 'outer space'. In Ps 19:1-3, David points out how wonderful God's creation of the heaven (outer space) and the 'firmament' (the sky) are when he wrote: *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard*. So, David pointed out the fact that, every day the sun comes up and then goes down, only for the moon and stars to then come up and then go down. And, as we learned when studying that great Psalm (19), the stars are even aligned (by God) with a purpose, which is to declare His plan of salvation to the world (via the Zodiac). You can learn more about this in *The Witness of the Stars* [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/14>].

Psalm 102

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

Now, the words ‘they’ and ‘them’ are speaking of the heavens and earth that the prior verse (25) spoke of. So, the Psalmist says they shall ‘**perish**’, which means *to wander away*, i.e. *lose oneself* or, by implication, *to perish* (or *destroy*) (#6). And then the word ‘**endure**’ means *to stand* in various relations (literal and figurative, intransitive and transitive) (#5975) and the words ‘**wax old**’ mean *to fail* or, by implication *to wear out*, *decay* (or to *consume* or *spend*) (#1086). And the word ‘**garment**’ means *a covering*, i.e. *clothing* (#899) while the word ‘**vesture**’ means *a garment* (literally or figuratively) (#3830). And both of the words ‘**change**’ mean *to slide by*, i.e. (by implication) *to hasten away*, *pass on*, *spring up*, *pierce* or *change* (#2498) and has also been rendered as *to pass away*.

So, what this boils down to is that, because even the heavens and earth are God’s creation, they, therefore, have not been around forever... **but** our Heavenly Father has *because* He’s eternal! That’s why the angels in heaven declare of Him, that He is: *which art, and wast, and art to come* (or ‘*shalt be*’) (Rev 11:17, 16:5). And the Lord (YHVH) Himself has declared that: *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty* (Rev 1:8), which He reiterated in Rev 21:6 and Rev 22:13. And, this is in contrast to His creation, even the heavens and the earth. For, as the Psalmist points out, the heavens and earth will ‘perish’ (or be destroyed). But he also explains *what* he means by that after the semi-colon, i.e. the heavens and earth *will be changed*. And the Psalmist uses a couple of analogies to help us understand that ‘change’. So, just as our clothing gets old and ‘wears out’ so too will the earth and heavens above. Thus, as we change clothes, so too will the heavens and earth be ‘changed’, which shows that He’s not saying the earth and heavens will *cease to exist*, but they’ll be *changed into something new*. And that something ‘new’ will be, much, *much* better! And Peter actually explains this, very well, in his second epistle...

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
4 And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue [#1265 stay constantly] as they were from the beginning of the creation.
5 For **this they willingly are ignorant of**, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
6 Whereby **the world that then was**, being overflowed with water, **perished**:
7 **But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men**.
8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
9 The Lord is **not** slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

*11 Seeing then that all these things shall be **dissolved**, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

*12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, **wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?***

*13 Nevertheless **we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.***

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 Peter 3:3-14

So, Peter points out that many (unbelievers) think the heaven and earth will ‘continue’ (#1265 stay constantly) as they have since the ‘beginning’. And they, therefore, don’t believe that Jesus Christ will return, nor that God will ‘destroy’ the earth, i.e. they don’t think the earth, as it is now, will change. And they don’t believe in these facts *because* they are *willingly* ignorant of the first time God ‘changed’ (or destroyed) the earth. And, while many Christians think Peter is referring to the ‘flood of Noah’ in verses 5-6 (where he speaks of the ‘heavens of old standing ‘out of the water’ and ‘in the water’, but were then ‘overflowed with water’ and ‘perished’), that’s actually not so. While the flood of Noah *should* be an example *to us all* – of how God punishes sin – it’s not actually what Peter is referring to here. It’s speaking of how God destroyed (changed) the heavens and earth **of the first earth age**, when Satan rebelled. While there’s not enough time to *fully* explain this subject, in this study, you can check out the following studies for a *much more* in-depth explanation (and for Biblical documentation) of this subject. The *Companion Bible* also has an apx. (#146) on this [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/12>] ...

Genesis, Chapter 1 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Genesis/21

3 World Ages <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/190?single>

In The Beginning, The World That Then Was <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>

Already There <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/191?single>

Exalted, The Inside Scoop <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/192?single>

Pride, The Number One Sin <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/308>

However, for the purpose of our study, we will go into a bit of explanation of what Peter wrote, in 2 Pt 3, simply because he explains what this 26th verse (here in Ps 102) is speaking of, i.e. the *full* destruction of the ‘heavens and the earth’ of this ‘second earth age’ we’re currently living in. While the heavens and earth ‘of old’ were destroyed by water (caused by a great shaking that knocked the earth off its original axis), this second earth age will be ‘destroyed’ *by fire* (2 Pt 3:5-7). And he goes on to explain this by saying (in vs 10) *in the which the heavens shall pass away*

[to away, or perish, #3928] *with a great noise* [whizzingly, i.e. with a crash, #4500], *and the elements* [something orderly in arrangement, i.e. (by implication) a serial (basal, fundamental, initial) constituent #4747] *shall melt* [loosen #3089] *with fervent heat* [set on fire, #2741], *the earth also and the works* [toil, as an effort or occupation, also an act #2041 – i.e. evil deeds) *that are therein shall be burned up* [to burn down to the ground, i.e. consume wholly #2618].

So, the heavens and earth *will* ‘pass away’ (perish) because they will be *consumed by fire*, which is WHAT cleanses them from all filth, sin and destruction that mankind’s (and Satan’s) rebellion has caused. And then, of course, Peter warns us that, because the heavens and earth will be ‘dissolved’ [loosened from their original form *because they are being melted*, #3089] we should work hard to be holy in our conversation and in works (godly people, vs 11). And he even tells us we should be ‘looking for’ [to anticipate in hope, #4328] and ‘hasting’ [await eagerly and earnestly desire #4692] this time. In the very next chapter, he sums up what he means when he wrote we should *no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God* (1 Peter 4:2). In other words, we shouldn’t live our life (in the flesh) for the ‘pleasures of the flesh’ (i.e. sinning willfully) but to *serve God*. Why? Because we know what’s coming! This earth isn’t going to stay the same. It’s going to be cleansed, and all the things people work *so hard* for (some even ‘selling their soul to the devil’ to get) will be *done away with* - even when Jesus Christ *first* returns - which is why Rev 18:17 says that ‘in one hour’ all the riches of ‘great Babylon’ will be gone totally. You can learn more about ‘great Babylon in the study on The Destruction of that Great City of Initiation [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/309>].

So, without a doubt, the heavens and earth *will* be ‘destroyed’ (cleansed by fire) *after* Jesus’ return but. However, it’ll happen *after* the Millennium. For in Rev 21:1 John tells us: *I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away* [which is exactly what this Ps 102:26 is saying]; *and there was no more sea*. So, Rev 21:1 is speaking of the time at the end of the Millennium, and even after the ‘Great white throne judgment’ that happens at the *end* of the Millennium (as Rev 20 explains). And so, when Jesus Christ returns, He will do so ‘with a vengeance’, pouring out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ (only on those who didn’t remain faithful servants to Him, Rom 5:8-10; 1 Thess 1:10; 1 Thess 5:6-9), and gather up all people on earth (and in heaven, Isa 24:17-23; Matt 13:40-42, 47-50, Matt 24:29-31, 25:31-46; Mark 13:24-27; Rev 20:1-5) for the ‘judgment seat of Christ’ (2 Cor 5:10) – which is a judgment to give people the ‘rewards’ (good or bad) for what they’ve done in their life. And then the Millennial teachings will begin. And that *why* Peter wrote about God’s *longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Pt 3:9). He was actually speaking of the Millennium in this verse. Remember, he also told us (in the prior verse, 8) not to be ignorant of the fact that ‘*one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*’ (and he quoted from Ps 90:4). How long is the Millennium? Rev 20 tells us it’s a thousand years. So again, Peter is actually speaking of the Millennium when he tells us to remember one day, with the Lord (in His eyes), is as a thousand years. That’s why the

Millennium (and Jesus' return) is also referred to as the "Lord's Day", which is also 'the day' Jesus Christ returns *and remains on earth to reign forevermore*. So, Peter's point is that, just because the wicked people won't be spiritually put to death right when Jesus returns, doesn't mean they won't be. And, God will also fulfil His promise to 'change' (cleans) the earth too, albeit it'll be *after* the Millennium. Why? Because He's *longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*. So, He's going to give those (aside from Satan and the other fallen angels, who are already condemned to death, Rev 20, Jude 6) a chance to be taught the truth (while true justice is fully implemented, righteously) for a thousand years, so hopefully many more of them will repent for their sins, and accept Jesus Christ, instead of having to be put to death, spiritually (which means the end of their existence, Rev 20:10-15). This is truly what Jesus was praying about, shortly before His death, when He asked God to 'remove the cup' from Him [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/418>].

However, when Jesus returns there *will* still be a great change in the earth. As we've learned in previous studies in the Psalms (especially 96-99), Jesus' return will come shortly after a great earthquake (Rev 6:12-16, 11:13-19, 16:17-21). Rev 16:18 tells us this earthquake is greater, and mightier, than any earthquake that's ever been since mankind (in flesh bodies) has been on the earth. And the consequences of it will be that *the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places* (Rev 6:12-14). Rev 11:13 also tells us that, after this earthquake *the tenth part of the city [Jerusalem] fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand*. Rev 16:19 also tells us another impact of that great earthquake will be that: *the great city [Jerusalem] was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell*. And, in Zech 14:4, we're also told that when Jesus' *feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south*.

So clearly, this 'great earthquake' (that happens right before Jesus returns) will cause Jerusalem, and many other cities to 'fall'. And that's why this 'great earthquake' will also set the earth back upright again so it's on its original axis again. That's why it'll be 'established' (set up) to that it cannot be moved ever again (Ps 93:1, 96:10). So, there will be some great changes to the earth, when Jesus Christ *first* returns, and these changes will pave the way for the Millennial teachings, which can learn about in **Enhances and Magnifies** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/421>]. But, *after* the end of the Millennium, the heavens and earth *will* be cleansed **by fire**, and this also includes all the unrepentant (incorrigible) rebels who will be put to death *spiritually*, i.e. they'll be blotted out in the 'great lake of fire' (Rev 20:10-15).

But importantly, Paul warns (2 Pt 3:10) that the ‘day of the Lord’ (Jesus’ return) will come ‘as a thief in the night’, which means it’ll surprise most people. Why? Because most people (including foolish Christians, <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/286>) will think the ‘Christ’ has *already* come to the earth. And they’ll think that because the ‘antichrist’, who is Satan himself, [\[https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345\]](https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345) will be kicked out of heaven (with his fallen angels) **before** the *true* Christ (Jesus) returns (as Rev 12 and 2 Thess clearly warn us of). And then (in 2 Pt 3:13) Peter reminds us that God has promised us a ‘new heavens’ and a ‘new earth’ *wherein dwelleth righteousness*, which is why we should be eagerly waiting for it and working hard to keep our heart and mind (and works) right with God. For, we *don’t* want to be part of the group that gets God’s ‘cup of wrath’ when He returns [\[https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1215\]](https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1215). That’s why he sums it up with the admonition (in vs 14) *Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

So, of a truth, the heavens and earth will ‘perish’ because they’ll be consumed by fire at the *end* of the Millennium. But that doesn’t mean the earth, or heaven, will cease to exist. It’ll just be *cleansed* so we can live in a clean world with a righteous government, which will be headed by Jesus Christ. And what does the Psalmist then say, after speaking of this ‘great change’ that’s coming to heaven and earth?

Psalm 102

27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

So, the Psalmist’s point is that, while the heavens and earth will change (as he outlined in verse 26), our Heavenly Father will not. He’s always the same (holy and righteous, Ps 145:27) and His ‘years’ have no end *because He’s eternal*, which is why His name (Yehovah, #3068) means *self-existent* and *eternal*. In Deut 32:39 our Heavenly Father declared: *I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.* An Isa 40:28 says: *Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the **everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth**, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.* And, in Isa 41:4, our Heavenly Father also says: *I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.* And in Isa 43:10-11, He also said: *Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.* And, in Rev 1:8 He also said: *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.* And, James 1:17 also tells us that, *every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.* The word ‘**variableness**’ means **transmutation** (of phase or orbit), i.e. (figuratively) **fickleness** or **variableness** (#3883). So, our Heavenly Father doesn’t change. His Laws remain firm and His love endures forever, as does His grace and mercy

(Ps 117:2, 118, 136, etc.). As 1 Peter 1:25 also says, *the word of the Lord endureth for ever*, and we know (from John 1:1, 14) the Word is God, who was incarnated, as Jesus Christ [to learn more, check out this study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/460>]. And, if we want to live forever too, we must accept our Heavenly Father's method of salvation, which is only through Jesus Christ (John 14:6. As Peter said in Acts 4:12: *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* And this thought is actually what this Psalmist ends this great Psalm 102 with...

Psalm 102

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

The word '*continue*' here means *to reside* or *permanently stay* (#7931) and the word '*established*' means *to be erect, to set up, establish, fix, appoint, render sure* or *prosperous* (#3559). The *Moffett Bible* translation is a bit clearer: "*and in Thy presence live Thy servant's children, and their posterity perpetually*". And, while the Psalmist was probably thinking of the *physical* children, of those who serve the Lord (YHVH), being allowed to live in Jerusalem, and have children, from generation to generation - there's *much more* to this verse than *physical* children. Remember, this chapter is incredibly prophetic. So, this 'children' and 'seed' is also prophetic as well. And *who* is God's main (or perfect) servant, whose children (seed) would 'continue' and be 'established'?

*1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; **I have put my spirit upon him:** he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

*3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: **he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.***

*4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, **till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.***

Isa 42:1-4

Isaiah was prophesying of the Messiah here, so God's perfect servant is Jesus Christ. As Jesus Himself said: *I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him* (John 8:28-29). As our Heavenly told Moses in Deut 18:18: *I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.* So, Jesus Christ was (and still is) God's most faithful servant on earth *and* in heaven [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>]. Yet, the nation of Israel was also chosen (selected) to be His 'servant nation' (Isa 44:1). But, because they disobeyed Him, *they broke* the covenant with God (Jer 3) and Jesus Christ, thus, made a 'New Covenant' with those (and *only* those) of Israel (and the gentiles, Gen 3:27-29) who would

believe upon Him (Rom 9-11; Heb 8-10). That's why Jesus told those, who believed upon Him, that: *If ye continue in my word, **then** are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free* (John 8:31-32). The word '**continue**' here is the Hebrew word **meno** and it means **to stay** (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy) (#3306). It's the same word rendered as 'abide' in John 14:16, many times in John 15, and in 1 John 2:24 as well. And in 1 John 4:13 it was rendered as 'dwell'. And, in all of these Scriptures Jesus (or John) was speaking of how the Holy Spirit would abide (stay) **in us** *when* we keep our heart and mind *focused on God's Word* and strive *sincerely* to obey Him. So, when this Ps 102:28 says that: *The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee*, it's speaking, prophetically, of the 'children' that Jesus (God) would **spiritually** 'begat' by creating a 'new heart' within us (Ezek 36:25-28; Jer 31:33; Hen 8:10, 10:16). As James 1:18 says: *Of his own will **begat he us with the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures*. And this is also how we are 'established', meaning how our heart and mind is set upright (instead of being crooked from sin). And Paul also explained this in his letter to the Romans...

*14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God**.*

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

*16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, **that we are the children of God**:*

Rom 8:14-16

And Peter also spoke of this *spiritual* 'begetting' that the Lord (via Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit) would 'establish'...

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again** unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

*5 **Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

1 Peter 1:3-5

And John also wrote of it in his epistles...

*1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ **is born of God**: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.*

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world:** and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:1-5

And, he also wrote of this in the Gospel of John...

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to **them that believe on his name:**

13 **Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

John 1:12-13

And Jesus also spoke of this...

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water **and of the Spirit,** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

John 3:5-8

So, there's two stipulations to receiving eternal life. The first is that we must be 'born of water', which refers to the waters sack of our mother, i.e. we must be born into the flesh. So, Satan and the other fallen angels, who refused to do this (and seduced flesh woman instead, Gen 3, 6) are automatically excluded from eternal life (Ezek 28, Rev 20, Jude 6). But the second is that we must be born 'of the Spirit' which means *the Holy Spirit of God*. And we're 'born of God' when we believe in Jesus, which means we believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God Himself (the virgin birth, Isa 7:14, Lk 1:27-38, Mth 1:18-25), He lived a sinless life (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Pt 2:22, 1 John 1:8, 1 John 3:5) and that He died for our sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Thes 5:9-10, Titus 2:14, Rom 8:3, Heb 2:9, 10:10-12, 13:12) and rose from the dead (Mth 28:5-7, Mk 16:6-14, Lk 24:1-8, John 2:22, 21:14, Acts 10:41, Rom 14:9, 1 Cor 15:4, 12, 2 Cor 5:15) overcoming sin, death and the Devil himself (Heb 2:14, 9:15-16, 1 Cor 15:20-28, Acts 2:24, Rom 5:12-21, Eph 2:13-18, Rev 1:18, 3:21).

And, **if** we do truly believe in Jesus Christ, we **will** study His Words and sincerely strive to obey Him. As Gal 5:24 so aptly says, *they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts*. The word '**affections**' here means *emotions* or other carnal *influences* (#3804). And that's exactly what causes us to sin against God, which is what causes our heart and mind to

become corrupted. It's also what causes our Heavenly Father to get angry with us (so He won't answer our prayers) *and rightly so* (because we're doing evil). Further, those who believe in God *will* also believe in Jesus Christ *because* the Scriptures testify that He is the *true* Messiah (John 5:39). And those who accept Jesus Christ (sincerely) **will** work to control their carnal mind (the heart, the part of us that wants to sin and rebel). Paul calls this putting off the 'old man' and putting on the 'new man. Our 'old man' (the carnal mind) *is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), which is why we must work hard to kick out our sinful thoughts and desires (when we have them, which we all do while in a carnal body) so we do *not serve sin any longer* (Rom 6:6). But then, we also must put on the 'new man' by *renewing in the spirit of our mind* (Eph 4:23) *through studying God's Word* (Col 3:10).

And as we continue to work to put off our sins and obey the Lord (YHVH), the Holy Spirit will help us to change inside so that we (with time) learn to do what's right, from the heart (Eph 4:24). Again, that's how Jesus Christ 'begets' us, spiritually speaking. So, when this Ps 102:28 says that *the children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee*, it's looking forward to the spiritual 'children' that Jesus Christ would have via His Holy Spirit changing us into a 'new man'. And that's *why* those who are Christ's *spiritual* 'seed' will 'continue' and be 'established' before the Lord (YHVH)! Because they've been 'begotten' by the Holy Spirit (a new heart is created by God's Word and holy Spirit within them) they will make the *first* resurrection and will be ruling with Jesus Christ during the Millennium (Rev 20:4-6), so the 'second death' (death of our body, soul and spirit in the 'lake of fire', Rev 20) will have no dominion over them once Jesus returns. So, this very last verse of Ps 102:28 is truly explaining how the *spiritual* children of Jesus Christ (who are *spiritually* 'begotten' by the Word of truth and His Holy Spirit) will 'continue' (to abide with the Lord) and be 'established', which means they'll produce *good* spiritual fruit for the Lord (YHVH). Jesus explained this really well in John 15:1-10, which you can study here [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/236].

Interestingly, Psalm 22 speaks of this too, at the very end of the Psalm: *A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this* (Ps 22:30-31). To learn more about this 'seed' and how they'll serve the Lord in the 'last generation' (which this Ps 102:28 prophesies of), check out **Psalms 22** [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/247]. Truly, Psalm 22 and this Ps 102 have a lot of similarities. For, just as this Psalmist began by pouring out his complains to the Lord, so too did David in Ps 22. And both were prophetic of the sufferings, and humiliation, that the Messiah (Jesus Christ) went through. However, they both also had a 'turning point' in their Psalms where the Psalmist began to praise the Lord and speak of the glory that the Lord (YHVH) – via the Messiah, Jesus Christ – would have after the sufferings of Jesus Christ were accomplished, at His First Advent. Again, this is a vital lesson for us. For just because we will have hard times (even physical pain and sufferings) at times, if we remain faithful to our Heavenly Father (and keep our faith in Jesus Christ strong) so too will we

be glorified by Jesus, when He returns and rewards us with eternal life and allowing us to reign with Him during the Millenium and truly, forevermore (Rev 20:4-6, Rev 21:2,9). As Paul wrote in Rom 8:18, *the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us*. For when Jesus Christ returns, *change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body* (Phil 3:21). And he also spoke of this in Phil 2:5-9 when reminding us that Jesus had to suffer before He could be glorified. And Peter also tells us, *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he **no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God*** (1 Peter 4:1-2). And, that's one of the main points to this precious Psalm 102 that we should *never, ever* forget...

24 *Let that therefore **abide** in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall **remain** in you, ye also shall **continue** in the Son, and in the Father.*

25 *And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even **eternal life**.*

26 *These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.*

27 *But the anointing which ye have received of him **abideth** in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, **and is truth**, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, **ye shall abide in him**.*

28 *And now, little children, **abide in him**; that, when he shall appear, **we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming**.*

29 *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that **every one that doeth righteousness is born of him**.*

1 John 2:24-29

25 *But that which ye have already **hold fast till I come**.*

26 *And he that overcometh, and **keepeth my works unto the end**, to him will I give power over the nations:*

27 *And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*

28 *And I will give him the morning star.*

29 *He that hath an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit saith** unto the churches.*

Rev 2:25-29

AMEN.