

What's Happening To Our Environment?



Are you worried about our Earth?

- Will we run out of **fuel** and **energy** soon?
- Is **global warming** going to destroy life on earth?

*The Bible tells us
about these things...*

The Bible says that when God created people, He gave them a **special responsibility** to take care of the world that He had made. **God made a beautiful world**, and He gave the first people (Adam & Eve) a perfectly gorgeous garden called **Eden** to live in.



Adam & Eve had to tend the plants and the animals. But they weren't allowed to eat from a particular tree. **They disobeyed – and ate from that tree.**

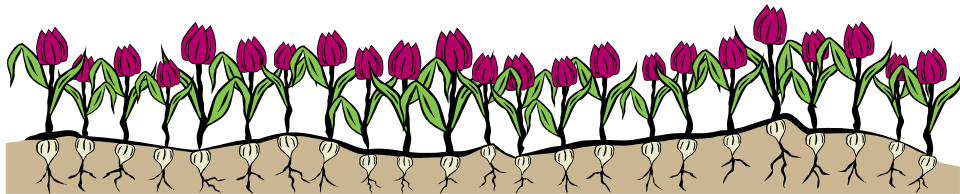
From that moment, everything started going downhill. Adam & Eve had sinned – that is, they disobeyed God. And once a person sins, it's hard not to keep on doing it. **All people sin – including you and me.**

People were no longer good caretakers of the creatures, plants, water, and air that God had made. (They were cruel to each other too!)



Over many years, the world has become **polluted and toxic**, and now many of the good resources that God has provided are **endangered**.

So is it too late? Is the world doomed?

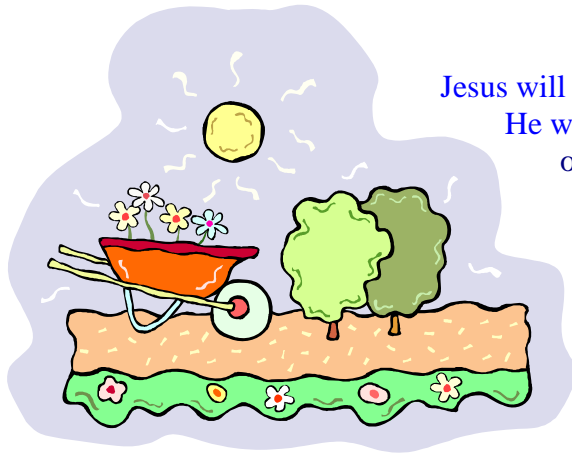


It's never too late with God.

He is always in control, and He has an incredible plan for our world.

God plans to totally refresh and renew our earth.

His Son Jesus Christ will return to earth one day to do that.



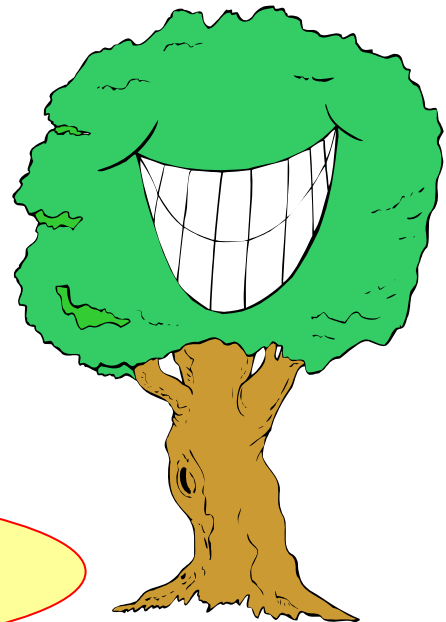
Jesus will **return to earth** to set up a brand new kingdom. He will have **full power** to bring the world back to its original wonderful state – just like it was in the Garden of Eden – or maybe even better. **And many of us will be there to watch!**

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away..." "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'" - Revelation 21:1,5

Who gets to watch? **Those who belong to the Lord Jesus** – those who have received Him as their Saviour.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" - 1 Corinthians 2:9

We don't know the exact date Jesus will begin this important work. But we know it will happen. **And Jesus said to always be ready.** That means we should stay close to Him.



God is always in charge – He sets a limit on the earth's troubles. He will not let His creation down.



Meanwhile, what can you do?

- You can be confident that Jesus will do this great work in the world. So don't worry.
- You can trust in Jesus to save you to see it.
- You can take care of what you have now. Be a good caretaker of God's creation.

That way, we'll already have some practice when Jesus offers us special jobs in the new Garden. Be ready!

We can look forward to the future. God has guaranteed it!