Doctrinal Studies: PARADISE OF GOD

What is this?

(Mentioned in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, Revelation 20:2)

- I. In eternity in heaven there appears to be a special park (paradeiso $\pi\alpha\rho\alpha\delta\epsilon$ ίσω), which belongs *alone* to God.
- II. It is "the gazebo on the top of the hill", and not everyone has the privilege of going there. It's a special garden.
- III. It is a special place, and it doesn't appear to be open to everyone.
- IV. In this special place in this king's garden stands the TOL
- V. Access to the garden itself is open to all believers in resurrection body, at some time, but to go to the TOL and to eat from the tree is a reward, a special privilege, not for everyone.
- VI. Who then, is this for? Answer: Those in the NIKOS (the victors') CIRCLE!
- VII. The verb NIKAO means the conquering one, the winner! Those who in times of disaster, hard times, good times, never gave up on TRUTH, GOD'S WORD.
- VIII. There will be additional blessings for those who stayed true to God and His Word when life ran smoothly, or when things were exceedingly tough.
- IX. Winners are those who live in the divine dynasphere consistently, those contributing to the up-trends of history.
- X. Losers are those believers who live in the satanic sphere, out of fellowship, uninterested in Truth, who contribute to the downtrends of history.