

God's Plan Unfolds Like a Scroll

In both the Old and New Testaments, the concept of a scroll is significant. A scroll is not read all at once, it is revealed gradually as it is unrolled. Likewise, God's plan for our lives is not fully disclosed to us in one moment. Instead, He unveils His purposes step by step, guiding us as we walk in faith.

In the Hebrew, the word book is "Sefer," And in Greek of the New Testament, it is the word "Biblion," from which we get the word Bible.

Both words refer to a scroll, a rolled parchment; God's book is a scroll.

The Scroll in Scripture

In *Ezekiel 2:9-10*, Ezekiel is given a scroll to eat, symbolizing receiving and internalizing God's Word.

In *Revelation 5:1-5*, John sees a sealed scroll that only Christ can open. This represents the divine mysteries of God's plan, which can only be revealed through Christ.

Psalm 139:16 says,

"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

This verse suggests that our lives are written in God's book, much like a scroll. He has already ordained our days, but we experience them one at a time as He reveals them.

Living by faith is like walking as the scroll unfolds, step-by-step revelation. Just as a scroll is unrolled bit by bit, God reveals His purpose for our lives progressively. Psalm 119:105 says, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* A lamp does not illuminate the entire journey at once; it provides light just for the next step. This is how God leads us.

So we must trust the author of the scroll, and since God is the One who has written the scroll of our lives, we can trust Him with what is yet to be revealed. Isaiah 46:10 declares, *"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things not yet done."* Though we may not see the full picture, He already knows how every chapter will unfold.

To me, there is a great joy in embracing the journey, living life with the heart of a child; awake, expectant, and filled with wonder at what God will reveal next. When we begin to understand our lives as a scroll, not yet fully opened, we are invited into the mystery of His timing. We may long to see every chapter laid bare before us, to understand the end from the beginning, but in His wisdom, God unveils each portion at the appointed moment.

What is hidden is held in perfect love, preserved until the moment it will bring the greatest glory to Him and the deepest transformation within us.

This kind of walking requires more than understanding; it calls for surrender. Faith that trusts when the path is unclear. Patience that rests when answers delay. And a steady confidence that the Author of our story is not distant, but intimately present, guiding every unfolding line.

And in this, something beautiful happens. We are freed from striving to see everything, and instead we learn to behold Him in the present moment. The childlike heart does not demand the full map; it delights in the next step with the Father.

So the scroll unfolds, not all at once, but in living ink, written upon the surrendered heart. And as each line is revealed, it is not merely information we receive, but transformation we enter into through Christ, who is both the Author and the fulfillment of the story.