

# The Amazing 8<sup>th</sup> day Festival

**8 – New beginnings; not “the Last Day”, but a NEW day.**

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## **Summary:**

*God’s final holyday after the seven-day feast of Tabernacles is simply called “the 8<sup>th</sup> Day” in Scripture. Jews call it “Shemini Atzeret” – which also points to 8<sup>th</sup>. Hear how “8” points to new beginnings, new starts. So when correctly understood, the 8<sup>th</sup> day is not the Last Day of a feast now past, but the FIRST of everything that comes after the Millennium. Be excited about this day because ALL the holydays really point to this day – WHEN ALL things will be made new and when all humanity will be truly one with YHVH and one another. It’s a day of massive resurrections, including of your loved ones. It’s a day of universe-sized changes. There’s so much to be thrilled about in this exciting message.*

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Hello everyone. Welcome to Light on the Rock. This is Philip Shields, your brother in our Messiah. **Today I have a message about our God’s final holyday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the final divine appointment – a “DATE”, if you will** – with our Husband-to –Be, Yeshua, Jesus Christ, the Son of YHVH, the Word who spoke creation into existence.

**[Note:** If you’re just reading this transcript, you’re missing some things. I urge you to hear the audio with the transcript notes in hand. The “transcript” is just an approximation as I don’t have time to do it exactly word for word. Sometimes the audio has content not in the transcript and vice versa. So have both. Also remember I call Jesus by His Hebrew name Yeshua. I call YHVH, God’s most personal name, as Yehovah now, with emphasis on the last syllable]

**This divine appointment after the Feast is over, is** simply called “the 8<sup>th</sup> day”. I believe the evidence is clear that many people are wrongly referring to this 8<sup>th</sup> day as “the last day, the Great Day of the Feast”, based on Jesus’ words in John 7:37-39. But in the last message I make it clear that *the last day of a seven day feast has to be the 7<sup>th</sup> day!* This day is a stand-alone one day festival. There is nothing “last” or old about the 8<sup>th</sup> Day. The very meaning of 8 is all about new beginnings. Hear my last message if you are unclear on this. Neither can we have a “last day” of a one-day festival (the 8<sup>th</sup> day) after the Feast is done.

*The 8<sup>th</sup> day is not at all the last of anything, but is the first of everything yet to come!*

“The Great Day” is what the 7<sup>th</sup> **day** of the Feast of Tabernacles was called and is still called by Jews. They call the 7<sup>th</sup> day, last day of the Feast, **Hoshana Rabbah** – meaning “the Great Day of Salvation” or “the Great Save Us Day”. There was a major water ceremony on that day, which fits in beautifully to what Yeshua was saying in John 7:37-39.

That is not what they call the 8<sup>th</sup> day. The 8<sup>th</sup> day is *not* “Hoshana Rabbah”, or Great Day. I want to note also that **we’re not saying that the Great Days end with the Feast.** It’s just saying the 7<sup>th</sup> day is the Last Day of the Feast, called The Great Day. *There will be*

many, many more Great Days–hallelujah – but there's only one Great day “of the FEAST”. But after the Feast, there is this incredible, great, awesome 8<sup>th</sup> Day -- a stand-alone day.

**This day, the 8<sup>th</sup> day after the 7 day feast, is called by Jews “Shemini Atzeret”** – meaning the “8<sup>th</sup> Day assembly”. On this day they pray for lots of rain -- the “*tefillat geshem*”. We believers in Yeshua understand that there is a coming outpouring of the holy spirit connected to the “former and latter rains”. Rain had a lot to do with having crops and fruit to harvest. The same is true spiritually: we need God's Holy Spirit in us to bear much fruit, as we by ourselves can bear no fruit (John 15:4-5). There was a former and latter rain involved. Jews on this day in Israel also do “*the Simchat Torah*” – Joy /Celebration of Torah. They dance and celebrate the completion of reading Torah, one of their traditions.

These holydays, these festivals and divine appointments, reveal **Yehovah's plan of salvation** – and “harvesting” the ripe harvest of **people** in their own order as I pointed out last time. Matthew 13 and the Parable of the Sower explains part of this. *The plan of salvation is ultimately about how YHVH is going to build His family.* It starts with just one Son of God Yeshua, He “who was and is and is to come”. Yeshua was the Word who “was and is God” with God the Highest (**John 1:1-3**; please carefully read **Romans 1:1-6**).

This Being, who became the Son of God (Romans 1:3-4), came as a man and “tabernacled”, dwelt temporarily, with mankind (**John 1:14**), then died for us and now lives in us. But the plan of salvation, which I think really is the gospel message, ends with billions upon billions of sons and daughters coming into that Royal Family **pictured by this very 8<sup>th</sup> Day**. You will hear in today's message that there are billions waiting to be resurrected. No, they are **not** being tortured for eternity in some kind of Satan-inspired Dante's inferno, by a God who claims He is Love personified. How can that be? No, neither are they in heaven right now. I will explain all this in the last third of the sermon.

**The Spring holydays are mostly about events that have already happened:** the Passover (Pesach), the resurrection of Yeshua and ascension to heaven, putting sin out of our lives (days of Unleavened Bread/ matzos), and the small first fruits harvest (Pentecost/Feast of Weeks – also called Shavuot). On Pentecost the early believers received the Holy Spirit and it has continued since.

**The Fall holydays are about events yet to happen:**

- **the return of Messiah** as the Lion of Judah on to the Mt of Olives with His Bride, those who are called out now. The Bride was depicted by the earlier barley-wheat harvest. Called-out ones, believers, are resurrected and changed to spirit and meet Christ in the air. It's a time of judgment on earth, called “the great and awesome Day of the Lord” (called Yom Teruah – Day of Blasts, in scripture). Orthodox Jews – without scriptural backing – call it Rosh Hashanah. That's not scriptural so I don't.
- Everyone on earth is **reconciled with their Maker** over time -- (*Yom Kippur* or Day of Atonement), Satan is put away for a thousand years
- and then we can have the **1,000 year Millennial reign of Messiah and His Bride**, pictured by the *Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot in Hebrew.*

- After that, the resurrections of all who have ever lived, then when God is finished working with them, we'll see the new heavens and new earth, and so much more – pictured by this holyday, the “8<sup>th</sup> Day”. It's a time of new beginnings as never before.

**So let's understand this 8<sup>th</sup> day**, what it means in prophecy, connections it has to the Garden of Eden and to Adam and Eve, and into the time ahead forever and ever - - and the new heavens and new earth. There's a lot to cover, so I'll have to speak quickly. Be turning please to Isaiah 46:9-10.

To understand the end, **YHVH says to ponder the beginning**. We can understand the end by going back to the beginning. It all ties together.

**Isaiah 46:9-10**

**9 Remember** the former things of old, for I am God (El), and there is no other; I am God (Elohim), and there is none like Me,

**10 Declaring the end from the beginning**, And from ancient times things that are not yet done,

Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

*So the Garden of Eden will have some connection with this 8<sup>th</sup> day, believe it or not.*

**The Number 8, new beginnings**

This is called the 8<sup>th</sup> Day. What significance is the number 8? Eight is the number for new beginnings. There are so many 8's in Scripture to illustrate this. In the last sermon I gave a few amazing 7's, and so now let's look at the number 8.

**Here are just a few of the dozens of examples of 8's:**

- Newborn boys, to begin their life *in covenant* with YHVH, were circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day (**Gen 17:12**). They *cut* a covenant (*berit* = covenant, cutting). New beginning. Yeshua was also. This in fact points to our more important spiritual circumcision of the heart, and the New Creation we are in Christ (**Col. 2:11**). New beginnings, new creation.
- There were 8 people in “Noah's ark” to start a new world.
- David, who was to begin a new dynasty, was the 8<sup>th</sup> son of Jesse.
- Priests were first consecrated for 7 days, and then allowed to *start* their work as priests only starting the 8<sup>th</sup> day (Lev. 9)
- Firstborn sons were given to YHVH on the 8<sup>th</sup> day (Ex. 22:29-30).
- **The number 8 is the first perfect cube -  $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$ .** The Holy of Holies was a perfect cube in its dimensions, in the tabernacle and temple (equal height, width and length). The Holy City is also depicted with the dimensions of a perfect cube.

*So it's clear, even by its very name, that **the 8<sup>th</sup> day is not about the end of anything (the 7-day Feast), but about the beginning of everything new!***

**On the 8<sup>th</sup> day, we no longer dwell in booths or temporary quarters because this festival depicts a time ahead of us when temporariness will be over!** I covered the meaning of *Sukkot* and booths in my last sermon. Even the millennium itself is temporary! You can read **Lev. 23:40-43** to see again that the Feast of Tabernacles is for 7 days and we are to dwell in booths for seven days (verse 42), not 8, not 9. Read it for yourself. *Ancient Israelites each took down his sukkah on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.* We can't have a

mixed message saying these are about 2 separate festivals, and then call the 8<sup>th</sup> day “the last day of the Feast”. That’s obviously not right, so I had to change my thinking on it.

There should be no *sukkahs* (sukkot) still up on the 8<sup>th</sup>, if we were totally obedient. WHY? Because we learn more about our Creator and His thoughts when we do what He says. We miss at least part of the meaning of spiritual things when we don’t obey what Yehovah says. *The 8<sup>th</sup> day is about permanence, not temporariness; therefore there are no more booths.*

## **THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY FESTIVAL**

*So now let’s focus on “the 8<sup>th</sup> day”. That’s its name. **The 8<sup>th</sup> day is not the last day of anything. The 8<sup>th</sup> Day festival is the FIRST DAY for all the rest of eternity as I will show.*** Jews call this 8th day “Shemini Atzeret” - - translated “the 8<sup>th</sup> day assembly”.

### **Leviticus 23:36**

36 For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHVH. **On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation**, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHVH. **It is a sacred assembly**, and you shall do no customary work on it.

### **Leviticus 23:39**

39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, **you shall keep the feast to YHVH for seven days**; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and **on the eighth day a sabbath-rest**.

Let’s look at an example of celebrating the feast for 7 days, then a separate divine appointment (moed) on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. After Solomon dedicated the temple, everyone stayed around for the Feast of Tabernacles.

### **2 Chronicles 7:8-10**

8 At that time Solomon **kept the feast seven days**, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt.

9 **And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly**, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, *and the feast seven days*.

10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month [the day after the 8<sup>th</sup> day] he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that YHVH had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel.

**Nehemiah 8:18-** kept *the feast* 7 days and a sacred assembly on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

So I hope it’s clear to all of you: There’s a 7 day festival of rejoicing after the harvest. They were to come together in worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> day. There’s nothing here to say we must have church services every single day. It’s a time of great rejoicing, celebrating, feasting and we definitely come to worship on days 1 and 8. It’s a 7 day Feast of Tabernacles culminating with a grand finale Last Great Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, followed by a stand-alone feast on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, which frankly will eclipse everything that has ever come before.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> day – when we really understand it, is what ALL the previous festivals are POINTING TO!** This is the end-goal of everything that came before. This is a key point to understand.

**The Jews' "Stay With Me One More Day" Tradition. Truth – or tradition?**

The way Jews explain this day is very interesting. They say YHVH is so thrilled with His people Israel (and from our point of view – spiritual Israel), that He says, "I've enjoyed being with My people so much for the 7 days in the Booth/Sukkah...please, please stay another day and prepare me a small meal (the 1 bull that was offered on the 8<sup>th</sup> day)" – hence, the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

*That's very sweet and very tender, but there's one big problem with that: that's nowhere to be found in Scripture.* It's another rabbinical tradition. It's part of their oral law. I believe in using scripture. I hope to give a full sermon soon about traditions in Christianity, and traditions in Judaism, that blind the eyes of those who believe or practice these man-made traditions. Yeshua often condemned traditions (look at Matthew 15:1-9 for example).

So this tradition that YHVH says He wants one more day is not in scripture. There's a part of it that does apply to the 8<sup>th</sup> day though as we shall see, that IS scriptural.

***And that tradition misses the huge, huge point of this day.*** *This is not about being with our Husband, Yeshua HaMashiach just one more day.* No, no, no my brothers and sisters. This is about being with Him, as we'll point out more and more in this sermon – not for just one day, but for forever and ever and ever and ever! Have I said "forever" yet?

***However, I do think it is very interesting that Jews have tied this 8<sup>th</sup> day to a very close relationship with YHVH – and even to each other.***

**After all, what are the 2 greatest commandments?**

- Are they about getting doctrine right?
- Is one of the top 2 about the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath? Is it about God's holydays?
- Is it about His dietary laws? Is it the name of the group we attend with?
- Is it one of the many things that divide God's children – calendar issues, name of God, "church government" or organization, how we keep the sabbath holy, tithing or....

No, brethren. But so many of us believers *act* like those are the top commandments. The top 2 commandments – according to Yeshua – are about relationships! YHVH is all about relationship. How we get along with HIM and how we get along with one another, starting with our spouse and loved ones and all the way to how we get along with our enemies.

***The Greatest commandment, Jesus said, is about our all-important intimacy with Yehovah,*** our dear Abba/Father, to love Him and Jesus Christ with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and our being (**Matthew 22:37-38; Deut. 6:5**).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment is about loving one another as ourselves (Matt. 22:39-40; Leviticus 19:18).

**Family of the Eternal God: How are we doing on either of these relationship commands?** I think we're to come together, worship together, praise together, work together. Children of God, start visiting – and worshipping-- with other groups that also are led by God's spirit. Remember, whoever is not gathering together is scattering! Yeshua said that (**Luke 11:23**)! *By this shall all will know who Christ's true followers are – by the unbelievable obvious love we have for one another, right (John 13:34-35)? That's where*

*you want to be. Sometimes we may have to wait “UNTIL we come to the unity of the faith” (Eph. 4:13). IF we’re listening, the Comforter WILL guide us into all truth (John 16:13).*

*This 8<sup>th</sup> day is also about when we shall truly be permanently echad (Hebrew) ONE with our Maker, ONE with our Husband and ONE with one another! It pictures the time when we are one spiritual nation in God. Not seventy separate nations – but one. All will be called spiritual Israel when they repent, receive the Holy Spirit and come into union with our Maker. Permanently. In spirit, as spirit beings, as literal children of God in the divine family of God. Remember, ONE bull was offered on this day.*

So remember I pointed out that in **Isa 46:9-10**, YHVH gives us the hint that we might understand the end from the beginning, by pondering “the former things of old”. So back to the Garden we go, in our quest to understand this eternal oneness with our Maker when He makes everything, including us, brand new.

### **The Oneness of Marriage of Adam and Eve – and its Tie-in to the 8<sup>th</sup> day**

Let’s look at the first marriage – and glean what we can, in relationship to the marriage to the Son of God. As Isa 46:9-10 tells us, we can glean a lot from the beginning. I recently gave two full sermons titled “Man and Woman, parts 1-2”, which went into detail about Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden and so much more. If you haven’t heard it, I hope you soon will. I have a ton to cover today, so will just hit the hi-lites that relate to this 8<sup>th</sup> day.

#### **Genesis 1 hi-lites:**

- The Eternal restores the earth (**Psalm 104:30**) and renews the face of the earth, for it had become “tohu and bohu” (Gen. 1:2) – without form and void. How it got in that state, will be for another message.
- All creation -- the stars, planets, moons, land, waters, fish and animals - were spoken into existence. “Let there be light”, or “Let the waters teem with fish...” – and it was done. (**Gen 1:3, 11, 14-15, 20, 24 for example**). So after all other life forms were done, we read nothing of Elohim saying “let there be mankind, and behold there was man and woman”. Nothing like that. What we see is a conversation in Gen. 1:26 and the details are given in Gen. 2 that mankind was not spoken into existence, but hand made.
- Man and woman together were to rule and have dominion over this earth that was renewed (**Genesis 1:26-28**). That is a picture of a future Adam and wife, as we’ll see.

#### **Genesis 2:7**

**7 And the YHVH God formed man (adam) of the dust of the ground (adamah), and breathed into [some translations say BLEW into] his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

**Yehovah did not speak man into existence.** He made Adam from the adamah – the ground. Then He blew hard into the man, as the Hebrew word for “breathed” implies.

**So we see that all of humanity- -since we all come from Adam – has the earthly nature** as we all came from adamah – the ground. *But ALL also have the breath of God;* His “divine spark”. I believe this is when YHVH put into mankind what Scripture calls “**the spirit in man**”. Animals don’t have this. God gave it and it goes back to Him when we die

(**Ecclesiastes 12:7**). When a person is resurrected, that spirit is returned to the body, as in the obvious case of Jairus' daughter (see **Luke 8:55** and also **1 Kings 17:19-22**). I suggest you look up and read these verses I'm giving you.

**Job 32:8**: "there IS a Spirit in man and the breath of the Almighty gives understanding".

**Read 1 Cor. 2:9-12**, which also speaks at length about this "spirit in man" that makes us different from animals. I believe, if we read 1 Cor. 2 carefully, we can deduce the spirit in man – that all humans have -- gives human understanding and lets us have a mind, something animals don't have. The Spirit of God gives *spiritual* understanding. The Spirit in man is the interface that allows fleshly mankind interact with the Spirit of God.

It is this Divine breath that makes humans different from animals. We are not of the animal kingdom. We are of the kingdom of our Maker, who breathed His divine breath into all humanity through Adam. We have something divine in us. When we truly understand that, we will honor and respect all people everywhere. Each and every one of us was made in the image and likeness of the Almighty, after all.

So whether we are Chinese, Filipino, Brazilian, American, Canadian, Kenyan, Israeli, British, Syrian or Venezuelan – or from *any* other country – if anyone is a human from anywhere, we are all from "one blood" (Acts 17:26), in YHVH's image! Let's start acting like it, shall we? Let's start with those of us who believe in YHVH. Let's come together.

Remember that this Creator called YHVH GOD – YHVH Elohim – who spoke and who talked and who acted, was the very same one who became the "2<sup>nd</sup> Adam", the Savior Yeshua, Jesus Christ. Let that sink in. Jesus was in the Garden molding Adam from the ground, Adam from the *adamah*. I suspect He might have had Adam even look like him. Maybe literally in his Maker's likeness.

Then YHVH moved Adam from the general land of **Eden** to the Garden (**Gen. 2:8-9**), which I believe was in the area now known as the Temple Mount. God does not change. His heart has always been on Jerusalem and it makes sense that what is now Jerusalem is where it all started. This is the ground Satan fought over in the beginning – and will be the site of the final battles at the end.

Then YHVH showed Adam the two trees, gave Adam the job of guarding the garden (that's what "keep" means in **Genesis 2:15**). He then names the animals, nothing like Adam was seen. So then YHVH on the 6<sup>th</sup> day ends the long day with surgery – and cuts out of Adam's side, packs it back in with flesh – and out of the side taken out of the one body, one man Adam creates a 2<sup>nd</sup> body – his wife.

**Eve was not created separately from the ground but from the existing body of Adam** to show they were to be completely one, as they were before Eve. She was "in him" before she was created – and they had the task of becoming "one" again.

**Genesis 2:21-22**

21 And YHVH Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs (part of His side), and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib (side) which YHVH God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

I really believe Adam could feel a big chunk of Him had been taken out. There was some surgery perhaps, packing in flesh in the hole in the side.

Stone Edition of the Tanach says:

"...and He took one of his sides and He *filled in flesh in its place*".

**Genesis 2:23-25**

23 And Adam said: [ha-adam in Hebrew = the adam]

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

She shall be called Woman (isha, issah), because she was taken out of Man (ish)."

24 Therefore a man (*ish*) shall leave his father and mother and **be joined to** his wife (*isha, issah*), and **they shall become one (*echad*)** flesh.

From one body came 2. And those 2 were to be become one again. A picture of us and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam – we are to become one in Him. We are not about doing our own thing, about having our own life. **NO! We are part of HIM, HE is our life (Col 3:3).** It is His mind now we follow – just as Yeshua did everything the Father told Him. Oneness.

**In the 2<sup>nd</sup> message I gave about Man and Woman, Part 2** – I show the unique letter in the words Ish and Isha in Hebrew and how they form the word YAH, the shortened form of YHVH. When we keep Yah in our relationships, His glory is revealed. When we put YAH out of our relationships, as we see in so many marriages and even in the body of called out ones – all we have is *esh*, the Hebrew word for "fire". Not good. So let's get back to having Yah in our relationships.

***ALL THIS PICTURED CHRIST AND THE CHURCH***

Keep in mind, Adam was a picture of Christ, called "the Last Adam".

**1 Corinthians 15:44-49**

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "**The first man Adam became a living being.**" **The last Adam** [Yeshua] **became a life-giving spirit.**

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 **The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is YHVH from heaven.** 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man [of the Word, Yeshua!]

**We see this again in Rom. 5.**

**Rom. 5:14 "... Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come."**

Everything I've said about the creation of man and women was NOT so much about ADAM AND EVE as much as it was *a picture*, a rehearsal, of what was to be Christ and *the ekklesia*, the called-out ones, the church (**Ephesians 5:30-32**). Paul got it!

**Ephesians 5:30-32**

30 **For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.** 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two



shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, **but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

So we are of the earth, "earthy" as Paul says. We are all of Adam, of the adamah. But we also have something from on high! We all -- since we all come from Adam -- also have Yah's divine breath, the divine spark of God blown into each of us as descendants of Adam. When we die, we go back to dust -- but since our "*spirit in man*" came from God, it will also return to Him who gave it (please read **Ecc. 12:7**).

So there's a very earthy part of our lives -- but there's also a heavenly part of our lives: the part YHVH *blew* into us through Adam. There's a lower part of our earthly nature, but there's also something in each human being that marks us as being very different from animals. *We are NOT animals or part of the animal kingdom.* We were made in the image of God, have His breath in us, and are being called to be part of the God kingdom, the kingdom of God.

The One who became known as "the Last Adam" or "second Adam" -- Yeshua -- was the very Being creating the first Adam from the ground. Imagine that? I wonder if YHVH made Adam a visual copy of His own features and likeness? I wonder if they looked alike.

So what's the point of all that?

- Yeshua is marrying a Bride, from those being called out, chosen by our Father.
- We are to be "in Him", totally one with Him.

Just as Adam and Eve were to have dominion over the earth, so will the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam and His Bride. We are being called to rule the earth God's way: with humility and service -- backed up by all the power and force of the universe when it's called upon. So we are being called and *judged* now, chosen now and then we must remain faithful to the end to be in that role.

**Revelation 2:26**

26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, **to him I will give power over the nations --**

**Revelation 3:21**

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

**Daniel 7:27** (you might want to start from verse 18, 22)

7 Then the kingdom and dominion,  
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,  
**Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.**  
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

We will also judge angels -- **1 Cor. 6:3**. We will teach, serve, rule, judge the earth with our Husband, Yeshua the Messiah, if we prove obedient and faithful to the end. Yeshua said, "I bestow upon you a kingdom..." **Revelation 20:4** says those in the first resurrection will live and reign with Christ for a thousand years, the millennial rule.

So all this has to be in place before Messiah will reign. He wants a Bride to rule the earth with, just as the first Adam and his wife were to rule the earth (**Gen. 1:26-28**).

***Romans 8:16-17***

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — ***heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ***, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

SO yes, this day is about time BEYOND the Millennium, but it's not just for another day or even for another thousand years, but for forever and ever and ever and ever.

**SO WHAT else IS THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY ALL ABOUT?**

**The new day, the new beginning.**

**Are there millions of deceased “good people” in heaven watching billions being forever tortured in an ever burning hell-fire?**

Traditional theology typically teaches that this is mankind's only opportunity for salvation. This teaching says that all the billions and billions of people who ever lived and have since died, and who never even *heard of* the true God, or of Yeshua/Jesus Christ – are all burning in a hell fire but never quite dying. This theology says the wages of sin is not the 2<sup>nd</sup> death, but eternal life in a demented “Dante's Inferno-type” place being tortured by a God who claims to be Love personified!

By this scenario, Satan is winning the battle for souls. God is losing, and losing badly, if this false teaching of eternal torture in hell is true.

Is it even fair to punish billions of people for eternity if they never had their minds open to spiritual things, if they never heard the name Jesus or Yeshua, if they never were taught, if they never understood?

The other side of this coin is that all who died in the faith, or who were overall pretty good people, are probably in heaven with God right now.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day feast, when we put the scriptures together, tells the truth about these false teachings. All is NOT lost for the 20-40 billion who never properly confessed their Savior. There IS a real hell fire, but it is coming in the future and it will burn up and end the life, forever, of anyone who refuses to repent and change. The wages of sin is the 2<sup>nd</sup> ***death***. It's a real death, it's punishment for those who won't accept the forgiveness offered to them and walk a new life. To have a 2<sup>nd</sup> death, you have to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> life. There is a real heaven where God the Father and Yeshua are, but heaven is coming to earth.

**I believe FEW will end up in the lake of fire.** God is not willing that any should perish. In fact, in so many passages we find God pleading with sinful men and women to please repent and come to Him (Isaiah 1:16-20). Most will end up choosing the Way when their minds are opened, they receive the Holy Spirit, and have a Divine Family that is rooting for them and believes they can change. *Brethren, we've got to be people who believe no sins, no past missteps, no mistakes are too big for the covering grace of our Savior and King.* He forgives us of ALL sin and accepts us back into His presence. We

should be practicing that same grace to one another when people put their sins behind them. So let's pick up the story – as it has everything to do with this day.

So let's pick up the story starting after the return of Messiah (Rev. 19) – and now we're into Revelation 20.

**Revelation 20:1-6**

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

**4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.** Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

**5 (But the *rest* of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the *first resurrection*. Over such *the second death* has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

**Why have a resurrection?**

**Let's note several things:**

- For there to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> death, you have to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> life
- To speak of a “first resurrection” heavily implies there are more after that.
- The first resurrection is for those who were faithful to Messiah, even to the death. They are resurrected and will be immortal (“Over such the 2<sup>nd</sup> death has no power...”)

If the faithful in Christ are already in heaven, why would there be a need for a resurrection? IN fact, what did Messiah and his disciples teach? Let me give a short overview as we have so much to cover, and maybe sometime in the future I can give an in-depth sermon on this.

**John 3:13**

**No one has ascended to heaven** but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

If people died and went to heaven, then why did He say that? And why would Peter say on the day of Pentecost, that King David is not in heaven either? Surely He would be there, if anyone was there!

**Acts 2:34-35**

34 "For **David did not ascend into the heavens**, but he says himself:  
"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand,  
35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"

Scripture is clear: The Dead don't know anything. Just read **Ecclesiastes 9:5**. That's what it says. Yeshua said no one has ascended to heaven except Him. Peter said not even David did. So let's believe what the Bible really says and not the traditions we've been taught that are not true.

### **THE FIRST RESURRECTION**

When I speak of the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection, I am not referring to humans who died and were brought back to life by Peter, Paul, Elisha, or even by Yeshua. They were resurrected from the dead, true – but that is not part of what is referred to as “the First resurrection”. Those people were just given a reprieve to live longer, but they did die again.

The first resurrection occurs when Yeshua comes back for His Bride. First the dead in Christ are brought back to life, then those who are alive at His coming. If the dead in Christ were already in heaven, why resurrect them?

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 -- when and how?**

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. **And the dead in Christ will rise first.** 17 **Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

When we're resurrected, it is to immortality and eternal life. ***We shall be spirit beings***, like the angels in a way, but we shall actually “be like Him”...

#### **1 John 3:1-2**

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, ***but we know that WHEN HE IS REVEALED, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, for we shall see Him as He is.***

#### **1 Corinthians 15:42-45, 50-54**

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 ***It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.*** 44 ***It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.*** There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Jump now to vs. 50-54

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but ***we shall all be changed*** — 52 ***in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*** 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and ***this mortal must put on immortality.*** 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal

has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:  
"Death is swallowed up in victory."

***There are resurrections to glory, and resurrections to punishment.***

**Daniel 12:2-3**

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,  
***Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.***  
3 **Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness** of the firmament,  
And those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Many other scriptures say or allude to the fact that those in the first resurrection at Christ's return, will be brought back to life with a new immortal spirit body that shines like the sun  
**(See Matthew 13:43).**

Those in the first resurrection – I believe strongly – DO go to heaven after the resurrection to be married to King Yeshua, the king of kings (**My sermon "I Go Prepare a Place for You" goes in depth into that**). Then we return with Him on majestic angelic spirit "steeds" to take over control of the earth. Together, we will start a new kingdom based out of Jerusalem. Remember Isa 46? Knowing the end from the beginning? It ends at Jerusalem. I believe the Temple Mount area is the ancient site of the Garden of Eden.

Those in the first resurrection form the early, smaller harvest and some or all of them become the Bride of Christ, ruling the earth with a kingdom of justice, love and service. Remember prior to the return of Messiah, billions will have already died due to the plagues, wars, earthquakes, etc. So we will start by helping the survivors have renewed hope. We will help rebuild cities and farms. We will help restore the right balance of weather patterns. And as people come to Messiah, they will be given the Holy Spirit so they too can grow in the Way and understand spiritual things.

**So where are we in the sequence of end-time events?**

The first resurrection has happened, the Millennial reign for 1000 years has concluded – pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles. The whole planet looks like the Garden of Eden. There is peace. But many of those living in the Millennium have never faced Satan's temptations or his ways, especially those born during the Millennium. They now have to be given the choice, be tempted and choose. Remember even our Master Yeshua had to face Satan and defeat Him (Matthew 4:1-10). Everyone has to resist the Devil (James 4:7). Now what?

**Revelation 20:7-15**

7 **Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison** 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are* (italics; *were*) and [no they] will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

(See actual Greek here -- much clearer -)

I believe the army attacks during the Feast of Tabernacles after the thousand years are over, because it says there is a “*camp* of the saints” around Jerusalem. That sure sounds like *Sukkot* or Tabernacles. The armies surround the saints who are observing the feast in tents, in a camp. The saints call out to God for help and YHVH delivers them. I also want to point out in verse 10, that when we remove the added words in italics, that it is clear that it is Satan who will be bound and tormented forever, not any people. I’ll address the main verses some use to refute what I just said in a coming full-length sermon on this topic.

**Now we’re into the new beginnings.** Let’s continue reading in Rev. 20, now verse 11. What happens to the rest of humanity who never received God’s spirit, never heard of Jesus Christ or Yeshua, never had an opportunity to obey God, to claim Yeshua as their Savior – what happens to them? For the first time, they will have their minds opened and will have their first, their first real opportunity to be written into the Book of Life.

Our heavenly Father is fair. Our heavenly father is just. King Yeshua died for everyone and is not willing that any should perish, but that all have the opportunity for eternal life after they come to repentance. (Please read 2 Pet. 3:9).

**Revelation 20:11-15**

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books [BIBLION = the Bible, books] were opened. ***And another book*** was opened, which is **the Book of Life**. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.**

15 **And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

**This passage makes it pretty clear that all who ever died will be resurrected to face their Judge.** They will be resurrected to flesh/blood with new bodies. If they were sick or blown apart in war, they will be made well and whole again. But all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. All are worthy of the death penalty because of sin. But for the first time the Books and the Book of Life are opened to them. Hallelujah! Those who will not repent will be cast into a lake of fire that will kill them. They will not be tortured forever and ever. The *unrepentant* will be ashes under the feet of the righteous (Mal. 4:3).

The wages of unrepented sin is the 2nd death, not eternal life in hell fire (Rom. 6:23). It was Satan who told Eve, that she could disobey, she could sin, and “you will not surely die” (Gen 3:4). Let’s not fall for his lie any longer. The wages of sin is death, not torture.

**But the vast majority of humanity will be resurrected and given their life back.** Maybe 20-40 BILLION! I don’t know if they’ll all be resurrected all in one fell swoop – or over a series of resurrections. (discuss) Perhaps the “8<sup>th</sup> Day” BEGINS with a thousand years during which all humanity is resurrected in a series over time? Just speculating. But after that, the 8<sup>th</sup> day pictures a time that extends into eternity with the new heavens and

new earth. So there's hope for so many of you who had loved ones who died prematurely—they're coming back, into a veritable Garden of Eden. They will be resurrected to physical life until they prove they will choose Life. Presumably sometime in the future, they will have their names also written into the Lamb's Book of Life and be changed to spirit, just as we were, more than a thousand years earlier! Then they also will live forever and ever, immortal once they choose the way of life.

**This day for me is not just a doctrine. It's about my son, who died as an infant.**

The Eternal God allowed mortals to resurrect others by His power: Elijah, Elisha, Paul, Peter – to name a few. Surely there's a chance that some of us in the first resurrection may even be allowed to resurrect our own son, our own mom, our own dad, our own brother!! Hallelujah! I say that as speculation. But at bare minimum, we will be there to witness it.

Many of you lost loved ones to car accidents, murder, war, disease and hundreds of other issues. You will see your son, your daughter, and your loved ones again. You will, you absolutely will. Be sure you are there to greet them and comfort them. Be sure you are there in the first resurrection, if at all possible.

**Ezekiel 37:13-14 – the Valley of the Dry Bones**, goes into depth also about resurrection to physical life. Many call this the "Second resurrection."

**Abortion babies:** By the way, I don't think any man or woman can end one's chances for eternal life. This is speculation, but I believe firmly that every intentionally aborted fetus could very well be resurrected somehow as well. Just thinking out loud.

**Our Father is a merciful Father. Yeshua is a merciful Judge. He can also be very severe.** When He decides to spank, He spans hard. We know, for example, how He treated ancient Sodom and Gomorrah, cities full of *every* kind of sin (**Ezekiel 16:48-59**). We know them for their sin of homosexuality and sodomy, but actually scripture is clear in other contexts that they had many kinds of sins going on. It was just a very wicked city.

But in the judgment, they will have actually a "*more tolerable time*" than the regular cities in Jesus' day who would not heed him or come to repentance. *We all have to REPENT!*

***Matthew 11:20-24***

20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, ***because they did not repent:***

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Day of Judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; ***for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.*** 24 But I say to you that it shall be *more tolerable for the land of Sodom* in the day of judgment than for you."

So, it is speaking of Sodom as still awaiting the Day of Judgment! And they will have an easier time of it than Capernaum will! Ponder that one!

**Turn to John 8 please.** *Yeshua is about giving people a chance to be new. Do you?* Do you let your spouse, your kids, your friends, people you know who goofed up have a new start? ***Yeshua believes in the power of His Holy Spirit to completely CHANGE any of us if we will follow its lead in our lives.*** He believes you can change. I do too. We've all had sins worthy of the death penalty – and we all have to overcome and by God, I mean that literally, by God and His power, we can and will and *do* change!

After John 7, which was preached on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast of Tabernacles, picturing the end of the Millennium, what happened next? John 8 happens next – and it has everything to do with this day. The story of the woman caught in adultery. That happened on this “8<sup>th</sup> day”, to show how repentant sinners will be forgiven and taught to quit sinning. Yeshua did say, remember, “Go and sin no more”.

You and I will be there to help people go the true God's way. You and I will be there with them, believing they can overcome, can become a different person with the Holy Spirit. You and I will have the kind of credibility that only former sinners like you and me who have repented and truly changed can offer a sinner who wants something better.

*YOU and I are going through everything we are going through so we can relate to the people who will come up in this resurrection – and give them hope that they too can be forgiven, have a new start. YOU should believe that about yourself, now, no matter what your PAST has been! God is merciful when we repent and turn around and go the other way. But they will have to repent. They will have to turn around. If so, they will be brought into the Family of God.*

***But what about those who refuse Yahweh's way!?***

I am NOT preaching a namby-pamby religion here. Those who did know better, whose minds were opened, *who did taste of the Holy Spirit* – and still rejected the Way, still knowingly spit in God's face – those will be burned up in a hell fire!

**Hebrews 10:26-31**

***26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.***

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law **dies** without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much **worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Read the end of Rev. 20: everyone by this time is either a spirit child of God – or has burned up in the conflagration that burns up the earth. That is “eternal judgment” (Heb. 6:2). It gets over with – forever. There is also a resurrection to judgment/condemnation.

**John 5:28-30**



28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — **those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.**

### **New Heavens and New Earth, the Heavenly Jerusalem**

[NOTE: More notes are in this transcript from this point on than I was able to do in audio]

Then, when all the judgment time and time to learn and choose is over, the whole universe is taken down by its Creator and replaced with new heavens, a new universe, and a new earth. This is why there are to be no booths on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY. Temporariness has been replaced with the permanent and new universe. Perhaps ALL of it is made of indestructible spirit! Just speculating, but it makes sense to me.

This is also the meaning of this wonderful 8<sup>th</sup> day. It's not the *Last Great Day* -- it's the first most amazing, most awesome day or time -- ***longer than any 24 hours we know - in the history of the Universe*** and for the rest of all time, for forever and ever and ever.

#### **Revelation 21:1**

**Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.**

#### **Isaiah 65:17-19**

17 "For behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth**; [imagine watching that!]  
And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;  
For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people;  
The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

#### **2 Peter 3:10-13**

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

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

**13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

***Again, this is why there should be no booths up, no temporary quarters, on the 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY – as it pictures this time of renewal followed by permanence! It's a time of new starts!***

All humans who have chosen Father's way – because after all Father does know best in this case -- will be spirit beings by then (**1 John 3:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:50-55**). Imagine being able to watch the universe be dissolved in fervent heat of trillions of degrees, of powerful black holes being dissolved, of billions of galaxies with billions of stars each – all disappearing.

Then, we'll be able to watch – and maybe in some way participate in – this new universe, the heavens. I don't want to miss this front row seat for anything in the world! When we try to wrap our minds around even our PRESENT universe, it's hard to fathom the sizes, the scope, and the majesty of it all. I have books of photographs taken by Hubbell Telescope. I enjoy watching TV programs about our awesome universe. We're going to get to watch a whole new one come into existence!

Then what?

### THE NEW JERUSALEM

The next thing that happens is Heavenly Jerusalem will descend from Heaven to a new earth, that no doubt will be a much, much bigger planet in the new creation. My friend Jeff Niccum did a fine job talking about that city and I urge you to hear his **sermon given Oct 2010, titled "the Big Picture"**. Be sure to check it out!

Finally, with all enemies vanquished, including death itself, Father comes down with His city, the city of the Bride, to rule the universe from a new earth. An earth and universe that no longer will have the scars and damage from Satan's rebellion. Father will now rule everything with Yeshua on His right hand, from the heavenly Jerusalem on earth.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:24-28**

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He [Yeshua] must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 **The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.** 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He [the Father] who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [God the Father] who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

#### **BACK TO REV 21:2-8**

**2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.**"

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

**5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."**  
(remember the number 8?)

And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

**7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.**

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

**Revelation 21:9**

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "**Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

My view: The Lamb's wife is the body of called out ones – not a city. The city is emblematic of that! The city represents the Bride, and so is called "the Bride" here. But Yeshua is not marrying a city, He's married a body of called-out ones! That is so clear if you read **Ephesians 5:23-33**. Remember the wedding Supper is depicted in Rev. 19 – the marriage of the Bride, dressed in fine white linen. That's IN heaven, in the Bride's city.

SO the city is emblematic of the LAMB'S wife. Heaven is the CITY of the Bride. The Bride itself is the group of called out ones who have repented, accepted Yeshua as their Savior, and are now seen as the Israel of God, spiritual Israel. THESE are now the chosen. It will be made up of people from all nations – including many Jews and Gentiles alike as I showed in a recent sermon about Gentiles, parts 1 -2. (**Romans 9:6-7; 11:1-2; 23-24 and many more**).

**REV. 21:10-15**

**10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,** 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. [Perhaps the measurements of a cube, remember]

**Revelation 21:22-27**

**22 But I saw no temple in it, for YHVH God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.** 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

**24 And the nations of those who are saved** shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

**Revelation 22:1-7**

And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, *which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month*. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for YHVH God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And YHVH God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Then what? Scripture doesn't tell us. I can just envision Abba, our dear Father, getting us all together and telling us what happens next. I can't wait. I you don't want to miss it. Stir yourself up from the Laodiceanism, the complacency, the lack of zeal that is out there so much and let's put everything into this relationship with YHVH.

**SUMMARY**

So this day is all about new beginnings, total oneness with God and with each other, absolute intimacy. In fact we are "in Him", a part of His Body. We will be part of the process of converting the world, teaching the ways of Yah, serving, rebuilding.

- We will get to watch the **massive resurrections** of billions of people into a world that will be a Gan Eden all over the world.
- This is the time you will see your deceased loved ones in the resurrections. This day is, for me, being able to be reunited with my David, my first son.
- We will teach them, lead them, and be the kindest leaders they've never had: leaders who are themselves led by God's spirit. We need to be practicing that now.
- **We will get to watch the new creation of the universe. It's about all things new.**
- **This day is about the whole universe being new, being as one, one in Father, one in Yeshua, one in another. One body, perfect love.**
- We will be the Bride and co-ruler of the universe if we don't lose heart and give up
- Let's have hope, be upbeat, be cheerful and not let anything pull us down.

Until next time, this is Philip, your brother in our Messiah asking for blessings, peace and shalom to all of you as you walk in *His* light. Until next time.... Shalom and joy!

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