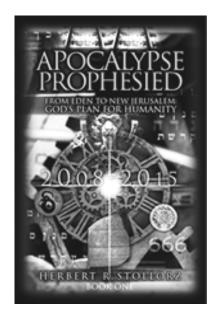
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Many more Bible verses on this subject could be quoted. The Bible is inexhaustible, and I am constantly discovering more verses. In fact it seems like the process of writing this book is never ending. The richness of the Bible and its overlay with the Hebrew Alphabet Number System is like mining for diamonds. It takes some effort to fully grasp what lies buried, but it is a valuable tool to help us reach what is deeply entombed beneath a surface reading of the Scripture.

This concludes the First Resurrection (*Teth*).



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CHAPTER 8

THE DAY OF

(The Eighth World Age, 8 = Cheth, "a new beginning")

What does a Great Mountain from space signify for the earth?

What will the Kingdom of God be like when it arrives on Earth?

What is the effect on earth of the Seventh Trumpet in heaven? What will the prophesied Resurrection of the Dead be like?

Will the afterlife be like what the Egyptian Pharaohs expected?

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In the world's cosmic cycles the Cheth Age of the Apocalypse is found at the very center or turning point of God's plan for the universe. From the perspective of the Heh dimension it will be

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the biggest event ever in the universe. The seven years of Cheth Age continues and intensifies the strife of the Zayin Age. In a way, both end at the same time.

During the Great Tribulation of this time period, the prophesied Kingdom of God in heaven is born and begins to come down to earth. This is the "baby" of my pregnancy and placenta analogy. Incredible as it may sound, Satan's dominion will be terminated in the Cheth Age. Think about it. First, he will be cast out from heaven to earth; then he will be cast down to hell and bound for a thousand earth years. He is totally shut down so that he cannot even walk around hell because of his chains. Satan's domain is the placenta of my analogy. It is born to be cast away and burned.

My next book, Mystery of Tammuz 17, will tell you in more detail about where, why and when all of these events will take place. But for now, we will place them in the context of humanity's 7,000 years of history and prophecy. The message of Cheth is like a two-sided bull's-eye:

- On one side, Satan's dominion ends with a big bang.
- On the other side, the biggest spectacle of cosmic fireworks and earthshaking conflicts the universe has ever experienced announce a new beginning - the start of a new civilization.

These events will both be very upsetting and unimaginably transcendent, depending on one's perspective. They will elevate humanity to the highest level ever achieved, but to do so God will remove all who oppose His righteousness and plan. Only those willing to learn and obey the God of Israel will survive to live in a wonderful civilization ruled by Jesus/Yeshua as King of Kings. The time you spend reading this chapter will greatly expand your horizons. I promise.

A Great Mountain

As you looked on, a stone was cut out, not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were all broken in pieces and became like the

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respect His ways of righteousness and submission to His tender, loving authority.

At certain times the saints will meet corporately in the heavenly Jerusalem to praise God, adore Him, make new friendships and share their experiences as they discuss what works best for the earth. It is always a high point to be close to the God of the universe and experience His love as His children. What a privilege it will be to belong to that group! Perhaps this book will help you join us.

A rapid increase in population will not prevent people from reaching a high standard of living. Everyone will have the opportunity to dwell in peace, prosperity and joy. Grandparents will watch many generations of their children grow up:

On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter. And the Lord will become king over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be one and His name one. The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. And it shall be inhabited, for never again shall it be doomed to destruction; Jerusalem shall abide in security. (Zechariah 14:8-11 NRSV)

This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:5-6 NRSV)

See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Revelation 22:12-13 NRSV)

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Jesus Christ, still seated on the white horse, will set foot on the Mount of Olives. He will reign with an iron rod (fist). He will determine the rules of the future government on earth. The laws, the lawgivers, the administrators and all enforcement agencies will be set in place on that very first day.

The new government will be extremely well organized. All former political boundaries will be permanently removed and every district of the earth will be partitioned around ethnic language and family groups. All will run smoothly as nothing will be left to chance. Humanity will prosper exceedingly under the guidance of human beings who suffered at the hands of evil men.

Preparation for the New World Order

The previously resurrected saints will now begin to govern this newly restored earth. Eventually they will apply what they learn to the whole universe. God has appointed them for this task. Each will be given a crown. The Bible tells of five different crowns: one for each category of authority. Each saint will have an office in the heavenly Jerusalem, which will be suspended, over the land of Israel like a satellite. They will go back and forth to attend their new jobs on earth because they will belong to the spirit dimension.

As the new earth repopulates, a heavy burden will weigh on the new rulers to help restore the catastrophic destruction on earth due to its severely damaged environment and ecosystem. Their first priority will be to organize the collection and removal of harmful substances and leftover war materials like unexploded bombs, canisters of deadly chemicals, bacteriological weapons, mines and ammunition. They will actively encourage reforestation of devastated areas so that wildlife can flourish again. Nature must be brought back into balance quickly so it can begin to heal itself and become productive again.

The new generations of humans born after the Apocalypse must be educated in God's way of peace with the environment—unlike the abusive technological exploitation practiced too often today. The new generations will be educated to respect the earth as faithful caretakers and so honor God's free gift to mankind. The schools of this new age will teach students to love God and

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chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (Daniel 2:34-35 NRSV)

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever; just as you saw that a stone was cut from the mountain not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. The great God has informed the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy. (Daniel 2:44-45 NRSV)

This chapter is about the future millennium (1,000 years) of unheard of peace and prosperity on earth that will start three years after the end of the Apocalypse in 2015. The Hebrew Alphabet Number System identifies it with the Teth cycle when the world will enjoy new life and a new civilization under God's dominion.

Few books have been written about this future age of restoration of a previously destroyed earth and reestablishing global harmony among nations because we have nothing in the past to compare it with. A world without war among the nations is inconceivable although most people desire it.

Because it is in the future, there are no historical references. Only one book in the world, the Bible, describes this age of God's kingdom on earth, and it does so with authority. It is a shame that so many have never heard about it. Others can only compare it with heaven; some confuse it with heaven.

Philosophers have wrestled with social economies, political structures and psychological ideas with the goal of improving humanity, and all failed to produce results. Most attempts at utopian lifestyles have eventually failed, so the general public has given up on building an ideal society. Today's accepted wisdom denigrates any serious discussion about the millennium

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rule of Jesus from Jerusalem as head-in-the-clouds fantasy, immature dreaming or simply unrealistic.

But let me interject an idea here. A mustard seed is tiny, but if you put it in the ground, it will take root and grow. In a few months you will see a big bush in full bloom. The Teth Age of the biblical program reveals just such a fantastic society – one that has never existed on earth or in heaven.

We have no concept of the mustard seed's genetic secrets, the future plant buried in a tiny grain. But once it sprouts, it will take over as if driven by an invisible force. If you have never seen a mustard seed plant, it would require a book to describe it. So this chapter will attempt to illustrate the mustard seed of the resurrection of the saints. The Teth Age of the biblical program reveals just such a fantastic occurrence.

When Satan is cast out of heaven at the middle of the Apocalypse, the kingdom of God will be announced. During the Apocalypse on earth, Satan will pursue his destructive rebellion until all life on this planet is reduced. Then God will intervene. Jesus will return and wipe out the armies of Satan. He will bind him in what Revelation 20:3 calls a deep abyss, or hell. Then comes the first resurrection of the faithful over whom the second death has no power. (Revelation 20:4 and 6)

These resurrected saints will unleash unimaginably creative power for the benefit for humanity. The earth will be restored and all that dwells in it. We presently live in a world filled with incredible technological achievements. When we consider what humanity has accomplished with even our present technology, it can only give us a hint of what lies ahead.

Every city has a skyline of fantastic buildings and presents an array of expressive arts and music. A short vacation to a distant place reached by flying high in the sky across continents only to be back home again in a week is hardly a rare occurrence for many. I would not know where to start to compile a list of similar experiences that would appear to border on the miraculous to someone who might visit us from antiquity.

If only man would use such innovations for good. If only evil could be eliminated and Satan's influence removed from this planet. That is exactly what the Bible tells us will soon become reality. It will be a time when neither Satan nor his influence will Page 4 of 28

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It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam (Jesus Christ) became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1Corinthians 15:35-58 NRSV, parentheses added)

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Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then He will send out the angels, and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. (Mark 13:26-27 NRSV)

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and on His account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. (Revelation 1:7 NRSV)

On that day there shall not be either cold or frost. And there shall be continuous day (it is known to the Lord), not day and not night, for at evening time there shall be light. (Zechariah 14:6-7 NRSV)

The Resurrection Body

The early churches were confused about the new bodies they would receive. Christians today have questions about this as well. Paul, inspired by God, addressed this matter:

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

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be active in the earthly dimension. He won't be able to manipulate the affairs of humanity because he will be bound in hell and unable escape.

Unlike in the Garden of Eden, there will be no deceivers sneaking around trees or hiding in the bushes looking for an opportunity to mess up people's lives. Only man's innate sinfulness could cause trouble. People will still need to build character, but the redeemed saints will watch over the earth so that God's governing purposes will run smoothly.

Although we will cover a number of Bible verses in this chapter, there are many more Scriptures that describe this coming age of restoration and rest from evil. Some of these concepts may be a little difficult to understand because they are spiritually perceived. To gain a true appreciation, one must be indwelled by the Holy Spirit. He alone can open our understanding to the things of God. The Holy Spirit translates the written Word of God so that it makes sense and becomes interesting, if not totally fascinating.

If you do not quite understand what is written here, ask God to send His Holy Spirit so that you can understand His message to you in these pages. The God of the Bible has promised to illuminate the minds of those who ask Him.

The Big Clean-Up

Before the coming of the Day of the Lord, millions of angels in heaven will be busily preparing for one of the most amazing events ever to take place in the entire universe. On earth those who are seeking God will be reading chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel. These passages of Scripture will give them a new understanding of God's plan for the earth because they too have an event to prepare for.

Before the King of Kings can come to earth, the Promised Land must be cleansed from all the rotting bones of millions of dead bodies. The land around Jerusalem will be littered with chemical warheads, poisonous canisters and unexploded mines. The King will not have His festivity interrupted by children getting accidentally blown up while they're celebrating His arrival from heaven.

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On that day I will give to Gog (Russia) a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of the Travelers east of the sea; it shall block the path of the travelers, for there Gog and all his horde will be buried; it shall be called the Valley of Hamon-gog.

Seven months the house of Israel shall spend burying them, in order to cleanse the land. All the people of the land shall bury them; and it will bring them honor on the day that I show my glory, says the Lord God. They will set apart men to pass through the land regularly and bury any invaders who remain on the face of the land, so as to cleanse it; for seven months they shall make their search. As the searchers pass through the land, anyone who sees a human bone shall set up a sign by it, until the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon-gog. . . Thus they shall cleanse the land. (Ezekiel 39:11-16 NRSV, parentheses mine)

Once the land of Israel has been cleansed, the Lord will usher in the next phase of His plan of redemption: the great Day of the Lord. This event will happen in a manner fit for a divine King.

There will be many angels present who will be allowed to see earth for the first time; they will learn its history and mingle with man. This exchange will unify the kingdom of God, which started in heaven and will have finally become a reality on earth. The communication between the five-based and seven-based dimensions will be incredible. The Apocalypse will end, according to my prediction, on 21 December 2015. Thereafter will be an event that will eclipse in grandeur any others day ever in history. This is the only hope for mankind.

The Return of Jesus Christ

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And He came to the Ancient One and was presented before Him. To Him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations,

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But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord Himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1Thessalonians 4:13-18 NRSV)

This is an excellent verse to give to someone when a loved one has died. As Christians, we have hope in the midst of grief and pain because we know that death is not the end. Rather, it is the beginning of a joyful life existence without the trappings of corruption and sin.

As the resurrected saints move up toward the clouds, they will meet an immense crowd of believers from every country, race, and nationality. A common bond will unite them as they realize this is the first resurrection. We will find relatives and friends who passed away before us.

In the distance we will recognize the Lord in His splendor, riding on a white horse. Angels will surround Him waving palm branches to welcome the special Guest of Honor. Each person will have an angel assigned to him so no one will feel lost in all that excitement. The angels will be our servants, happy to meet all our wishes.

Much information will be passed on quickly, and the Lord will receive the loudest ovations of joy ever heard. Trumpets will sound and millions of angels will sing praise to Him who is, was, and is to come. It will be a spectacle of immense proportion and importance:

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People around the world will know the exact hour at the same time because there will be a massive cosmic fire display that will be seen all around the world - no matter what time zone you happen to live in!

Once the events of the Apocalypse begin to take place, thousands (including those who have read this book) will be watching in expectation. They will stay awake all night watching the tremendous splendor of the cosmic fireworks that will announce Jesus' coming. It is possible that Jesus Christ could return in the winter or the summer, but I am convinced that it will follow the model of the Hebrew overlay as presented in my second book, Mystery of Tammuz 17.

As the tremors abate and the dust settles from the final earthquake in September, quietness will move across the world. The survivors, clinging to life, will band together and collect food wherever they can find it. Their cities will have been destroyed; every government and army will have been annihilated. The death angel will judge and separate the people like sheep from goats.

The remaining elect—the orphans, children, the saved humans left alive and the sealed Jewish remnant—will anticipate another event known as the Lord's Day, which will be followed immediately by the first resurrection. Only the GodFather knows the day and the hour, but I believe that we can expect to receive the biggest Christmas present in the universe.

These survivors will hear the joyful blast of a trumpet. A brilliant light will shine around the globe. Even the dark side of the earth will be as bright as day. The elect from around the world will feel a strange tingling in their bodies.

As the Lord comes down, His followers will go up, and a change of their bodily structure will occur. As they float up into the sky, they will be transformed, receiving immortal bodies. On the way to heaven they will meet their loved ones who have gone ahead of them and who will be coming down in a huge procession.

Paul wrote about the mystery of the resurrection and tried to explain the process of being translated without seeing death:

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and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and His kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14 NRSV)

The Bridegroom Comes

The biggest event in the universe will be the Apocalypse in Heaven when the archangel Michael will forcefully eject Satan and his followers from that spiritual realm. God's angelic troops will purge every corner of the universe resulting in total victory for the heavenly host. Throughout human history on the earth, God has often allowed Satan to attend His court in heaven. Satan used these occasions to accuse the saints and magnify their problems on earth. Satan's removal will cause much jubilation among the righteous angels who will no longer have to watch God being addressed with discourtesy and defiance.

The angels will dress in their finest as they assemble for that Great Day of the Lord. The heavens will be decorated for one of the biggest events in the history of the universe: the marriage of Jesus Christ! The infinite GodSon will enter into a contractual relationship of intimate fellowship with mortals from the lowest domain: His church since Adam's time. The wedding day has already been announced. Jesus' eternal union with His bride, the elect, will fulfill God's vision, which was laid out before the foundation of this world.

The marriage of the Lamb to the Bride will also be a coronation. The Lord of Lords and King of Kings will be crowned by human beings made whole. It will be a day of rejoicing, laughter and happiness as the royal procession of festive angels comes to earth with splendor, power and beauty. The mighty angels will sound the trumpets for the last time, the seventh time. Later these trumpets will be placed in a museum to commemorate the greatest triumph of the GodSon:

Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and the land raised His right hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will be no more delay, but in the days when the seventh angel is to blow his trumpet, the mystery

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of God will be fulfilled, as He announced to His servants the prophets." (Revelation 10:5-7 NRSV)

The "mystery of God" will be revealed at the sound of the seventh trumpet when an angel announces the return of Jesus Christ. The exact hour of His coming is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but according to the Hebrew numbering system it will probably happen on 24 December 2015. Incidentally December 24th at midnight is, of course, the day celebrated throughout history and around the world (especially in Bethlehem) as Jesus Christ's birthday.

I could not think of any better timing to announce the greatest event of the universe than to have it coincide with His birthday. Just as Jesus was in the tomb three days (3 = Gimel, "divine approval") prior to His resurrection in AD 33, I believe Jesus Christ's return to earth will happen three days after the end of the Apocalypse (21 December 2015).

The world could receive a wonderful birthday gift. My desire is that Jesus would pick that date. It would make sense. In the highest order it is so obvious. The Apocalypse started with a total destruction, and it will end with the greatest birthday party ever recorded in the history of humanity.

Many Christians in America believe that the Lord will come before the Apocalypse or at the height of confusion, in the midst of the destruction of this world. I disagree. I don't think that would be very good timing. God is a God of order, as is revealed in the intricate details of nature.

As farmers know, there is a time to plant, a time to water and a time to harvest. After the harvest comes a time for festive joy and celebration worthy of the supreme God and His guests. I became a farmer, and in springtime we start the sowing cycle. At the fall harvest time it is too hectic around the ranch to take time to relax and socialize. All effort is made to harvest and gather in the fruit, which took a long time to grow.

Jesus often used farming parables that were consistent with His message. He would not intentionally confuse us about the most important times in God's plan since Creation by using strange allegories about His return to rule the earth. I think some Christian teachers are confused because they are not farmers. Instead of simple lives close to the earth, they hang out at, or Page 8 of 28

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Paul put the Apocalypse in its proper relationship to Jesus' coming. The "lawless one" is the Antichrist who will be destroyed when the true Messiah comes. Only then will mankind witness "His coming in splendor." Behind the earthly scene, great events will be initiated in Heaven:

And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:31 NRSV)

The phrase "four winds" identifies the earth; however, there will be a simultaneous gathering in Heaven from one end of the universe to the other. I do not know where Paradise is located, but the trumpet will be sufficiently loud to cause everyone to come for this victorious event:

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36 NRSV)

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. (Mark 13:33-34 NRSV)

The command to go will be given by the Chief of the heavenly host. This honor is held exclusively by the GodFather (Aleph). The rider on the white horse, Jesus Christ, is waiting for His signal to execute that order:

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. (Mark 13:35-37 NRSV)

The above mentioned verse shows four divisions to the day: evening beginning at 6 PM, midnight at 12, morning at 6 AM and noon at 12. The earth has 24 one-hour time zones, and the hour when Christ returns will depend on which time zone you live. So be alert. Look for the sign in the sky when day approaches.

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The Coming of the Lord for the Elect

In the early church some Christians worried that they had missed the resurrection. Paul straightened out that misconception:

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.

Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of His mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of His coming.

The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned. (2Thessalonians 2:1-12 NRSV)

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are employed by, prestigious universities where reputations are made by engaging in esoteric philosophical discussions about obtuse issues.

The book of Revelation announces that God's harvest time will occur at the end of the prophetic growing season—at the end of the Apocalypse. No verse in the Bible indicates that the Lord's Day is split into two occasions seven years apart. This great harvest time of the saints represents the culmination of all of the Zayin Ages.

By the way, the workers are the saints because on my ranch everybody, including all of the kids, helps around the clock until the fruit is in the barn. God instituted that system, and I have not seen another system in operation. But many Christian universities teach their students that God will harvest His saints before the fruit is ripe, which does not make sense to me. You be the judge.

Personally, if God came before the tribulation period, I would ask Him to make an exception for me and leave me here. I do not want to go to heaven and meet Satan face to face, nor any of his demons. If Satan was still around at my resurrection, his presence would spoil my face-to-face encounter with my Lord. The Bible is very clear that Satan is still in heaven at the beginning of the Apocalypse. Whatever the Lord's decision about when He will return to this world, I desire to be left behind on earth until He actually comes here to stay.

Besides, I will be needed on earth to help my family and friends and to be with them when hard times and death come. I could not be happy in heaven knowing that my friends remained on earth to suffer the seven-year tribulation. I want to be close to them during the hour of their deepest need. As a preteen during World War II, I remember bombs exploding as I was sitting in a cellar praying with unbelievers. I want to be close with them during the hour of their deepest need. I remember my Christian mother told them that there is life, purpose and love on the other side if our life on earth should end here and now.

This world will need believers like me and others to proclaim the good news when all is going down to destruction. Not all wood is burned at the same time; some pieces might still be saved before everything is in ashes. And that is the reason I want to be

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"left behind." My faith is that the Lord of Hosts will pick His own time and confound the wise. Whenever the Lord returns, I will gladly receive my new eternal body. But the timing makes a tremendous difference to me.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; He guards the lives of His faithful; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 97:10 NRSV)

The Kingdom of God Arrives on Earth

The Hebrew Alphabet Number System indicates a fifth event (five = Heh, "the other side"). God's greatest promise—that pain, tears and war will no longer undermine the world—will be fulfilled. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will establish the everlasting kingdom on earth. This kingdom does not yet exist, but the Bible indicates that preparations are being made for it in heaven.

Two thousand years ago:

They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10-11)

A few years from now:

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with

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Thousands of years after Enoch's prophecies, the Apostle Peter wrote similar words. Perhaps he too had read the book of Enoch:

Then He will say to those at His left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41 NRSV)

Ultimately God closes the time dimension (Daleth) at the very end, and a universe of eternity will start again with unbroken cycles of blessings:

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:14-15 NRSV)

The Last Trumpet (Viewed from Earth)

After the seventh trumpet sounds the four redeemed groups will join millions of angels in a fantastic procession to the earth:

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign forever and ever.

Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, singing, "We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. The nations raged, but your wrath has come." . . . then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant was seen within His temple. (Revelation 11:15-19 NRSV)

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Revelation 19:9 NRSV)

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destruction during Noah's time (extreme violence being the other).

According to Jude, the book of Enoch prophesied this judgment before 2288 BC:

And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, He has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great day. (Jude 6 NRSV)

God prepared a special place, which the Bible calls hell, to contain all these evil spirits in order to prevent them from causing more harm to the universe and/or the earth. This place is a temporary waiting room that will cease to exist once it has served its purpose. (More details are provided in Chapter 6.)

All lost human beings, who have not been reconciled by Jesus, will go to that horrible place when they die. The demonic spirits that were created before the earth began will be there to greet each of the human newcomers. I warn my fellow human beings not to be mixed up with this pack of evil from prehistoric times. If you should end up in the outer darkness, there is pain like shuddering teeth with no end in sight.

Consider this. What if you had mistakenly ordered a terrible beating for a young man who turned out to be the son of the judge who was going to handle your trial? This judge was appointed to rule on your case with the power to pronounce you either innocent or guilty. He could release you to freedom or condemn you to execution. What chance of winning your case are you going to have with this judge when he finds out you caused his son to be beaten up to the point being just strips of bloody flesh hanging around his bones and then hung him on a tree to die? This is what our sins have done to the Holy One who had no sin. Only begging for mercy to the Son will give you a chance for life. The Son will determine your fate when He talks to His Father. He died so that that forgiveness might be possible in the face of justice, but we must humbly ask for it.

God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment. (2Peter 2:4 NRSV)

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an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. (Revelation 19:11-16)

Shortly after the coming of the Lord in splendor, the survivors of the Apocalypse will want to honor God and crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords over all the nations on earth. No nation will be excluded. Then the fifth kingdom—which Daniel describes as a stone coming from heaven and growing into a huge mountain—will become the Third Civilization of humanity. (Daniel 2:31-45) The First Civilization existed before the Flood. We are near the end of the Second Civilization, and the Third Civilization, commonly called the Millennium, will begin in 2018 and end in 3018.

The Rider on the White Horse

Much will go on in heaven as the heavenly host prepares for the victory march to earth. The next event will be announced with thunder, lightning flashes and the blasting of thousands of trumpets to proclaim the second birthday of Jesus Christ in a cosmic display of grandeur. This will be an awesome spectacle and a fantastic moment in world history.

Jesus Christ will rise from His throne and mount a white horse. Millions of angels and redeemed human beings, all clothed in brilliant white robes, will stand ready to follow Him.

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name inscribed that no one knows but Himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; He will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

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On His robe and on His thigh He has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords." (Revelation 19:11-16 NRSV)

Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31 NRSV)

With a golden sash over His shoulder the Lord Jesus Christ will ride into Jerusalem on a white horse in the company of millions of angels and human beings. (This is the fifth horse of the Apocalypse: five = "the other side.") They will be dressed in festive attire and hold palm leaves in their hands, singing in joyful exuberance at the edge of the ruins of Jerusalem. They will stand with Jesus Christ on top of the Mount of Olives, which will have been raised, to a high mountain by the tremendous earthquake that marked the end of the Apocalypse. From there He will govern the New World order. He will be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. The Third Civilization will then begin.

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will put the sheep at His right hand and the goats at the left. (Matthew 25:31-33 NRSV)

The Seventh Trumpet (Viewed from Heaven)

The plan of God will now be implemented as predetermined before the time dimension began. Those who are found worthy will be on His right side, and those who are condemned will stand

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With mighty chariotry, twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place. (Psalm 68:17 NRSV)

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands. (Revelation 5:11 NRSV)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took His throne; His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from His presence. A thousand thousand served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending Him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. (Daniel 7:9-10 NRSV)

4. Those who fear His name. These are the "multinational saints" (Old Testament believers) as well as unborn babies and children who died young. The upper side of Hades will be emptied of all those who are found worthy to receive eternal life. (See Chapter 5.)

Judged Group

5. Those who destroy the earth. This group consists of Satan and his demons. Demons are evil spirits or fallen angels who will be removed from both heaven and earth to be cast into the lake that burns forever. This group also includes a large crowd of ungodly people who will be lost and die during the Apocalypse without being reconciled.

Condemned mortals will follow the angels who have been reserved in outer darkness until the last judgment day. Ultimately, the evil "immortals" cast out of the Heh dimension will be thrown into the lake of fire, which is like a black hole in the universe to effect their utter destruction. These fallen angels from before the Flood sexually engaged with humans to produce offspring, which was one of the primary reasons for the worldwide

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The word saint is first seen in the book of Enoch, which is part of a collection of ancient writings referred to as the "pseudepigraphical books." These books, which claim to be written before the Flood, mention the angel Michael as well as Adam, Cain and Noah. Jude, Jesus' half-brother, referred to the book of Enoch in his letter to believers, which appears just before Revelation in the Bible.

Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "See, the Lord is coming with ten thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment on all, and to convict everyone of all the deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (Jude 14-15 NRSV)

Enoch lived before the Flood. His prophecy is the earliest description of a special body of believers with the name saint. But 1,715 years later (in 573 BC) Daniel used the same word in his book of prophecy. In Roman times the name was changed, and we ended up with four more names for these saints. (See "The Body of Christ" in Chapter 5.)

The name saint resurfaces and appears again in Revelation at the event of the "first resurrection" when the Lord will return with great grandeur accompanied by 10,000 times 10,000 saints. Many Christians do not understand the history of names and especially of this group. Not understanding the connections throughout the Bible, they come up with false interpretations and confusing results. A lot of Christian theories evolved from it and created all kinds of denominations as a result.

The LORD came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones; at His right hand there was flashing lightning for them. (Deuteronomy 33:2)

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to innumerable angels in festal gathering. (Hebrews 12:22 NRSV)

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on His left. The righteous will be dressed in white and will shine with heavenly splendor.

The Resurrection of the Saints

Simultaneously with the appearing of the LORD'S DAY, the archangel Michael will announce with a loud shout that the time has come for the final triumph on earth to occur. This last milestone will be a majestic celebration and a great proclamation that will echo throughout the universe. It will be heralded with loud trumpets, flashes of splendorous lightning and unimaginable grandeur. In a spectacle of extreme cosmic power, Michael will declare the coming of a supreme royalty accompanied by millions of beings from every corner of the universe. The headlines will proclaim, "Now has come the resurrection of the saints."

For the Lord Himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words. (1Thessalonians 4:16-18 NRSV)

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4-6)

God will close the time dimension of Zayin, which was subject to Satan's domain, but He will continue life on earth. In some way God will imbed all the historical records of the nations in a memory bank of the living redeemed persons who will be resurrected to populate the future universe. The evil world system will be destroyed, and Satan will be discarded on the last

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day. Evil and the master of evil will never be remembered in ages to come.

Ever since God's plan was revealed to the church, Christians have been looking ahead for the promised return of Jesus to finally end all suffering and injustice, death and delusion. Faithful believers are full of anticipation for the deliverance of their human neighbors. They also anticipate the redemption of the natural creation from the evil and an end to the destructive forces of the rebellious civilization that has ravaged the earth. The oceans cry out over the loss of their fish, corals and vegetation that filled their shallows and depths. The forests weep for their razed trees. The farmers' fields moan from misuse and mismanagement from chemical poisoning to the loss of topsoil. The waters cry, "Why are we so horribly polluted?"

And I could go on with the cries of nature's ecosystems; all nature eagerly expects the Son of God to appear. The Word of God gives hope for the future:

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8:19-23)

After that spectacular event the saints will be ready to work. They have been waiting for this moment, and now all their energy will be applied to restore the earth:

Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had

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not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. (Revelation 20:4-5 NRSV)

The Bible verse below indicates that four redeemed groups will be rewarded, and one group will be judged. (Remember, the number 5 signifies "the other side.")

The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants (1), the prophets (2) and saints (3) and all who fear your name (4), both small and great, and for destroying those who destroy the earth (5). (Revelation 11:18 NRSV, numbers added)

My understanding of the different classifications is as follows:

Rewarded Groups

- 1. Servants or Overseers of God's Temple: A group of people set aside from the twelve tribes of Israel. These are the 144,000 servants referred to in the book of Revelation, who will be selected and rewarded for their faithfulness during the difficult times of the Apocalypse. (You can read more about this in Chapter 5.)
- 2. Prophets or Jesus Christ's Ambassador Entourage: This group proclaimed the Christian faith and would not denounce it under severe circumstances. They lost their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. I call them "the entourage of Jesus Christ" because they will be found directly under Christ's throne. One cannot get any closer to the Lord than that. (See Chapter 5.)
- 3. Saints or the Body of Christ: This special group is called "the firstborn" or "heirs of Jesus Christ." They are the teachers, preachers, evangelists and missionaries of the Christian faith. (See Chapter 5.)

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