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INTRO

For us to truly understand and begin to pull together the events that will lead up to and also take place during the millennium, it is necessary to understand that God has given us some parables that let us know the basics or a very simple overview of what he is planning. It is in those parables that we will begin our investigative journey.

First, why do I refer to the 7th day and the 8th day in this study? Part of that comes from the first century records that we have from the early church fathers, part of that comes from the scriptures themselves. Here we have a quote from the Epistle of Barnabas; “Attend, my children, to the meaning of this expression, ‘He finished in six days.’ This implieth that the Lord will finish all things in six thousand years. And He Himself testifieth, saying, ‘Behold, to-day will be as a thousand years.’ Therefore, my children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, all things will be finished. ‘And He rested on the seventh day.’”¹

1 Epistle of Barnabas, XV:4; The Catholic Encyclopedia, entry on ‘The Apostolic Fathers’, 1917, “even if he [Barnabas] be not the Apostle and companion of St. Paul, is held by many to have written during the last decade of the first century [AD 96-98], and may have come under direct Apostolic influence, though his Epistle does not clearly suggest it.”

We also have a quote from Irenaeus; “For in as many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years shall it be concluded. And for this reason the Scripture says; ‘Thus the heaven and the earth were finish, and all their adornment. And God brought to a conclusion upon the sixth day the works that He had made; and God rested upon the seventh day from all His works.’ This is an account of the things formerly created, as also it is a prophecy of what is to come. For the day of the Lord is as a thousand years; and in six days created things were completed: it is evident, therefore, that they will come to an end at the sixth thousand year.”² Irenaeus, lived approximately between 130-202 AD. He was considered the Bishop of Lugdunum in Gaul, which is now Lyons, France.³

We add witness to what these early church fathers stated with the Bible itself. Though it is purely the opinion of the writer of this study that this passage serves as a witness, let every reader be convinced in his own mind through his own study.

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years,** and a thousand years as one day.”

2 Peter 3:8

The reasons that this passage is considered as a witness to what the early church fathers believed is that in this passage Peter is directly writing about the second coming of the Lord and also the new heavens and earth. Thus giving weight to the idea that for each day of creation (6 days), the earth would exist one thousand years (6000 years), and how on the seventh day God rested. Then the millennium would be that seventh day of rest and at the end of the millennium of rest the earth and heavens would then be destroyed and recreated bringing us to the 8th day or the beginning of the 8th millennium.

2 Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book 5 p.557.

3 [Wikipedia.org/wiki/Irenaeus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irenaeus)

With these things in mind I'd also like to set some premises that might help us unravel God's plans for the future.

1. **God is Love.** *"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."* 1 John 4:8. This is a very important concept because it can help us understand God's motives behind his actions. God does not want to annihilate the world, he wants to recover it, and heal it. He wants to save us, and often times from ourselves.
2. **God is Just.** *"Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me."* Isaiah 45:21. Because of this God cannot contradict himself, nor will he force us to follow him. Although, he might force us to choose who we follow.
3. **God wants to communicate with us.** *"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."* Amos 3:7. God communicates with us to help us understand what he is doing, His justice, the depths of his love, and just to commune with us.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the **hidden manna**, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."
Revelations 2:17

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, **and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.**"
Jeremiah 33:3

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, **even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world** unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.**"
1 Corinthians 2:7-9

There are a lot of scriptures that speak about the coming of Jesus Christ, in this write-up we cannot cover them all. In this study we will concentrate on the purpose of God's plan, and his love for mankind. Hopefully inspiring hope and joy for the future during a time when it is so easy to loose all hope and happiness.

LEADING UP TO THE 7TH DAY

Preparing for the Journey

At the onset of any spiritual journey, it is necessary that we set aside all of our personal baggage and allow God, through his word(first and foremost) and his spirit to guide us. Because often times our human thoughts don't even come close to what God has planned for us. As it is written:

“... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9

This is telling us that God has great things in store for us; he would like to tell us through his prophets and also through the Holy Spirit. David also spoke of the great things God has planned for those that trust God:

“Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!”

Psalms 31:19

Most importantly in a spiritual journey we need to believe and have trust in what it is God is telling us, knowing that all scripture blends together into a perfect tapestry. As Mosiah tells us:

“Believe in God; Believe that He is and that He created all things, both in heaven and in earth; Believe that He hath all wisdom and all power, both in heaven and in earth; Believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.”

Mosiah 2:13-15

Our Journey Begins with a Betrothal Contract

(And the fulfillment of the 5th & 6th feast – Yom Teruah & Yom Kippur)

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: **and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:”**

Hebrews 8:10

The importance of the betrothal contract and wedding are seen in the fact that God alludes to them many times through out the scriptures, both old testament and new. And it is through these passages that we can see the great love and intent God has for his people. And it is this love that motivates how the final events of history will play out.

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, **as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.”**

Isaiah 61:10

There are several comparisons in the new testament to the church being the bride of Christ.

“**He that hath the bride is the bridegroom:** but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.”

John 3:29

Even when Christ speaks of his second coming, he alludes to typical Jewish wedding traditions.

“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, **but the Father.**”

Mark 13:32

And Christ’s second coming also is tied to a wedding feast or marriage supper.

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”

Revelations 19:7-9

With this in mind, lets look back and examine the traditional Jewish wedding traditions. With inline scriptural commentary.

A Traditional Jewish Betrothal

(As observed during the time period of Christ)

The Jewish marriage was typically held in two parts, first the betrothal and then the actual marriage. As a rule, it was the father that would arrange the match and negotiate the terms. At the end of the negotiation, the girl would be consulted. And then the betrothal was complete. (These are the steps, with the proposal, that lead up to the 7th day or the millennium.)

(5th feast - Yom Teruah)

1. The negotiation: *“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, which is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.”* Romans 5:14-15
 - a) The negotiation is, that if we will repent and follow Christ’s commandments, God will forgive our sins and give us grace and the hope of salvation, threw the death and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ.

2. The Bride Price: *“For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - a) The price paid for all mankind was Christ’s death on the cross. Man was not consulted, nor can man ever pay the price, but rather it was the Father paying the price for humanity, in sending his son, the representation of two families coming together.

3. The Father arranging the match: *“And the Father saith: ‘Repent ye! Repent ye! And be baptized in the name of My beloved Son!’”* 2 Nephi 13:14
 - a) It is the Father, first of all, that sets the terms for us, if we are willing, we may be called his children.

4. The girls consent: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damed.**” Mark 16:15-16
 - a) There are requirements in every contract, this one is no exception. God asks us to follow certain practices, to show our true desire to marry his Son.

The betrothal contract was typically sealed with the participation of a cup of wine. The groom would partake of the wine and then give it to the girl, if she accepted the cup and participated, by drinking from the cup, then the contract or testament was sealed. This was, in ancient times, the most important part “the betrothal” and held more importance typically then the wedding. At this point the couple was legally married, but they would not live together, yet.

1. The Wine & Bread: “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and break it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. **And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**” Matthew 26:26-28

After the contract is negotiated the groom would typically give gifts to the bride and many times to her family.

1. Gifts: “**For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**” 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

With the betrothal complete, the groom would then return to his fathers house. Typically the newly married man would not build his own house, but would build onto his fathers house a honeymoon suite, where he would eventually bring his new bride.

1. The Honeymoon Suite: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:3

(6th feast – Yom Kipper)

It’s in the latter part of the preparation of the bridal suite that we find ourselves, and the part that most affects us today. What we see happening in the world is the culmination of God’s work. It can seem strange sometimes how chaotic current events seem, but God wants a perfect habitation for his people, a place where truth and righteousness can dwell and flourish. God has promised that this earth is our inheritance, but it’s not ready for Christ to reign supreme, so it must be prepared.

1. The Inheritance: “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” Matthew 5:5. “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:” Matthew 25:34. “Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land, and it shall be a land of their inheritance; And they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; And they shall no more be confounded until the end come when the earth shall pass away;” Ether 6:8. “And now therefore thus saith the Lord, ... Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:” Jeremiah 32:36-39
2. Subjection: “Then cometh the end, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be

all in all.” 1 Corinthians 15:24-28. “For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow** to me, and **every tongue shall confess** to God.”
Romans 14:11

Finally, tradition states that the groom can only return to retrieve his bride when he has adequately prepared the bridal suite. And it is the father of the groom who inspects the suite and decides when it is ready. Until the moment that the father says it’s ready, the son can not return. Thus, the scripture that Christ gave to his disciples regarding his return.

“**But of that day and that hour knoweth no man**, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, **but the Father.**”
Mark 13:32

Which leads us to the 7th day
Or Millennium,
or the 7th feast - Sukkot



Perfect Timing

(God is never late)

When we think about the Millennium, we have to keep in mind, that God has a set time for what he will do, and that that time was set from the beginning. The fulfillment of God's words today are not random events, but planned events. God put into motion the world and everything that is in it, with both a beginning and a planned end. This is part of the reason that we can have confidence in all God's plans and promises.

“God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, **and hath determined the times before appointed**, and the bounds of their habitation. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:” Acts 17:24-27

“**Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth?** Are not his days also like the days of an hireling?” Job 7:1

“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: **for at the time appointed the end shall be.**” Daniel 8:19

Heading out for the Wedding

(He's on His way)

As we can see through scripture there is an appointed time, and God knows his time. Our confidence is that God has set things in motion and promised us that he never changes, so the time is still set. As we see the rising and setting of the sun, we know time keeps moving on. Thus, at the appointed time, God expects his people to be waiting and watching. He doesn't expect them to be guessing. As we can see in the parable of the 10 virgins, they went out at an appointed time, expectant.

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at mid night there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.”

Matthew 25:1, 5-7

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelations 19:11,13-14,16

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

A wonderful Testimony

(In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses)

Phoenix, Arizona

September 17th, 1957

It seems I was in a small white church. I was in a small side room studying for a sermon. In the larger room of the church there was a service in session. I heard a commotion out side in the street, so I stepped to the door to see what was going on. I saw many people going along the street in one direction and all seemed to be in a hurry. **I was given to know they were all going to a wedding feast.** All of a sudden I noticed there were many of my own people around me, my own church people that is. I had a great desire to introduce my loved ones to all those who were going to the feast, because it seemed I loved these people in the street with a deep love even though I did not know them.

I began to introduce them to one another and as I did so they were all so happy and they would go on together. At this point I noticed that there were **a great many church people asleep in the church yard. They did not care what or who the people in the street were or where they were going.** I also noticed that on the streets that led into other parts of the town all the houses were dark. There were no lights in the houses and all the people in them were asleep.

At this point I turned to go back into the church so I could resume my study. I seemed to think I had plenty of time to prepare my sermon, but as I entered the church I looked at a clock on the wall and to my surprise it was five minutes until midnight. I immediately began to study in great hast so that I could finish my work before **the appointed time** to meet the Bridegroom who would be at the feast at the stroke of twelve midnight.

Skeet Yates

Bringing them in

(For the Feast)

As noted, in order for there to be a wedding feast there must be a gathering, and prophetically God has announce this gathering throughout scripture. As we see the gathering, we should understand that the wedding feast is neigh.

“For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.” Jeremiah 30:3

“And then shall the powers of heaven come down among them, and I also will be in the midst; And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. ‘Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of My people – Yea, even the tribes which have been lost which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem – Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of My people, with the Father, to prepare the way whereby they may come unto Me, that they may call on the Father in My name. Yea, and then shall the work commence with the Father among all nations in preparing the way whereby His people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance; And they shall go out from all nations, and they shall not go out in haste nor go by flight; For I will go before them, saith the Father; And I will be their rearward.’”

3 Nephi 10:4-8

“And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for the which things there has been a type – For as Joseph brought his father down into the Land of Egypt, even so he died there; Wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the Land of Jerusalem, that He might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph, that they should perish not, even as He was merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not. Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land, and it shall be a land of their inheritance; And they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; And they shall no more be confounded until the end come when the earth shall pass away; And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; And they shall be like unto the old, save the old have passed away and all things have become new. And then cometh the New Jerusalem; And blessed are they which dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; And they are they which are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph which were of the house of Israel. And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old and the inhabitants thereof; Blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; And they are they which were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth and from the North Countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father Abraham.”

Ether 6:6-12

The Wedding Celebration

(The fulfillment of the 7th feast – Sukkot)

As we read in the first part of the study, it is the Father who is in charge ultimately over the beginning of the wedding feast. We see this played out the parable of the wedding feast.

“And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” Matthew 22:1-14

There are several important parts to this wedding parable; one is that there is an appointed time (no one starts the preparations for a feast without an appointed time to eat), two is that it is a gathering, many are invited but not all come. It's important to note that the people who are invited should not be confused with the bride, the two are different and separate, which is what the last statement in verse fourteen means, “for many are called, but few are chosen.”. Those who are called or invited are a great many, but those who are chosen or the bride are but few.

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.” Revelations 19:7-9



LEADING UP TO THE 8TH DAY

Armageddon (Time to clean house)

After one millennium the world seems to have chosen to do evil once again. Although, throughout this past millennium the devil was chained and was not apparently, able to tempt man. So God chooses to once again destroy this world, only this time it isn't with water but with fire.

“And **when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed** out of his prison, And shall go out **to deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Ma-gog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, **and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.**”

Revelations 20:7-9

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face **the earth and the heaven fled away;** and there was no place for them.”

Revelations 20:11

“Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all **the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down**, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.” Isaiah 34:1-4

“And He did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that He should come in His glory; Yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, **even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, And the earth should be wrapped together as a scroll, and the heaven and the earth should pass away**; And even unto the great and last day when all people and all kindreds and all nations and tongues shall stand before God to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil – If they be good, to the resurrection of everlasting life, and if they be evil, to the resurrection of damnation, being on a parallel, the one on the one hand, and the other on the other hand – According to the mercy and the justice and the holiness which is in Christ, which was before the world began.” 3 Nephi 11:30-33

Second Death

(Only for some)

The earth and heavens are gone, now comes the great white throne judgment. As told by John the Revelator in Revelations 20:6; those who were part of the first resurrection, have no part in this judgment, as they have already been judged. These are those who have not yet been judged.

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: **on such the second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”
Revelations 20:6

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**”
Revelations 2:11

For those who did not overcome, they must pass through the great white throne judgment. Each being judged by his own works and thoughts. Each being verified with the book of Life.

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelations 20:12-15

At this time we see that God takes us into the 8th day, or the 8th millennium. There is a new earth, new heavens and death it's self has been vanquished. Life is now eternal, or without end.



SOMTHING ENTIERLY NEW

And there shall be a New Heaven and a New Earth

(The 8th day)

“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: **on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you**; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.”

Leviticus 23:34-36

God’s promise since the old testament is that there would be an eighth day, yet how can you have an eighth day if there are only seven days in a week? God was letting us know that time does not end when the week ends, but goes on into a new era. There are many great promises given in scripture in reference to the eighth day. It sounds like it will be an extraordinary time.

“**And I saw a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared **as a bride** adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and **there shall be no more death**, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: **for the former**

things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**” Revelations 21:1-7

“For, behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth**: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, **I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy**. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.” Isaiah 65:17-25

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **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: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. **And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever**. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” Revelations 22:1-7

