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## The Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day

The Final Festivals of God's Master Plan

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### God's Master Plan of Salvation

Is God warring with Satan to save this world? Movies portray this idea, and many Christians believe it. But this idea has one simple flaw. If God were in a battle with Satan to save this world now, you would have to agree that He is losing. Rape, incest, murder, pedophilia, and pornography, to mention just a few evils, abound in western Christian society. And that is because God really isn't trying to save this world at this time. The scriptures, in fact, tell us just the opposite. Rest assured, however, when God does intervene to save the world, He will save it, and Satan will be absolutely powerless to prevent it.

Thankfully, God is definitely not in competition with Satan; but He does have a plan to take this world out from under the influence of Satan the Devil. God gave mankind seven annual festivals detailing how, why, and in what order He will do it. Those festivals are The Passover, The Feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, The Feast of Trumpets, The Feast of Atonement, The Feast of Tabernacles, and The Last Great Day. They are described in Leviticus 23. You may not be familiar with all of them, and that is not unusual, because modern-day Christianity has largely turned away from observing God's Holy Days and adopted other holidays, often Pagan in origin, that were more familiar among the populations where Christianity spread during its early history. For example, it is well known that Christmas was a mere renaming of an ancient pagan December holiday known as Saturnalia. Christ was inserted into the holiday to "christianize" it, but it had no foundation in the Bible. Most of modern

Christianity's holidays have a similar history. But, just as God used seven days to complete a full week, He created seven festivals consisting of seven annual Sabbaths to complete His plan for the salvation of all mankind; and they were to be observed – forever – throughout man's history! Here is what God said about just one of His holy days – Atonement:

*Leviticus 23:31: Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute FOREVER throughout your generations in all your dwellings. KJV*

As was just stated, God's Holy Days reveal his plan for the salvation of all mankind. The Passover is a memorial of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for our sins (*Matthew 26:26-28*). The Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures the removal of sin from our lives and emphasizes our constant need to put sin out of our lives and obey God (*1 Corinthians 5:6-8*). Pentecost pictures the beginning of God's church when the holy spirit was first given to both men and women who had repented of their sins, accepted Jesus Christ as their savior, and been baptized (*Acts 2*). These three festivals are held during the spring in the northern hemisphere.

In the fall, four more festivals complete God's master plan of salvation. These last four festivals portray future, awesome events that will usher in the millennial rule of Jesus Christ. The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the last four festivals, and pictures the return of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of His saints, and the setting up of His kingdom in Jerusalem (*Zechariah 14*).



Moses to speak to the children of Israel, saying: *“The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it” (Leviticus 23:33-35)*. Also, in the book of Deuteronomy God said, *“You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress; and you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice” (Deuteronomy 16:13-15)*. In *Leviticus 23:41* God said that keeping the Feast of Tabernacles was to be a statute forever throughout their generations.

However, ancient Israel rebelled against God; and soon after Solomon died, they fractured into two separate and sovereign nations. The southern kingdom of Judah stayed with King Rehoboam, Solomon’s son, but the northern kingdom of Israel went after King Jeroboam. Jeroboam didn’t honor God. Instead, in order to keep the northern tribes with him, he changed the time and the place for observing the Feast of Tabernacles (*I Kings 12:32-33*). Even after God mercifully warned Jeroboam to repent, he continued in his evil ways (*I Kings 13:33*). Eventually, because of their faithlessness to God, after over two hundred years of being warned by God’s prophets to

repent, Israel (the northern ten tribes) was taken into captivity by Assyria, dispersed among many nations, and eventually lost their identity. The southern kingdom of Judah continued keeping God’s festivals, mostly with half-hearted zeal. Judah eventually went into captivity to Babylon for their disobedience to his laws, mixing paganism with the worship of God (*II Kings 25*).

#### QUESTION

##### ***But why were the kingdoms of Israel and Judah taken into captivity?***

In *Ezekiel 20* we are told Israel rebelled against God’s statutes, judgments and Sabbaths. In this chapter, God uses the plural word Sabbaths. The Sabbaths were to be a sign between God and His people (*verses 12 & 20*). God’s Sabbaths include the annual Sabbaths (God’s Feast Days) as well as the weekly seventh-day Sabbath. God pled with Israel for many years, admonishing them to be faithful, but they were stubborn and refused to turn from idolatry and their law breaking. Eventually, God allowed both kingdoms to be taken into captivity. After seventy years of captivity in Babylon, God opened the way for a small remnant of the tribe of Judah to return to Jerusalem under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah.

#### QUESTION

##### ***Did the Jews returning from their Babylonian captivity keep the feast?***

*Nehemiah 8:14-17* tell us that this small band of Jews *“found written in the Law, which the Lord*

*had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month... So the whole congregation of those who returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.' In Verse 18 we are told that Israel read from the Law of God and kept the feast for seven days. God's annual Sabbaths meant something very special to the remnant that had returned to Jerusalem. Their eyes were finally opened to the importance of keeping God's holy days. In this way, the keeping of God's Feast of Tabernacles by this small remnant of Judah foreshadows what is to occur among those dwelling on the earth when Jesus Christ returns.*

### **Jesus Kept the Feast**

After the Jews returned to Jerusalem from their Babylonian captivity, they rebuilt the temple of God, re-instituted God's annual festivals, and re-populated Palestine. Eventually, Palestine became a vassal of the Roman Empire, but the Jews were found still keeping the Feast of Tabernacles at the time of Christ's ministry (*John 7:2*).

### **QUESTION**

#### ***Did Jesus command His brothers and sisters to go to the Feast?***

In *John 7:8* Jesus told his brothers and sisters to go up to the Feast.

### **QUESTION**

#### ***Did Jesus keep the feast?***

In *John 7:10-14* we are told: "*But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast... Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.*" Jesus not only told others to keep the feast, but He went Himself and taught at the Feast of Tabernacles.

### **QUESTION**

#### ***Should we follow Jesus Christ's example?***

The Apostle Peter claimed, "*For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving an example that you should follow His steps*" (*1 Peter 2:21*). Also, the Apostle John wrote, "*Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked*" (*1 John 2:3-6*).

It is very obvious according to the above scriptures that Jesus kept the feast, and that his disciples were to continue to follow his example.

### **All Nations will Keep the Feast**

When Jesus Christ returns to this earth in power and glory, Israel and Judah will begin keeping God's feasts again (*Hosea 12:8-9*). All the nations, even the Gentiles, will keep the Feast of Tabernacles and worship the Lord (*Zechariah 14:16*).

**QUESTION****What happens to the nations that refuse?**

*“If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (Zechariah 14:18-19).* Jesus will have to rule with a “rod of iron” (*Revelation 12:5*) at first to overcome those who stubbornly refuse to obey. As the nations start keeping His annual festivals, they will begin to learn that God’s master plan pictures the way to physical blessings and spiritual salvation.

**Time of Great Physical and Spiritual Rejoicing**

God’s theme for the Feast of Tabernacles is rejoicing. Why? Ancient Israel rejoiced because the Feast followed the fall harvest. The Feast was a time to enjoy the fruit of their labor. God told Israel if the place He chose to put His name was too far, they were to convert their produce into money *“and.....spend that money for whatever your heart desires...you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice you and your household” (Deuteronomy 14:26).*

Rejoicing at the Feast has a much deeper meaning for God’s church today. It is a foretaste of God’s future kingdom ruled by Jesus. During the millennial reign of Jesus, a time of prosperity, happiness, joy, and peace will spread across the earth. *“The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and*

*gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).* There will be much to rejoice about because the world will finally be free of fear and sorrow.

**QUESTION****Will warfare continue in the millennium?**

When Christ begins to rule the world after His return, the tribes of Israel (who will have returned from captivity), shall be attacked in the promise land by Gog and Magog—a Eurasian Union of nations (*Ezekiel 38*). The Israelites in the Kingdom of God will not have to fight this battle. God Almighty will fight the war for them (*Ezekiel 38:18*). *Ezekiel 39* reveals more details of this great battle. Millions from Gog and Magog will die. There will be no doubt then that Christ is the all-powerful King of the earth. Some nations and peoples will have to learn to fear God by hard experience. Another rebellion will occur after the millennium, nearly 1,000 years later. This other rebellion is discussed in *Revelation 20:7-9*.

The nations of the world will learn to fear and submit to Christ during the millennium; then all war and strife among the nations will be eliminated. The Bible tells us, *“He (Christ) shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4).* No wonder there will be rejoicing! War’s destructive effect – reducing food production, tearing down Infrastructures, and killing whole

generations of people – will end. War-induced Famine resulting in death from starvation and disease epidemics will come to a halt. By eliminating war, Jesus Christ will automatically put into motion all the elements needed for physical, mental, and spiritual changes that lead to prosperity.

### QUESTION

#### **What will happen to sickness and disease?**

God says, “Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are fearful-hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing ...” (Isaiah 35:4-6). Miraculous physical, mental and spiritual healing will be common during the millennium. “For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,” says the Lord, “Because they call you an outcast saying: ‘This is Zion; No one seeks her’” (Jeremiah 30:17). All manner of sickness will be removed and everyone will have perfect health. You won’t have to worry about cancer, diabetes or other commonly known diseases that plague our society today.

### QUESTION

#### **Will wild beasts continue to prey on mankind?**

The Bible also tells us that during this millennium there will be no need to fear wild animals. “The

wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:6-9). Also, God says, “I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods” (Ezekiel 34:25). There will no longer be a need to lock up wild animals in cages. The entire earth will be one natural and harmonious zoo for all ages to enjoy.

### QUESTION

#### **Will people fear tyrannical dictatorships or despots?**

Jesus is going to return to this earth as King of Kings (Revelation 19:15-16), and the Feast of Tabernacles pictures the millennial rule of His kingdom. We have already discussed many different reasons why people will rejoice in the Kingdom of God, but have you ever considered what type of governance will be administered. Jesus “shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the

wicked. *Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist*” (Isaiah 11:3-5). *“He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and break in pieces the oppressor”* (Psalms 72:4). *“All men shall be blessed in Him”* (verse 17). Corruption in the highest office won’t exist anymore. Tyranny under evil men such as Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Pol Pot, or Saddam Hussein simply won’t be tolerated within the bounds of the Kingdom of God, and such men will never again be allowed to rise up within God’s peaceful kingdom. Jesus Christ will be our king and will rule with equity and justice. His government will be a positive example for all to follow.

#### **QUESTION**

##### ***What laws will be administered?***

People will be taught how to live with one another based on God’s laws. It will be a time of learning and education. Not an education based on competition but one of mutual respect, cooperation, and love. You will have the opportunity to go to the house of God and learn His ways. *“Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem”* (Isaiah 2:2-3). God’s Ten Commandments will be re-instituted as the laws of the land. Every nation

will be taught how to love God and to love their neighbor.

#### **QUESTION**

##### ***What does it mean to dwell in booths?***

The Feast of Tabernacles is sometimes referred to as the Feast of Booths. During the seven days of the feast, Israel was to live in booths (*Leviticus 23:42*). A booth or tabernacle is a temporary dwelling place made of tree branches (*see verse 40*). *God commanded them to live in these booths so “that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt...”* (verse 43). Living in these temporary dwellings while wandering in the wilderness for forty years was a reminder that they were the heirs to the promised land but not yet inheritors. This was very similar to Israel’s forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who also lived in temporary dwellings as heirs, but not yet inheritors (*Hebrews 11:9-10*) of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. They considered themselves strangers and pilgrims on the earth (*verse 13*).

#### **QUESTION**

##### ***Are true Christians today strangers and pilgrims?***

The apostle Peter stated, *“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lust which war against the soul”* (1 Peter 2:11). True Christians are living in the wilderness of this unrighteous world as heirs but not yet inheritors of God’s promised Kingdom. By staying in temporary dwelling places during the seven

days of the Feast of Tabernacles, God's people are reminded of this important step of salvation. This festival shows us that this physical life is temporary, and true Christians are merely strangers and pilgrims in this present life waiting to inherit the Kingdom of God.

### **The Kingdom of God**

The Feast of Tabernacles gives us a foretaste of the Kingdom of God, which shall be ruled by Jesus Christ and will be an everlasting kingdom (*Daniel 7:14*). Jesus will reign as our King, and His saints will reign with Him (*verse 27*). God's law will go forth out of Zion (*Isaiah 2:3*) and His Spirit will be poured out on all flesh (*Joel 2:28*). Salvation will finally be offered to everyone who allows God to put His laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts (*Jeremiah 31:33*). The Feast of Tabernacles is still observed by God's church today. During this festival, God's people live in hotels, condominiums, or private homes (temporary dwellings) as they worship God and rejoice, looking forward to the soon coming Kingdom of God.

### **The Last Great Day**

The Apostle Peter wrote, "*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*" (*Acts 4:12*). He was clearly talking about Jesus Christ. So what happens to all of those people who never had an opportunity to hear about the way to salvation or even hear the name of Jesus? Are they forever lost? If God is a God of love, how could He allow millions and millions of people who have never heard the name of

Christ to be lost forever? What about the millions of people who were born and died under atheist governments? What about all the millions who died before Jesus was born? What about all the aborted babies who never even took their first breath?

*"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"* (*2 Peter 3:9*). God, in His love and mercy, has planned from the beginning for everyone who has ever lived to receive the same opportunity for salvation. The answer is revealed in the final step of God's Master Plan.

### **The Eighth Day**

The Last Great Day is the seventh and final festival in God's Master Plan of Salvation. The Feast of Tabernacles which is kept for seven days is immediately followed by an eighth day. It is called the "Great Day of the Feast" and is the last of the seven annual Sabbaths.

### **QUESTION**

#### ***Did the eighth day immediately follow the Feast of Tabernacles?***

*"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do not customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering*

*made by fire to the Lord, and you shall do no customary work on it” (Leviticus 23:34-36).* These scriptures clearly show that an eighth day is to immediately follow the Feast of Tabernacles. It is to be a Sabbath rest (*verse 39*) and an offering is presented to the Lord.

### QUESTION

#### ***Did Jesus keep the eighth day?***

*“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying: ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scriptures has said, out of His heart will flow rivers of living water’” (John 7:37-38).* Again, Jesus gave us this example to follow. He not only kept the eighth day but started teaching the true meaning to all those who would listen.

#### **Meaning of the Last Day**

The eighth day, The Last Great Day of the Feast, represents the opportunity for salvation for all of mankind who never heard the gospel or the name of Jesus Christ. In *Revelation 19* the Bible shows Jesus returning on a white horse He is not returning as a peaceful King, but rather as a valiant warrior who will bring down all those who oppose him. *Revelation 20:1-3* shows that Christ has Satan bound for a thousand years – locked away where he can not trouble the earth until Christ orders him loosed for a short time. The Apostle John wrote, *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them...And they lived and reigned with Christ* (referring to those who were resurrected at Christ’s return) *for a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4)* . This scripture directly references the millennium pictured during the

Feast of Tabernacles. However, notice verse 5: *“But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.*

### QUESTION

#### ***Who were the rest of the dead?***

These are not “the dead in Christ” but the millions who are not Christ’s. These people are simply all those who died, never having been begotten by God thru His holy spirit. They may never have heard the gospel or the name of Jesus. Notice that the “rest of the dead” do not take part in the first resurrection, and will not live again until the millennium is over. However, this does imply that they will live again as the result of another resurrection – a second resurrection! This second resurrection of the dead will be their opportunity to learn God’s way of life.

#### **White Throne Judgment**

*“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. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and the 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” (Revelation 20: 11-12).*

### QUESTION

#### ***Who are the people resurrected in the White Throne Judgment?***

This great multitude is the “rest of the dead” mentioned in verse 5. They died never truly understanding the message of Jesus Christ, if

they had heard it at all. This second resurrection is their first real opportunity to learn God's way of life. Also, God will overlook the time when this multitude sinned through ignorance of His Word (*Acts 17:30-32*).

#### **QUESTION**

##### ***Are they raised to a physical human life?***

Ezekiel had a vision of a valley full of bones. As he passed by the bones, he noticed they were very dry, meaning the bones were dead a long time. God asked Ezekiel: *"Son of man, can these bones live? So I answered, O Lord God, You know. And He said to me, Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord"* (*Ezekiel 37:1-6*). Obviously this is not referring to those who were converted and did know Christ – those who were resurrected at his return. Ezekiel did as God commanded, and an exceedingly great army stood before him (*verses 7-10*). This was a vision of the second resurrection to a physical human life. God says that this great army of people was the whole house of Israel (*verse 11*) and He caused them to come out of the grave so they would know He was the Lord (*verse 13*).

#### **QUESTION**

##### ***What did God promise these resurrected peoples?***

"I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it" (*Ezekiel 37:14*). Amazing! This is the same outpouring of God's Holy Spirit that Jesus spoke about on the Last Great Day of the Feast (*John 7:37-39*). Israel won't be the only nation that is resurrected at this time. Gentile nations will also have the same opportunity (*Matthew 11:21-27, 12:41-42*).

#### **QUESTION**

##### ***What are these "books" that are opened?***

The Hebrew word "books" in *Daniel 7:10* is "cephar" and corresponds to the Greek word "biblia" used in *Revelation 20:12*. The Greek word "biblia" is where we get the English word, "Bible". The "rest of the dead" that come up in the second resurrection will finally have the understanding of the books of the Bible opened up to them. Jesus Christ will judge them (*John 5:21-22*) according to the word of God (the Bible) in accordance with what they do after they are resurrected to a physical human life during this judgment period.

#### **Question**

##### ***How long does the Last Great Day judgment period last?***

*"No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor and old man who has not fulfilled his*

*days; For the child shall die one hundred years old. But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed” (Isaiah 65:20).* In God’s infinite love and wisdom, He has devised the best possible way for all humanity to be saved and have eternal life. His Master Plan is very simple but effective. Those that come up from the grave during the second resurrection will be given one hundred years to learn God’s way of life. Most of mankind will accept His laws and submit to His government. Undoubtedly, few people out of all the earth’s population will fail God’s plan. Those who won’t submit to Jesus Christ, who continue in sin, will be accursed and take part in the third resurrection.

### **The Third Resurrection**

The plan of God is not completed at the end of a second resurrection, however. There is a third resurrection, and it is the resurrection to damnation: *“Do not marvel at this: for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5:28-29).* The first resurrection is the resurrection of the first fruits at Jesus Christ’s second coming (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*). The second resurrection is the resurrection of the dead after the millennium is over (*Revelation 20:12, Isaiah 65:20*). They will be given one hundred years of a physical life to grow in the knowledge of the Lord. The third resurrection is only for the incorrigibly wicked, those who refuse to cease from sinning, and takes place after the one hundred years is complete.

Unfortunately, there are some who are so hard of heart, they will refuse God’s way of life. Thus, *“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 on according to their works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:11-13).*

### **QUESTION**

#### ***Why are some people removed from the book of life?***

The Bible explain that those who are not found in the book of life (*Revelation 20:15*) are the *“cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars (who) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8)* .

### **New Heavens and New Earth**

Much of humanity will have proven themselves to God. Having yielded themselves to Him, they will have received His gift of eternal life. Those who have proven themselves to be incorrigibly wicked sinners – those who would not change – will be consumed in the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire will ultimately cleanse the entire surface of the earth. This scene is depicted in the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (*Luke 16:20-31, 2 Peter 3:10-12, Malachi 4:1*) and was prophesied by John the Baptist (*Matthew 3:11*). With this final “baptism” of the earth in a Lake of Fire, a new

heaven and a new earth will be created (*Isaiah 65:17-19*). *Revelation 21:1* states: “*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no sea.*”

After the creation of the new heavens and new earth, New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven from God and He will dwell with mankind (*Revelation 21:2-3*) . Rivers of living water pictured by the Last Great Day will proceed from beneath the throne of God and Jesus Christ (*Revelation 22:1*) . “*The times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began*” (*Acts 3:21*) will be complete.

God's Master Plan of salvation pictured by His festivals, implemented in its proper order, and fulfilled in its proper time will take into account every single human being who ever lived. Not one person will be left behind.

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