

The Last Great Day

**Blow Trumpets
Songs of Praise
Opening Prayer**

This Great Day, the last one of the annual cycle, looks ahead to the final test of mankind at the end of the Millennium and then the joy of the establishment of the Eternal Kingdom, including the New Jerusalem.

It is linked to the week-long Feast of Booths, which in the Old Covenant, is partly a celebration held at the end of year's harvest. Leviticus speaks of this Day:

Lev 23:39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh new moon, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall celebrate the Feast of Jehovah for seven days; on the first day there shall be a Sabbath observance, and on the eighth day a Sabbath observance.

This is the eighth day - Eight stands for new beginnings. For example the eighth day is first day of a new week. The day of circumcision for Israelites is also on their eighth day, marking a new relationship with God:

Gen 17:10 "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

Gen 17:11 "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

Gen 17:12 "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.

Gen 17:13 "He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

And even in Moses' time, God made it clear that the real circumcision was that of the heart:

Deu 10:12 "And now, Israel, what does Jehovah your God require of you, but to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹

Deu 10:13 "and to keep the commandments of Jehovah and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

Deu 10:14 "Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to Jehovah your God, also the earth with all that is in it.²

Deu 10:15 "Jehovah delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.

Deu 10:16 "Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

Deu 10:17 "For Jehovah your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the Great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no favouritism nor takes a bribe.³

But this eighth day is remarkable in its own special way. The previous seven days of the Feast of Booths all require everyone to live in temporary Booths. This requirement does NOT apply to the Last Great Day. As we will see, that is because this is the Day that marks the beginning of us residing permanently in God's New Jerusalem.

Is this day intended for Christians? What does Jeshua say?

Joh 7:37 Now on the Great Day, which is the last *day* of the feast,

¹ Mat 22:37, Luk 4:8

² Luk 6:9

³ Eph 6:9

Jeshua stood and He cried out and said, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.”⁴

Joh 7:38 “Everyone who believes in Me, just as the Scriptures say, rivers of living water will flow from his belly.”⁵

Joh 7:39 But this He spoke about the Spirit, which they who believed in Him were about to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jeshua was not yet glorified.⁶

So we see that Jeshua kept the Last Great Day, and He spoke of living waters being given on it, and we are told to walk exactly as He walked:

1Jo 2:6 He who says “I am in Him.”, it is necessary for him to walk just like He walks.

Indeed, Jeshua did a similar, but physical, version of this during the Exodus:

Exo 17:6 “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in the Desert,⁷ and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁸

This Feast is to be kept during the Thousand Years of Peace:

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of

⁴ Neh 8:14-18. This is also where we derive the name for the Last Great Day.

⁵ Exo 17:6, Jer 2:13 and 17:13

⁶ Rev 21:6

⁷ The Hebrew is *horeb*, which literally means desert.

⁸ 1Co 10:1-4, 1Pe 2:4

Booths.⁹

God's future Feasts are also spoken of in Ezekiel 45:¹⁰

Eze 45:18 'Thus says Lord Jehovah: "On the first day of the first new moon, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary.

Eze 45:19 "The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the house, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court.

Eze 45:20 "And so you shall do on the seventh day of the new moon for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the house.

Eze 45:21 "On the fourteenth day of the first new moon, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

Eze 45:25 "On the fifteenth day of the seventh new moon, at the Feast, he shall do likewise for seven days, according to the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

What does this day represent in God's Plan of Salvation?

Rev 20:4 And I saw seats, and they sat on them, and judgement was given to them and the souls of those who were cut off¹¹ for the testimony of Jeshua and for the word of God, and because they had not worshipped the beast nor its image, nor received the mark between

⁹ Mat 24:21-22

¹⁰ Note that chapters 36 to 48 of Ezekiel are all prophecy concerning the Great Tribulation and beyond.

¹¹ As in the Peshitta, meaning that all who were killed for their faithfulness to God are included. The Greek instead (and incorrectly) has "*beheaded*", restricting this group to only those who die from one unusual method of death.

their eyes nor on their hands.¹² They lived and reigned with Messiah for one thousand years.

Rev 20:5 And this *is* the first resurrection.¹³

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are they who have their part in the first resurrection, and the second death has no authority over them, for they will be priests of God and of the Messiah, and they will reign with Him *for* one thousand years.¹⁴

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years have ended, Satan will be released from his imprisonment

Rev 20:8 and he will go out to seduce all the nations in the four ends¹⁵ of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them to war, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea.¹⁶

Rev 20:9 And they went to war over the expanse of the earth and surrounded the city of the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from heaven from God and devoured them.¹⁷

Rev 20:10 And the devil, their seducer, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *were cast*, and they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

¹² Literally ‘*on between their eyes*’, suggesting the mark might be visible as well as internal.

¹³ This is the first general resurrection of the saints, after the small resurrection in Jerusalem when Jeshua was raised from the dead (Mat 27:52-53). This First Resurrection occurs at the Harvest in Rev 14:14-16. Many Greek manuscripts begin this verse with “*But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.*”

¹⁴ 2Ti 4:8, Rev 5:10, Rev 11:11

¹⁵ From the Aramaic. The Greek translation uses *gonia* here, which usually means a corner, either open or concealed.

¹⁶ Eze 38:1-39:8

¹⁷ This is a ‘repeat’ of the harvest of the wicked shown in Mat 13:24-50 and Rev 14:17-20. This time they are consumed by fire. Also 2Pe 3:7

And so we see that Satan fails in his final attempt to overthrow God and will never again deceive us.

Mankind will be resurrected and judged, and those who reject Christ and His salvation will be entirely destroyed in the Lake of Fire:

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and He who sat on top of it, He who earth and heaven fled away from before His face. And no place was found for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, that of Judgement.¹⁸ And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Sheol gave up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to their works.

Rev 20:14 Then Death and Sheol were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Here are some of the details of the judgement of humanity:¹⁹

Mat 25:31 “When the Son of Mankind comes in His glory, and all His holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Mat 25:32 “And all the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, like a shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 “And He will set the sheep to His right, and the goats to His left.

¹⁸ The Greek has ‘*book of life*’.

¹⁹ This prophecy is dual, in that it contains elements relating to when Jeshua returns at the start of the Millennium, and also to what happens at the White Throne judgement at the end of the Millennium.

Mat 25:34 “Then the King will say to those who are to His right, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world:’²⁰

Mat 25:35 ‘for I was hungry and you gave Me *food* to eat; and I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; and I was a stranger and you took Me in;

Mat 25:36 ‘I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; and I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Mat 25:37 “Then those righteous *ones* will say to Him, ‘Our Lord, when did we see that You were hungry and feed You, or that you were thirsty and gave drink to You?’

Mat 25:38 ‘And when did we see that You were a stranger and take You in, or that You were naked and clothed You?’

Mat 25:39 ‘And when did we see You sick or in prison and come to You?’

Mat 25:40 “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’²¹

Mat 25:41 “Then He will also say to those to His left, ‘Get away from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 25:42 ‘for I was hungry and you did not give Me *food* to eat; and I was thirsty and you did not give Me a drink;

Mat 25:43 ‘and I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, and I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

Mat 25:44 “Then they will also answer and say, ‘Our Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not serve You?’

Mat 25:45 “Then He will answer and say to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of these little ones, you also did

²⁰ Eph 1:4, Rev 14:14-16

²¹ Heb 13:3

not do it to Me.’

Mat 25:46 “And these will go to everlasting torment,²² but the righteous into everlasting life.”

Even death is to be destroyed; then Jeshua will give the Kingdom back to His Father:

1Co 15:20 But now the Anointed is risen from the house of the dead, and is the Firstfruit of those who sleep.

1Co 15:21 For since by a man came death, also in this way by a man came life for the dead.

1Co 15:22 For just as by Adam all the children of men die, also in this way by the Anointed all of them shall live.²³

1Co 15:23 But each person in his order: the Firstfruit was the Messiah, afterwards those who are the Messiah’s at His Coming.²⁴

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God the Father, when He destroys every ruler and every authority and all powers.

1Co 15:25 For He is going to reign until all of His enemies have been set under His feet.²⁵

1Co 15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

1Co 15:27 For He will bring all into submission under His feet.²⁶ But when it says “all things are subjected to Him,” it is understood that this excepts Him who subjected all to Him.²⁷

²² The Aramaic says ‘everlasting torment’, not ‘everlasting tormenting’. This indicates that the torment is everlasting for them, in that it lasts until they are totally destroyed. The Greek says ‘to be cut off forever.’ -that is, eternal death.

²³ Gen 2:16-3:19, 2Ti 2:18

²⁴ This is the First Resurrection when Jeshua Returns: Rev 20:4-6

²⁵ Psa 110:1

²⁶ Rev 19:19-21, Heb 10:12-13

²⁷ Psa 8:6

1Co 15:28 Now when all is subjected to Him, then the Son will be subjected to Him who subjected all to Him, that God may be All in All.²⁸

Then our old heavens and earth will be destroyed and replaced with new ones. This is such a momentous transformation that the Bible mentions it many times:

Isa 65:17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Isa 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Isa 65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.²⁹

Psa 102:24 I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations.

Psa 102:25 Before *time* You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Psa 102:26 They will perish, but You will endure. Yes, they will all will grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed.

Psa 102:27 But You are the same and Your years will have no end.³⁰

Psa 102:28 The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You.”

Isa 34:4 All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.

Isa 34:5 “For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come

²⁸ Heb 2:8

²⁹ Rev 21:1-4

³⁰ Heb 1:10-12

down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgement.

Luk 21:33 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

2Pe 3:5 For this they choose to disregard: that by the Word of God the heavens and the earth began and the land arose from the waters and in the water,³¹

2Pe 3:6 by which the world that existed then was flooded with water and was destroyed.³²

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth which exist now are preserved by His word, and they are reserved for fire on the day of judgement and the destruction of the wicked children of men.³³

2Pe 3:8 And you must not disregard this fact, beloved, that to Lord Jah one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day.³⁴

2Pe 3:9 Jehovah does not delay His promises, though some people consider them delayed, for His Spirit is longsuffering toward you, for He does not desire that any person should perish but that every person would come to repentance.³⁵

2Pe 3:10 But the Day of Jehovah³⁶ will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away quietly, but the elements will be set on fire and destroyed; and the earth and the works that are in it will be exposed.

2Pe 3:11 Therefore, since all of these things will be destroyed, what is right for you? How holy should your way of life and your worship

³¹ Gen 1:1-7

³² Gen 6:5-7:23, 2Ti 3:1-4

³³ Rev 20:7-9, Isa 51:6-8, Psa 102:24-28

³⁴ Psalm 90:4, Lord Jah as in the Peshitta.

³⁵ As in Hab 2:2-3; Jehovah is rendered as Lord Jah (MarJah) in the Peshitta.

³⁶ As in Joe 2:31, Zep 1:14, 2Th 1:8; Jehovah is rendered as Lord Jah (MarJah) in the Peshitta.

of God be?

2Pe 3:12 For you expect and eagerly desire the coming Day of Jehovah,³⁷ in which the heavens, tried by fire, will be dissolved and the elements will be set on fire and melt.

2Pe 3:13 But we look forward to the new heavens and new earth, according to His promise, in which righteousness dwells.³⁸

2Pe 3:14 Therefore, beloved, as you expect these things, take care to be without spot and without defect, and you shall be found by Him in peace;

2Pe 3:15 and the patience of the Spirit of Lord Jah³⁹ is salvation.

Rev 21:1 And I saw the new heavens and a new earth, for the former heavens and the former earth had departed and there was no sea anymore.⁴⁰

And at last, God's New Jerusalem will come to earth. We will break for lunch and learn more about that wonderful city and God's everlasting Kingdom after that.

Break for Lunch

Now, the New Jerusalem, which Jehovah God has made for us, descends onto the new Earth. Jeshua and Jehovah our God will live among us, giving us a river of living waters:

Rev 21:2 I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from

³⁷ As in Joel 2:31, Zep 1:14; Jehovah is rendered as God in the Peshitta.

³⁸ Rev 21:1-7

³⁹ As in the Peshitta.

⁴⁰ 2Pe 3:13 It is unclear whether this means no physical seas at all, or no Mediterranean Sea, or no 'sea' composed of different nations of peoples. It may also refer to the original Sea which was beneath the Expanse (crust) at Creation, and will be completely gone by this time.

Heaven, from beside God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice from heaven that said, “Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with the children of men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and this same God will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:4 “And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no death from now on, nor grieving, nor trauma, nor shall there be diseases again, for His sake.”⁴¹

Rev 21:5 Then I walked and He who sat on the throne said to me, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

Rev 21:6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Tau,⁴² the Origin and the Fulfilment. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to the one who thirsts.”⁴³

Rev 21:7 “And he who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I shall be his God and he will be My son.

Rev 21:8 “But the cowards, and unbelievers, and the evil, and the defiled, and murderers, and sorcerers, and fornicators, and idol worshippers, and all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire burning with brimstone, which is the second death.”

Rev 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven vessels filled with the last seven plagues came and talked with me, saying, “Come, I shall show you the Bride, the Lamb’s wife.”

Rev 21:10 And he carried me in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending from heaven, from the presence of God.

Rev 21:11 And it had the glory of God. And its light was like precious stones, like jasper, as clear as crystal.

⁴¹ Isa 65:17-19 As in the Aramaic. Greek manuscripts replace ‘for His sake’ with ‘*for the former things have passed away.*’ Compare with Gen 3:17-19

⁴² In Greek this is ‘*Alpha and the Omega*’. -that is, the first and last letters of each language’s alphabet.

⁴³ Jer 2:13, Joh 4:10-14, Joh 7:37-39

Rev 21:12 And it had a great and high wall with twelve gates in it, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel:

Rev 21:13 three gates on the east, and three gates on the north, and three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14 Now the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the apostles of the Son.

Rev 21:15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city and its wall.

Rev 21:16 And the city is laid out with four sides, and its length is as its width. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand stadios.⁴⁴ Its length, width, and height are equal.

Rev 21:17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, which is that of an angel.

Rev 21:18 And the wall was constructed of jasper; and the city was pure gold, in the likeness of pure glass.

Rev 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

Rev 21:20 the fifth sardonyx and onyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh golden chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chryso-prase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: one pearl for each, and every one of the gates was one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like it had glass in it.

Rev 21:22 But I did not see a palace in it, for Lord Jah, our God,

⁴⁴ Over 2200 kilometers. As the city is also 2200 kilometers tall, it seems that the new earth may be very different to our current earth, as it is unlikely that such an enormous city could be supported by our present planet and atmosphere. If the city is pyramidal, and 150 billion people live in it, we will each average about 4,000 times the living space we now have in Australian suburbs.

upholds all and He is its palace.⁴⁵

Rev 21:23 For the Lamb and the city do not need the sun or the moon to illuminate them, for the glory of God illuminates them, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Rev 21:24 And the nations⁴⁶ shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Rev 21:25 Its gates shall not be shut by day, nor shall there be night.

Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and the honour of the nations into it.

Rev 21:27 And there shall not be anyone who is defiled, or who creates pollution or lies, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book.⁴⁷

Rev 22:1 And he showed me the river of the water of life, as pure and clear as crystal, coming out from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:2 In the centre of the street, and on this and that side of the river, were the trees of life, which bear twelve fruits, each giving its fruit every month.⁴⁸ And their leaves *are* for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:3 And there shall not be any curse,⁴⁹ and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Rev 22:4 They shall see His face, and His Name shall be between their eyes.

Rev 22:5 And there will be no night there: They will not need lights or lamps or the light of the sun, for Lord Jah, *our* God, gives them light

⁴⁵ Translated as *temple* in some versions. As in the Peshitta, also see Eze 37:26-28, Isa 60:5-7

⁴⁶ The Greek adds "*the nations of those who are saved*".

⁴⁷ The Greek has "corruption" instead of "pollution". It also adds "of Life" to the Lamb's Book.

⁴⁸ Gen 2:15-17 & Gen 3:22

⁴⁹ Gen 3:14-19. At last the Curse is fully removed.

and will be their King forever and ever.⁵⁰

Rev 22:6 Then he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true.” And Lord Jah, God of the spirit of the holy prophets,⁵¹ sent His angel to show His servants the things which will happen soon.

Rev 22:7 “Behold, I am coming soon! Blessings to the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Rev 22:8 I am John, who saw and heard these things. And when I saw and I heard, I fell *down* to worship before the feet of the angel who showed these things to me.

Rev 22:9 Then he said to me, “Seer! No! I am your fellow servant, and *one* of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

Rev 22:10 And He said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

Rev 22:11 “He who does evil will do evil again; and he who is foul will be foul again; and the righteous will do righteousness again; and the holy will be sanctified again.”⁵²

Rev 22:12 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, and I shall give to everyone according to his work.

Rev 22:13 “I am the Alap and I am the Tau, the First and the Last, the Origin and the Fulfilment.”

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those doing His commandments; they will have access to the trees of life, and they shall enter the city through the gates.⁵³

Rev 22:15 *Left* out are fornicators and murderers and idol worshippers

⁵⁰ As in the Peshitta, also see Dan 7:18, Isa 60:19, Eze1:28, Joh 14:1-3, Heb 11:13-16

⁵¹ As in the Peshitta, also see 2Ki 21:10, 2Ch 24:19, Jer 25:4, Amo 2:11

⁵² Unlike the Greek, the Aramaic still allows the possibility that sinners could repent even at this last moment.

⁵³ Gen 2:9 & Gen 3:21-24. The Fall and Curse are finally undone.

and the defiled and sorcerers and all seers⁵⁴ and workers of lies.

Rev 22:16 “I, Jeshua, have sent My angel to testify these things among you in the assemblies. I AM! I am the Root and the Offspring of David, his companion and the bright Morning Star.”

Rev 22:17 “And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come and let him take the water of life freely.”

Rev 22:18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: whoever adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

Rev 22:19 and whoever takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the trees of life, and from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming.” Come quickly, Lord Jah Jeshua!⁵⁵

Rev 22:21 The grace of our Anointed Lord Jeshua be with all of His saints. Amen.

Indeed the entire universe will be changed, as Isaiah also prophesied:

Isa 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look to the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die in the same manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be broken.

Isa 51:7 “Listen to Me, knowers of righteousness, people who have My Instructions in their heart: do not fear the reproach of man, and do not bow before their blasphemings.⁵⁶

Isa 51:8 For the moth will eat them like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but My righteousness will be forever, and My

⁵⁴ This clearly means all ‘seers’ who do not obey God, as John is addressed as a ‘seer’ in vs 9 above.

⁵⁵ As in the Peshitta.

⁵⁶ 1Pe 3:14

salvation from generation to generation.”

Isa 66:22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth which I shall make stand before Me,” says Jehovah, “So shall your seed and your name stand.

And what about us? – We shall become like Jeshua and His Father:

1Jo 3:1 Behold how greatly the love of the Father abounds to us, that He has called us and made us *His* children! Because of this, the world does not know us, because it does not know Him either.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we are going to be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, and we shall see Him as He is.

1Jo 3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

And this is what Jeshua is like now!!

Rev 1:5 and from Jeshua the Anointed, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. He loved us and released us from our sins in His own blood,

Rev 1:6 and He has made us a priestly kingdom to God and His Father. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁵⁷

Rev 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. And they, all the families of the earth, will mourn for Him.⁵⁸ Yes! Amen.

Rev 1:8 “I am the Alap and the Tau,” says Jehovah God, “He who is

⁵⁷ Dan 7:14

⁵⁸ Based on Zec 12:10, which focuses on Israel. Revelation expands it to include the entire earth.

and He *who* was and He *who* is coming, He who is Almighty.”⁵⁹

Rev 1:9 I, John, am your brother and son, your companion in suffering, and in the patience which is in Jeshua. I was on the island that is called Patmos because of the Word of God and because of the testimony of Jeshua the Anointed.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the first day of the Weeks,⁶⁰ and I heard behind me a great voice, like a trumpet,

Rev 1:11 which said, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven congregations: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

Rev 1:12 Then I turned to know the voice which spoke with me. And when I turned, I saw seven golden menorahs,⁶¹

Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the menorahs *was* the likeness of the Son of Mankind, and He wore an ephod and was girded about the chest with a golden band.

Rev 1:14 His head and His hair were as white as wool, like snow, and His eyes like flames of fire;

Rev 1:15 His feet were like Lebanese brass, which is refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

Rev 1:16 And in His right hand there were seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp lance, and I saw Him looking like the sun in its strength.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; for I am the First

⁵⁹ As in Isa 48:12, Exo 6:3; Jehovah is rendered as Lord Jah (MarJah) in the Peshitta.

⁶⁰ That is, the first day of count towards Pentecost, which is the Day of the Wave Offering, which commemorates Jeshua’s resurrection and return to heaven with His Blood.

⁶¹ Exo 25:31-37: The menorah is a seven-branched lampstand that burns olive oil. It reminds us of God’s seven day Creation and His seven Spirits. The seven menorahs thus remind us of the 49 days leading up to Pentecost, in this scene represented by Jeshua.

and the Last,

Rev 1:18 “and I am He who lived, and He who died, and behold, I am alive forever and ever.⁶² Amen. And the keys of Death and of Sheol are mine.

Yes, we will be like Him in that we will also be spirit-based beings. However, we are only adopted children of God and we have not personally helped create the entire universe nor died to redeem all of mankind. Therefore we will be far less exalted, but we will be granted the joy of living forever with Him.

Always remember this:

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice from heaven that said, “Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with the children of men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and this same God will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:4 “And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no death from now on, nor grieving, nor trauma, nor shall there be diseases again, for His sake.”

Rev 21:5 Then I walked and He who sat on the throne said to me, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

Amen! May it be soon!

Closing Prayer

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⁶² Heb 13:8

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