



THE NEW JERUSALEM



INTRODUCTION

- HOW CAN THE ONE AN ONLY GOD CONQUER HUMANITY?
- [JOB 34:14-15 KJV] 14 IF HE SET HIS HEART UPON MAN, [IF] HE GATHER UNTO HIMSELF HIS SPIRIT AND HIS BREATH; 15 ALL FLESH SHALL PERISH TOGETHER, AND MAN SHALL TURN AGAIN UNTO DUST. (ELIHU)
- BOB HOEKSTRA SAYS, “GOD'S GREAT SALVATION IS BOTH "FROM" AND "UNTO." “WE HAVE PASSED **FROM DEATH TO LIFE**” UNLIKE JOSHUA AND CALEB, THE OTHER ISRAELITES FOLLOWED THE LORD'S CALLING OUT **FROM EGYPT**, BUT THEY DID **NOT** FOLLOW HIM **INTO THE LAND**. MANY CHRISTIANS REPEAT THIS SAME ERROR TODAY. THEY HAVE FOLLOWED THE LORD AS HE LED THEM OUT OF THE SPIRITUAL DEATH OF SIN AND GUILT. THEY ARE "OUT OF EGYPT." THEY ARE FORGIVEN OF THEIR SINS. THEY HAVE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST. HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT FOLLOW THE LORD ON "INTO THE LAND.”
- CHARLES SPURGEON SAYS, “BUT *WAIT IN FAITH*. EXPRESS YOUR UNSTAGGERING CONFIDENCE IN HIM; FOR UNFAITHFUL, UNTRUSTING WAITING, IS BUT AN INSULT TO THE LORD. BELIEVE THAT IF HE KEEP YOU TARRYING EVEN TILL MIDNIGHT, YET HE WILL COME AT THE RIGHT TIME; THE VISION SHALL COME AND SHALL NOT TARRY. *WAIT IN QUIET PATIENCE*, NOT REBELLING BECAUSE YOU ARE UNDER THE AFFLICTION, BUT BLESSING YOUR GOD FOR IT.”
- **JERUSALEM TODAY**
- TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE ROMAN DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
- DURING ITS LONG HISTORY, JERUSALEM HAS BEEN ATTACKED **52 TIMES**, CAPTURED AND RECAPTURED 44 TIMES, BESIEGED 23 TIMES, AND DESTROYED TWICE (BABYLON AND ROME).
- THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB, THE LIGHT OF THE LAMB, AND THE INVITATION OF THE LAMB

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

- **ALL THINGS MADE NEW**

- [REV 21:1-5 KJV] 1 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. 2 AND I JOHN SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND. 3 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. 4 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. 5 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.
- [2PE 3:7, 10-11 KJV] 7 BUT THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, WHICH ARE NOW, BY THE SAME WORD ARE KEPT IN STORE, RESERVED UNTO FIRE AGAINST THE DAY OF JUDGMENT AND PERDITION OF UNGODLY MEN. ... 10 BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT; IN THE WHICH THE HEAVENS SHALL PASS AWAY WITH A GREAT NOISE, AND THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT WITH FERVENT HEAT, THE EARTH ALSO AND THE WORKS THAT ARE THEREIN SHALL BE BURNED UP. 11 [SEEING] THEN [THAT] ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER [OF PERSONS] OUGHT YE TO BE IN [ALL] HOLY CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS,

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

- **EVERLASTING DESTINIES (THERE ARE TWO)**

- [REV 21:6-10 KJV] 6 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. 7 HE THAT OVERCOMETH SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS; AND I WILL BE HIS GOD, AND HE SHALL BE MY SON. 8 BUT THE FEARFUL, AND UNBELIEVING, AND THE ABOMINABLE, AND MURDERERS, AND WHOREMONGERS, AND SORCERERS, AND IDOLATERS, AND ALL LIARS, SHALL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNETH WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE: WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH. 9 AND THERE CAME UNTO ME ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS WHICH HAD THE SEVEN VIALS FULL OF THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES, AND TALKED WITH ME, SAYING, COME HITHER, I WILL SHEW THEE THE BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE. 10 AND HE CARRIED ME AWAY IN THE SPIRIT TO A GREAT AND HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND SHEWED ME THAT GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD,

EVERYBODY MAKES A CHOICE, NO MIDDLE GROUND

- ADRIAN ROGERS WITNESSED TO A WOMAN WHO DID NOT WANT TO MAKE A DECISION.
- “BEFORE YOU GO,” I SAID, “WOULD YOU SHAKE HANDS WITH ME?”
- “WELL, CERTAINLY.”
- AND SO I SAID, “IF YOU’LL TAKE **CHRIST** AS YOUR SAVIOR, TAKE MY RIGHT HAND. IF YOU’LL TAKE HELL AND REFUSE CHRIST, TAKE MY LEFT HAND.”
- SHE REFUSED TO TAKE EITHER OF MY HANDS.
- EVERY PERSON HAS A CHOICE. IF YOU SAY, “I THINK I WON’T CHOOSE JUST NOW...” YOU’VE MADE A CHOICE. THERE IS NO NEUTRAL GROUND. YOU ARE EITHER CROWNING JESUS AS LORD OF YOUR LIFE OR YOU ARE NOT. WHICH IS IT, MY FRIEND?

THE LIGHT OF THE LAMB

- **THE CITY**

- [REV 21:22-27 KJV] 22 AND I SAW NO TEMPLE THEREIN: FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE OF IT. 23 AND THE CITY HAD NO NEED OF THE SUN, NEITHER OF THE MOON, TO SHINE IN IT: FOR THE GLORY OF GOD DID LIGHTEN IT, AND THE LAMB [IS] THE LIGHT THEREOF. 24 AND THE NATIONS OF THEM WHICH ARE SAVED SHALL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF IT: AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH DO BRING THEIR GLORY AND HONOUR INTO IT. 25 AND THE GATES OF IT SHALL NOT BE SHUT AT ALL BY DAY: FOR THERE SHALL BE NO NIGHT THERE. 26 AND THEY SHALL BRING THE GLORY AND HONOUR OF THE NATIONS INTO IT. 27 AND THERE SHALL IN NO WISE ENTER INTO IT ANY THING THAT DEFILETH, NEITHER [WHATSOEVER] WORKETH ABOMINATION, OR [MAKETH] A LIE: BUT THEY WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.
- ISAIAH SHARES THIS GLORIOUS EVENT

GLORIOUS TIME DESCRIBED BY ISAIAH

- [ISA 60:18-21 KJV] 18 VIOLENCE SHALL NO MORE BE HEARD IN THY LAND, WASTING NOR DESTRUCTION WITHIN THY BORDERS; BUT THOU SHALT CALL THY WALLS SALVATION, AND THY GATES PRAISE. 19 THE SUN SHALL BE NO MORE THY LIGHT BY DAY; NEITHER FOR BRIGHTNESS SHALL THE MOON GIVE LIGHT UNTO THEE: BUT THE LORD SHALL BE UNTO THEE AN EVERLASTING LIGHT, AND THY GOD THY GLORY. 20 THY SUN SHALL NO MORE GO DOWN; NEITHER SHALL THY MOON WITHDRAW ITSELF: FOR THE LORD SHALL BE THINE EVERLASTING LIGHT, AND THE DAYS OF THY MOURNING SHALL BE ENDED. 21 THY PEOPLE ALSO [SHALL BE] ALL RIGHTEOUS: THEY SHALL INHERIT THE LAND FOR EVER, THE BRANCH OF MY PLANTING, THE WORK OF MY HANDS, THAT I MAY BE GLORIFIED.

THE LIGHT OF THE LAMB

- **THE NEW EDEN**

- [REV 22:1-5 KJV] 1 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. 2 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. 3 AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE CURSE: BUT THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB SHALL BE IN IT; AND HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM: 4 AND THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE; AND HIS NAME [SHALL BE] IN THEIR FOREHEADS. 5 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.

- PSALMS 46

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- [PSA 46:4-10 KJV] 4 [THERE IS] A RIVER, THE STREAMS WHEREOF SHALL MAKE GLAD THE CITY OF GOD, THE HOLY [PLACE] OF THE TABERNACLES OF THE MOST HIGH. 5 GOD [IS] IN THE MIDST OF HER; SHE SHALL NOT BE MOVED: GOD SHALL HELP HER, [AND THAT] RIGHT EARLY. 6 THE HEATHEN RAGED, THE KINGDOMS WERE MOVED: HE UTTERED HIS VOICE, THE EARTH MELTED. 7 THE LORD OF HOSTS [IS] WITH US; THE GOD OF JACOB [IS] OUR REFUGE. SELAH. 8 COME, BEHOLD THE WORKS OF THE LORD, WHAT DESOLATIONS HE HATH MADE IN THE EARTH. 9 HE MAKETH WARS TO CEASE UNTO THE END OF THE EARTH; HE BREAKETH THE BOW, AND CUTTETH THE SPEAR IN SUNDER; HE BURNETH THE CHARIOT IN THE FIRE. 10 BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I [AM] GOD: I WILL BE EXALTED AMONG THE HEATHEN, I WILL BE EXALTED IN THE EARTH.

THE INVITATION OF THE LAMB

- **THE CHOICE**

- [REV 22:12-15 KJV 12 AND, BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY; AND MY REWARD [IS] WITH ME, TO GIVE EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HIS WORK SHALL BE. 13 I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE FIRST AND THE LAST. 14 BLESSED [ARE] THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY. 15 FOR WITHOUT [ARE] DOGS, AND SORCERERS, AND WHOREMONGERS, AND MURDERERS, AND IDOLATERS, AND WHOSOEVER LOVETH AND MAKETH A LIE.

THE INVITATION OF THE LAMB

- **COME!**

- [REV 22:16-17 KJV 16 I JESUS HAVE SENT MINE ANGEL TO TESTIFY UNTO YOU THESE THINGS IN THE CHURCHES. I AM THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, [AND] THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR. 17 AND THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, COME. AND LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY, COME. AND LET HIM THAT IS ATHIRST COME. AND WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY.