

The Last Great Day

2017

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.

Leviticus 23:39 - Eighth Day - New beginnings- ie '8th' day is first day of a new week

Day of circumcision for Israelites is on the 8th day, marking new relationship with God. (Gen 17:10-13, Deuteronomy 10:12-17).

Is this day intended for Christians?

Joh 7:37 Now on the Great Day, which is the last *day* of the feast, Joshua stood and He cried out and said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

Joh 7:38 "Everyone who believes in Me, just as the Scriptures say, rivers of living water will flow from his belly."¹

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 been given yet, because Joshua was not yet glorified.

So we see that Joshua kept the Last Great Day, and spoke of living waters being given on it. (Compare Exodus 17:6- water from rock.)

Zech 14:16-19 - Feast to be kept during Thousand Years Peace. (Also mentioned in Ezek 45:18 to 25)

What does this day represent?

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 off² for the testimony of Joshua and for the word of God, and because these had not worshipped the beast nor its image, nor received the mark between their eyes or on their hands.³ They lived and reigned with Messiah for one thousand years.

Rev 20:5 And this *is* the first resurrection.⁴

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has his part in the first resurrection, and over them the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Messiah, and they will reign with Him one thousand years.

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 ends⁵ of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them to war, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea.

¹ Jer 2:13 and 17:13

² 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 one unusual method of death.

³ Literally 'on between their eyes', suggesting the mark might be visible as well as internal.

⁴ Many Greek manuscripts begin this verse with "But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished."

⁵ From the Aramaic. The Greek translation uses *gonia* here, which usually means a corner, either open or concealed.

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.

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.

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

Mankind will be judged, those not belonging to Christ will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on the top of it, Him who from before His face earth and heaven fled away. 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.⁶ 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.

Some details of the judgement of humanity:

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 “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.

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

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 the righteous will say to Him, ‘Our Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or that you were thirsty and gave You drink?

Mat 25:38 ‘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.’

Mat 25:41 “Then He will also say to those at His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire 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 also will 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 minister to 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 not do it to Me.’

⁶ The Greek has ‘book of life’.

Mat 25:46 “And these will go to everlasting torment⁷, but the righteous into everlasting life.”

Even death to be destroyed, Joshua then gives kingdom to Father:

1Co 15:20 But now the Messiah is risen from the place of the dead, and has become the Firstfruit of those who sleep.

1Co 15:21 For since by a man came death, also in this way by a man came the resurrection of 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.

1Co 15:23 But each person in his order: the Firstfruit was the Messiah, afterward those who are the Messiah's at His coming.

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.

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. But when it says “all things are subjected to Him,” it is understood that this excepts Him who subjected all to Him.

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.

The Earth will be renewed, New Jerusalem comes to earth, Joshua and Jehovah to live among us, giving us a river of living waters.

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.

Rev 21:2 I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from 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 Booth 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.”⁸

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 Alap and the Tau⁹, the Origin and the Fulfillment. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to the one who thirsts.

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

⁷ The Greek says ‘to be cut off forever.’ -that is, eternal death.

⁸ As in the Aramaic. Greek manuscripts replace ‘for His sake’ with ‘for the former things have passed away.’

⁹ In Greek this is ‘Alpha and the Omega’. -that is, the first and last letters of each language's alphabet.

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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 stadios¹⁰. 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 chrysoprase, 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 Booth in it, for Lord Jah, our God, upholds all and He is its Booth¹¹.

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 nations¹² 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 be 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 that defiles, or creates pollution or lies, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me the river of 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 bears twelve fruits, each giving its fruit every month. And their leaves *are* for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:3 And there shall not be any curse, 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 and will be their King forever and ever¹³.

Rev 22:6 Then he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true." And Lord Jah, God of the spirit of the holy prophets¹⁴, 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

¹⁰ Over 2100 kilometers. As the city is also 2100 kilometers tall, it is apparent that the new earth will 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.

¹¹ As in the Peshitta, also see Eze 37:26-28, Isa 60:5-7

¹² The Greek adds "the nations of those who are saved"...

¹³ As in the Peshitta, also see Daniel 7:18, Isaiah 60:19, Ezekiel 1:28

¹⁴ As in the Peshitta, also see 2 Kings 21:10, 2 Chron 24:19, Jeremiah 25:4, Amos 2:11

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 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.”

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.

Rev 22:15 *Left* out are fornicators and murderers and idol worshippers and the defiled and sorcerers and all seers¹⁵ and workers of lies.

Rev 22:16 “I, Joshua, 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 Joshua!¹⁶

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

Indeed the entire universe will be changed: Is 51:6 and Is 66:22

And us? We shall become like Joshua.

1Jo 3:1 Behold how greatly the love of the Father abounds to us, that He has called us and He has made us 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 Joshua is like now!!

Rev 1:5 and from Joshua the Anointed, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. Him who 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. And to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

¹⁵ This clearly means all ‘seers’ who do not obey God, as John is addressed as a ‘seer’ in vs 9 above.

¹⁶ As in the Peshitta.

coming, He who is Almighty.¹⁷“

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

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the first day of the Weeks¹⁸, 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 churches: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

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

Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the menorahs was the likeness of a 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 like a dead man. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; for I am the First and the Last,

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

Obviously we will only be like Him, in that we will also be spirit-based beings, but we will be on a far less exalted way.

Remember this:

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Using the CHCoG translation based on the Aramaic NC.

¹⁷ As in Isaiah 48:12, Exodus 6:3; Jehovah is rendered as Lord Jah (MarJah) in the Peshitta.

¹⁸ That is, the first day of count towards Pentecost, which is the Day of the Wave Offering, which commemorates Joshua’s resurrection and return to heaven with His Blood.

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