

# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY

## A Synopsis of My Journey

I will try to retrace my own steps, which led me to my present understanding.

I have believed for at least 38 years, that death is an unconscious state, with God retaining a perfect memory of the individual - the “spirit” essence, or mind download if you will. This was a necessary foundational belief - step one if you will.

I mean - WHY resurrect someone who has already been in Heaven for a thousands of years, to bring them back into a body? And WHY resurrect someone back into a physical body for judgment and destruction, if that person has already been judged and has been in a place of punishment called “HELL” for a thousand years and more? That just made no sense. To me, resurrection DEMANDS that death be a state of unknowing, or sleep - an interim state between life and life (life for eternity, or life for a short time until judgment and destruction). “Sheol” - meaning the abode of the dead, is the word used for that place where God retains His memory of the dead while they wait for resurrection.

Believing that the dead are asleep and unconscious, I could not figure out WHEN Christ would rule “the nations”. I KNEW that Christ would “rule the nations with a rod of iron” and I KNEW that “we will reign with Him.” I just couldn’t figure out WHEN.

I studied the seven last plagues, and I became convinced those plagues will completely wipe out all life on this planet. Absolutely everything necessary for human life will be wiped out. Noone could survive! So - if the redeemed are rescued and removed from this earth by Jesus when He returns, and everyone else is dead - how will Jesus reign over “the nations” who survive the plagues? It just did not make sense.

I felt the weight of the evidence pointed to a desolate and uninhabited earth, with the redeemed in “the Father’s House.” This scenario fits the TYPE. Anciently, the “scapegoat” was banished to the “uninhabited place” (bottomless pit), and Satan is imprisoned in the “pit” for 1000 years following the Second Coming. And yes - there is a study at this website titled “[Millennium](#).”

During this process I was spending time with the Hebrew Roots Movement, and I was learning that all of the redeemed ARE Israel. I am grafted into Israel. It’s NOT about DNA. It’s about faith. That’s Ephesians Chapter 2.

When I enter into covenant with Yahweh through Yeshua (Jesus) my name is written into “the Lamb’s Book of Life.” There is a study titled “[Who are Israel?](#)”.

Well - this whole “Israel” thing got me reading a LOT of the Old Testament, and I discovered that there are only two kinds of people - **Israelites** AND “**the nations**” (also called strangers - foreigners - or Gentiles). God judges Israelites differently. They are held to a higher standard, because they KNOW who Yahweh is, and they know His Law. Israelites were judged on Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement). “**The nations**” were **NOT judged on Yom Kippur**. Wow! THAT ONE hit me like a ton of bricks. I thought everyone would be judged on the same day.

I discovered that the Second Coming *is* judgment day. It will be the fulfillment of the Yom Kippur judgment prophecy. BUT - only Israel was judged on Yom Kippur. So that means all the people of “the nations” who lived in ignorance of Yahweh, will NOT be judged on that day. See the study titled “[Judgment Day](#)” for greater detail.

NOW - there WAS “the mixed multitude.” Those were people who traveled *with* Israel, or lived within the territory of Israel. They knew about Yahweh and knew about His Law. Yahweh’s Law applied to everyone in the camp - not just to Israelites. They would also have been judged at Yom Kippur. But that left a LOT of other people - whole “nations” - who lived in ignorance of the God of Israel. Big question: When will THEY be judged?

And *that* is what brought me to “the rest of the dead” (*Rev. 20:5*). I wondered if “the rest of the dead” might be “the nations” who were NOT judged at the Second Coming - at Yom Kippur. I knew that they would be resurrected, because that is the only way they would “live again.” And I knew that they would “live again” AFTER the 1000 years of the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium. But I wondered if they would be resurrected just to face judgment and then death by fire. The church I grew up in teaches that.

So I began searching through the Old Testament, looking for “the nations,” and I found them, right there *with Israel* “returned to the land.” They were living around Israel, and even within Israel. There were dozens of prophecies promising that Israel would be “returned to the land” and within those prophecies were Gentiles (even from the enemies of Israel) also “returned” to their lands.

I thought that these prophecies might only apply to the return from Babylon under Ezra and Nehemiah, but looking closely I realized that many of these “return” prophecies could NOT possibly apply to the ancient return from Babylon. With this “return” came wonderful peace, and tame animals like the lion, and wolf, and cobra, and dominance over every other nation. There was only one conclusion. These “nations” will be “the rest of the dead.” And *many* from these nations will come to “know the LORD”.

The “nations” cannot justly be judged by the LORD until they have learned that He exists - that He is the creator of Heaven and Earth, and that He has a Law (of unselfish love) by which all created beings are judged.

Isaiah 2:1-4 “And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains [*above all kingdoms*], and shall be exalted above the hills; and [all nations](#) shall flow unto it. And [many peoples](#) shall go and say, ‘Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to [the house of the God of Jacob](#); and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths:’ for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

*Jehovah's House (kingdom) has been established above all other kingdoms. This means that Christ has come. These events take place AFTER the Second Coming. Growing up, I was taught that only the wicked will be raised in “the second resurrection” at the 8<sup>th</sup> millennium, to be judged and then annihilated. But here we see “peoples” (non-Israelites) going up to the House of God, where they expect that “He will teach us his ways”. Their desire is to “walk in his paths”. Doesn't sound like the scenario I learned as a kid.*

The Father will provide healing by the indwelling Spirit of His Son, by which each person may come into harmony with Him. To be found incompatible with His kingdom, the individual must resist all education in the things of God, and must resist the indwelling Spirit. The point being that resistance *is* possible. God will NOT overpower the human mind or will.

I realized that the Gog-Magog war is a rebellion, by those from “the nations” who have resisted the spirit of God. They will form an army, and will try to overthrow the rulership of Christ the King. See the study “[Gog and Magog](#).”

“The rest of the dead” will be those “nations” resurrected AFTER the 1000 years of the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium. They will be taught, and governed by Israel “returned to the land.” And THAT is what led me to the “kingdom of priests.”

From Mt Sinai, the LORD said to Israel (to all of Israel - not just the Levites), “You will be to me [a kingdom of priests](#) and a holy nation.” God's word ALWAYS comes to pass. Whatever the delays, or the detours - eventually His word will be accomplished. Redeemed Israel, as a “kingdom of priests, will govern and teach those resurrected at the 8<sup>th</sup> millennium.

My study of the priesthood and the Tabernacle finally led me to all those commands concerning “the 8<sup>th</sup> day.” God has promised perfect “circumcision” of the heart. So WHEN will that be accomplished? Simple - the 8<sup>th</sup> day. He has promised complete healing and cleansing. WHEN will that be accomplished? Answer - the 8<sup>th</sup> day. He will “present” this earthly kingdom - perfectly restored, to His Father as an offering. WHEN will that happen? In the ancient Tabernacle, a newborn animal became acceptable for presentation to the LORD as an offering - at the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

The priesthood cannot begin their ministry until they have completed their consecration. In the ancient prophecy TYPE, the consecration of priests took 7 days. “With the LORD a day is as a thousand years” (2Pet.3:8). Therefore the priesthood of Israel redeemed will not complete *their* consecration until the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium. They will begin their ministry as priests on The 8<sup>th</sup> Day.

The final judgment and the “lake of fire” will follow after the rebellion of Gog-Magog. It is the final cleansing event in the great war with Evil. There are teachers of prophecy who place Gog-Magog at the end of this present age. I believe they are wrong. Just read Revelation Chapter 20.

Finally - I began to flesh out more of the details. Children for instance, and the mentally compromised. I realized that the LORD could not give eternal life in His kingdom to someone simply because they died as a child. If God demands that folks choose to trust Him and obey Him, why would He *exempt* a good portion of the human race. How could He bypass the free will of ANY human being. Young children cannot choose to serve Him. They cannot consent to His indwelling and His Law. If six thousand years of pain and suffering tell us anything, it is that God never forces the will of His created beings. Please see the study: “[Universalism](#)”.

If God was going to bypass free will, then He should have done it in the “garden” and skipped all this painful mess!

Citizenship in the eternal Kingdom of God is based upon CHOICE - and choice by it’s very nature must be INFORMED. Which means that young children, the mentally compromised, and the uninformed *must* be resurrected, then informed (taught), then allowed to choose. Short of this - God *cannot* be JUST and MERCIFUL.

Well - that was my journey of study, leading me to my present understanding of “The 8<sup>th</sup> Day.” For much greater detail with LOTS of Scripture support, please [read the whole book for FREE](#) right here on Prophecy Viewpoint.

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