

The 8th Day

A Brief Synopsis of Chapters

A FEW OPENING REMARKS

I have tried to minimize my comments, and to build the case using primarily the Scriptures. You - the reader - will need to carefully read the passages provided for you, in order to follow the argument.

This work is not an academic paper, and is certainly not comprehensive coverage of any topic presented. I hope that this work will stimulate much discussion and further study.

Many prefer to call Him **Yeshua Messiah**. This book will hopefully reach well beyond the Hebrew Roots or Messianic communities and main stream Christians do not readily connect with Yeshua Messiah - not in the way they connect with the name Jesus Christ. I have therefore chosen to call him Jesus or Christ through much of this work.

SECTION TWO - FOUNDATION

An Ancient Prophecy

The ancient Tabernacle of the LORD - the articles, sacrifices, and “appointed times” were an acted prophecy. The plan of redemption was portrayed. This chapter is somewhat more “complicated” than those following. It presents abstract symbols. My hope is that the reader will not be put off, thinking this whole book will be difficult to digest. I realize that this first chapter may be “heavy” for those not familiar with the ancient Tabernacle, but I believe the laws associated with the Tabernacle and the priesthood hold the key to understanding The 8th Day. The presentation of the symbols first, was necessary. This acted prophecy is the foundation for our study. We will focus specifically on those ancient laws which required action, or declared resolution on “the 8th day.”

If this chapter seems difficult for you - skip it - and come back to it after you have read other chapters.

SECTION THREE - THE NATURE OF MAN

Where Are the Dead?

I could just explain why I believe that Christ will reign during the 8th millennium - but that would leave the reader wondering what God will do with all those people who lived during past ages. Where will He hold them - until the resurrections? The fuller picture includes an explanation of the nature of death - as a place of waiting in unconsciousness.

“Hell” - What it’s Not

If death is a sleep, and the dead are retained only within the memory of God, then our pagan/Greek concept of “Hell” as a place of unending conscious torment, *cannot* be truth. In this chapter the reader will consider every verse containing a word translated into English as “Hell” in the King James Version of the Bible. Other passages which have been cited as supporting the doctrine of Hell as unending conscious torment, will be analyzed.

SECTION FOUR - A THOUSAND YEARS

Millennium

The earth will be completely and utterly devastated by the seven last plagues. All life will be destroyed. The redeemed - resurrected and translated - will go with Christ to the “Father’s House” - Heaven itself. The earth will remain lifeless during the 7th (sabbath) millennium. It will “rest.” The destruction caused by the “seven trumpets” and the seven last “bowls of wrath” will be reviewed from the Scriptures.

Cursed

This chapter is a word study. The Hebrew word translated as “cursed” in our English Bibles, means “devoted to destruction”. If the whole world is under the curse of God, then the whole world will be given to utter destruction, once the redeemed of God have been removed by Christ at His return.

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SECTION FIVE - ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM

There are links at the end of these two chapters, to two other studies titled “Another Temple” and “Masterpiece of Destruction”. These studies deal with the deception of Antichrist at the end of this age. I could not include every study on this topic in The 8th Day book, but I wanted to give you links to pursue this study, if you are interested.

Temples of Yahweh

From the wilderness Tabernacle to Ezekiel’s Temple, there existed a series of Temples. This study traces the history of the Temples of Yahweh, and makes a prediction concerning yet another Temple on Mount Zion, *before* the return of Christ in glory.

Who are Israel?

Every human being who enters into covenant with God - through belief in Jesus Christ, becomes an Israelite - “grafted in”. As Israelites, we become partakers of the covenants, and will inherit the promises of God. As Israelites, we will also be judged, if we forsake our covenant with God. Jesus Christ has paid the price of our forgiveness for breeches of the covenant, if we repent and seek God’s forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

SECTION SIX - THE KINGDOM OF MESSIAH

A Kingdom of Priests

The redeemed (resurrected or translated at the Second Coming) will go with Christ to the Father’s House, where they will spend the 7th (sabbath) millennium in preparation for the priesthood. After their consecration, they will return to the earth to serve as priests under Christ, the great High Priest-King (*Rev. 20:6*). They will form the government - for those who are resurrected at **The 8th Day**.

This chapter includes a section detailing the meaning of Ezekiel’s Temple vision, which included the sacrifice of animals.

The 8th Day

At the 8th millennium (**The 8th Day**) Messiah will reign on the earth. Israel (the redeemed) will return to “the land.” Ezekiel’s Temple will be built. Nations will be resurrected. All of those who lived in ignorance of Yahweh during the first six millennia, will be resurrected. Christ will govern these nation through His priesthood. Many from those resurrected, will come to know the LORD. They will be welcomed into the Household of God. Finally there will be a rebellion. Gog of Magog and his hordes will try to overthrow the government of Christ centered at Jerusalem. They will be consumed by fire which comes down from heaven.

SECTION SEVEN - JUDGMENTS

There are three judgment events described in Scripture. Each one is examined in a separate chapter.

The Wrath of God - A Different View

The Book of Life

When one enters into covenant with God thru Christ, one's name is entered into "The Book of Life" by Christ Himself. It is blotted out by Christ, only if that person has forsaken the covenant without repentance. It is obvious that many names were (or are) never written into The Book - some because they had no knowledge or understanding of the God of Israel, and some because they refused to enter into covenant.

The Day of the LORD - A Judgment Day

The return of Christ in glory at the end of this age, will be a day of judgment. It will be Yom Kippur for Israel. Every person who has knowingly entered into covenant with the LORD will be judged on that day. The dead will be resurrected - some to everlasting life, and others to everlasting condemnation (*Dan. 12:2*).

Those who have forsaken covenant without repentance, will be "cut off" from the people of God and left behind to die in the plagues - along with all of those who knowingly rejected covenant. Their bodies will be "burned up" when the earth is consumed by fire.

Not resurrected or judged on that day, will be those who lived in ignorance. They will sleep on through the 7th millennium, to be resurrected at The 8th Day.

Gog and Magog

Of those raised to continue their lives during the 8th millennium (The 8th Day), by far the majority will resent the rulership of Christ and His priesthood. Satan and his angels will fan the hatred until the masses finally rise up in rebellion, led by a war chief named Gog. The story is found in Revelation Chapter 20, and in Ezekiel Chapters 38 & 39. As the armies of Gog surround the Holy City, fire will come down from God out of Heaven. It will consume them. This "fire" is the glory of God. It will not consume or char the bodies, but it will physically kill Gog and his army. The remains of their bodies will be found and brought to a special city where they will be buried. The cleanup will take seven months for the bodies, and seven years for the weapons.

Final Judgment - Lake of Fire

Following the last great rebellion of Gog & Magog, there will be a judgment. **This final review of the records is not for God.** He does not need to look at books of record. He knows the heart. This is final resolution and closure, for every person saved in the kingdom of God. The record books are for them. They must be fully convinced that God our Father, and Christ His Son have done everything divinely possible to save each human being. Those finally destroyed in the “lake of fire,” will be those who refused all healing and rehabilitation of mind and heart. Only with full realization of this case, can the people of God approve their final annihilation, and once this is accomplished - put it behind them.

In this chapter, I will explain that those finally judged are physically dead at this point. They are therefore - not conscious. It is God’s retained memory of them (their spirit), that is finally destroyed. After the “lake of fire” event, they can never be resurrected again forever, because they no longer exist.

SECTION EIGHT - CONCLUSION

Because He Loves Us

We are drawn to HIM as we are made aware of His love for us. He has invested each one of us with inestimable value, and will do everything divinely possible to bring us into a relationship with Himself. In this chapter the nature of man is considered in the light of the LORD’s great plan. His plan for the redemption of every willing individual, is reviewed in the light of His character of justice and love.

Reconciled At Last

We are reconciled to the Father, through Christ His Son (*Col. 1:19-20*). When the earth has been cleansed of sin, the day will come when Yeshua Messiah will present this kingdom - this earth - to His Father, reconciled at last (*1 Cor. 15:24-28*). **This earth will become the home of the saved for the eternal ages, with Christ as King.** The Holy City - The New Jerusalem - will descend to earth from Heaven (*Rev. 21:2*). God and The Lamb are the Temple therein.

Psalms 37

King David - under the inspiration of the Spirit of Christ, left for us a wonderful summary of our journey. “Do not fret,” He wrote, because the wicked seem to succeed. Their day is coming. They will “consume into smoke.” The wicked will soon be no more, and the faithful will live in peace. They will “inherit the land.”

I thought this a fitting and comforting final note.

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