

THE 8TH DAY

A Synopsis of My Journey

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

I have believed for at least 42 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.

It did not seem logical that God would resurrect someone who has already been in Heaven for 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 his soul has been *in Hell* for many years? That just made no sense. To my mind, resurrection *demand*s 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 simply “where the dead go,” is the Hebrew word for that place where the dead exist, while they wait for resurrection.

Believing that the dead are asleep and unconscious, I could not figure out WHEN Christ would rule “the nations.” “The nations” is a term used for non-Hebrew nations - non-Israelites. I knew that Christ would one day “rule the nations with a rod of iron,” and I knew that “we will reign with Him.” I just couldn’t figure out when. Would He resurrect “the nations” - to rule them? Would He rule only those that survived the last plagues?

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 gone. Clean air, vegetation, life in the ocean - all gone. No one 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 “nations” who survive the plagues? That theory at least, 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,” at least for some portion of the 7th millennium. This scenario fits the TYPE. Anciently, the “scapegoat” was banished to the “uninhabited place” (bottomless pit). Satan is imprisoned in the “abyss” for 1000 years following the Second Coming.

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 God our Father, through Yeshua His Son, 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 the Old Testament, and I discovered there are only two kinds of people - **Israelites** AND “**the nations**” (also called strangers, aliens, 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. Only Israel was judged on Yom Kippur. 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.

I should mention the “the mixed multitude.” Those were people who traveled *with* Israel, or lived within the territory of Israel. They knew about Yahweh and they knew about His Law. Yahweh’s Law applied to everyone in the camp - not just to Israelites. The people of the “mixed multitude” were also judged at Yom Kippur. With the ancient TYPE as the example, this meant that every person who knew about the God of Israel - who knew about His Law, will be judged at the Glorious Return of Christ, concerning their response to Him, and to His Law.

That still 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 they would be resurrected, because that is the only way they would “live again.” I knew they would “live again” AFTER the 1000 years of the 7th millennium. But I wondered if they would be resurrected 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 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, 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.

Read the description again. Jehovah’s House (kingdom) has been established above all other kingdoms. This means that Christ is reigning. These events take place after the Glorious Return. Growing up, I was taught that all of the wicked will be raised in “the second resurrection” at the 8th millennium, to be judged and then annihilated. But here we see “peoples” (non-Israelites) going up to the House of the LORD, 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. Also, Daniel 12:2-3 describes a resurrection of both the saved and the wicked at the Glorious Return. Multitudes of the wicked will face judgment and the “lake of fire” at the Glorious Return. I was losing confidence in much of my early religious education.

The Father will provide healing through His Son, by their indwelling Spirit. By this Spirit, 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 the Gog-Magog war will be a rebellion, by those from “the nations” who have resisted the Spirit of Christ. 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 7th millennium. Revelation 20:5 tells of “the rest.” The very next verse says that those resurrected when Jesus returns will become “priests of God and of Christ.” What need would there be for priests - mediators, *after* the return of Christ? I thought judgment was all decided at that point.

And that question lead 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, will be a “kingdom of priests” to govern the nations. I learned that the priests of the First Covenant did more than offer sacrifices. They taught the law, settled disputes, and acted as judges of last resort. I wondered whether the “kingdom of priests” would one day govern and teach all those resurrected at the 8th millennium.

Along the way, I had to answer questions concerning the “change of the priesthood,” what that was and how that could be, considering the commands and the promises to Aaron and Phinehas. See: “[The Change of the Priesthood - Under the New Covenant](#).”

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

2 Peter 3:8 “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one 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.” Therefore the priesthood of Israel redeemed, will not complete *their* collective consecration until the end of the 7th millennium. They will begin to minister as priests on The 8th Day, and that coincides with the resurrection of “the rest.” I cannot believe all those commands and prophecies were coincidence. The LORD had it planned from the beginning. He knew exactly how long it would take to bring about the perfect healing of His people and His creation. He told us about it through the prophecy of the Ancient Tabernacle and the Feast Days.

The Battle of Gog-Magog will take place during the 8th millennium. It will be the final battle of the war between Satan and Christ. The nations - all those who remain in rebellion, will unite under Satan to attack Jerusalem, seeking to overthrow the rulership of Christ and His redeemed Israel.

There are many teachers who place the final Gog-Magog Battle, near the end of this present age. I disagree. Revelation Chapter 20 places Gog-Magog after Satan is released from 1000 years of imprisonment in the abyss.

There will most probably be a great battle that is called Gog-Magog, before the end of this age. That battle will be a counterfeit, instigated by Satan prior to the Glorious Return of Christ, to deceive the world into believing that he is Christ come. That counterfeit Gog-Magog Battle will take place in the final months or weeks of this age.

At the final Gog-Magog Battle, the wicked are consumed in the fire of God. Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire. *After* that Battle there will be a final judgment. And *after* this judgment, comes the Lake of Fire for everyone whose name is not found written in the Book of Life.

I struggled with the idea that our God will throw conscious human beings into fire, to awful pain for even a moment until they are consumed. Relief! I no longer believe they are conscious when that final judgment sits. There is no mention of a third resurrection. I believe “the dead” will “stand” - in that judgment, only in the sense of the record of their lives. The record of their deeds and words will speak for itself. At the conclusion of this judgment, God’s retained “memory” of those persons will be destroyed forever. They can never be resurrected again.

The final judgment is not for God. It will be closure for His redeemed. At the final judgment, the redeemed must all agree with the Father and His Son, that everything divinely possible was done to win each human being. Nothing more could have been done. If doubt remained concerning the justice of God, it could fester into another rebellion. Every doubt must be resolved before the scars of the rebellion against our God can be healed forever.

All of redeemed Israel must give their consent before the final destruction of the rebellious. This principle is shown in the LORD’s command that “all Israel” (all leaders) participate in any executions. This is the TYPE.

Finally - I began to flesh out more of the details - children for instance, and the mentally compromised. I realized the LORD could not give eternal life in His kingdom to someone simply because that someone died as a child. How fair would that be? Children get a “free pass” just for being kids, while the rest of us have to meet certain conditions. And how would the LORD guarantee those children all stick with the program, if they did not choose to be there. It would be manipulation if He just reprogrammed their minds without their permission. I don’t believe our God does that. If He does, then He should have done it in the first place, with Adam and Eve, and skipped all the horrible sin mess.

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](#)."

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 to my present understanding of "The 8th 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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