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*As we read through the Bible we come across very large scale events that greatly change the social and spiritual environment existing at that time. Why does God proceed in that way and is there any link to be made between those events and God's plan of salvation?*



## *Preamble*

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

### **The Holy Spirits of the God Family**

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

### **God the Father**

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

**Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

**Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.**

**1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

### God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

### The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

**Joh 17:11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

**Isa 6:3** And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

**Joh 4:24** **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

**Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Joh 1:2** The same was in the beginning with God.

**Joh 1:3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

**Col 1:15 [Christ]** Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

**Col 1:16** For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things

created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Col 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

### **God is a Family**

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

**Mat 11:27** All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

**Mat 12:50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

**Joh 20:17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

**Rom 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [God’s Son] might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**Col 1:18** And he [the glorified Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

### **Bible Writing Convention**

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses

in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

### **Making Things Clearer**

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)





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**A**ll through the working out of God's plan of salvation for mankind there are major events that make a break with the past and create a fresh, new environment that continues until the time comes for another break to be created between an existing civilization and a new one which is to follow it.

Among the major turning points leading to the establishment of God's kingdom are the following:

- The Deluge
- Christ's First Coming and the foundation of God's New Testament Church
- The Day of the Lord
- Christ's Second Coming
- The Battle of Armageddon
- The making of the New Covenant with end-time Israel or the foundation of God's Millennial and Last Great Day Church
- The destruction of physical Gog and Magog at the beginning of the Millennium
- The destruction of spiritual Gog and Magog shortly after the end of the Millennium

- The Third resurrection
- The creation of a new heaven and of a new earth

I would like to demonstrate to the extent possible how major crises, a few of which have worldwide impacts, serve to create a break and a transition point from one stage of God's plan to another and which generally, has for effect of changing conditions to be more favorable for those who are to live through the following stage by eliminating many of the bad elements and individuals existing at the end of the preceding stage. This is to allow the next stage to start off without the influence of the accumulated evil that existed at the close of the previous stage. In other words, at major turning points in God's plan of salvation, God clears the table of bad elements and provides a sanitized social environment so-to-speak for those who are to live through the next phase of His plan of salvation.

As you will come to realize as you read through this study, the plagues and catastrophes that come upon mankind and the earth are for a purpose related to salvation but are not in any way the means used by God to bring men to repentance as is commonly believed. Plagues and catastrophes are used by God to make a break from the past and to provide a new social environment that will make it easier for those who are to be called to follow their calling if they choose to do so. Plagues and catastrophes are not used by God to force men, shock them, brutalize them or scare them into conversion as is thought by many but to provide a fresh social environment where it will be easier for men to follow their calling when the holy spirit God the Father calls them.

### **The Deluge**

After the banishment of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden and the cutting off of mankind from God there developed a human civilization which over time became so wicked that God became disappointed with mankind He had created. He decided to bring an end to His creation except for Noah and his family because the thoughts of men were evil continually.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the **wickedness of man was great in the earth**, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only **evil continually**.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

He decided to start over with Noah's family and their descendants.

**Gen 6:8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

He drowned the whole of humanity in a great flood.

**Gen 6:7** And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

And, following the Deluge, He made changes to the longevity of man as the longer he lived the more wicked he seemed to become. Man's lifespan was limited to 120 years.

**Gen 6:3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an **hundred and twenty years**.

A clean break was created between the first 1,000 years of mankind's existence and the civilization that developed over that time period. Noah and his physical descendants would be in a fresh material and social environment not influenced by nor surrounded by the evil practices and thoughts that had come to dominate the first 1,000 years of man's existence.

### **Christ's First Coming — Foundation of New Testament Church**

Christ's First Coming was one of the most momentous events in the history of mankind. Christ came to be the perfect sacrifice for sin and to train specially called disciples who were to be the foundation of God's New Testament Church. God's Church is to endure until the end of mankind. Christ said the gates of hell would never prevail against it (Matt 16:18); as long as man continue to exist, God's Church will be in existence.

**Mat 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

God's Church has existed without interruption since the day of Pentecost, is presently in existence and will exist during the Millennium and the Last Great Day (Matt 16:18).

Christ during the time He spent on the earth as a flesh-and-blood man and who was also fully God, introduced new knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures.

The Jews (the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi) to which He came needed to significantly change their thinking if they were to understand what He said. They had to become new wineskins (Mat 9:17) to be able to understand essential and critical new information about how God is working out His great master plan of salvation.

**Mat 9:16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.**

**Mat 9:17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.**

Contrarily to what they thought salvation was not just for Israel but also for the Gentiles (Act 10: 34-35).

**Act 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:**

**Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worsheth righteousness, is accepted with him.**

Individuals from all over the world would now be able to become Israelites as Israel from now on would be a spiritual organism made up of individuals who have been called and chosen by God the Father irrespective of their national origin.

**Rom 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:**

**Rom 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.**

**Rom 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? [Keeping the law; obeying God is what matters not being circumcised.]**

**Rom 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?**

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Circumcision would no longer be in the flesh; it would be of the heart (mind) i.e., being physically circumcised is not what is important or of significance; obeying God (circumcision of the heart) is what matters and is what has always mattered.

There are many other beliefs that the Jews and Old Testament Israel had which would not be requirements in New Testament times and as a long-term member of God's Church you should already know them very well. I cannot list them all here as to do so goes beyond the scope of this study and would make it overly long.

### **Spiritual Israel — God's Church**

The New Testament nation of Israel would not be a physical nation but a spiritual nation made up of those who obey God whether Jews or Gentiles.

Christ's First Coming is the time when God's plan of salvation for mankind was made sure by Christ being the perfect sacrifice for sin, and the time of the creation of God's New Testament Spirit-begotten church.

Please note that the purpose for the existence of God's Church has nothing to do with the training of teachers who after Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming will teach the nations of the world during the Millennium. Rather, those constituting God's Church are under evaluation by God. God is determining how sincere they are in their commitment to try to obey Him as best they can. God's Church has no commission to preach the Gospel to the unconverted world for whom God's spiritual truth is foolishness. It is always resisted and rejected by the unconverted. Only God can call men to salvation.

God's Church is all those called and chosen by God the Father and taught all things by God the Word wherever they may be in the world by themselves or organized in small groups. Their physical point of contact with God is not men but God's holy Bible and God's saints great high priest is Jesus the Son of God who is the Head of the body, God's Church

### The Day of the Lord

The Day of the Lord is the time when God will intervene in the affairs of mankind; an intervention that will greatly disrupt the civilization men have built since the time of the great flood. At that time, only Noah and his family were saved. During the Day of the Lord more people will survive than during the Deluge but it will be the greatest time of trouble to come upon the world to that time and which shall never be again (Matt 24:21). A very considerable number of individuals will die and there will be massive destruction of the environment and of the nations of the world.

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Isa 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Isa 13:12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. [Men will be more precious than gold because there will be so few of them left alive.]

Isa 13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

This is one of many Scriptures where it is made clear that the Day of the Lord is God's great anger and the time when the world will be punished for its evilness.

Isa 13:4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. [God will use some of the great nations of the world as his instrument in punishing the modern end time nations constituting Israel.]

Isa 13:5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Isa 13:6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a **destruction from the Almighty**.

Isa 13:7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

Isa 13:8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travailleth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

Isa 13:9 Behold, **the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate:** and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Isa 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

The Day of the Lord will result in massive loss of life and great material destruction all over the world. The 7 trumpet plagues and the 7 vial plagues will have caused considerable damage to the earth; nations will have suffered great losses of life and much material destruction. It will take time for the environment and the nations to recover and return to their former states. The Day of the Lord will be the time of the greatest loss of human and animal life, destruction of the natural environment and disruption of this world's civilization that has ever occurred or will ever happen again since the great Flood left only Noah and his family alive.

The 3 woes which are the 5th, 6th and 7th trumpets of the 7th seal include the exchange of nuclear bombs between the mighty nations who will be competing to be the world's superpower after the fall of the United States of America.

The Day of the Lord is one of several major turning points in the history of mankind as was the Deluge. God will punish the world and, in the process, considerably reduce the world's population while allowing the survival of enough people for civilization to again take root and for the nations to rebuild.

God will change the nature of animals so that they are no longer harmful

to humans and there will no longer be any carnivorous animals whose food are other animals; they will all eat straws like cattle and oxen.

Isa 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isa 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The destruction of the environment and of animal life will have been so great that God will have to restore the earth back to a state where it will again be able to support life. This is similar to what occurred after Satan's rebellion against God where He had to restore the surface of the earth to make it livable for mankind as recounted in the first chapter of book of Genesis.

This is how intense and worldwide will be the awesome destruction of animal and human life and of the environment that will occur during the Day of the Lord.

One last point of importance is that God is not trying by the death, destruction and misery that will then occur to convert individuals or nations. The Day of the Lord has a similar purpose as the Deluge and as the extermination of spiritual Gog and Magog shortly after the end of the Millennium and that is, purging the earth of evil before the next phase of God's plan of salvation begins.

For more detailed information on this topic please read the following study [Why End-Time Plagues on the Unconverted Nations of the World?](#)

### **The Battle of Armageddon**

At Christ's 2nd Coming there is a great battle that occurs on the plains of Esdraelon. The troops of the Beast power and those of the Russian and Chinese armies who were in the Middle East making plans to assault each other will combine their efforts, and march toward Jerusalem to destroy what they think is an invading alien from outer space but which in actuality is Christ's Second Coming. They will think what they are seeing when Christ returns to Israel is an invasion by an extraterrestrial being and they will march together toward Jerusalem to confront this menace from outer space.

This battle constitutes the final destruction of the armies of the Beast power and of the Russo-Chinese coalition. They had before on the European continent been engaged in war against each other for control of the world. The Beast in a nuclear attack had devastated Russia (the first woe) but Russia retaliated with a nuclear attack on the Beast which devastated the European continent (the 2nd woe). But the Europeans and the allied Russians and Chinese also had armies in the Middle East which were in their staging areas getting ready to attack each other to determine who would rule the world. Then before the battle begins, Christ's 2nd coming occurs. Believing the earth is being invaded by space aliens, they combine their forces and head off in the direction of Jerusalem where they had seen the alien land with the intent of destroying it.

As they are making their way to Jerusalem in a long snaking column several miles long the head of the column comes to the valley of Jephoshaphat, the plains of Armageddon and from there the whole column is supernaturally destroyed by Christ leaving a trail of bloody and torn bodies several miles long and to the height of a horse's bridle (Rev 14:20).

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

The Millennium can then start off in relative peace with the main beligerent countries being greatly chastened by the destruction of their armies and in no condition to continue armed hostilities against anyone.

### **Restoration of End-Time Israel — the Making of the New Covenant**

Another major turning point of the greatest importance is the 2nd exodus of the remnant of the physical nations constituting end-time Israel from their captivity among the gentile nations. This event occurs after Christ's 2nd Coming and the immense destruction of cities and loss of life that occurred during the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord. Many are the Scriptures that describe Israel being freed from its end-time captivity, resettled in the Promised Land, becoming a rich and prospering nation and being feared by the nations of the world following the events of the battle of Armageddon and the destruction of the armies of Gog and Magog. This has all been described in detail in the following studies available on this site and which you can access by clicking on the following hyperlinks: [Administration of God's Plan of Salvation During the Millennium; Mass Conversion of the Nations during the Millennium?](#)

At the time of Christ's First Coming, He came among other things, to train the men that would be used as the foundation of God's New Testament Spirit-begotten Church. This training involved their being taught truth what Paul calls the foundation in I Cor'ns 3: 10-11.

1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Paul, though not one of the original apostles, was also personally trained by Christ.

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

Gal 1:16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Gal 1:17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Gal 1:18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

At the time of His 2nd Coming, Christ is coming back to restore all things or as the Bible states it in Acts 3:21:

Act 3:21 **[Christ]** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, **[to the physical nation of Israel; the time of the confirmation of the New Covenant]** which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Much of the truth given by Christ to the apostles and taught to the congregations of God's First Century Church became lost because of the great persecution that came upon the Church by a new church which persecuted all other religious group refusing to believe its doctrines. Members of God's true church had to scatter into the wilderness to escape being captured and put to death. As a result they lost contact with each other and with time, the truth they had gradually became lost except a few core beliefs such as keeping the Sabbath and God's Commandments.

Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall **subdue three kings**.

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and **shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

The other horn that arose among the 10 horns is a great worldwide religion who controlled the Roman Empire after it re-establishment following its fall under the Herulians, the Ostrogoths and the Vandals. The Roman catholic church controlled the Roman empire in 6 of its restoration. It is pictured in the book of Revelation as the great whore who rode the beast (the Roman Empire)

Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman **sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having **seven heads and ten horns**.

Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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The head of this great, worldwide false Christian religion persecuted God's saints to the point where it succeeded in wearing them out.

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall **wear out the saints of the most High**, and think

to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

A time is one year and a biblical year is 360 days. This great false religious power would persecute God's saints for 360 days x 3 1/2 years = 1260 years. A day in prophetic fulfillment is 1 year.

Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

After Christ's 2nd Coming and the resurrection of God's saints, all that will be left on the earth will be individuals scattered all over the world who before Christ's 2nd Coming had been called but had not yet been chosen. They have but a little of the truth restored to the Church as we had when we were called. There will be a need to restore the Church's foundational truth to those that are to become the continuation of God's Church during the Millennium and the Last Great Day.

Remember that Christ said the Church He founded would never die out as long as mankind existed and mankind will exist until the events of the third resurrection of the Great White Throne Judgment. After the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord there will be a need for the foundational truth of God's Church to be restored by someone who has it. This work of restoration of God's truth is part of the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 which is quoted below.

Dan 9:27 And he **[Christ]** shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Christ is coming back a second time to complete His ministry with Israel that was interrupted after 3 1/2 years. The Scriptures say He is to confirm the covenant with many for one week; therefore, there remains another 3 1/2 year period of ministry which Christ is to have with Israel for the prophecy of Dan 9:27 to be fulfilled.

If you have been reading through the studies on this site as recommended, you already know and understand that Christ will confirm the covenant with the remnant of end-time Israel following its return from captivity among the Gentiles and make a new covenant with those who commit

themselves to obey God to the best of their abilities in all things for the rest of their lives. Christ is coming back a 2nd time to complete His ministry and make a New Covenant with Israel. Those who will enter the New Covenant will become God's saints and part of God's Church. Please note that not all Israel returned from its scattering from among the nations will enter the New Covenant, most won't. Many are called but few are chosen and of the few chosen, few remain faithful. (Mat 22:14; 7: 13-14)

Remember that ancient Israel was to become a kingdom of priests and an holy nation unto God.

**Exo 19:6** And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Israel was, in other words, to become God's Church by becoming spiritual Israelites. They, along with those who will be called, chosen and faithful during the Millennium and during the Last Great Day, will become part of God's Church, His kingdom of priests and holy nation.

This has already been all covered in detail in a study available on this site: [Administration of God's Plan of Salvation During the Millennium](#)

At this juncture in God's plan of salvation, we see God starting over with a fresh group of individuals who constitute Israel in the end-time. God's First Century church and their spiritual descendants were transformed into glorified spirit beings at Christ's 2nd Coming and have become the Bride of Christ. God's church will be continued through those of the remnant of end-time Israel returned from captivity who will have survived through the prophesied Great Tribulation and the events of the Day of the Lord and who will enter into the New Covenant.

They will become God's saints and members of God's Church. Israelites born throughout the Millennium and those who will rise in the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection of the Last Great Day and who follow their calling, will also become part of God's Church. Ultimately, all those from the nations of the world that come to conversion become part of spiritual Israel and all those that remain unconverted die the second death of the Lake of Fire.

### **Physical Gog and Magog**

The detail of the destruction of Gog and Magog is found in chapter 38 of the book of Ezekiel. Mr. Armstrong explains in lesson 3 of the 58 lesson Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course (AC BCC) that Gog and Magog

are the modern-day nations of Russia and China. The destruction of their armies occurs at a time when Israel is prospering, living in unwalled villages and in safety. Israel returned from its 2nd captivity in the end-time and resettled in the Promised Land has no armies, no defenses and is rich from the spoils they took from their captors at the time of their release. They look to be an easy prey; however, the world does not realize at that point that God is Israel's protector nor can they know it as it is spiritual knowledge inaccessible to them.

The armies of Gog and Magog come up against Israel and are supernaturally destroyed.

Eze 38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Eze 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

They turn their swords against each other, pestilence will be among them and God will send upon them an overflowing rain, great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

No one in Israel will have done anything to defend themselves; no weapons will have been raised, no barriers erected, no cannons fired, etc.

The nations of the world will have seen the destruction of the armies of Gog and Magog by some unknown great power or secret weapon of mass destruction that Israel, to their mind, seems to have at its disposal. The nations of the world will fear Israel. They will remember the battle of Armageddon and the destruction of Gog and Magog; this will make Israel a highly feared and respected nation around the world.

The nations of the world will be compelled to attend the feast of tabernacles every year as a reminder of the power of Israel as they walk by the valley of Hamongog where the bones of Gog and Magog are buried and constitute a large mound.

Eze 39:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *noses* of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of Hamongog.

Eze 39:15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

God through forcing representatives of the nations to attend the feast of tabernacles every year will constantly remind them of the fate of the powerful nations that came up against Israel. The nations as a result will no longer seek to war against each other as there is a superpower the like of which the world has never known, whose power they do not understand and that can suddenly and completely destroy large armies. After the destruction of Gog and Magog no country will want to put Israel to the test fearing sudden destruction.

The destruction of Gog and Magog and of the armies marching against Jerusalem at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming will remove from the earth the last nations not chastened by the events of the Day of the Lord. There will then be peace around the world as no nation will dare attract the attention of Israel by engaging in war and see itself suddenly destroyed.

### **Spiritual Gog and Magog**

After the end of the Millennium Satan is released for a short time from the bottomless pit and goes out to deceive the nations.

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Please note that the nations that are being deceived are in the four quarters of the earth which is simply another way of saying that Satan will again deceive the whole world as before. The number of those who will be deceived are "**as the sand of the sea.**" In other words, it will be a very great multitude of individuals from all over the world who after the end of the Millennium will be in an unconverted state.

What is it that Satan will deceive them about, what is Satan's power to deceive and who are those that can be deceived by Satan?

The time of Satan's release is right after or shortly after the end of the Millennium which is a time where he had not been able to deceive the nations and during which the holy spirit, God the Father called all men. It was taught by the ministry, and commonly believed, that during the Millennium the nations would convert but for a few stubborn individuals who would refuse to do so which would make for a wonderful world of peace, abundance, prosperity, safety and security the likes of which the world had never known.

If this is the case, who is that multitude who in number are as the sand of the sea, a multitude so vast as to be uncountable and which Satan deceives once released from the bottomless pit? Is it that the day before the end of the Millennium just about everybody was converted and living lives of eager obedience to God in a world where all false religion had been eliminated and that a few days after the end of the Millennium, there appears a vast multitude of individuals from all over the world which for some reason have lost their conversion?

How do we know that this spiritual Gog and Magog is made up of unconverted individuals after the end of the Millennium? Fair question. Let's have the Word give us the answer.

In Matthew 24:24 in a verse that should be very familiar to all of us we have Christ saying the following to the disciples.

**Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

Christ had been answering the disciples' questions about the destruction of the Jerusalem temple and what shall be the sign of His 2nd Coming and of the end of the world.

**Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

There would be false prophets showing great signs and wonders before His 2nd Coming and these signs and wonders would be so impressive that, **if it were possible to do so**, these false Christs and false prophets would deceive even God's elect.

God's elect, those who have been given to know the truth (were called) and have chosen to obey God to the best of their abilities until the end of their natural lives (were chosen) cannot be deceived.

What is it that they cannot be deceived about? They cannot be deceived about what is the truth. They have been given to know it and no man can deceive them into believing that something else is the truth. Man was given absolute free moral agency which means that there is no power in heaven or on earth that can force him to believe something contrary to His will. If a converted Christian could lose the truth given him by God by being deceived by a superior power such as Satan or the craftiness of men, then it would not be possible for God to hold him responsible for having left the truth. A deceived man does not know he is deceived, otherwise he would not be deceived as self-evident as this may be. The world is not now judged as it is deceived and if it were possible for a truly converted Christian to be deceived by a superior power or men, then they also would not be under judgment.

God's elect therefore cannot be deceived as it would be impossible for God to judge them.

So, who is this great, vast, innumerable multitude that rises against Jerusalem and Israel early after the end of the Millennium if just about everyone had become deeply converted in the preceding 1,000 years?

Who are those who today are deceived by Satan?

They are those who were called and did not follow their calling, or who became converted and then went back into the world.

Who are those who are no longer deceived? They are those who have been called and chosen and who are the temple in which the holy spirit God the Father, and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman dwell.

And, how can they again become deceived?

By going back into the world which happens when they freely and knowingly choose to no longer have God the Father as the supreme authority in their lives. They then again become spiritually blind and under Satan's deception.

What is it that Satan deceives them about?

Before their calling they were the supreme authority in their lives and they only reluctantly tolerated the authority of others over them in

a limited number of circumstances. They had set themselves up as the highest authority in their lives and decided right and wrong for themselves; and they were strongly defensive of their right to do so. Upon conversion they learn that they do not have the ability to correctly determine good and evil and that they must let God do it for them. They then must decide whether to accept having God define right and wrong for them.

When losing their conversion, they again become deceived about the correct difference between good and evil.

The Bible is clear that there are many that will fall away from the truth. But how can turning away from the truth occur when the elect cannot be deceived.

Truly converted individuals lose their salvation by knowingly (they are not deceived) making the decision to again become the supreme authority in their own lives and rejecting God's authority over them which was also basically Adam's sin.

This is why God through Paul in Hebrews 6:4-6 gives Christians throughout the ages the following warning:

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

Heb 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Heb 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

So here we are, the Millennium has ended and the Last Great Day is about to start and the event that takes place is the attack of spiritual Gog and Magog (the unconverted from the nations of the world) on end-time Israel who has been living for a 1,000 years in the Promised Land.

The Bible says that this spiritual Gog and Magog is deceived; they are from the nations of the four quarters of the earth, from around the world; they constitute a multitude as large as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

We know for sure that during the Millennium all are called as the holy spirit God the Father then calls all men (Joel 2:28). So how is it that shortly after the Millennium there is this great multitude that is deceived.

The only individuals that can be deceived are those who were never called however, these individuals were all called and were all given to know the truth.

So how do we get to this incredibly large number of deceived individuals?

Is it possible to be called and not to be chosen; can we know for sure? Would we believe Christ?

**Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**

There are many called today and in the past but relative to earth's population as a whole, it is the few. But during the Millennium it is truly the many as all are called.

Christ tells us clearly in a Scripture that doesn't require any interpretation that of the many called, it is the few that are chosen.

Why are they not chosen?

They are not chosen because even after having been given to know the truth, they make the decision to remain in the world. This is wholly in accordance with the free moral agency God gave man. He is free to choose life or death and if he chooses death, God will respect his decision.

God through Christ tells us that it is the few that will choose to abandon their former lives in the world and to come under God's authority when God calls them preferring the pleasures of this life to those of salvation which are only to be had far off into the future and not in this life. These individuals are those that have been called but not chosen by God to become a part of His Kingdom because of their refusal to submit to Him.

And, there is also the situation where one is called and chosen but falls away because of trying to serve two masters. This is a warning given to newcomers to the faith entering God's Church as well as to established members of the Church. All must keep walking on the strait and narrow way that leads to life.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in therat:

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

But, if we believe Christ, it is not the many that heeds His warning given in Matt 7:13-14. It is the many take the broad way that leads to destruction. They grow weary in well doing; they try to serve both God and Mammon, they are no longer putting to death their old man, they cease to walk in newness of life; instead, they seek to reconcile their old ways with the truth they have received; they compromise trying to satisfy God's law while at the same time giving themselves permission to continue with some of their past ways which they now know to be sin.

Christ is clear that you cannot serve two masters; you will come to love one and to hate the other.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

So, it is possible to be called and not become converted and; it is possible to become converted and not remain converted.

Christ says it is the many who are called that reject conversion (Mat 22:14) and of the few that are chosen and become converted, it is the few that remain converted (Mat 7:13-14).

Hundreds of millions of people will be called during the Millennium but it is the many who will not follow their calling. That will be a very great number of individuals. And, of the few that will follow their calling, it is the few that will remain converted. At the end of the Millennium, it will be the very great majority of the population that will not be converted and they will constitute the multitude from all nations whose number is as the sand of the sea whom God destroys as they march toward Jerusalem and Israel to destroy it.

They are the ones that Satan deceives after his release from the bottomless pit after the end of the Millennium. Before Satan's release these individuals had gone back into the world and no longer had the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman dwelling in them.

The world during the Millennium, but for the elect, is deceived as it was before Satan's imprisonment in the bottomless pit.

Satan gathers them together to battle against Israel and Jerusalem and they are supernaturally destroyed by God raining fire out of heaven that devours them. Satan does not have the power to force them to do so, only to influence their minds to do so. According to the Scriptures, the world's unconverted surround Israel to destroy it and are destroyed by God.

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Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

What is the net effect of this occurrence?

It is another major turning point in God's master plan of salvation for mankind.

The Millennium has just ended, God has His Church which is the camp of the saints that the unconverted are surrounding to destroy it. God destroys this vast multitude from all over the earth and all that is left on the earth after the destruction of spiritual Gog and Magog is God's Church, the camp of the saints, and those individuals in the world which God the Father is calling and who are still in process of deciding whether to abandon their lives in the world and commit themselves to obeying Him and who will not have joined the rebels.

The Last Great Day is about to start. Those that are to be resurrected as flesh-and-blood human beings will come into a world which has been purged by fire of all the unconverted. Their existence will have been completely eradicated from the earth by fire. Those resurrecting in the Last Great Day will have the best possible chance at salvation by not having to contend with the influence of the unconverted of the Millennium. They will essentially be resurrected in ideal physical and spiritual circumstances. The Millennial conditions will continue with respect to the physical con-

dition of the earth, the changed nature of animals; the beautiful weather, etc. and they will be without the influence of the civilization created by the hundreds of millions of unconverted who died just prior to their resurrection.

You will remember that some had expressed concern about where God would put all those that would rise up in the Last Great Day resurrection given that the earth is only so big. We now have our answer, the purging of the hundreds of million constituting spiritual Gog and Magog will free up huge amounts of space that can easily accommodate those rising in the 2nd resurrection.

### **The Last Great Day and the Resurrection to Judgment**

During the Last Great Day all those who were never given to know the truth since the creation of man will be resurrected to flesh-and-blood existence and be called by God.

How will this resurrection occur? God gives us a description of it in Ezekiel 37 to which I refer the reader. It is a description of the resurrection of Israel and of also the Last Great Day; all are resting in the dust of the ground, and all will be resurrected to flesh-and-blood existence using the process described in Ezekiel 37.

Eze 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

Eze 37:2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

Eze 37:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

Eze 37:4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Eze 37:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

Eze 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

Eze 37:8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

Eze 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Eze 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Eze 37:13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

Eze 37:14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD

Those in the resurrection of the Last Great Day will live 100 years.

Isa 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an **hundred years old** shall be accursed.

They will be called early on in their new lives to have the time to demonstrate their faith by their works i.e., by their free and willing obedience to God.

If the Millennium is any indication, and I very firmly believe that it is, it will again be the few of the many called that will be chosen and of the few chosen, it will be the few of those who were chosen that will stay on the strait and narrow way that leads to life. Mankind will continue to have absolute free moral agency and be susceptible to following their own lust which is the principal source of sin in man.

Jas 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Jas 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Jas 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

At the end of the Last Great Day comes the resurrection to judgement or the 3rd resurrection. This is the resurrection to flesh-and-blood existence of all those who throughout the ages were given the opportunity to choose God's truth and instead chose to remain in the world or who followed their calling and subsequently fell away. They are the goats which Christ will separate from the sheep.

It is also the time of the resurrection of all those who during the Millennium became and remained converted until the end of their natural life. They are part of the sheep mentioned in Matt 25:34.

**Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

At that time, there will also be the transformation to glorified spirit being of God's Last Great Day saints i.e., of those who have remained true to their conversion. They are also part of the sheep that inherit salvation. This occurs through an instantaneous death and resurrection to spirit life (1 Cor 15:52).

**1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

All that will then be left of the earth after the glorification of God's sheep are those which the Bible calls the wicked. The earth becomes a Lake of Fire and all flesh-and-blood humans (the goats) are consumed

and this is the 2nd death from which no resurrection is possible. The wicked will be ashes under the feet of the resurrected saints.

Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

The earth is purged of all the wicked and God's Millennial and Last Great Day saints become part of God's kingdom by a resurrection to glorified holy spirit existence. Following the destruction of the wicked God makes a fresh start of everything.

### **The New Heaven and the New Earth**

The earth turns into a Lake of Fire which consumes the wicked and this is the beginning of the process of God creating a new heaven and a new earth.

2Pe 3:7 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.

2Pe 3:10 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.

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Rev 21:1 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.

### **The New Jerusalem**

The next thing that then occurs is the arrival of the new Jerusalem which comes down from heaven.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 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.

Rev 21:4 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.

Rev 21:5 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.

Rev 21:6 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.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Finally, we come to the end. All those who have chosen life have become immortal holy spirit beings and are part of God's household, family, nation and kingdom. There is God the Father, Christ the bridegroom who married God's first resurrection saints which are the Bride of Christ and the children of the kingdom who are all those whose conversion occurred during the Millennium and the Last Great Day.

God is then a family, a nation, and a kingdom.

God's family comes to completion through the 2nd resurrection and the 3rd resurrection. God's Millennial saints who had died are resurrected to flesh-and-blood life and God's Last Great Day saints who are alive at the end of the Last Great Day (remember that all live to a 100 years during the Last Great Day) will be resurrected to glorified spirit life by an instantaneous death and resurrection; the Lake of Fire occurs and destroys the wicked.

These include the unconverted of the Millennium and of the Last Great Day; those since the days of Adam and Eve who were called but not chosen and those who turned away from the truth after having chosen it. A new heaven

and a new earth are created; all things are made new and an eternity of joyful, satisfying and never-ending creative accomplishments begins as the God family spreads out into a vast new creation to which they are to add the last finishing touches using the creation powers of Gods.

God's saints are to inherit the universe; not the existing one but the new heaven and the new earth.

Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Heb 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Heb 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

Heb 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

### **Conclusion**

God's plan of salvation includes several major turning points where God makes it easier for those that will be called to follow their calling by eliminating the influence of the wicked who at different times of the existence of mankind have become widespread. This is what God did with the Deluge and this is what He will do with the upcoming Day of the Lord, and with the destruction of spiritual Gog and Magog.

Hopefully, you have found the information provided in this study useful and that it will stimulate you to reflect on God's truth and motivate you to study God's Word to keep growing your knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures to remain a live spiritual embryo growing in maturity and being able to be born again at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming.

