

When We Move to Our Heavenly Home

Part Six

The Journey from Heaven to Earth

The Third Stage of Your Journey into Eternity

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT BRIDE

At the end of the *Judgment Seat* time with the LORD, the whole Bride will be beautifully adorned with all the gifts from the LORD. Together with His Bride, you and I, with the Holy Band of Saints, will exit the chamber where we have been for seven years during the time of the LORD's giving of gifts. About this, the Bible says,

*"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."*⁸ *It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."*
(Revelation 19:7-8)

When the Bible says that the Bride "*has made herself ready*," it means that the marriage with the LORD is complete, and the wedding is over. About this, the Scripture goes on to say,

"Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
(Revelation 21:9)

With the marriage ceremony complete, the magnificent Bride has become the
"Wife of the Lamb."

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT WIFE

It will then be time to begin our journey from heaven back to earth.

A side note here! All our lives, we have heard preachers plead with people to accept Jesus so we can be in heaven for all eternity. Actually, what they should have been saying is, "*Don't you want to be with the LORD for all eternity?*" That is because, once the LORD comes to get us from the bonds of this earth, we will be with Him for all eternity – wherever He is, there we will also be. That means that we will be with Him when He returns to earth to reign as King of kings and LORD of lords for a thousand years.

The LORD's Magnificent Wife, which you and I will be part of, will be the LORD's mighty army – the mighty host of heaven. The Apostle John saw all this in the Revelation and described it in a short, detailed paragraph. I can do no better than to use his words here.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness, He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"

(Revelation 19:11-16).

We will depart heaven as the mighty army of the LORD. It will be the mightiest army that has ever been assembled. It will be an army that cannot be defeated. I want you to notice that our robes will be *"fine linen, white and clean,"* but His robe will be *"dipped in blood."*

Notice also that a sword comes from His mouth. The Bible is the sword of the LORD. It is His book. It is His instructions. The sword that comes from the LORD's mouth represents the words that come from His mouth. They are *"The Word of God."*

Notice that He strikes the nations, we do not. He rules with a rod of iron, we do not. He treads the wine press of wrath, we do not. He does all the destroying, we do not.

We have left heaven with Him, our LORD, and we are headed for the earth where we will see the last part of the marriage tradition completed.

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT SUPPER

As we depart from the Holy City with the LORD for His Second Coming to earth, an angel, standing in the air, in front of the sun, will screech an invitation for

"...all the birds which fly in the midheaven, "Come assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

(Revelation 19:17-18).

All the evil people who hate the LORD will have already gathered in the Valley of Armageddon, waiting for His arrival. Even though the Bible foretells their fate hundreds and hundreds of years before that day, they will proudly camp in the valley with the intent of defeating the LORD when He arrives. They should know that they will be the meal served at that marriage supper; the birds of the earth are the invited guests who will dine on that magnificent supper for forty-five days (Daniel 12:11-12).

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT ARRIVAL

Our departure time from the Holy City will be at high noon in the Jerusalem time zone here on earth. But on that day, called the *"Day of the LORD,"* over the Valley of Armageddon,

"the sun will go down at noon," and the LORD *"will make the earth dark in broad daylight"*

(Amos 8:10; Zechariah 14:6).

All the festivities and joys of the armies gathered in the valley that day will turn bitter as the LORD shouts on His way to the valley,

"It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end"
(Revelation 21:6).

I need to pause for a moment to include some stops along the way as we travel with the LORD from heaven to earth before we reach the Valley of Armageddon. Most folks think that from heaven to Armageddon is a straight shot, but that is not the case. Here is why.

Isaiah, chapters 41 and 63 tells us that with the speed of light, the LORD will flash from the east and destroy the evil Babylonian area which has fostered hatred against Him and Israel for centuries. After destroying Babylon, the LORD will then destroy the rebuilt city of Nineveh known today as Mosul.

Habakkuk 3:3-13 tells us that then, the LORD will destroy all the Edomites on their mountains of Paran and in their capital city of Teman. He will come so close to them that the Edomite blood will splatter on His garment.

Behind Him, plagues and pestilences will startle the nations and the perpetual mountains will begin to shatter and collapse. The army in the Valley of Armageddon will surely feel the earth's movement.

He will shout, "it is done," as He and His army begin to swoop down on the nations in the twinkling of an eye. The beautiful land, that we know as the Promised Land, in front of us will be desolate when we pass by. This means that the Promised Land will be empty of people. Three and a half years earlier, while we were in the marriage ceremony, an evil ruler took over the Promised Land and began to persecute the Israelite inhabitants. The Israelites fled from the country in fear for their lives. For three and a half years, only evil people who hated the LORD lived in the land, but, at the end, they, too, will all go to join in the Valley of Armageddon to try to help defeat the LORD when He arrives.

The Battle of Armageddon is one-sided. Only the LORD speaks, and the victory is won. We will all see it as we ride behind Him on our white horses. The evil army in the valley will not have time to fire one shot. With the WORD of the LORD spoken as we arrive, the people of the army in the valley will begin to

"rot while they stand" (Zechariah 14:12).

Here are the main highlights from Zechariah's prophecy.

Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. ... And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, ... Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. And it will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one

will be lifted against the hand of another. ... So also like this plague, will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey, and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

(Zechariah 14:6-15)

According to Joel 2:1-11 and Zechariah chapters 12 – 14, we will then begin to do our duty according to our assignments given to us in the bridal chamber with the LORD. A summary of all those chapters tells us we will begin by rushing on the cities and running on the walls throughout the entire world to assure that all the enemies of the Lord who took the mark of the beast were destroyed. Great and mighty will be the army of the Lord, the Church, the Bride, the Wife in all her glory. Even though we will check the world for those with the mark of the beast, I do not believe that one person will be found in the world because they will have all joined together in the Armageddon Valley where the LORD had destroyed them.

The LORD will bind Satan for a thousand years and secure him in the deepest abyss. The evil leader and his false prophet will be cast into the *lake of fire*. All who hate the LORD will be dead and residing in torment in Hades. We will see all of this happen.

The battle will be over. The birds will be arriving to dine on the marriage supper. And then we will see the most magnificent part of His arrival. The LORD will touch His toe on the earth at the same place from which He left on the Mount of Olives.

Upon touching the ground, the mountain will split from north to south, and the earth under the city of Jerusalem will begin to rise while all the highest mountains of the earth will begin to sink low. It will not take long that afternoon for Jerusalem to sit on the highest mountain on the earth. Dust will fly everywhere, but at the end of the day, as the sun is setting in the west, the beautiful light will shine forth as the sun makes its regular departure for the day in the west, sunset and night will come in Israel (Zechariah 14:7).

The day will end peacefully, just as if nothing had happened that day at all. But in the valley, the meal that will be served for forty-five days will have only just begun.

Our coming with the LORD, the destruction in the valley, and the changing of the earth's topography will take fewer than six hours, and the whole world will finally be at peace. Jerusalem will be at peace for the very first time in its history. The world will be at peace for one-thousand years, and we will be there with our job responsibilities to ensure it does (Revelation 19:20 – 20:3).

We will be helping the LORD as we *“rush on the cities and run on the walls”* as the earth begins to quake when the *“LORD utters His voice,”* and the battle in the valley is over, almost before it started. All over the world, we will be doing our duty to ensure that all those who hate the LORD have been removed.

It is now time for The LORD's Magnificent Kingdom to begin.
Our work in His kingdom will continue.