

When We Move to Our Heavenly Home

Part Seven

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT KINGDOM

For the first time in the history of the world, the LORD is King of kings and LORD of lords of the entire earth. He always was, but many people living on earth denied that He was King through the centuries. Over the next forty-five days, the incredible Temple described by Ezekiel will be built on the new Temple mount that rose to be the highest place on earth when the LORD touched His toe on the Mount of Olives (Ezekiel 40-48). Other things will take place during those forty-five days, and we will be helping by fulfilling the assignments we received during the giving of the gifts by the LORD.

On the forty-fifth day, the LORD will enter His Temple and sit on His Great White Throne. It will be our job to ensure the people worship the LORD yearly.

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King” (Zechariah 14:16).

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him [Jesus], and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9–11).

Some of us will watch over the Nation of Israel as it sits on all the land that was initially supposed to be part of the Promised Land but never taken. The LORD will make this right, and Israel will be the premiere nation as the LORD promised. We will watch as the Gentiles of the rest of the world will help the Nation of Israel for the thousand-year reign of the LORD. It will truly be a time of peace for one thousand years.

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT JUDGMENT

But during that one-thousand years, we will see millions upon millions of babies born on earth who never knew of the deception of Satan. All of them will live for a thousand years and more. In fact, during those thousand years, when a person reaches the age of one hundred, he will be considered a mere youth (Isaiah 65:20).

But at the end of the thousand-year reign of the LORD, He will order that Satan be released from his chains in the deep abyss. Satan will be allowed to deceive the people on earth for a short while. We will not interfere with his work. Many of those who have seen the LORD of lords and King of kings on His throne during their yearly journey to worship Him, every year, for those thousand years, who have known Him because they have worshiped Him, will be deceived by Satan and will join his forces and his army to take the LORD off His throne so Satan can be king.

We will just be watching this. We are not to interfere because the thousand years of the LORD's reign are over, and our job assignments are completed.

Satan will gather his army of deceived people around the Temple Mountain. When they are all gathered there, the LORD will issue the order, and *"fire came down from heaven and devoured them"* (Revelation 20:9).

THE LORD'S MAGNIFICENT TRANSFORMATION

With the final battle over, at the end of the time of Satan's deception, Satan will be cast into the lake of fire to join the beast and the prophet who have been there for a thousand years by this time. All the sinners in the world will be dead and in torment. The LORD's magnificent transformation will occur before anyone can have time to sin.

It will start with the Great White Throne Judgment on the Temple Mount. I cannot describe it better than the words of the Apostle John so that we will hear his testimony. The event is called the Resurrection of the Dead in Christ.

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire"

(Revelation 20:11–15).

Where will these dead be resurrected from? They will come from the place called "torment" in Hades. With this resurrection, Hades will finally be empty and no longer a holding place of the dead. Abraham's Bosom, which was in one part of Hades was emptied of all the Old Testament Saints when Jesus was resurrected after He died on the cross. All these years since His resurrection, Hades has been enlarging to hold all those who denied Jesus as their LORD and Savior. But with this second resurrection, the resurrection of the dead, Hades will be empty and no longer needed. It will be cast into the lake of fire as well as everyone who will be resurrected from "torment" on that day. This is the judgment of the *Great White Throne Judgment*.

Following the *Great White Throne Judgment*, but before anyone else can sin, the LORD will transform this world. All humans, still in human bodies, will be transformed into glorified bodies like you and I received at the time of the snatching away of the Bride more than a thousand years before. Then, the Holy City in Heaven (the one the LORD took you and me to when we died) will come down and sit on this earth. The Apostle John tells us about that, too.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer

be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:1–5).

With everything new, the LORD will have abolished death. Never again will any human die (1 Corinthians 15:26).

THE LORD’S MAGNIFICENT GIFT

All is new. Every saint of the LORD has a new, resurrected, transformed body, just like Jesus had when He came out of the tomb. No one will ever sin again. All that I have described for you, my love, about our time in heaven before the great snatching away of the Church, will return. We will again be in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, except it will no longer be in heaven. It will be on this earth, which will be sinless. It is part of the LORD’s plan from before creation occurred. We will enjoy being with all our families, from Adam and Eve to those who will come along after us, and trust in the LORD as Savior.

We might think that at that point when we are living in the dwelling of God the Father, with His throne here on this earth, and with our LORD with His throne here on this earth, all of the LORD’s plans are completed. But they are not. The LORD has one thing left that He must do. We cannot help Him with this task.

Do you remember, while Jesus was on earth, He said, “*All things have been handed over to Me by My Father...*” (11:27) and “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*” (Matthew 28:18). At this point in the story, when the Holy City and God the Father will dwell on the earth, it will be time for Jesus to give everything that belongs to Him back to the Father as a magnificent gift. All rule, all authority, and all power. Paul says it like this. “*...then comes the end [of Jesus’ reign], when He [Jesus] hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He [Jesus] has abolished all rule and all authority and power*” (1 Corinthians 15:24). There will never be any need for rule, authority, and power in eternity because there will be no sin ever again.

“*... and so we shall always be with the Lord*” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Forever, we will enjoy the Holy City, the home of God, that He created to be His home, before he created ours. It will then be here on earth and we will enjoy our mansion, the streets of gold, the food, the smells, the worship, and most of all, the family.

This, my love, is your gift for your birthday this year, answering your question of what life will be like when we move from this earth to heaven. I can promise you that it will be a glorious life with no more cares, no more anxiety, no more fears, no more frets, no more concerns, and no more sadness.

With all my love,
Your Beloved Husband