

## **Part 2, Our Glorious First Resurrection Then what?**

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**Summary:** *Let's get excited again about our calling to be in the First resurrection! There is no "PRE-TRIB rapture" and 1 Thess 4:16-17 is about the resurrection, not a rapture before the great tribulation. What happens after we're resurrected? Where do we go? What will we be doing? WHEN is that first resurrection and when do we finally land with Christ on the Mount of Olives? Learn all this and more in this exciting part 2 about the First resurrection. Share this with others please.*

**\*\*\* (Notes are close, but there's always more in the video version.)**

We can't wait. Hopefully, we are all eagerly looking for the return of our Savior and King – Yeshua/Jesus the son of God (**Hebrews 9:27**). This is PART 2 on the First Resurrection. Welcome to Light on the Rock. I'm Philip Shields. *I'm hoping God inspires me to generate renewed excitement over our first resurrection coming soon.*

Be sure to study part 1 first. But first, realize that God wants us very concerned about the state of affairs in our country, especially in America and Israel.

And those of you helping us fund a FOT in Africa and even Pakistan, among the poorest of the world's poor, thank you. We certainly need it.

**We're getting so much closer to the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounding and the first resurrection happening.** Be sure you study part 1 that lays the groundwork. **A lot is happening in the news.**

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for their leaders, especially Prime Minister Netanyahu and our leaders.** Pray God leads our leaders to do the very unexpected – to SEEK GOD, to lead the nation back to God. That's not crazy! Pray God be merciful to our nations and leads

us to repentance and even a revival in our country. It's not beyond the realm of possibility! **Don't be a JONAH!**

But let me hasten to say this too: WE, ***the people of God***, called by HIS name – we are of the family of God and brothers of Yeshua, we are true early New Testament-type Christians: **I call FIRST on God's OWN people to repent, to draw nearer to him. And we call on our LEADERS to seek God. And We call on our NATIONS to repent, to draw near to God.**

**We call on us all to apply 2 Chronicles 7:14-15** – right now – and may God bring a **REVIVAL of repentance** and enough of Americans and Canadians and Britons and people in Africa, Pakistan and nations all over the earth -- that He will do for us **what he did for NINEVEH** when they turned from their violence! (See book of Jonah).

PRAY for this. Look for this, and you yourselves be doing this! This scripture is about when Solomon was dedicating the temple he had just built.

**2 Chronicles 7:12-14**

Then YHVH appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

**14 IF *My people* who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.."**

Read **Ezekiel 8 and 9** too. God puts a MARK, a TAV, on the foreheads of those who sigh and cry for the abominations in the land. We are to SEEK God, as Daniel did in Daniel 9, on behalf of Israel and our country. God is looking for someone who will stand in the gap before him, ahead of Christ's return who will be like Moses begging God to be merciful. *That's what God's people are really like!* When was the last time *you and I* did that?

**Ezekiel 22:29-31**

"The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.

**30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I**

**should not destroy it; but I found no one.** 31 *Therefore* I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord YHVH".

So as we talk about the return of Jesus Christ, WE ALSO have a JOB TO DO TOO! Stand in the gap before God. Defend our nations before God. **Show Abba that we CARE. Show him we're concerned** – and not just exulting that all these evils show we must be close to His return now! God is looking at our HEARTS. WHY do we want him back? **Hopefully, it's for love of the world.**

**Amos 5:18**

***"Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!***

*For what good is the day of the Lord to you?*

*It will be darkness, and not light."*

**So back to the FIRST RESURRECTION sermon, part 2.**

- ***I'll cover WHY it's "better resurrection"***
- ***what happens after the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds. Where do we go? WHY do we go there?***
- ***WHAT are we doing after the resurrection? How long before we land on Mount of Olives with him? We used to say it all happens on the same day... but that just cannot be.***

**1 Thess 4:16-17 is NOT a verse that describes a pre-trib (Pre-Tribulation) rapture**, but describes the first resurrection, **AFTER** the Tribulation, known as the 5<sup>th</sup> seal of Rev 6, as I clearly pointed out last time.

**The FIRST RESURRECTION is AFTER The GREAT TRIBULATION**

A lot of people who believe they'll be in a "PRE-TRIB Rapture" and therefore are guaranteed to miss the Great Tribulation, seem to miss what Jesus clearly says in Matthew 24. I read this in Part 1, but it's worth a quick review:

**Matthew 24:21-22, 29-31**

**"For then there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. (now let's jump for time sake to v 29).

29 **"Immediately AFTER the tribulation** [5<sup>th</sup> seal of Rev 6] of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken [6<sup>th</sup> seal, heavenly signs of Rev. 6].

30 **THEN the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming ON the CLOUDS of heaven** with power and great glory. 31 And He will **send His angels** with **a great sound of a trumpet**, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Let all that sink in. It's talking about you and me hopefully! This should be so exciting. Don't let it just gloss over you. YOUR angel will zoom down to you!

**CLOUDS: Christ will FIRST be seen coming in the CLOUDS. This is important.** When Christ left earth in Acts 1, the angel said He would return just as you see him now – in the sky, in the clouds of heaven.

**Acts 1:9-11**

"Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, **and a CLOUD received Him out of their sight.** 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, *two men [angels] stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*

**WHY the FIRST Resurrection is the BETTER RESURRECTION**

**Heb 11:35 says there is a "better resurrection."** There will be other resurrections after the first one – because we're told "the rest of the dead" live again after the thousand years is over. Rev 20:5.

*So why is the first resurrection better? Knowing this should give us great excitement to have been called to BE in the First Resurrection.*

- **Because ONLY those in the first resurrection will be part of the BRIDE of The MESSIAH, The KING of Kings.** Rev. 19 clearly speaks of a Marriage of the Lamb in heaven. More coming on this.

Anyone resurrected 1,000 years later will be too late to be a part of the Bride – and intimately working closely with the King of Kings.

Remember **Rev. 20:5** says, “the rest of the dead do not live again until the thousand years were finished.” So, though it’s not called that, there will definitely be those who will live again in a Second resurrection after the thousand years are finished.

But the HONOR to be part of the BRIDE of Christ will only be for those in the FIRST Resurrection. That means the closest possible relationship with the Son of God as our Husband.

- **The first resurrection is to SPIRIT, immortal life, never to ever be able to be hurt or die again.** As I’ll show in the sermon about the Second Resurrection, *those in the Second will not be resurrected to spirit life but to physical mortal life again.* Immortal life right off the bat is better than physical life!

**Revelation 20:5-6**

**“But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**

**6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”**

- **Those in the first resurrection will be the LEADERS of the world – the priests/teachers and rulers over the whole world.** Those positions are reserved only for those in the first resurrection. We’re already a royal priesthood in God’s eyes.

**1 Peter 2:9**

**“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”**

- **Normally those considered first were deemed worthy of a **double portion** of blessings. (Deuteronomy 21:17).**
- **A HUGE point on why it’s the better resurrection: **Heavenly Jerusalem, as I see it, will be THEIR city.** It’s the home of all those who will be in the first resurrection. It’s their home city. All others will live in other places around the world. OUR citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20).**

ABRAHAM looked for a city whose builder and Maker was GOD. OUR city.

**Hebrews 11:9-10**

“By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 **for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**”

**Hebrews 12:22-23**

“But YOU have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just *men made perfect*”

Jerusalem is even called “the Bride” (Rev 21:2-3) because that’s where the Bride will be headquartered. I believe we’ll be able to zoom back and forth from earth to and from heavenly Jerusalem, our city, during the Millennium – much like a senator may work in Washington DC but live in a state far away, and travel and visit back and forth.

*So I’m hoping we all can start getting a lot more excited about our high calling to be in the first resurrection. It’s so special. You were born for this.*

And of course, one more reason why we must go to heaven after we are resurrected: I still have to read all about our marriage and wedding to the Son of God in Rev. 19.

**Realize it’s a 2-PHASE RETURN: Christ FIRST RETURNS on the CLOUDS – AND THEN ON WHITE spirit horses/chargers**

I do believe that Christ returns in two phases because His return is described in two different ways:

1. **Christ is described FIRST as coming in the CLOUDS** of heaven. He resurrects the dead in Christ and then changes His still-living saints into spirit beings, gathered by the angels – and they meet Jesus in the air, in the clouds. In **Acts 1:9-11** two angels told the crowd watching Jesus rise into the clouds that He would come back in the same way.

**THEN WHAT?** We will not just hover over Jerusalem for a while and then – on the same day – land on the Mount of Olives. NO, there's more.

2. In Hebrew weddings, **the Groom goes to collect his Bride and her attendants** – and then returns to the Groom's father for the wedding, the one putting on the entire wedding. So the Groom goes back to his Father, in this case, in heaven, as I'll definitely show you.

A LOT happens while there with his Father in heaven, as I'll show you – and then, when Christ returns after the wedding a few earth months later, he is described as leading His army of heaven on a white spirit horse or charger, and all the angels and saints with him. **We'll all be on spirit horses, this time, not a cloud.** TWO PHASES.

**EVENTS that must still happen AFTER we're resurrected, according to God's word!**

**We're resurrected at the last of the 7 Trumpet plagues of God., the 7<sup>th</sup>.**

- Remember there are 7 SEALS in Rev. 6 and 7.
- Then the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal is made up of 7 trumpet plagues – Rev. 8-9. The 7<sup>TH</sup> TRUMPET, LAST TRUMPET is the resurrection  
Revelation 11:15-17
- That's when we're taken by angels to meet Christ in the air as 1 Thess 4:16-17 says.

**But then what? The OFTEN FORGOTTEN “THEN WHAT” – ARE The SEVEN LAST BOWL PLAGUES** that still have to run their course after The 7 trumpets -- **BEFORE** Christ can land on the Mount of Olives. Read that again. Get that point.

Seven TRUMPET plagues are followed by the Seven Last Bowl Plagues of Revelation 16. It's been the big missing piece of the puzzle for many years. The seven bowl plagues are going on AFTER we're resurrected.

Let's repeat: there are 7 SEALS of Rev. 6 and 7. Then 7 Trumpet plagues of God's wrath Rev 8, 9, and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is Rev 11:15-19 and that's when the first resurrection takes place.

Then Rev 15-16 tell us about The 7 LAST BOWL PLAGUES – **but all this is GOING ON AFTER WE'VE BEEN RESURRECTED. So**

**really ABSORB that there are 7 last bowl plagues that have to happen first before we can land on the Mount of Olives with Jesus.**

***So what are WE doing all that time? Just hanging around, hovering over Jerusalem on earth? NO.... there are seven Last Plagues to go through.***

**Revelation 15:5-7**

“After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony IN HEAVEN was opened.

6- And out of the temple came **the seven angels having the seven plagues**, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

7 Then **one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.**”

**The 7 last bowl plagues are all listed one after the other in Rev 16.**  
*Remember this is happening AFTER we've been resurrected with immortal spirit bodies – and we're waiting and doing things somewhere!*

**REVELATION 16**

***Plague #1 of God's wrath – loathsome SORES v. 2;***

***Plague 2 = the seas are turned to blood and kills all sea life v.3.***

***Plague 3 = the fresh waters are turned to blood; can't drink, v.4-7***

***Plague 4 - SEVERE HEAT v. 8-9***

***Plague 5 = a heavy darkness and severe pain v.10-11***

***Plague 6 – Euphrates dried up vs 12-16. Demons stir up the kings of the earth to come fight Christ; Armageddon.***

***Plague 7 = Greatest earthquake ever on earth. V 17-21. Great 100 pound hail; lightnings, thunder, islands disappear; mountains leveled.***

**So WHILE those 7 last plagues are being poured out on earth, what are WE who have been resurrected, doing?**

- **Remember the GROOM must take his Bride back to His FATHER in heaven. The groom *always* took his bride-to-be back to the groom's father, so the wedding could start.**

**Matthew 22:2**

"The kingdom **of heaven** is like a certain **king** who arranged a marriage for his **son**."

**Going to heaven?** Where is the King Almighty who puts on the wedding for his son? In HEAVEN. We pray "Our father, who art in heaven...." Yes, Jesus has to take His Bride back to the Father in heaven to be accepted and to perform the wedding soon after, as we read in Rev. 19.

**We see all that is also pictured in Isaac's marriage to Rebekah in Genesis 24.** He went out in the Field, meets his new bride coming from afar – and takes her back to where his father was. Sarah had already died but her TENT was still up.

*SARAH's TENT represented Jerusalem above. Really study this.*

**Galatians 4 says Abraham had two sons – Ishmael from a slave woman (Hagar) and Isaac from a free woman Sarah (Gal. 4:22-24).**

**Galatians 4:25-26**

"for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – **26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

**Genesis 24:67**

**"Then Isaac brought her [Rebekah] into his mother Sarah's tent;** and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*So Isaac, a type of Christ, and Rebekah – picturing the church – became husband and wife in Sarah's tent, and Sarah pictured heavenly Jerusalem.*

So there again we have yet another PICTURE of a type of the Bride of Christ being married in Heavenly Jerusalem.

**Weddings are also tied to Pentecost.** Another indication the first resurrection most likely will be connected to Pentecost, which is often connected with "firstfruits" and even Jerusalem above:

- The marriage of God to Israel at Mt Sinai after the giving of the Law. Exodus 19-24
- The marriage of Boaz and Ruth was at Pentecost season, after the end of the barley harvest and the start of the wheat harvest (Ruth 2:23).

- Pentecost Acts 2 – they were given the “earnest” or the downpayment and guarantee (“*arrabon*” in Greek) of the Holy Spirit, very similar word to engagement ring (“*arrabona*” = engagement ring). Acts 2:1-5
- in the picture of **Isaac** marrying and consummating his marriage to **Rebekah in Sarah’s tent**, picturing Jerusalem above (Gal 4:22-26)
- We also had the **two leavened wheat loaves** *elevated to heaven* and GOD said, “**these are The Firstfruits to YHVH**” (Lev 23:17).
- **And Matthew 22** says the kingdom of HEAVEN is like a KING putting on a wedding for his SON... and we know that King – picturing God our Father – is in HEAVEN. The Fathers always put on the wedding of their son. And of course our Father wants to be there for this, and there’s **no more PERFECT venue for a PERFECT wedding, than to have it in Heavenly Jerusalem!**

**Notice WHERE Peter said our reward is reserved.**

**1 Peter 1:3-4**

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in HEAVEN** for you,”**

**It gets better! Where are the Firstfruits 144,000? On earth? In the clouds? They’re in front of God’s THRONE.**

**Revelation 14:1-5**

“Then I looked, and behold, **a Lamb standing on Mount Zion**, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having **His Father's name written on their foreheads**.

2 And I heard a voice from **heaven**, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

3 They sang as it were a new song **before The THRONE, before the four living creatures, and the elders**; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were **redeemed FROM the earth**.

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These

were **redeemed from among men, being FIRSTFRUITS to God and to the Lamb.**

5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault **before the throne OF GOD.**"

**And where are these thrones of GOD and the thrones of The four living creatures and 24 elders? REVELATION 4 MAKES IT CLEAR that these are all in** heaven, where God the father is. I'll have to move quickly but you can STUDY Revelation 4 more on your own time. I'll post the scripture and take a few highlights. **VS 1, 2, 4, 6 only** then we'll move on.

#### **REVELATION 4**

"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing **open IN HEAVEN**. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

**2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a THRONE set in HEAVEN, and One sat on the throne.** 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

**4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders** sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

**6 Before the throne there was A SEA OF GLASS, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures** full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second living creature like a **calf**, the third living creature had a face like a **man**, and the fourth living creature was like a flying **eagle**. 8 The four living creatures, **each having six wings**, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!"

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

**OK – so where are the 24 elders? Where are the 4 living creatures with six wings? Where's the Sea of Glass? They're all in HEAVEN as Rev 4:1 says, and the 144,000 are all before, in front of, the thrones, including the throne of GOD. ALL of those are in heaven!**

**Revelation 15:1-4**

"Then I saw another sign IN HEAVEN, great and marvelous: seven angels having **the seven last plagues**, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

2 And I saw something like **a SEA OF GLASS** mingled with fire, **and those who have the victory over the beast**, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, **standing on the sea of glass**, having harps of God." (CJB says 'standing BY the sea of glass.')

Notice that those who did not succumb to the 666, and worship the Beast, and who were probably martyred – are now at this point IN HEAVEN. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet had sounded in Rev 11:15. I'll post the rest of Rev 15:3-4 for you to read, but let's keep moving.

**3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:**

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You,

For Your judgments have been manifested."

I do not believe we are on some sort of portable sea of glass over earthly Jerusalem. Where did that idea come from? The sea of GLASS is in HEAVEN. Where Father is!

**WHY WE NEED Some TIME IN HEAVEN before ruling on earth**

**The saints are all spirit beings in HEAVEN by this time! We're all OUTSIDE of time and space. That means time won't affect us. In earth time, we'll likely be there for 3 months or so from Pentecost of the year Christ returns to the Feast of Trumpets of that same year. In heaven – that can seem like many years, as we'll be outside time and space, or it can seem as a moment, but we will have as much time as we need to get everything done before returning to earth.**

**WHY does God need us to go to, and be in, Heaven first? There's a lot to do, a lot to learn, a lot to get ready for – for when we return to earth, so we're ready, organized and know what we're to do.**

And of course the 7 last plagues of God's wrath listed in Rev. 16 have to run their course. That will take at least a few months even on Plague #6 alone.

**OTHER REASONS for spending TIME with God our Father and our husband Yeshua in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven before taking over the reins of power with him:**

- **Meet our heavenly FATHER!** 1 John 3:1-2. We shall see him for we shall be like him. OF course! And take a TOUR of heavenly Jerusalem.
- **Surely, we will have to be taught how to use our new spirit bodies and how to fly and stop and turn and use powers we'll be given – safely. We'll practice and rehearse this no doubt.** ONE reason the holy angels come gather us, is we'd have no idea at first how to fly, how to stop or turn... so the angels take us up to meet Christ. (Like **zip-lining** – crashing into your stop zone... )

**Can you imagine what it would be like if we all just then proceeded to land on the Mount of Olives, right after being changed to spirit glorified bodies? It would be confusing and chaotic if we didn't know how to act, how to fly, what we do next and where we go next, and with whom!**

- **We'll also get to meet the resurrected prophets and saints.** Imagine meeting face to face with our Abba, our dear Father. And the Son. And meeting Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, the resurrected Israel and his sons and their wives -- Picture this! How exciting! How can we not be excited about the first resurrection! Plus meeting Moses and listening to him, and Daniel, the apostles – Peter, Paul, John, Thomas, all of them. Mary Magdelene, Mary the mother of Yeshua. WOW – I can't wait!!

- **King of Kings will explain the “game plan” – the battle plan – for how we return and what happens next;** What each of us will be doing; Who we’ll be working with; what our job assignments will be – so when we do return to earth, there’s no confusion. We’re **READY** to do our job perfectly. God is not the author of confusion.

We’ll be outside time and space so can take all the time we need or that God wants us to have before returning to earth.

- **SEE OUR very own NEW mansion, designed just for you!**

### **John 14:1-3 From CJB**

“Don’t let yourselves be disturbed. Trust in God and trust in me.  
2 In my Father’s house **are many places to live**. If there weren’t, I would have told you; ***because I am going there to prepare a place for you.***

**3 *Since I am going and preparing a place for you, I will return to take you with me;*** so that where I am, you may be also.”

**Heavenly Jerusalem is one HUGE, HUGE CITY** that would cover 1/2 the size of the USA. And in that city we have a home. And—it’s our city!

Abraham looked for a city whose builder and maker is God (Heb 11:10).

### **Hebrews 11:10**

“For he (Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

All this will take time – learning how to be a spirit, learning our job assignments, our team mates, meeting everyone, seeing our new home,

**And then... sometime between Pentecost and the Fall holydays on earth – one more thing happens: we GET MARRIED as the Bride of the King of kings.** We hope to be the Bride in the Marriage of the Lamb described in Revelation 19. I believe all of this happens right after Pentecost.

### **OUR WEDDING in Heaven to the Son of God**

Can you imagine being **seated in the heavenly dining room** - perhaps even set up on the Sea of Glass that is like crystal? What’s heavenly food and drink like? Dream a little. Get excited. Our table waiters will be angels – and maybe even a surprise! **Luke 12:37** seems to hint that even Jesus himself may be serving though that verse is a bit unclear.

**During this time in heaven, I wouldn't be surprised if God decides to also do other things – like give you your new name**, mentioned in **Revelation 3:12**. Our dear Father and our Messiah love to name people how they see them. So Simon becomes Peter – meaning stone or rock. Abram becomes Father of many nations. Jacob – supplanter – becomes Israel, Prince with God.

I wonder what your name will be. Perhaps there would be some sort of brief ceremony where King Jesus will explain the new name he's giving you. I'm sure it will be very moving and touching. Hallelujah. We'll have all the time we need, as we're outside time and space, remember. Here's what is said to the Philadelphian brethren of Rev 3.

**Revelation 3:12**

“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. **And I will write on him My new name.**”

Everywhere we go, you will be identified as – your new name – of the God Almighty, of the Heavenly Jerusalem – as one of God's firstfruits in the first resurrection! We'll have all the time we need, as we'll be outside of time and space. **The Pergamos group** also get a new name, but theirs is written privately on their white stone and no one else knows that name (Rev. 2:17)

So it's going to be *the most exciting time* of your life! A time of learning, growing, meeting various ones, watching the glory of heaven going by – **and mesmerized by millions of glorious holy angels coming and going!**

Some will come to you to introduce themselves as your personal servant (**Hebrews 1:14**). Some angels will look like people. Some have wings, some with four wings, some have six wings, some look like flying eagles, or have 4 sides or faces on their heads... some have eyes all around on them. We'll be in AWE of what's going on all around us. Hallelujah! Angelic choirs. Times of bowing down - -“Holy, holy, holy... Lord God Almighty” – and watching the 24 elders cast their crowns and worship. WOW.... Don't miss this.

And then we're married to Yeshua, our Savior, whose name means Salvation of Yah! **Now turn to Psalm 45.**

**We are the ROYAL DAUGHTER of the Almighty God**, the Supreme King and God, and we're ready to marry the Son of God. Jesus WILL BE A

MARRIED KING when he returns to earth! And there's no more appropriate place for the wedding than in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven itself.

**Psalms 45:13-15**

**“The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace;  
Her clothing is woven with gold.**

14 She shall be *brought to the King* in robes of many colors;  
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.

15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;  
**They shall enter the King's palace.”**

**Revelation 19:6-9**

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

**7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."**

**8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen**, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousness (as it should read) of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, **"Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"** And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Finally, when the wedding is done, our King and Husband says, “It’s time. It’s time to take over the reins of rulership on earth and lock Satan up. **Mount up everyone, on your own angelic white charger** and let’s get going – as we explained to you before.”

**Revelation 19:11-16**

“Now I saw HEAVEN opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called **Faithful and True, and in righteousness** He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

**13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called ‘The Word of God’.**

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. [Jude 14 says this includes the saints.]

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 **And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."**

**Revelation 19:19-21**

**"And I saw the Beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.**

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh."

**Revelation 20:1-3**

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

**2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;**

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more *till the thousand years were finished*. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

Now, finally, we're on the earth, and the 1000-year reign with Messiah can begin. **Zechariah 14** explains landing on the Mount of Olives, destroying the armies gathered to fight us and Mount of Olives splitting in two in a massive earthquake.

We'll start in Jerusalem, just as Christ told the apostles in Acts 1-2, to "start here, then take my Good News to the ends of the earth, to all people". And yes, we'll be doing that.

We'll be winning over hearts and minds, by showing them what the new regime, the new government is like: we CARE about people and their needs. It will be all about servant leadership and genuinely helping people.

And YOU and I will be spirit beings with great power – to give them clean water, to help feed them and heal them. We'll help reunite families and give them a hope and a joy in life again. (STORIES).

And little by little the whole world will be won over, represented by the seventy nations listed in Genesis 10.

There were 70 bulls sacrificed during the Feast of Tabernacles, pointing to the 70 nations of the world (Numbers 29:12-38). It started with 13 bulls on day 1, then 12, then 11 – until finally on the 7<sup>th</sup> day – 7 bulls, making 70 total.

Then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, after the Feast of Tabernacles, there was only 1 bull sacrificed. All that has meaning too, but we'll have to save that for another time.

God is so good. Father in heaven – send your son Yeshua back soon!  
And we brethren, children of God, should be so excited to be included in this.

**CLOSING PRAYER**