
Hoshana Rabbah and Shemini Atzeret – A New Look at God’s Plan and Kingdom

Greetings everybody around the world—wherever you might be on this final day of the Feast of Tabernacles—the eighth day called Shemini Atzeret. This is the day that the Lord has made and we will be rejoice and be glad in it! This day depicts the final day in God’s plan that he has revealed to us. He has given us understanding of the end of this age and the days of new beginnings. This day is mentioned in Leviticus 23 where God gives us the beginning understanding of his annual feast days and explains the meaning.

A lot of things God commands us to do and observe which he does not give us a full explanation at the time, but that will come later. Like a covenant of marriage, when a husband and wife come together as one and agree to take each other for the rest of their lives—“in sickness and health, for better or worse until death do them part”—they do not know all that the future holds and the things that will come up—blessings, joys, obstacles, tests and trials. But because of their love for each other they make a commitment to go through life together as one flesh in God’s sight.

1 Corinthians 11:3—“know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” In God’s sight we are the bride of Christ—like the wife who listens to her husband’s commands and follows what he says and goes wherever he goes. The husband may need to relocate because of his job and the wife will be supportive with this decision and accompany him in the move and help make the whole process work effectively. We as the bride of Christ are going to be assisting Christ and ruling with him in his coming kingdom as it continues expanding and growing without end (eternity). This very day we are celebrating today pictures eternity – infinity— and fullness of the kingdom of God and his plan which the world does not know. The world certainly does not know the secret things of God nor his plan. **Deuteronomy 29:29**—“the secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” **Revelation 12:9, 12**—“the whole world is deceived by Satan, the devil, our adversary.” The devil is “full of wrath” and “walks about on this earth as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).” The whole world is confused and befuddled because of Satan the devil’s mind-bending influence.

Leviticus 23:34—“on the 15th day of the seventh month of Tishri you are to keep the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord.” The seventh day was over yesterday at sunset and it completed the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth). “On the 8th day you shall have a holy convocation (Hebrew: *azeret* means assembly); you shall do no customary work on it.” The word *shemni* means “eighth”. It is a feast all by itself. **Numbers 29:12**—tells us again about keeping the Feast of Tabernacles and rejoicing before the Lord for seven days. On the 15th day of the seventh month you shall have a sacred assembly; do no servile work. **Verse 35**—“On the 8th day you shall have a sacred assembly; do no customary work.” These feast days are God’s **appointed times** and are a statute forever. The eighth day, Shemini Azeret is the capstone in God’s appointed annual days and has incredible and fantastic meaning.

John 7:2—Christ went up to Jerusalem to keep the Feast in Jerusalem. What feast? The Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. Verse 7—“while he was teaching at the Temple in Jerusalem on the last and greatest day of the Feast, he was confronted by the Jews.” The whole chapter is talking about the Feast of Tabernacles. Verses **37-39** —“Let any man who thirsts, come and drink of me. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water. But this he spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, and Jesus was not yet glorified.” This is talking about yesterday, the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles. The number seven in itself is the number that means completion, fulfillment and perfection. The seventh day of the week was the day of completing the week—making a perfect week—the finalizing stroke of perfection. The number seven is the number of perfection. **Isaiah 11** speaks about the *seven spirits or aspects of God*—total perfection (Revelation 3:1; 4:5 and Zachariah 5:6).

The seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles is a very special day. In the days of the temple, the Jewish people would gather at the temple mount for a sacred assembly, listen to the Levitical choir singing praises to God and would watch as the priests marched around the sacred altar at the temple seven circuits waving their lulavs and citron, praising God while the assembly waved their lulavs and citron. Marching around the temple altar seven times on the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles was a custom started by the prophets of God, taken from the time Joshua and Israel first entered the Promised Land and the first city Israel attacked was the battle against the city of Jericho. Jericho was a prominent city of the Canaanites with extremely high and impregnable walls.

Joshua 6--God told Joshua, “you shall compass the city, all you men of war, and go round about the city once a day for six days. Seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns (shofars): and the seventh day you shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and then when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up (attack) every man straight before him.” Joshua had commanded the people, “You shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall you shout. So when the priests blew with the trumpets at the seventh time and the people shouted with a great shout, the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him and they took the city. And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.” “Only Rahab the harlot was saved, and her father's household and all that she had. Because she hid the messengers that Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.”

God works in sevens. That day, “seven” represented great salvation among the Jewish and Israelite/Hebrew people and is referred to as *Hoshana Rabba*. *Hoshea* is the name of Christ and means *salvation or savior*. *Hoshana* means “save us now”. *Rabba* means with the great multitudinous salvation. So this tells us that on the seventh and last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, it signifies that it is going to be a **multitudinous** salvation. The whole Feast of Tabernacles pictures the Millennium and the Kingdom of God. When Christ returns, Satan the devil will be bound for 1000 years. **Revelation 20:1-3**—John says, “I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should not deceive the nations anymore, until the thousand years should be fulfilled (ended) and after that he must be loosed a little season”—set free for a short time.

Revelation 20:4-5—“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and

which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**” This is at the beginning of the thousand year Millennial period when Christ returns in glory. These are the first fruits of God: the men and women of the church of God along together with the holy prophets, patriarchs, and all the saints of the Old and New Testament who will be in the first resurrection. **Verse 6** is a spectacular promise that God has given—“blessed and holy is he that has part in the *first resurrection*; on 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.” **Verse 5**—“**But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.**”

Revelation 20:7—“when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison 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.” These are physical human beings living on earth at that time. Satan will use all the lies, power of persuasion and deception that he has to deceive the nations once more to follow him in rebellion and war against Christ and his saints in Jerusalem. “They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded God’s people and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and false prophet had been thrown.” **Revelation 19** shows that the beast and false prophet are cast into this burning lake of fire at the beginning of the Millennium a thousand years previously, where their bodies are consumed into smoke and ashes. Now the devil is going to be cast into that Lake of fire and brimstone at the end of the Millennium along with his angels—the demon spirits.

Matthew 25:31-41—“when the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angles with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on the right and the goats on his left. The King will say to those on his right—*the sheep*: **Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.**”

- For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.
- I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.
- I was a stranger and you invited me in.
- I needed clothes and you clothed me.
- I was sick and you looked after me.
- I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see and help you?” The King will reply: “I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Then the King will say to those on his left—*the goats*: “**Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.**”

- I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat.
- I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink.
- I was a stranger and you did not invite me in.
- I needed clothes and you did not clothe me.
- I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.

They will also answer. “Lord when did we see you, and did not help you?” He will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of these, you did not do for me.” “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Christ says he will find a place in his kingdom for those who are compassionate. There is no place for those who are self-centered, without mercy and compassion. They will wind up with punishment in the lake of fire.

That *Lake of Fire* is prepared for the devil and his angels—it’s main purpose—for the wicked that refuse to repent and refuse to obey God. Read my article, *What is Satan’s Fate?* The original Greek word for *forever* eon means “until the end of the age or to the border of eternity.” Satan and his angels will be completely consumed to ashes, until he is no more—completely done away. **Ezekiel 28:19**—“you have come to a horrible end”—consumed in that Lake of fire until he is no more. **Hebrews 2:14**—“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so **that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those** who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” The devil will finally be obliterated and cancelled out at this final rebellion at the end of the Millennium. “Surely it is not angels; he helps, but Abraham’s descendents. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Notice **Revelation 20:11**—“Then I saw a great whiter throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged *according to what they had done* (their works) as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in it, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is **the second death**. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” This is a great time of judgment being spoken of, when all those who have ever lived are going to come before Christ and be judged. Christ will rule the world for a thousand years and will separate the righteous from the unrighteous. **Matthew 25:45**—the righteous (sheep) will go into eternal life—the wicked (goats) to death.

Matthew 10:11-16—tells us about this same time of judgment. Christ did many miracles, yet he was ignored and rejected. He sent out his disciples to preach the gospel. “Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. I tell you the truth; it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” **Verse 32**—“whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. **Verse 40**—He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

Matthew 11:20—“Jesus began to rebuke the cities in which most of his mighty miracles had been done,” **because the people did not repent. Luke 13:5**—“unless you repent, you shall all likewise perish.” God’s ultimatum is repent or perish! **Ezekiel 18:4**—“the soul that sins shall die.” **Romans 11:5**—only a few people are being called as a result of God’s kindness in choosing them as first fruits. **Rev.14:1**-- Before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their forehead. These are the first fruits to God and the Lamb, redeemed from the earth among men—those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits

to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths, they are blameless.” This is about a thousand people out of every generation from Adam and Eve until today. They will be the bride of Christ when he returns and will marry the Lamb when he returns. **Revelation 19:7-8**—“Hallelujah! Let us be glad and rejoice and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. And to her it was granted for her to be arrayed in fine linen. (Fine linen stands for righteous acts of the saints.) Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” True brethren have the testimony of Jesus. These are all the converted people from the days of Adam and Eve, which includes Elijah, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua, the prophets, David, Daniel and all the saints in the church.

Daniel 10:11—“O man greatly beloved, from the first day you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard and I (Gabriel) have come because of your words.” Daniel is a good example to follow because of his willingness to be humble, taught, fasted and prayed three times a day. **Daniel 12** gives the summaries of the prophecies received by Daniel. **Verse 4**—“Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.” **Verse 9**—“many will be purified, made spotless and clean, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of; the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” Will understand what God’s plan is and what he is doing on this earth. **Verse 11**—“From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there shall be one 1,290 days. From the time of the abomination of desolation until the coming of Messiah (Dan. 9) is 3 ½ years (1260 days). Here we see an extra 30 days after the 3 ½ years (1,290 days). “*Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days (1,335).*” That is another 45 days or 1 ½ months. What is that referring to? I believe that, when Christ comes and sets foot on the Mount of Olives (Zachariah 14:4) he is going to go forth and make war with the nations and conquer the earth and bring back his children of Israel to their land and the city of Jerusalem. That ingathering is going to take some time—probably going to take about a month (30 days).

After the Abomination of Desolation is set up and 3 ½ years later Christ returns, then another thirty days to re-gather Israel to Jerusalem, then forty-five days later there is an event which takes place what is called “the blessed event” --“blessed is the one who comes to 1, 335 days.” I think this is the same event that is spoken of in **Revelation 19:9** which says, “*Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.*” That pictures the marriage of the Lamb at this time, forty-five days after Israel is gathered from captivity and the Lamb and the Bride are married and a great celebration feast of that marriage is held in Jerusalem.

Daniel 12:1-4, 29—“**At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time, your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book –will be delivered. Multitudes that sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.**” “But you Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” “You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your inheritance.” Daniel will arise along with the saints when the first resurrection occurs. The Apostle Paul explains this order in succinct words beginning in **1Corinthians 15:50**—“ I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For, the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. For, the perishable must clothe itself with the incorruptible and the mortal with

immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the incorruptible, and the mortal with immortality, the saying that is written will come true. Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

Michael is the one who became Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:20**—“Now, Christ is risen from the dead and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Verse 22—“As in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive each one in his own order. Christ the first one, afterwards those who are of Christ, at his coming,” then those will be resurrected and “then comes the end” of the age when Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father after he has put an end to all rule, authority and power. He must first reign and put all authority under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death itself.” Verse 28—“when all things are made subject to him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (God the Father) that put all things under him (Christ), that God may be all in all.” Right now God is dealing with the first fruits—the saints, prophets, apostles and those in his church body. There is a time for everyone.

What about those who grew up in idolatry and paganism and never knew or heard of Christ, or the truth of God and his plan of salvation? What about all the babies that died in infancy or were aborted, what about them? **Romans 11:5-7**—“What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks, but the elect have obtained it and the rest were blinded. Just as it is written, ‘*God gave them a spirit of stupor (slumbers), so that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day*’.”

Romans 11:11—“I say then, did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Rather, because of their transgressions, Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgressions mean riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!” Right now the vast majority of people are blinded. Verse 25—“I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, so that you may be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: *The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godliness away from Jacob, and this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.*”

Romans 11:26—“Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. “For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also shall obtain mercy. For, God has given all men over to disobedience so that he might have mercy on all.” God is going to restore the truth to the whole world. **Isaiah 11:6**—“the wolf will live with the lamb and the leopard will lie down with the goat, and the yearling together; And a little child lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on my entire holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

All the blind will see, and all the deaf will hear. All those without understanding will be given spiritual understanding and will come to conversion. This is spoken of in Ezekiel 37. All Israel today is blinded. **Ezekiel 37:3-9**—“the hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley, it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ ” I said, “O Sovereign Lord, you alone know.” “Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord’.”

All that have ever lived will be brought back to life to learn the way of the Lord. When is that going to be? It will be during the Great White Throne judgment, but not during the Millennium spoken of in **Isaiah 65:17**—“Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight as a rejoicing and her people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. Never again will there be an infant who lives but a few days, nor an old man who does not live out his years; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner who dies at a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.”

All those resurrected by Christ will be given a hundred years and will have their opportunity for salvation—to repent and learn the ways of God, the way of joy and obedience. This will be a hundred years period after the Millennium, after Satan is destroyed (Revelation 19:19 through Revelation 20:15) and after the first heaven and earth has passed away. Those who refuse to learn and absolutely rebel will be accursed. What will happen to them? **Revelation 20:11-15**—“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it; from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the writings which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” The sinner who refuses to repent at a hundred years of age will be cursed and cast into the lake of fire. The Great White Throne Judgment is called the Great Day of Salvation—*Hoshanna Rabbah*. That is the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles. That is the day of the Great Salvation! Everyone who has ever lived on the earth is going to be brought back to life and live on the earth and given a chance of salvation. The family of God is going to have an exponential growth at that time, and the family of God will fill the universe.

What happens after that? Well, after the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles, we come to the eighth day, *Shemini Azaret*. The number eight in the scriptures means “new beginning”. When Noah and his family entered the ark, and the old world perished in the flood there were eight people in the ark. Seven is the number that completes the week and number eight begins a new weekly cycle—a new beginning, *Shemini Azaret*. This is a new beginning in God’s great plan which is detailed in Revelation 21.

Revelation 21:1-8—“I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy city, the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.’ They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” There will be great rejoicing for the joy of salvation as people walk in the light of God. Verse 5--“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’” Then he said, “*Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true. It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But the cowardly, unbelieving,*

abominable (vile), murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers (those who practice magic arts), idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” We will be more than the angels. We will be the sons of God himself, ruling the universe with him.

Revelation 21:9-26—describes the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth. It appears that God is going to continue to expand his family. Verse 24—“And the nations who are saved (Greek word means saved and being saved) shall walk in the light of the New Jerusalem and the kings of the earth will bring their honor and glory of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter in anything that is impure (defiles), nor will anyone who does what is shameful (causes an abomination) or deceitful (makes a lie), but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of Life.” Only those who serve God will allowed. **Revelation 22:1**—“the angel showed me the river of water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of Go and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.”

Revelation 22:7—“Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecies of the words of this book.” The angel said to me, “See that you do not worship me, for I am a fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets and those who keep the words of the book, for the time is at hand. Worship God! Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book for the time is at hand. He who is filthy (unjust), let him filthy still: he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him remain holy still.” Christ says, “behold I am coming quickly and my reward is with me to give to everyone according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

Verses 14-21—“blessed are those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city. Outside the city are dogs, sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” and let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely. I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book. If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. If anyone takes away from these words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things (promises) that are written in this book. He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly’.”

Hebrews 2:6-8—“What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?” You have made a little lower than the angels, you crowned him with glory and honor, and put everything under his feet.” God has set man over all the works of His hands—all things have been put under subjection under his feet. God left nothing that was not put under him. Now we see Yeshua (Jesus) who is made a little lower than the angels now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Yeshua (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, ‘I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises’.”

Christ qualified to be over all under God the Father and Christ will deliver the kingdom up to God the Father. **Isaiah 9:6**—“for unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon

His shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Verse 7—“**Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.** Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” The universe is going to keep on expanding as God continues to create more and more, adding multiple generations to his family of sons of God to rule. This is the meaning of Shemini Atzeret. In Hebrew it is *Olam Ha Bah*—the world to come that will grow on endlessly forever.

2 Peter 3:1—“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.” “Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming, That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and consider that the longsuffering of the Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother, Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you.” Verse 17—“therefore, since you know this, beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*”

To God be the glory now and forever. Amen!