

## **Last Great Day—2024**

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We are now observing the last annual High Day of this year. This day, the Last Great Day of this Feast season, has very little written about it. Really, there's not that much, in that respect, in the sense of what we have known in times past and what we have grasped and comprehended that's basically in the book of Isaiah concerning the hundred years that was revealed to Herbert Armstrong, and then some of the things in the book of Revelation.

But it really has the least of all the annual Holy Days, the "appointed times" I should say, in that respect of what is written in scripture. There is a lot written in Leviticus 23 as a whole. Compared to the Last Great Day, it's barely a blurb there. It doesn't even mention the name of it, as a whole, it's just a matter that it's the eighth day of this period of time called the Feast of Tabernacles, and then this added on period of time, this High Day that's given to us, and not as much in the sense of what's written about the others.

So, it should be obvious as well to us that this is in accordance with God's plan and purpose. Why is that? You know, there's a purpose for that.

From the Passover and on up through the Day of Atonement, God has given us an abundant amount of revelation concerning His plan that focuses on how we are to go through the process that leads us to being a part of His family. So, all the way from Passover, an appointed time, and then the Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, we have the period of Trumpet and Atonement, and then we come up to the Feast of Tabernacles which is something basically looking forward into the future, into the Millennium. There's a great deal we've been given about that concerning that period of time that lasts for a thousand years. Joshua the Christ becomes King of kings and returns with the 144,000, the firstfruits. Christ is the first of the firstfruits and then the rest at his coming.

We are unique in every respect because we have those who are preparing to enter into that period of time. Some being trained and prepared for living on into the Millennium in physical form, if you will, continuing on in their physical lives as a part of the Body of Christ, and others are going to be able to be a part of that 144,000. And so, in that respect, we are very unique as a people, as a Church.

The final hundred years that picture the events of the Last Great Day do not have much in scripture regarding this period—that's the bottom line—that we have been able to see through time as far as leading up to, coming through Philadelphia and in through Laodicea. We have a basic outline, or we had in that respect have been given a basic outline and additional information that God has given us over the past few years, which is quite incredible.

Having said all that, this day does give an incredible amount of comfort to God's people, to God's Church, those things that we're given to understand. A hope that we have because of other things that God has revealed about the resurrections and the different resurrections and the timing of some of those things. And so again, we have a peace of mind, a hope. We live by faith that is strong in that respect because of what God has given us to see and to believe, and we live by those things in the sense of grasping that there is going to be a second physical life for the majority of mankind.

People don't understand that in the world. They don't grasp those things. They don't have a confidence and a boldness and a peace of mind because of that. So, how blessed are we that we have?

So, most in our families and those of friends or coworkers, if you will, that we have known don't have that peace of mind. They just don't have that as a whole. They do not have the comfort that comes from knowing what happens after death. And we do. We're very blessed in that.

Let's turn over to Revelation 20:1. We've gone through many of these different kinds of scriptures. We're going to look at this a little bit different as far as a process here at this Last Great Day, this final High Day of this year.

Here in **Revelation 20:1**, it says, **Then I saw an angel come down from out of heaven, having the key...** And it's not about a "bottomless pit." It's a word for "an abyss." It says here, **a great chain in his hand.** So, these things are descriptive of something that happens in that respect to this particular being that we're going to be discussing here, where it says, "He has a great chain in his hand."

**And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.** So, we've been blessed to understand that we're going to come to a time where we're going to go through some of the worst, horrific times on earth in the sense of what's going to take place throughout the earth. There have been some horrible things that have happened in different parts of the earth, but to happen throughout all the earth in the manner that it's going to, we really can't even comprehend that. But we know it's going to come to pass, and we know that Joshua the Christ is going to return and the 144,000 with him. We so look forward to that.

We know we're closing in on that period just because of the things that are happening in the world around us. And yet to know that this being is going to be put into, if you will, a restraint at that particular time in a way that he hasn't. He's been restrained at different times, and we understand that by some of the things that have to do with the seven revivals of that old Roman Empire. He's been restrained at different times and then at other times he's been let go to have more power, to exercise more power, to bring different parts of the world to war, and so forth. We're coming up to the largest one yet that he's going to be responsible for.

But now at the end of six thousand years, at the establishment of the Millennium, how blessed are we that we understand... And that's exciting. He's not going to be around to harm, to hurt, to deceive, to do

all the evil things that he's been doing for the past six thousand years. So, he's going to be, as it says here, "and bound him a thousand years."

So again, in many respects, a lot has already been given concerning things about the Last Great Day. It will be a time when Satan will no longer be on earth to harass mankind. We'll see some of those scriptures in a moment as well where it goes a little farther into it. But we know that throughout the Millennium he is not going to be around to harass mankind through his mastery, if you will. He's a master of deception, he truly is. Human beings are no match for him. The carnal reasoning, selfish reasoning of human beings for that kind of deception, no match for it. That's why we take comfort in the scripture that says, "Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world," speaking of this being. And so, it's a matter of having God in us and having that life within us that we're able to dwell in God, in the Body of Christ, in the Church of God, and God dwells in us to give us that ability to do so on a spiritual plane. That's our strength. That's our power in that regard to where that being doesn't have power over us like he does the rest of the world.

Again, he's not going to be around to harass, to deceive mankind as he has, to distort all that's true. He's twisted and distorted just everything in that regard that has to do with things about God. He's done an incredible job over six thousand years of incredible deception to where the majority of the earth in that respect, there are majorities – not talking about Christianity in that respect, I am talking about Christianity, what is called Christianity, and to realize the numbers of people. You know, well over two billion people and up to two and a half billion people on the earth. And then, of course, all the other weird, strange religions on the earth and so forth.

But as far as those who claim Christianity, in that respect, who are deceived, again here, there are those things they just don't know and everything has been distorted and twisted and so many varieties that people don't know what to believe so they basically hold on to, as a whole, those things that they've grown up with, whatever religion that was. Sometimes because of this modern age of technology and people going into other things that they're able to see and study and read into, sometimes go into some other area of traditional Christianity. But as a whole, it's what people grow up with and what their parents taught them and what they learned in that regard.

And so again, this being here being put away where he can't do those things anymore. What an awesome blessing. There is a comfort in that, there really is. There's a peace of mind in that, an excitement of waiting for—that's the hope—of what the world is truly going to be like. And so, it is an incredible hope within us. He's not going to be able to promote evil toward mankind for nearly than 1,100 years, right at that period of time.

Then it says in **verse 2—And he laid hold on the dragon, again, reading it again, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years**

Then **verse 3—and cast him into the abyss and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years should be fulfilled.** Now, in times past there are things that have been misunderstood in a lot of these things and it's easy to read something into a matter here. Just because it says that "he should not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years should be fulfilled" doesn't mean that he's going to be let loose at that moment. Because he's not.

It goes on to say, **and after that, he must be let loose...** "After that." After the thousand years are complete, he's going to be let loose **for a little season.** And so, people can jump to conclusions and not grasp that that time period that we're going to, as we continue through this, God has revealed to us it's at the end of that hundred years.

So, what a blessing that for 1,100 years after the great resurrection that the Last Great Day pictures that there are going to be those who are resurrected and be able to continue on without that being around. Because when they were alive in that first 6,000 years that being was very powerful and the deception was all over, and they're being resurrected in the deception they had when they died.

**Verse 4—Then I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them.** So again, who is it talking about? **And I saw the lives of those who had been cut off**—it's not "beheaded, it's the word "cut off"—**for the witness of Joshua, and for the word of God.** Who is that? Well, it's the Church of God, as a whole. The majority have been called during that period of time, the Church of God, but the same thing has happened to others in times past where when God begins working with individuals, with people, as a whole, they become cut off from family, from society as a whole because of what they believe. And so, because of what they believed in the Old Testament.

Just like Abraham, God told him to just get up and leave, to go, and Abraham did it in order to facilitate his being able to get out of that area and begin to be taught by God in various areas of life. He didn't have a whole lot. It was whatever God gave to him and that's what he had. But he did that. But it's a pattern of something that is definite in the sense of how people are worked with.

I think of Noah and the world was so bad that God worked with him. He was the one, it brings out, who was preserved and prepared to do what he was going to do. It wasn't a last-minute decision. God prepared all this, that he would build an ark, and he would do what he did to go through that period of time and to change the lifespan of man because there are things to learn from all that and that process.

So, it says again here, **these were cut off for the witness of Joshua, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast.** So, whatever form that was as far as that being that is basically that beast, because it's not just about what happened in the last two thousand years or the period after 325 even, but it's about what's happened over the entire period of six thousand years. Because that being has been out there deceiving mankind before the flood and after the flood and there have been all kinds of gods and so forth that people have believed in. Well, they didn't turn to that because they held on to God. "They looked for a city whose builder and maker was God." It's a beautiful thing to understand.

And then, of course, the Church became established, and what incredible blessings then. God poured out so much more, began to reveal the spirit of the law even, the spirit of various things that had been said in the Old Testament that they couldn't grasp before, and now those things began to be given.

So again here, **which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, nor received the mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands.** And so, that does get more specific. We understand what that means. But of course, that even goes back way before Christ was ever born because so much of the worship that Satan inspired was a matter of sun worship, Sunday, the first day of the week, and that being just tried to work full blast if you will to deceive people and get people away from any truth, any knowledge, any resemblance of anything that was true from God.

So, these are people who when it talks about "in their foreheads," what they believed, because especially in 31 AD and starting there we see a clear picture of the disciples who continued to observe the Sabbath, the seventh day. Christ didn't address that when he was there. The Sabbath was on the right day of the week; they were observing the right time. And so, we have that knowledge and comfort of the truth that we have been given, that we hold on to what the world just doesn't have. They don't have that even there.

And so, this "mark upon their foreheads," it's not a mark on the forehead, it's a matter of a sign that it's in the mind, of the things they did, they lived the life they did in setting aside a particular day, the Sabbath day, that set them apart from everyone else. They were cut off from others because of that, from family and the like because of what they believed and what they lived. "Or in their hands." In other words, when they would work and when they wouldn't work. That's what that's symbolic of.

**...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.** So, it's a beautiful picture. I'm so thankful that after the Apostasy God began to reveal to us the reality that there are only 144,000 with whom God has worked with in that count from the time of Adam and Eve – which they weren't prepared for that, but their son was, Abel was. And so, we see this period of time that has gone on for six thousand years and God has revealed to us that those things in Revelation, when it talks about this group being worked with and the great multitude that no one could count and so forth, it reveals something that it's the same group. It's only 144,000. But there was a time when it was believed through Philadelphia and Laodicea that there were going to be hundreds of thousands of people that were going to be added to that.

So, it says here, **they didn't receive these things in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Verse 5—But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.** It's very explicit. What an incredible thing! It's not a hard thing in the sense of just accepting or looking at what it's specifically saying. If someone believes what God says here, that Christ is going to return to this earth and reign for a thousand years with the 144,000 with him, and then, as it says here "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."

Well, in the verses here it talks about those who—and it does here, just a little bit—about this first resurrection. A resurrection is being resurrected from the dead. Christ was resurrected from the dead; he was dead. And so, it's to be given life again. The definition of what it's all about it's a matter of that they had life, and they were dead, and they were given life again.

So, when one understands the context here, which isn't that hard, it's just a matter of whether they believe it or not, that there is a thousand-year reign of Christ, the 144,000 with him, and then, as it says here, "the rest of the dead." It's so basic. All those who lived for six thousand years who weren't a part of the first resurrection, they're the rest of the dead. This is a no-brainer in that respect.

And so, **The rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection**, in the context of what it's talking about, those who come with Christ, and so forth.

**Blessed and holy are they who have part in the first resurrection.** Again, how blessed are we that we see this? Because the world doesn't grasp this. They don't grasp the timing. They don't understand that there is a resurrection that's referred to as the first one, Christ being the first of the firstfruits. He was resurrected first. But as far as a resurrection of mankind that was born of man and woman, that's another matter.

It says here, **Blessed and holy are they who have part in the first resurrection. On such the second death has no power.** So again here, something that by context should be rather obvious to see what it's saying and to be truthful about it. Again, it's not rocket science. To have a second death means you have to have a second physical life. I mean, there is no other way to have a second death except that you were dead and then made alive again and then died again.

So, these that are resurrected in this first resurrection at Christ's coming, it's in the context here about them even before this when it talks about 144,000 and builds up in time to where it talks about those returning with Christ and so forth, and this army that's with him, and then finally here getting more specific about a timing here, an event taking place that's referred to as the first resurrection. The second death has no power because these are no longer physical. They were resurrected, the first resurrection. They weren't made physical human beings. They can't die again. They're made spirit. Beautiful.

Sometimes it's good for us to review and think about some of these things, compared to the world around us, for what they do not see, of what traditional Christianity is totally blind to. But our minds have been opened up to, to understand and see the simplicity of it. That's why I loved the name of the magazine, which wasn't an accident, *The Plain Truth*. When it's plain, it's plain. But only God's spirit can make it plain, clear, and simple, basic. It's not something able to be received by the world. It's not simple to them. It's not clear to them. It's not basic to them. It's not plain to them. It's plain to us and God has to give it to us by His holy spirit. So, we're so richly blessed, we really are.

**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.** So again, what we just observed in the past seven days. Beautiful. The Millennium. The thousand years and the 144,000 reigning with Christ during that period, bringing the government of God to this earth, establishing the government of God, establishing the true Church in a very powerful way that it begins to go throughout all the earth, where deception and lies are put down, where the truth is raised up, and the power to create a system, to bring about a system, to work with a system that becomes an incredible blessing to mankind and the ability to learn and to see and to know of God's way by everyone who will receive it. Because all won't.

And so, the 144,000, as it says here, "they shall be," again, "priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Christ a thousand years."

So, this takes us through the period of, again then, the Millennium, and then that period that follows. After seven thousand years, no more human life. There will be no more reproductivity. It's not going to be there. There'll be no babies being born, begotten. God takes that away from mankind. When they're resurrected, when people are resurrected and given a new body at this point in time, and for any who are living up to that point in time as far as that one thousand years is concerned, the Millennium, God takes away that ability of reproduction. God has the power to do that, to take away that which had been given for nearly seven thousand years, right at seven thousand years. Then it's taken away.

All who are resurrected to physical life again don't have that ability either. So, in whatever means, it's a small thing with God, no more reproductivity, no more babies being born. Babies being resurrected but not born. Awesome to know and to understand such things!

Again here, this takes us through the period of the Millennium, and then we're blessed to know that the hundred years of the Last Great Day follow this, if you will, as it says, "the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." So, what takes place? They're going to be resurrected.

So, who do you know? Who do you know that you are looking forward to seeing again and potentially, very likely, be able to share God's truth and ways with them? To be a help and an inspiration to them. To know you and that you made it, that you are a part of Elohim.

That's going to be an awesome thing, to be able to be there when so many whom we have known who have died not knowing the truth, or maybe even having known it but became deceived or whatever it was but hadn't committed the unpardonable sin and some of those things that are going to take place that happen when they are resurrected. We don't know how all this is going to transpire. Perhaps all of them, we don't know how God is going to deal with all this fully, but we've been given a very good picture up to this point in time.

Again here, the things that are going to take place then at that time, that people we have known who will be resurrected and brought back to life, and for them to know you and to realize what you have as

they're able to see. They're going to know that they were dead. They're going to know that they've been given a different physical life and the bodies they have. That evidence is in them and there is no way to deny it. It's very personal now.

Whereas when they came to the Red Sea, the Israelites, and so forth, it wasn't hard for them to begin murmuring and complaining and wondering who God was. Then when Moses was up on the mount and they started making this molten calf and saying, "This is the god who brought us out of Egypt," and all the crazy, weird things that human beings can do on a physical basis in their thinking, in their minds. And now for them to be able to see and be able to be drawn to God by the power of His spirit, by everything they see, what has happened over a thousand years on the earth, that it's changed so dramatically that they don't even recognize things in the same way as to the blessings and the fullness, and the richness of everything that's on the earth, the things that are built and constructed, the technology that we will have at that time.

We have incredible technology now, but the ability to do the things we're going to be able to do then, it's going to be dumbfounding. I think of people when they're resurrected in the first place and the 144,000, and they see what man has done in the last two hundred years, and to realize where we are now and all these, as it says, "there is no end to their chariots." Well, how would you describe all these vehicles running up and down the highways and thousands and thousands and thousands and crisscrossing of bridges over when they're crossing in certain cities and the like and just a maze of vehicles and transportation and trains and airplanes and ships that it'll be mind-boggling to them.

I'd like to... I guess we will. We'll get to see some of their faces. The shock in that one respect and the awe of what God has brought the earth to by that time. But by the end of the thousand years, night and day. It's going to be so much different than what it is when we enter into the Millennium, as when we are at the end of the Millennium.

So again, we have so much to look forward to. There is so much that is so exciting to us that we're going to be blessed to be a part of. But to see people once again? Who is it? Who is it? So, very likely—not just very likely—you're going to have those kinds of opportunities to be a part. They're going to know you. You're going to want to be able to visit with them, to share some things with them, to reacquaint. What an incredible thing. They know they've been dead, and they see you as you are in your manifestation as a physical human being but you're spirit. But you can do that.

So, as I was preparing this, I thought of some uncles and aunts, some cousins, and some friends, and different ones that I knew growing up, of which one was shot and killed in Vietnam, a friend, and while I had escaped, in that respect, of not having to go there at that particular time. I look forward to seeing Francis again. I really do. That was his name. We grew up together in our teens at that particular time going to the same high school. And you know, I just look forward to being able to be there to help him and see his face.



There are many more, like my grandfather, who I always felt he had an austere and commanding presence about him. I don't know how to describe that, but it was an austere and commanding presence as though his presence was almost demanding, as it were respect. So, that's how I grew up thinking about him. Even when I was older and had already gone to Ambassador College and looked forward to seeing him again.

Now, my grandmother, his wife, had come into the Church. I don't know how far she progressed before she died. She didn't have a whole lot of time to be molded and fashioned. She very well may be there as well and be able to continue on with that process until she's able to mature and grow in order to be born into God's Family.

Then of recent time, I think of my brother who was three years younger than me, Steve. He always seemed to be searching for love, for acceptance, belonging if you will. I think that happens in a lot of people's lives, depending on how they grew up and their childhood and so forth. He was kind of that mind, and he was kind of tormented by a lot of that, so he reflected a life that seemed to show that in his mind he had never received what he wanted, what he desired to have from others, from family and so forth. He became quite successful in this life in the work he did, and basically from nothing to having a couple of businesses that when he sold them, I think it was in the few million dollars. He'd done very well for himself in that regard. But by the end, he began throwing it away after he had retired at a decent age as well. He'd already been an alcoholic, but he became worse than after that and, I feel, tormented in mind in many ways and turned to that.

There are a lot of people who get caught up in those kinds of things whether it be drugs. People in families especially nowadays, they know of family members who have gone through horrible things and a lot of things in their lives that they're not at peace with. So many in the world are not at peace. They don't have a comfort of mind, a peace of mind, and so they turn to various things, they do various things that ruin their lives, and they can't come out of it, they can't escape it. It has such a hold on them. It's a bondage to the nth degree if you will.

So, what an awesome thing when people are able to be resurrected like that and be able to begin to be shown what really produces good life, right life, right relationships in the right ways, and to be able to be void of those things that had plagued them in times past. I look forward to that, I truly do. It's an exciting thing to think about in the future.

I could go on and on about different ones, but I think of those first and foremost in the forefront of my mind in that regard as to those I look forward to seeing first. And somewhere in there my own father. I hope that he's able to receive at that time the truth, because he fought against it when he came into the Church and left with Garner Ted. Some of the things that people have done, and I don't know where they are in the scheme of things because that's a judgment that hasn't been made yet in that regard in most cases that we know of anyway.

And yet sometimes people can go to a point where regardless of who they are and what you desire to have in life in a relationship... I think all young people as they grow up in families desire to have a father and a mother, to know them, to have a right relationship, to be received of them in a right way. And if that isn't the case... Which a lot of times just isn't the case because we live in a very dysfunctional world because of selfishness and selfish human beings.

And so, to know the truth, to learn how to truly live life that is proper and right, it's a powerful thing. Those who get cut off from it or leave it for whatever reasons, it's a tough, tough thing and it's not a small thing.

So, just thinking of my brother in that regard, it got to the point where no one could help him. He wouldn't listen to anyone. That's a lot of people in life. You can't help people when they don't want help. If they have their mind made up about certain things or they're in bondage to certain things... You can't give it. You can't give certain things to people until it's time to give it. The Great White Throne is when you can give it. You can't in this life if people reject, if people don't want it.

But in that period of time, people are going to be more inclined to listen. They're going to have seen evidence of a thousand years of things we can't even begin to comprehend right now. That's exciting! That's inspiring! It's a hope we have. It's a confidence and a boldness we have that the world doesn't have. They have all kinds of weird ideas of things that happen after death. They just don't know.

So, how blessed are you that you can have a confidence in a relationship with God, in a relationship with God's family, and of knowing the truth and that peace of mind that goes with it, and so much more...so much more.

Then I think of one more group I'm going to mention here. Then I think of the large numbers of people that I hope can be helped whom we have known in Worldwide who will not be a part of the 144,000 and will not have lived on into the Millennium. I believe there are hundreds and hundreds in that category, of people we have known, if not into the thousands (which I believe is the case), over the period of time of being a part of God's Church. I look forward to seeing those who are going to be resurrected, but only in the context of those who will be of a mind to receive God, to receive the truth.

Because during the Millennium you can't give it to someone. If someone wants something else, if they want to live something else, you can't change them. People have their own minds, and they have to make their own decisions. And so, I look forward to helping those who will want the help. I believe there will be a lot of them. But I also know there are going to be a lot very likely who will not. So, that which is not a part, that which doesn't want to be a part, that's a choice. If it lasts for a hundred years that they don't want help, they're not going to receive help.

So again, just thinking about some of these things and mentioning some of these things that are personal to me. Who do you want to help? Who do you look forward to seeing again and being able to share some of the things you have? Well, not some but the richest things on earth to be able to share.

Let's turn over to Isaiah 65. We know these scriptures quite well. They're read pretty much every Last Great Day because it was something given to Herbert Armstrong to understand that timespan of a hundred years. Now, I believe with all my being that no one before that understood these things until it was given to Herbert Armstrong toward the end to prepare for Christ's coming, to prepare the Church for what was going to take place so that the Church could continue on and become very established, fully established in many regards to truth by the time Christ returns.

Here is an incredible one that was given to him and something that he was able to see that most likely no one else had ever understood as far as the apostles, as far as the Church was concerned before this.

**Isaiah 65:19—I will rejoice in Jerusalem.** So, a carnal mind is only going to think about the location and the city. That's why I think when Laura and I have been over there and the Harrell's were over there with us and you see some of the different things that are in that part of the world, and you realize when people call it the "holy land" or the "holy city" there is nothing holy about it. Holy is when God's presence is something that sanctifies it and sets it apart for holy use and purpose. Nothing there is set aside for that anymore. It's not there.

Again here, people would tend to think about cities, but we know what it is. What a blessing in that to know that Jerusalem is about that which is in the future, a matter of peace, Salem, and all that that means, a city of peace, and it's a spiritual one.

"I will rejoice in Jerusalem." So, God told us during this Feast to rejoice. It's a rejoicing in the truth, it's rejoicing in what He's given to us, and this is what produces joy and fullness of life, is when we're able to come into fullness, oneness with God, and once we're in His Family really at one with God forevermore, from that point on. It's an automatic thing, God rejoicing in Jerusalem, that which is at one with Him after so long a time.

We can't even begin to comprehend that after so long a time, after all the work that's been done, not over millennia but over millions and millions, and very likely billions upon billions of years, of something our minds cannot grasp, preparing us, preparing us for this time when there will be a spiritual Jerusalem.

**...and joy in My people.** That's what it's about, His people. **...and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.** So, in times past sometimes some of this has been thought to be that period of time of the Great White Throne, or maybe even the Millennium because there were other ideas about the Millennium and even the matter of the lion and the lamb and so forth and people looking forward to those kinds of things. And yet that's not going to be in the Millennium at all, and it's not going to be in the hundred years in the way people think.

But this one here, again, this is talking about a time when there will be no weeping nor crying. Well, that's not going to be during the hundred years because there's still going to be weeping and crying because there are still selfish human beings in relationships of people and hurt and pain that goes along with wrong relationships and people trying to change and conquer and overcome their sick, perverted nature that we all have had as human beings.

And so, when they're resurrected up a second time in a physical life, they've got problems. They are resurrected with problems. They're resurrected with the same mind they had when they died and that mind is corrupted, that mind is distorted, that mind has been deceived, that mind is still the same mind, "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" in it. That's just the way it is.

**No more shall there be an infant of a day**, as it says here. So, the no more crying and so forth is in Jerusalem, that Holy City, in God's Family. Because once we're spirit that's when there is no more crying. In God's Family. The same thing here, "No more shall there be an infant of a day." So, again, we come to a time when life becomes fulfilled, people have lived a full life, and time of judgment comes upon mankind and the determination of what happens to people or whether people are able to become then a part of God's Family.

So, literally, this is saying, "No more will there be a day of a suckling infant." So, in other words, no more birth. It doesn't mean that at the beginning of this period of time and certainly that won't be in God's Family, but we understand the process of what it's going to be like during the hundred years. But this is a part of what this is about that leads up to that city Jerusalem, when God is able to rejoice and there is no more crying and no more tears. So, it begins at a certain point in time.

And so, this is a part of that, and it brings us up into the end of that period of time. No more birth. For how long? For a hundred years. There will be no birth for that long. Now, it's going to start out there are going to be some babies resurrected but no more birth when this period of time starts so that the rest of this becomes a reality... **or an old man who has not fulfilled his days, for a child shall die a hundred years old.**

So, at the beginning of this period of time—and this is what was given to Herbert Armstrong that is so basic, so plain, so awesome to understand—that here is a period of time that no more birth, but the child that was alive, resurrected at that moment in time or, well, had to be resurrected at that time, that they're going to have the opportunity to live a full life to a hundred years. Then it's over with. God's showing here, this is the span, this is how long it'll be, and this is how long people will be able to live during that period of time.

**...but the sinner being a hundred years old...** So, everyone has the ability, and if it's a child that has grown from resurrected as a baby and is able to live a full hundred years, or whatever point in time somebody is resurrected, perhaps given bodies, we don't even know that exactly, but healthy, strong

bodies, perhaps in their late thirties, early forties, whatever that is, healthy and strong and having strong bodies to last very easily so a hundred years.

You know, God can give it to people to live eight hundred, nine hundred years; it's a small thing to have very healthy strong bodies, not to have to experience what we experience now in this world where our bodies begin to run down, where we begin by, you know, sixties and seventies and then eighties, ever how long you live in that period of time, and then death because the bodies are running down and getting weaker.

Sometimes some of us who are older we joke about some of those things, "Golden years? Where is the gold?" It's a hard time. It's a difficult time. It's a difficult thing when you begin to talk to people and they talk about how they can tell that they're slowing down, they can tell more aches and pains. I have that as well. I can tell I'm not a forty-year-old anymore. I don't have to deceive myself. I'm not a fifty-year-old anymore. I understand that. My body says that.

So, here is the period of time when that won't be experienced like this. People aren't going to have to go through a process where they're starting to die. They're going to have strength that entire period of time. Perhaps very much so like whatever they had at that particular age, that they are a body that's given, thirties, forties, whatever it is that God gives, the strongest of body and to be able to continue on. And then, of course, those who are resurrected as babies or children or whatever it is up to that age of health that God gives to people, what a beautiful thing. That's what God is giving in a second life.

It says, "but the sinner, being a hundred years old." And so, if it were a child and everyone else who's had that period, they all have a period of time to choose God within the hundred years. Not everyone is going to choose it. That to me is a rather mind-boggling revelation that God has given to the Church, to understand it even more so, that there are going to be vast, vast, vast numbers of people. And it's like, "How could that be so?" But there are going to be vast, vast numbers of people who will not have chosen God through that hundred years.

You can't give it to them. And if they don't want it, well, what's the most merciful thing that can happen to them? Death, never to be remembered again, no more suffering in the minds that they have. Because thinking against God, against God's way of life, living a different life, living in total selfishness without God, it's not a good existence. It's a hurtful thing, truly is. These are the kinds of things that are going to take place. We understand that **the sinner being a hundred years old, he's accursed** all right because of what's going to happen at the end of that hundred years.

**Verse 21** here continuing on in that respect as to the hundred years. **Even they shall build houses...** So, it's showing what's going to take place during this period of time when people are resurrected, **and inhabit them.** So, life continues on. The ability to go out and plan something and to build something, there's a reward and a blessing in that. But in a world where there is plenty, great plenty, of productivity

and ability to do various things without the worries of inflation, the worries of all the jobs, whatever it might be, the things that go with that. The ability to have great productivity in people's lives and flourish.

It says, **they're going to build houses and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards.** So, in other words, the kind of life that people want to have. It doesn't mean everyone is going to have vineyards. It's using this as an example. Whatever it is. Be productive. Because vineyards are rather symbolic of that which is able to produce fruit, the grapes, the plenty that is there, the blessings of it. And so it is here, whatever it is.

**...and they will eat the fruit of them.** So, whatever people seek to do as a part of productivity in their lives, they're going to be able to enjoy the fruit of it. That's what that's about. It doesn't mean everybody has grapes to eat at a certain time of the year. What are they going to do the rest of the time? Just kidding.

**They shall not build, and another inhabit.** So, there is not going to be the thing like it is today where certain things can take place and people lose whatever it might be because of death or people lose the ability to continue in a house because of expenses and stuff that they can't continue with, they can't afford, or someone take it because they're not able to make their payments and foreclosures. God's going to bless a world of incredible productivity. What people do with it, how they handle it, whether they receive God or not, well, that's another matter. But the productivity is able to be there, the blessings are there.

**They shall not plant, and another eat.** To take from them. A person who has productivity, they're going to enjoy the fruit of it. That's what it's all about. They don't have to worry about someone coming in or robbing them and taking it from them. Any who do, it'll be taken care of quickly. Because that's going to happen. There are going to be things happen that happen with mankind in this world, but they will be dealt with at that time. We don't know fully yet, because God hasn't revealed all that, but it's going to happen.

Break-ins, things stolen, people lying, people cheating, people not giving to God what they're supposed to give? Think, be pretty stupid, but that's pretty stupid now too, for any in God's Church. But again, murder? How will that be dealt with? Can it happen? Will God allow it to take place fully? Or stop it and then deal with the individual? There's a lot we don't know. Looking forward to learning how it's going to be handled, but I know it's going to be handled.

**...for as the days of a tree are the days of My people.** It's going to be long, firmly rooted and grounded in that respect. You know, a huge tree and it's strong and it flourishes, and it lives a longer life than human beings, as a whole. There are trees out here that can go on and on. That's basically the mindset here. It's going to be strong its entire time of this hundred years.

**...and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.** So, who are the elect? Well, again here, different categories of that. Those who are a part, who receive God in that period of time, as in any time, but especially those who come on through all that and are able to become that forever and ever in that regard because they have chosen God, they want God and have been able to mature and grow to a point of being able to be born into God's Family.

Going on in **verse 23—They shall not labor in vain, nor bear children into trouble.** So, don't have to worry about the things that go along with rearing children and so forth beyond that, beyond what happens at the beginning there in the sense of bearing children. That's not going to be a part of life anymore. And yet there will be some who will be reared at the beginning there, but it's not going to be into trouble. You know, those who are worked with and so forth, it's not going to be like this world is today where you worry about different safety and so forth. God's going to give a protection of blessings and strength of life, of things, again, that haven't been fully given to us – only little bits here are there. So, the labor is going to be productive for those who will labor. Will everyone labor?

**...for they are the seed of the blessed of the Eternal.** Those who have God's spirit, those who are worshipping God in spirit and truth because when people cease to do that that transformation can come to a screeching halt as the spirit is quenched. Personal choices.

**...and their offspring with them.** Referring to all families who are going to be blessed in all lineages because all offspring from the beginning to the end are going to be there.

**Then it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer.** What is that about? Well, it's when you have a close relationship with God, when you're in God's Church, when you're filled with God's spirit, God knows what's in the mind before you even ask. There is that close relationship. That's what this is revealing, a close relationship.

We can't comprehend this. We think of relationships, we think of friendships and we're able to get in a group. You can't all talk at the same time, though sometimes that happens. But again here, this ability to communicate back and forth on a one-on-one with whoever is in a group even, in a group setting, people that are able to talk with each other and taking turns, that's the only way we can think.

But to comprehend God who can deal with large numbers, hundreds, thousands, with His mind... I can't comprehend that. I don't understand that because we've never experienced anything like that. We don't know how it's possible. And once we're spirit, we will begin learning that, but I don't know that we'll really understand it fully for a while either.

So, **before they call, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.** God already knows what's in the mind and what people are going to say, as a whole, because of their experiences, because of what they're going through. He knows the spirit.

**The wolf and the lamb shall feed together.** Hebrew literally says, "Shall eat as one." So, again here, a wolf and a lamb. There is something that does take place here that we don't fully understand in nature to where it's safe for animals and it's safe for mankind. So, they're going to be able to eat together rather than eating one another, or the one eating the other.

...and the lion, it says, "**shall eat straw like,**" and those words aren't even in the Hebrew language here. ...and a lion as an ox that eats straw. So, it's talking about the wolf and the lamb and then it goes on and says, "And a lion as an ox that eats straw." In other words, the ox eats straw and they're going to be there together, but not trying to kill each other because lions can go after oxen and they can wear out an oxen, and they can kill an oxen, because to them it's pretty juicy. But at that time, it's not going to be there so they're going to be able to be together, be at a water hole together without killing each other or they're going to be able to be eating right next to each other. The one is not going to try to eat the other and the one is not going to be afraid of the other.

...and dust the serpent's meat. Or as it is in Hebrew, **as to the serpent, dust is its food.** So, again here, is this a matter then of serpents? Is that what it's about? Well, I believe with all my being it's about Lucifer. It's about Satan and the dust, that which is made into life that human beings "to dust we return." That's going to be what he has to eat.

When the resurrection takes place and the hundred years and all the people, the billions that are brought to life, at the end this being is going to be let loose, and this, he's going to have to take in a lot that's going to be a matter of shame, greater shame than ever before to him as he sees what God has done over one thousand one hundred years, and it's going to be bitter in that regard. To me, a beautiful expression here of what this is all about.

It says, **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Eternal.** So, in that respect then, these different animals, life itself, here is going to be a different nature, whatever God does, and they're not going to hurt people. They're not going to hurt God's people, especially those who have received His help, His spirit, His life. Anyway, it's a summation here of what life is going to be like, of something that's different than the previous seven thousand years for mankind.

And again, we just have a little bit of this to grasp and comprehend. God will give us more later on. Probably, likely, toward the end of the thousand years as we prepare and begin preparing in earnest for an incredible resurrection.

So, there is so much about this time that is yet to be revealed, although, in the last few years, God has been revealing more. We know a lot more than what we did during Philadelphia and Laodicea, a lot more about this day. It's been by God's revelation helping us to see areas of scripture that we didn't comprehend before that weren't understood in their context properly before. God has helped us in piecing much of that together for a great purpose and a reason because of where we are and because of a progressive revelation that comes from God. We are so blessed. We truly are.



We know that even though the knowledge of God will be throughout the earth, and God's government fully in control of law and order... Because it has to be there. It has to be there because of carnal human beings and because so many (vast, vast numbers) will not want God's way. They're going to continue against it.

We understand that this is going to be throughout the earth concerning the government fully in control of law and order, judicial matters, truth that is being taught, and incredible blessings in weather and so forth, growing of crops, and of great productivity. Just great blessings in life because the majority, in that respect, are being shown and are responding to and living a way that produces far more and can be blessed far more as far as the earth is concerned. Again, still knowing that when it's all said and done there are going to be vast, vast numbers who reject it all. Choices, choices.

Let's turn over to Revelation 20 and look at what God revealed through John about more of this period of time in **Revelation 20:12**. It goes on to say here, **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is of life.** So again, this isn't a difficult thing. Primarily because God's made it plain, the plain truth clear, easy for us to see, simple in that regard, that the books were opened, and another book was opened which is of life. So, it has to do with matters of saying this is a time of judgment.

Just like for the Church where it tells us judgment now, once we're called, once we come into God's Church and receive the impregnation of God's spirit, then God's judgment is upon us. It's not on the world, it's upon us. But at that time judgment is going to be on the world because it is the final hundred years for those who won't receive and for those who do receive God's spirit. But as to how they respond to it and want God, again, another matter.

So, this is about the books being opened, that all that's been written through time, the Bible if you will, they're able to see it. It's opened to the mind to grasp, to understand, and to see. It's a beautiful thing. It's a beautiful thing that happens to us when it happens to us that God's spirit blesses us in our spirit to be able to see and understand things that to us are so clear, so plain. Something new will come along that God gives, of adjustment to something to better understand, a clarification of things, an adding to things, a continual building, and we're just able to continue to grow and grow and grow. But it's a matter of God's spirit that produces these things in us and so we're awesomely blessed to be able to go through that process.

So again, the books were opened and that continues on because people aren't going to learn it all at once. It's going to be like we have to go through. We're going to have to be taught, we're going to have to learn, and there are going to be some things just like what happens in the Church that at the beginning a person can't see it all until they experience various things. And then it's "Oh yeah!" Then perhaps see something later on that's said or go back to listen to something that was given a long time ago and it's like, "I never knew that before," and yet it was given maybe several years ago. We've

experienced some of that here at the Feast in what we've talked about, in the sense that we're not able to receive everything all at once.

**...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.** So those, the dead, the rest of the dead, those who are resurrected, they're "judged out of those things that are written in the books according to their works." So, what has been opened up to people to be able to see and understand, it's about God, it's about the mind of God, the being of God, the word of God. That judges us as to whether or not we respond to it, want it, desire it, embrace it, desire to become at one with God, of the same mind, of the same judgment.

**Even the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and the grave delivered up the dead who were in them.** So again here, it's talking about this period of time. It goes back and forth here a little bit but it's showing that everyone is going to be judged and when the dead are resurrected it's from all parts of life wherever they were, whatever happened. Nothing is hidden from God. And so, people are resurrected.

**...and they were judged every one according to their works.** In a way that mankind has never been judged because they hadn't been called yet. But now they have the opportunity of that calling. God's opening up the door for everyone to be able to receive, to understand Him, His way of life. It's all around them in very powerful ways. Then the ability through God's spirit to see it, and then the choices that have to be made whether or not that's what they want to live by, and then how they respond because it has to do with how each one responds, "according to our works," the productivity, what we put into it, whether we cry out to God and seek to change. Because it's about self. It's about fighting this and conquering self and what's inside and the fruit that's produced as a result of that, of the work that's put into it.

Then it jumps to the end... **Death and the grave were cast into the lake of fire.** So, here was a great resurrection, and then the judgment takes place, and then the time is there. No more time for mankind; this is it. Those who have wanted God's way of life, those who have responded to it, just like within the Church now, those who cry out for it, those who fight against self, those who ask God for help and forgiveness of sin, and all the things we have to go through to be atoned to God, to be at one with God, to be of the same mind in judgment, to agree with God in everything. To be able to receive that.

So, that which won't receive it... **and then death and the grave were cast into the lake of fire.** There is an end to human life and there will be those who will either be in, as it says here, **This is the second death**, so there will be part of those who are part of this, as it says, "as the sand of the sea." Vast, vast, vast numbers. That's really kind of hard to comprehend, but it's kind of hard to comprehend sometimes too of all who have been called since the time of Christ who have had the impregnation of God's spirit, that the majority have turned against Christ and turned against God, turned against the Church, left it.

**And whoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.** By this time whoever is not going to be a part of God's Family. That's what this is referring to. That's what it's about. It's not about some book and, you know, you have to scribble out everybody's names. It's all symbolic of that which is spiritual that God has full control of, all knowledge of, knowing those who have received Him, knowing those who are going to be resurrected into His Family, and all who have rejected Him, and all who have rejected Him cast into the lake of fire, the second death.

We understand things in a way that it's really so incredible, what we've been given to see, to grasp, and to understand about God's plan. We have to learn the fairness, the justice of it all, to be in agreement with it. Not to have judgment smeared or tainted by relationships because of close family relationships or close friendships because that's how mankind judges. But to judge righteous judgment, to learn those things because we learn to be in unity and oneness and agreement with God. Whatever doesn't want that, whoever chooses not to want it, that's the choice. So, the agreement with God? They should not live any longer.

So again, it is incredible what God has revealed to us about a second physical life that billions are going to be given who have lived and died in previous ages of mankind, but have either never known God, or having known God did not seek to change their lives to be atoned to God but chose what the world had to offer. Because that's always the other choice, what the world has to offer. What self believes is something different that's out there, or that's in self that's out there that they want that's different from what God has offered.

So, it would be good if we just reminded ourselves, again, of how much God has given us, by looking at some of what the world has to say about the subject of death. I thought it'd be good just to go through a little bit of this. I'm going to read through it and just mention some of this because it's astounding to me sometimes learning, as I heard here recently, of some who were a part of PKG and went back to be a part of United.

You think, with all the truth that they have never believed and never known, that people who have been given those riches like in 2005, to know God as God revealed Himself very powerfully to the Church and revealed that Christ had a beginning when he was born, how can you believe that and then go to another that doesn't believe that? It blows the mind. On and on it goes. So many other things that God has given.

Anyway, this is a belief of the Catholic Church. I'm just going to read some of this. It says:

Our Church teaches that immediately after death, the soul separates from our earthly body, and we stand before God for judgment. We then enter heaven, purgatory or hell. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. Those who are free from all sin enter heaven immediately.

And how many are free from sin? The concepts, the ideas of a priest coming in and sprinkling water and saying something and that now you're free, it so defies everything that's in scripture about repentance, of seeking to change and being transformed in the mind. And yet there have been people who have gone back to that, to that kind of thing. Astounding!

It goes on to say:

Purgatory is a place of purification...

So, the soul, this thing that is still living, we supposedly are supposed to be alive when we die? It's so insane. And you think of the deception of what Satan has done to human beings and the human proclivity to latch hold of that and to believe it. So again:

Purgatory is a place of purification for those who die in a state of grace and friendship with God who are not yet fully purified.

So, the state of... I mean, this stuff is nuts!

...who die in a state of grace and friendship with God who are not yet purified. Those in Purgatory are assured a place in heaven after their purification.

So, don't worry, if they weren't that good of a person and they weren't free from sin and they were kind of a scoundrel and did things we know that was wrong, but they're up there in purgatory and we can pray about them, we can give more money to the church to pray for them, and they can be cleansed while they're in this place and then they're going to be up there, wherever that "up there" is. It goes on to say:

We pray for those in purgatory, that they may soon be with God in heaven. Hell is for those who have willingly chosen to reject God and his love. If we persist in a state of serious sin...

So, there is serious and not-so-serious, I guess, sin. But this is serious sin if you do this. I mean, these things are so anti-Bible, anti-word of God it boggles the mind.

If we persist in a state of serious sin, we damn ourselves to hell.

At the end of time, our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead. All souls will be rejoined with their bodies, and those in purgatory will be joined to the blessed in heaven.

It's like the trinity doctrine, it's such a bunch of gobbledegook and twisting and distorting of words. I think of politicians and twisting and distorting things and meaning something different.

The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.

What a horrible thing the world lives in such blindness. I so look forward to when truth is throughout the earth and people at least then have that opportunity to draw close to God, to receive God in truth, in spirit, and in truth.

Here is one from the Mormons, or Church of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It says here:

Many of us wonder what happens after we die. We lived before we came to earth...

That was a new one for me.

...and we will continue to live after we die. Knowing this plan can provide comfort and peace about death.

No, it doesn't. It doesn't give people comfort and peace to have something like this. It's still that same doubt and uncertainty. That's why we are so blessed to have peace of mind, a real peace of mind that is true, and how we really respond to things of death.

...and we will continue to live after we die. Knowing this plan can provide comfort and peace about death. While we mourn for those loved ones we've lost, there is hope—death is not the end.

When we die, our spirit and body separate. Even though our body dies, our spirit—which is the essence of who we are—lives on. Our spirit goes to the spirit world. The spirit world is a waiting period until we receive the gift of resurrection when our spirits will reunite with our bodies.

Now, I had never heard some of that stuff before. You think, wow. This should reinforce the soundness, the stability, the truth we have, to see things like this that are so far away from what is sound.

Our future resurrected body cannot die and will be perfect—free from pain, sickness, and imperfections. It is because of the infinite love of Jesus Christ that everyone will be resurrected.

Not of God's love! The concepts that people have about God, they're really sick. Going on:

It is at the time of resurrection that each of us will be judged individually by Jesus, our Savior. This final judgment will be based on our desires, actions, and choices.

Only God and Jesus know our hearts and our life circumstances perfectly, so only they can judge us perfectly. This judgment will be one of mercy, healing, and love.

God's ultimate goal is to help all His children return to live with Him in the celestial kingdom. Yet it is our choices here and now that will shape where we spend eternity. We must believe in Jesus Christ, repent of our sins, be baptized in His name, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also need to keep the commandments throughout the rest of our lives—and repent when we fall short.

So, skirting on the edges of certain things but going so far out into left field. But they can't help it. They haven't been called. They haven't been given the truth yet. But it shows what mankind has done with

what's called Christianity, what Lucifer, what Satan has done to what I call traditional Christianity. How confusing and a lack of substance, true hope because of absolute confidence in what God says in truth, that God has given.

We have confidence and hope that is so strong because it's based on truth, and more and more truth that God has just kept giving to His people, to His Church. It makes us stronger and stronger.

And so, we have a hope about us that the world doesn't have. We need to really appreciate that and be thankful to God and thank God over and over with great thankfulness, if you will, and deep feeling of gratitude that we are so richly blessed with His love, with His truth, with Him, and His Son dwelling in us, and we being blessed then to dwell in them.

Again here, things to look at at times to separate ourselves and say, you know, we are so blessed. Sometimes we don't reflect that as much as we really need to, so we need to think about those things and pray about those things, that God gives us greater ability to do so.

Revelation 20. Another aspect of what God had to say about this period of time that follows the Millennium. **Revelation 20:7—So when the thousand years have expired (come to an end) Satan will be let loose out of his prison.** So, this is the timing. **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 the sand of the sea.**

That's so difficult to understand how that is possible. But because of what God has been giving us in the last few years here about judgment and about being at one with Him and about those who turn against Him after receiving the holy spirit, judgment and being at one with God, that desire that should be in us is a powerful thing. But when it's not used as God has given us the blessings of love, mercy, and grace to receive it—because that comes from Him; those things do come from Him—the compassion that He's had, the patience that He's had with us and so forth.

And so, when it comes from God, even the concept of mercy as we've talked about recently, again, based on the things that come from God and God's mind, and God's love, God's compassion and the grace that's given to us through a means of atonement, of being atoned to God, becoming at one of the same mind in agreement. It's a very beautiful and inspiring thing this process we go through.

To realize then at the end of a hundred years, it's not going to be a cakewalk. It's not going to be peachy-keen everywhere. There are going to be people who turn against God...or frankly just never accept God even though they have the knowledge of what's going to happen later on. That shows how strong selfishness and the human mind can be.

**Verse 9—They even went up on the breadth of the earth and encompassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city.** So again, not knowing fully what this means but they definitely come up to

this point in time which is at the very end before they become Elohim or at the same point in time. That's what it's really about. It's about what is gathered together all at one time.

**Then fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured/consumed them. And the devil who deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone as the beast (as it's properly translated), even that false prophet, and is tormented day and night forever and ever.**

Satan is being referred to here in that regard, the devil is, it says here, as the beast, as that false prophet, that great false prophet, if you will, and he's cast in. His existence comes to an end.

God has an incredible plan all the way to the end and the beginning for His Family, that all His Family is complete and continues on through time of things we can't even begin to grasp the beauty, the excitement, the fullness of because we can't grasp forever and ever. Amazing!

We're going to finish off here now. Well, let me do one more here. I do have a little bit more I wanted to mention. Revelation 21:9. Because this is something else that God has given us a little bit more to understand and to see.

So, even though there is not much in scripture that is clearly about the Last Great Day that we have known of in times past in the sense of it being spelled out, anything in Leviticus 23 giving us more of an outline or God has progressively revealed some of those things, especially since Philadelphia and through Herbert Armstrong. But here now, even so much more now. There really is a lot in scripture, but we just haven't seen it in times past.

God has blessed us, especially in the last many years, with far greater insight and understanding of this period of time. He truly has. Actually, there is more written about this time than we have really known, and in a great way, I mean, a lot, because God reserved it for this period of time.

**Revelation 21:9—Then one of the seven angels who had the Seven Vials filled with the Seven Last Plagues came and spoke to me, saying, Come, and I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. Then he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain... Well, that mountain is God's Family, God's government. That's what it's about. It's about that which comes from God. ...and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem.**

So, it's this looking into the future of that which God's creating, and that's the high mountain, the great city that God has brought together, the City of Peace, **descending out of heaven from God and having the glory of God. Her light like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.** So, to grasp and comprehend things that are in a spirit realm, we can't, but to see the vastness of what God has created as a Family.

**Verse 12—And she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and the names written on them which are of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.** Those who have

persevered. And then dropping on down in verse 22. So, it's this picture then of that which is at the end of mankind, the end of, again here, it's about something that takes place, the Seven Vials, the Third Woe as we've talked about.

To me, that was an awesome revelation. God showed that that particular Woe happens because it's a powerful time of judgment on the earth for mankind, as before and as Christ is returning because there's going to be a lot of things happen that Christ and the 144,000 are going to do in starting to "destroy those who are destroying the earth" and bringing it to a time that God's government can begin to be established. And then, finally, all the way up to the very end then when the final fulfillment of that Third Woe takes place. It's here at the very end that we just read, of Satan, of the demonic world, of all who have rejected God are destroyed. That's their part in it as far as that part of the Third Woe. It takes that long for that to become fully completed and fulfilled.

Then **verse 22** it says, **So I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple.** So, it's not about a physical temple, it's not about the looks of a temple or anything like that. It's about God. It's about His Son, Joshua the Christ, and then everyone else through time that's going to be able to be a part of over a 7,100-year time period to be a part of Elohim, God's Family.

**The city had no need of the sun or the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is the light.** So, whatever it is in the spirit world that's before us, we can't comprehend. We just move forward knowing it gets more and more exciting, more and more is revealed to us. I find it always exciting when something more is given to us, more is revealed to us, and another aspect of what God has planned. Life never is a matter of being dull. There is always that which is forward-looking to be accomplished.

**Even the nations of those who are saved shall walk in the light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.** So again, things on a spiritual plane that are going to take place. It's quite incredible.

Hebrews. We'll stop here. We ended here last year on the Last Great Day, and I'm going to end here again today because it says so much that we need to embrace and complete this day with.

**Hebrews 10:35—Do not cast away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward.**

In other words, a great payment of wages. God wants to bless us. To be in His Family is an awesome blessing and everything that goes with it is far beyond what our minds can comprehend. But this is the kind of love that God has. He wants to share of His creation with us, but that is all dependent upon our wanting to share with God, our wanting to share life with God, our wanting to embrace His way and be at one with Him and to go through the process needed that brings about complete atonement.

So, we're told don't throw away that confidence. Because the majority have. Have had opportunity to have great confidence. We've looked at things here about what different ones in the world think and we



see how lacking it is, how shallow it is. To see what God has given to us, how great and how awesome it is, there is no comparison between the two. That should raise us up and give us a greater confidence and boldness and gratitude and thankfulness to be a part of something so great.

**Verse 36—For you have need of patience.** It takes time (longsuffering) to go through what we have to go through, to fight against self because the change in the mind takes a lot of time to mold and fashion. It's not something that's quick. It takes time to go through what we have to go through to have God more fully embedded in our thinking and in our mind, the word of God, the mind of God.

**For you have need of patience that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise.** So, to do the will of God is to receive His way, to go through that process of atonement and to hold on to it with all of our being, to persevere to the end, not to give up at any time. It's a horrifying thing to see people give up at different times and not hold fast, not hold on. And yet we're told these things over and over again, to hold on, to hold fast.

Then after we have done the will of God because this is God's will in order to become a part of His Family, that's what He wants, but we have to choose it. **...that you might receive the promise.**

**For yet a little while, and he will come.** So, whatever time period has been over the last six thousand years for people to live, as they've "looked forward to a city whose builder and maker is God," a city, but it's a holy city, it's a spiritual thing, it's a Temple of God. It is about God. It's about dwelling in God and forever and being a part of Elohim forever and doing all the things that we're going to be doing that we can't comprehend now.

It says **he will come and will not tarry.** In other words, will not delay any longer. There is a time when time comes to an end, and if it's a set allotted time. There's a time when the seven thousand years comes to an end. There's a time when the hundred years comes to an end. There's a time when the six thousand years comes to an end. There's a time when there is a great war. There is a time when Christ returns. There are those times.

It says, "and he will tarry no longer." So, there's going to come that time. And when we've been fully molded and fashioned and learn what we need to learn and be prepared in the manner we need to and the world has been prepared for what's getting ready to take place, because it all has to be brought together at the same time then it will happen. And we live in those times.

I think back. We used to plan ten years and five years and realizing that yes, things could happen, but we're going to have more time in there to see it develop. But now we're living in a time where it's like it can happen any time this year. It's like one month to another and seeing what's taking place. Within some month there is going to be an event that begins it all in a very powerful way. So, when those times come, we have to be found holding fast so that we can continue on and persevere.

**Now, the just shall live by faith.** That's what I want to be part of. That's what I think you want to be a part of, the just. You want to be just, right because you're right with God, because you are of the same mind, because you agree with God. You made those choices in your mind.

**...but if any draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in them.** Because you can't! You can't rejoice in, you can't have pleasure in that which defies and is leading to destruction and causes chaos and confusion that turns to self and the way of self and chooses that over what God is offering.

**But we... we are not of those who draw back unto perdition.** It's about destruction and corruption because as soon as someone goes away and turns from God that's why there is no pleasure in them. Because when people turn toward destruction and corruption and evil they can't be loved anymore with agape, with God's love. God can't love them anymore. They become cut off. Horrible thing!

**But we are not of those who draw back unto perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of life.** Hold fast! We have another year in front of us. Will it be a month, two months? When will things begin to happen? Don't know. But we move forward, and whenever they do, we've been prepared, we're ready. So, let's live that way, and look forward to the next Feast of Tabernacles.