

THE EIGHTH DAY AND THE END OF REBELLION

Brethren, we are gathered together today on this final Holy Day of the year to celebrate and observe the Eighth Day. We have previously referred to this Holy Day as the Last Great Day. But we, as well as many of the Churches of God, have come to the understanding that the name of this Feast is the Eighth Day.

This Holy Day is a completely separate Feast Day from the Feast of Tabernacles. Please turn with me to Leviticus 23.

Leviticus 23:33 – “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **:34** – Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD. **:35** – On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. **:36** – Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*. [Skip] **:39** – Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath. [Skip] **:42** – Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:”

The Israelites were to live in booths or “sukkot” for only the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles. They were not to live in booths on the Eighth Day. In fact, the Israelites took down their booths on the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

So, today we are celebrating a completely separate Feast or “moed” or appointed time than the Feast of Tabernacles.

The number 8 has the Biblical meaning of sanctification and setting apart. Please turn with me to Leviticus 12, and we will read about the timing of male circumcision.

Leviticus 12:03 – “And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.”

All male Israelite children were circumcised on the eighth day of their life. This circumcision set apart the male child as a part of the nation of Israel.

Please turn with me to Ezekiel 43. After seven days of cleansing and sacrifices, the altar was consecrated on the eighth day.

Ezekiel 43:26 – “Seven days shall they purge [*“kaphar” – to atone – to cover*] the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves. **:27** – And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD [*my Lord Yehovah*].

So, the altar was consecrated and sanctified on the eighth day.

Please turn with me to 2 Chronicles 29. King Hezekiah had the temple reconsecrated after years of desecration and abuse.

2 Chronicles 29:15 – “And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. **:16** – And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron. **:17** – Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.”

So, parts of the temple were consecrated on the eighth day, and the entirety of the temple was consecrated after another eight days.

This repeated use of the eighth day in the Bible to represent consecration, sanctification, and a reconciliation with our Heavenly Father has significant meaning in the celebration of the Feast of the Eighth Day.

In today's sermon entitled “The Eighth Day and the End of Rebellion”, I would like to explore the final reconciliation and consecration of mankind to our Heavenly Father and Jesus and the end of all rebellion against Them. Among the subjects that we will explore today are rebellions that have occurred in the Bible against our Heavenly Father.

The first rebellion that we will explore today is:

1) **The rebellion of the evil one**

The very first rebellion was by the evil one, the adversary of our Heavenly Father.

Who is this evil one? He is commonly known as Satan, but that is not his name. He is not given a name in the Bible. He is given only a title which reflects his nature and his relation to our Heavenly Father. His title in Hebrew is “ha satán”, meaning the adversary. The Greek form in the New Testament is just a transliteration of this title as “ὁ Σατανᾶς” (ho satanás – the adversary).

Please turn with me to Ezekiel 28, where we will read about this being as he was when our Heavenly Father created him.

Ezekiel 28:11 – “Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **:12** – Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. **:13** – Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **:14** – Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **:15** – Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. **:16** – By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and

thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **:17** – Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **:18** – Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. **:19** – All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.”

So, the adversary used to be a cherub whose wings covered the very throne of our Heavenly Father. He was perfect in all his ways. He was beautiful, and bright, and intelligent. But he became proud and pompous because of his perfect beauty. And he sinned. Not only did he sin and fall from favor of the Father, he caused a third of the angels to sin and to fall away also.

Please turn with me to Revelation 12, and we will read what we believe is the adversary drawing one third of the angels away from our Heavenly Father and from Jesus.

Revelation 12:03 – “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. **:04** – And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

Please turn with me to Isaiah 14, and we will read about the rebellion that the adversary led against our Heavenly Father and His righteous rule.

Isaiah 14:12 – “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **:13** – For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **:14** – I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **:15** – Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”

In verse 12, the name “Lucifer” does not appear in the Hebrew. The word in Hebrew translated into English as Lucifer is “הֵלֵל” (helel – Strong’s 1966 – the shining one). Lucifer is simply Latin for “light bearer”. Again, this descriptor word in Latin has become another name for the adversary.

The adversary led a rebellion against our Heavenly Father where he and the demons ascended to heaven where they tried to kick our Heavenly Father off His throne. Well, things didn’t go as planned for the adversary. God Our Father is infinitely more powerful than the adversary. Please turn with me to Luke 10. Jesus even records seeing the failure of the adversary’s attempt to remove God Our Father from His throne.

Luke 10:18 – “And he [*Jesus*] said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

Again, the Greek words for “Satan” in this verse are “ὁ σατανᾶς” (ho satanás), the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew for “the adversary”.

Again, this powerful fallen angel is the adversary to our Heavenly Father and to His Son, Jesus the Anointed One. He hates our Heavenly Father and all that He stands for, all that He is, and all that He wants and desires. The adversary hates all that our Heavenly Father loves, and He especially hates the Father’s plan of salvation and the very called-out ones of the Father.

So, we have looked at the account of the first rebellion in all history. And in that rebellion, our Heavenly Father was victorious, and our adversary was defeated. But our adversary has been alive and very busy in fomenting other rebellions.

The rebellion of the adversary and his demons against our Heavenly Father ended in their removal from heaven and their restraint on the earth.

The second rebellion that we will explore today is:

2) **The rebellion of Adam & Eve**

Please turn with me to Genesis 1:26, a verse that we all know by heart concerning the creation of man on the 6th day of creation.

Genesis 1:26 – “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **:27** – So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

So, our Heavenly Father and Jesus made man in Their image after Their likeness. Let’s read on.

Genesis 2:08 – “And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **:09** – And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. [*Skip*] **:16** – And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **:17** – But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

So, our Heavenly Father gave Adam a choice: obedience and life or disobedience, rebellion, and death.

Genesis 3:01 – “Now the serpent [*the adversary*] was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **:02** – And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **:03** – But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath

said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **:04** – And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: *[This is the first lie to mankind]* **:05** – For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **:06** – And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. *[This is the first rebellion of mankind]* **:07** – And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. **:08** – And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **:09** – And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? **:10** – And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. **:11** – And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **:12** – And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **:13** – And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **:14** – And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **:15** – And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

So, we have just read the first rebellion of man against our Heavenly Father. The adversary deceived Eve and she disobeyed our Heavenly Father and sinned. She then gave the fruit to Adam. Adam was not deceived. He maybe reluctantly but willingly ate the fruit also. They both rebelled against the Father. What was the result?

Genesis 3:22 – “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: **:23** – Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. **:24** – So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

Because of the rebellion of Adam and Eve against Him, our Heavenly Father drove them out of the Garden of Eden, from where they could never return.

This removal of mankind from the Garden of Eden and from access to the fruit of the tree of life as a result of their rebellion started a 6,000-year timeout in the plan of salvation in which the overwhelming majority of humanity has been cut off from our Heavenly Father and from the tree of life.

The rebellion of Adam and Eve against our Heavenly Father ended in their banishment from the Garden of Eden and their fall from the favor of our Heavenly Father.

The third rebellion that we will explore today is:

3) The rebellion of mankind before the Flood

Please turn with me to Genesis 6. From the accounting of the generations listed in Genesis 5, there were 10 generations between Adam and Noah. Using the law of geometric progression, if each man had 10 sons and daughters, and if each subsequent generation had 10 sons and daughters, then by the time of the Flood approximately 1,656 years, there could have been over 1 billion people on the earth. But what was happening on the earth with all these people?

Genesis 6:01 – “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **:02** – That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. **:03** – And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. *[Skip]* **:05** – And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually *[Man was in rebellion against our Heavenly Father]*. **:06** – And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. **:07** – And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. **:08** – But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

So, we all know the story of Noah and the ark. Because of mankind’s open and irredeemable rebellion against our Heavenly Father, He caused the great flood to completely wipe out not only all of mankind (except for Noah and his immediately family) but also all vestiges of the civilizations of mankind up to that point.

After 1,656 years of mankind’s history since the fall of Adam, mankind became so rebellious, so sinful, so evil, so violent, and so disobedient, that all parts and vestiges and evidence of that culture and civilization were complete wiped out and erased from future generations.

The rebellion of mankind against our Heavenly Father ended in destruction and death.

The fourth rebellion that we will explore today is:

4) The rebellion of the Children of Israel

Yehovah had great plans for the Israelites. He was leading them to the Promised Land, which He had promised to give to them. The journey was not to be a long journey. However, Yehovah did not lead them in a direct path to the Promised Land through the land of the Philistines, because Yehovah did not want the

Israelites to see war and become discouraged and return to Egypt, as we are told in Exodus 13.

Please turn with me to Numbers 10. So Yehovah led the Israelites along a very indirect path along the perimeter of the Sinai Peninsula to where around 45 days later they arrived at Mount Sinai.

Numbers 10:11 – “And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. **:12** – And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

So the Israelites left Mount Sinai a little over 13 months after they had left Egypt. The Israelites spent approximately 11.5 months at Mount Sinai.

Kadesh Barnea is located in the wilderness of Paran. Please turn with me to Numbers 13.

Numbers 13:25 – “And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. **:26** – “And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

Please turn with me to Joshua 14. Joshua tells us in Joshua 14 that he and the spies were sent by Moses from Kadesh Barnea.

Joshua 14:07 – “Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.”

Please turn with me to Deuteronomy 1:02, where we will read the journey time between Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb) and Kadesh Barnea (near the entry point into the Promised Land).

Deuteronomy 1:02 – “(*There are eleven days' journey* from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.)”

So, the journey between Mount Sinai and the entry point into the Promised Land was in reality only 11 days.

So the Israelites could have arrived at Kadesh Barnea as soon as 15 months after they had left Egypt. They were ready to enter the Promised Land. But they didn't. What happened? Please turn with me to Numbers 14.

In Numbers 13, we read about the evil report that the 10 evil spies brought back to the Israelites concerning the Promised Land. Only Joshua and Caleb gave a true and righteous report. The evil report stirred up the Israelites and they became frightened and angry.

Numbers 14:01 – “And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. **:02** – And all the children of Israel murmured against

Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! **:03** – And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? **:04** – And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. **:05** – Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. **:06** – And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: **:07** – And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land. **:08** – If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. **:09** – Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not. **:10** – But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.”

The Israelites all rebelled against Yehovah and His leadership and called for Joshua and Caleb to be stoned and to reject Moses and to select a new leader who would lead them back to Egypt.

Yehovah punished that generation of Israelites for their rebellion. Let's continue in verse 28.

Numbers 14:28 – “Say unto them, *As truly as I live*, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: **:29** – Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, **:30** – Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, *concerning* which I swore to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. **:31** – But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. **:32** – But *as for* you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. **:33** – And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.”

So, with this edict and judgment, Yehovah instituted a 40-year timeout on the Israelites.

The rebellion of the Children of Israel against our Heavenly Father ended in their prohibition from entering into the Promised Land and their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years until that rebellious generation had died off.

The fifth rebellion that we will explore today is:

5) **The rebellion of the mankind at the end of the Millennium**

Please turn with me to Revelation 20. There will be one final rebellion of mankind against our Heavenly Father.

Revelation 20:01 – “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **:02** – And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **:03** – And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”

So, as we explored in yesterday’s sermon concerning the timing of the imprisonment of the adversary and his demons, they are bound and imprisoned for 1,000 years at a time before the beginning of the Millennium and the 1,000-year reign of Jesus on the earth. This means that there is a short time gap between the adversary’s imprisonment and the beginning of the Millennium, which also means that there is this same short time gap [verse 3 calls it a little season – in Greek “a little space of time”] between the release of the adversary ending his imprisonment and the end of the Millennium.

So, in short, the adversary and his demons are released from their imprisonment near the ending of the 1,000-year reign of Jesus. Let’s read on in Revelation 20.

Revelation 20:07 – “And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **:08** – 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. **:09** – And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. **:10** – And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

So, in verse 7, the adversary and his demons are released from their imprisonment and they immediately go out to deceive the entirety of mankind who have been living during the Millennium. Again, each person of humanity at the end of the Millennium must face the evil one, our adversary, after they have known the truth, after they have known our Heavenly Father and Jesus the Anointed One, and after they have known the plan of salvation.

And once again, just like in the Garden of Eden, each person in facing the evil one, after knowing the truth, must choose between the two trees: going our Heavenly Father’s way by choosing the tree of life, or going our adversary’s way by choosing the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It will be the same test given to Adam and Eve, and it is the same test that is given to us today and to all of the called-out ones throughout history.

But unfortunately, as is stated in verse 8, the number of people who have lived a wonderful life during the Millennium, who have followed our Heavenly Father’s way of happiness and peace, and then who openly rebel against our Heavenly

Father and His way and who follow our adversary against our Heavenly Father and His people are in the billions and billions – like the sand of the sea. These billions and billions of rebelling humanity will be consumed by our Heavenly Father with fire. That is their judgment, and that is their second death – their spiritual death.

Then, as we have explored in yesterday's message concerning the three harvests, as the Millennium comes to an end, we then will have the general spiritual harvest, the spiritual harvest of all of mankind who have lived during the Millennium and have been obedient and want to live our Heavenly Father's way.

So, this resurrection of righteous humanity to spiritual life occurs at the end of the Millennium (during the Millennium), not after the Millennium. Therefore, this resurrection (this spiritual harvest) occurs during the Feast of Tabernacles.

After the billions of rebellious incorrigible people will be burned up and after the evil one and his demons will have been destroyed in the lake of fire, the masses of humanity remaining at the end of the Millennium will stand before Jesus to be given judgment on entering our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Also, the unrighteous firstfruits who knew the truth and rejected it and rejected our Heavenly Father and His way and turned against the Father and Jesus during their lifetimes in this present age will also be resurrected to physical life at that time.

All whose names are not found in the Book of Life, including the remaining unrighteous at the end of the Millennium as well as the unrighteous firstfruits, will be thrown into the lake of fire and destroyed.

Then, the righteous billions remaining alive at the very end of the Millennium will be changed in a twinkling of an eye from physical humans to spiritual beings, the very spiritual children of our Heavenly Father.

A final discussion concerning the Eighth Day is:

6) **The Eighth Day starts the rest of the story**

After the final rebellion against our Heavenly Father, after the destruction of the adversary and his demons, after the destruction of all the unrighteous portion of humanity, and after the third spiritual harvest of all of the righteous portion of humanity at the end of the Millennium pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles, we now enter into the Eighth Day, with our Heavenly Father as our Father, with Jesus the Anointed One as our elder brother, and with billions and billions and billions of fellow spiritual children of our Heavenly Father. The Eighth Day represents the culmination of the plan of salvation that God Our Father implemented at the fall of Adam and Eve.

This day also represents a new beginning. The New Jerusalem will have been established on the earth. It is the spiritual city whose foundations were constructed by our Heavenly Father, the spiritual city that Abraham looked forward to as we can read in Hebrews 11.

Hebrews 11:08 – “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **:09** – By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: **:10** – For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.”

Please turn with me to Revelation 21, where we can read of a description of this New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:22 – “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **:23** – And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof. **:24** – And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. **:25** – And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. **:26** – “And they shall bring the glory ~~and honour of the nations~~ into it [*not in oldest manuscripts – their glory into it*]. **:27** – And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

On the Eighth Day, only those billions and billions whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life are alive, as powerful, energetic, perfect spiritual beings.

What are we going to be doing? What will it all be like? What will our Heavenly Father's spiritual Kingdom be like with billions and billions of new sons and daughters?

Please turn with me to 1 Corinthians 2, where we will read where the Apostle Paul references a passage from Isaiah 64:04 concerning our knowledge of our future.

1 Corinthians 2:09 -- “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God [ὁ θεὸς – *ho theos* – *the God* – *God Our Father*] hath prepared for them that love him.

Our physical minds just cannot comprehend the unimaginable glory, excitement, joy, energy, power, and love that we will all experience in the future, not only the firstfruits, but all of righteous mankind as spirit beings – spiritual children of our Heavenly Father.

What a glorious time to look forward to! And no one is looking more forward to the fulfillment of this day than Our Heavenly Father. He wants us to be His children. He wants to share His spiritual Kingdom with us. He wants to share His physical creation with us.

Please turn with me back to Revelation 21, and we will read something absolutely amazing.

Revelation 21:07 – “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Astronomers today believe that there are more than 500 billion galaxies in the known Universe. Astronomers now believe that there are over 1 septillion stars in the Universe – that number is a 1 followed by 24 zeros. That is 1 trillion trillion stars. That's 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars. This is only part of our inheritance of all things. It is estimated that approximately 80,000,000,000 people have lived on the earth. If every one of these 80,000,000,000 people could inherit eternal life and be part of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom, and each were given the same number of stars, every person would be given 12,500,000,000,000 (12.5 trillion) stars. What would you do with 12.5 trillion stars? It just boggles the mind.

What wonders does our Heavenly Father have in store for His children!!!

This Eighth Day represents the universe at peace. This Eighth Day represents the first time since the original rebellion of the adversary and his demons that the whole universe is at peace, without rebellion, without heartache, without hatred, and without sin.

Although the Eighth Day marks the end of the long history of rebellion against God Our Father, this day truly is not an ending – it is a new beginning.

In looking at the Eighth Day, the words of the famous quote of Winston Churchill from 1942 come to mind – “Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

This Eighth Day represents forever and ever, a future extending forever with no end.

The Eighth Day represents a new era and a new beginning – an eternal future with our Heavenly Father and with His Son, Jesus, and with all the heavenly hosts.

What a wonderful unbelievably exciting and fulfilling time that is portrayed and represented by this incredible Holy Day – the Eighth Day!