

Victory and Reign of God's Love

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VICTORY AT THE CROSS

- “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.” (John 12:31 NRSVue).
- “When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” (John 19:30).

VICTORY AT THE CROSS

“that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” (2 Cor. 5:19).

VICTORY AT THE CROSS

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy” (Ps. 103:2-4).

A PLACE FOR YOU!

- “May you be made strong ... joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:11-14).
- “But our citizenship is in heaven...” (Philipp. 3:20).

A PLACE FOR YOU!

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:2-3).

A PLACE FOR YOU!

“But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” (Num. 13:30).

A PLACE FOR YOU!

“And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh ... said ... ‘The land that we went through as spies is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only, do not rebel against the LORD, and do not fear the people of the land, for they are no more than bread for us; their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.’”
(Num. 14:6-9).

A PLACE FOR YOU!

- “until the Ancient One came; then judgment was given for the holy ones of the Most High, and the time arrived when the holy ones gained possession of the kingdom.” (Dan. 7:22).
- “The kingship and dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.” (Dan. 7:27).

DELIVERANCE

“But reports from the east and the north shall alarm him [King of the North], and he shall go out with great fury to bring ruin and complete destruction to many. He shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with no one to help him. At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence.

DELIVERANCE

But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” (Dan. 11:44-12:3).

DELIVERANCE

“Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness he judges and wages war**. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems ... He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **his name is called The Word of God**. And **the armies of heaven ... were following him** on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a scepter of iron; he will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, **‘King of kings and Lord of lords.’**” (Rev. 19:11-16).

WHEN WILL JESUS COME?

- Last date in biblical time prophecy = 1844 (Dan. 8:14).
- Any generation following 1844 can be final.
- Gospel to whole world, then the end (Matt. 24:14).

FINAL EVENTS

- Triumph of the revived papacy and its allies (Dan. 11:40-43).
- Papacy and its allies enforcing false worship (Rev. 13).
- God's response: His messengers complete the worldwide proclamation of His last warning and appeal messages: Three angels' messages (Rev. 14:6-12).

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

“Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an **eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation and tribe and language and people. He said in a loud voice, ‘**Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.**’ Then another angel, a second, followed, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her prostitution.’ (Rev. 14:6-8).

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

“Then another angel, a third, followed them, crying with a loud voice, ‘Those who worship the beast and its image and receive the brand on their foreheads or on their hands, they will also drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger ... **Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.**” (Rev. 14:9-12).

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Two requirements during the end-time judgment just before Christ's Second Coming:

- Keep God's commandments, which are based on love (Matt. 22:37-40).
- Keep the faith/faithfulness of Jesus, who obeyed His Father (Heb. 5:8) and "humbled himself" (Philipp. 2:8) because He loves us (John 15:9).

ELIJAH MESSAGE

“Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.”
(Mal. 4:4-6).

ELIJAH MESSAGE

- Reminder of God's commandments.
- Relational reconciliation, a message about love.
- A powerful "still small voice" message.
- Just before "the great and terrible day of the LORD comes," that is, Christ's Second Coming.
- A message that is especially relevant today!

“LATTER RAIN” OF THE SPIRIT

- “O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given **the early rain for your vindication**; he has poured down for you abundant rain, **the early and the later rain, as before.**” (Joel 2:23).
- “Then **afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit.” (Joel 2:28-29).

“LATTER RAIN” OF THE SPIRIT

- “Former rain” of Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2).
- End-time outpouring of Holy Spirit “before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes” (Joel 2:31).
- “Latter rain” of the Spirit empowers witness to God’s love.
- The Spirit provides love (Rom. 5:5) and other gifts (Gal. 5:22-23).

COMMON DENOMINATOR

Focus on God's love just before Christ's
Second Coming:

- Elijah Message = love.
- Third Angel's Message = love.
- "Latter Rain" empowers love.

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish.”
(Eph. 5:25-27).

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” (Rev. 19:7-8).

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

- Corporate holiness shown in righteous deeds as God's gift .
- Not unique faith and loyal obedience (compare Gen. 15:6; 17:1; 22:15-18), but unique power and scope of corporate experience as God's gifts to deal with unique events.
- We provide loyal acceptance and cooperation; it is God who perfects/matures our characters.

PERFECTION = MATURITY IN LOVE

“But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**” (Matt. 5:44-45, 48).

SPIRIT FROM CHRIST IN SANCTUARY

Ellen G. White's vision of the "End of the 2300 Days" (= 1844):

"I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him ... Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, 'My Father, give us Thy Spirit.' Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.

SPIRIT FROM CHRIST IN SANCTUARY

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, 'Father, give us Thy Spirit.' Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children."—*Early Writings*, 55-56.

TIME TO GO HOME!

“I have tried to bring back a good report and a few grapes from the heavenly Canaan, for which many would stone me, as the congregation bade stone Caleb and Joshua for their report.

(Num.14:10.) But I declare to you, my brethren and sisters in the Lord, **it is a goodly land, and we are well able to go up and possess it.**”—*Early Writings*, 14.



NEW WORLD!

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away’ (Rev. 21:1, 3-4).

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A red Bugatti Veyron is parked on a paved surface, likely at a car show or exhibition. The car's distinctive scissor doors are open, revealing the interior. In the background, a group of people are standing and observing the car. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a grassy area visible in the distance.

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NEW UNIVERSE!

“The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that **God is love.**”

—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, 678





**“When we’ve been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than
when we’d first begun.”**

—John Newton, “Amazing Grace”