

The Ballad of Adam's Race

(A Pilgrimage from Spirit to Death and Back)

The Ballad of Adam's Race sets forth the biblical account of the pilgrimage of Adam's descendants across seven thousand years. It starts with Adam at creation; Noah follows at the end of day one, 1,000 years later; Abraham appears about the end of day two, 2,000 years; David is on the earth at the end of day three, 3,000; Jesus at day four, 4,000; the ages of the Gentile church on days five and six, 5,000 and 6,000; and Jesus reappearing to close the ending events of day six and to inaugurate day seven, the Millennium, which ends 7,000 years from God's creation of Adam.

It is during these 7,000 years that each one of the vast horde of mankind demonstrate to the LORD God whether or not he or she chooses to meet God's predefined criteria for becoming one of His adopted children in His great adoption promised in the following proclamation:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. ¹

The Ballad summarizes God's requirements while at the same time displaying His heart and sacrifices for all who earnestly seek to become His children. In affirmation of these things, God's blessed Holy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ plainly states,

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Across these seven thousand years every soul is given the sacred right—and solemn responsibility—to choose whether they will meet the Lord's criteria for adoption as sons, or turn away into eternal separation. It is your choice, whoever you are. Choose wisely, knowing it is from the life you live and the decisions you make during the years given to you that determine your eternal destiny; this is your only opportunity. There will not be a second chance.

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(Imagine as an opening motif a swelling orchestral dawn, light breaking over creation, hushed awe as strings fade into warning thunder.)

Day 1. Adam to Noah (4,000 to 3,000 BC)

1.1 Man is created and warned: God forms Adam in perfection and breaths spirit-life (the breath of God Himself) into him. ² God forbids eating from the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil lest

¹ Ephesians 1:3-6 and following through 23.

² Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7.

death enter like a shadow over Eden. ³ This is the foundation of mankind's stewardship, and at stake is eternal fellowship with or separation from God. Man must choose obedience to preserve Eden's glory, otherwise by the whispers of the serpent's treachery man will fall from life to death; from walking with God to being slaves to sinful evil. God's pattern of blessing holiness and obedience and destroying rebellion and evil continues throughout all seven thousand years of Adam's race.

1.2 Tempted and failed: The serpent deceives Eve and then Adam partakes, sinning against God's command. ⁴ This reveals the flesh's vulnerability, and at stake is the catastrophic loss of spirit-communion with God. The only remaining hope now rests on repentance and turning back through the promised Seed ⁵ to avert eternal death, lest the slain Lamb's shadow lengthen unheeded.

(Rising dissonance in strings.)

1.2.1 Catastrophic Loss—Death of spirit and heritage: Immediate spiritual death severs union with God, cursing ground and offspring—the root of all human woe. One must cry out for the promised Redeemer or face unending separation, as the tree of life is guarded by flaming sword. ⁶

1.2.2 Devastating Result—Flesh unleashed. Immediate spiritual death severs union with God, cursing ground and offspring—the root of all human woe. One must cry out for the promised Redeemer or face unending separation, as the tree of life is guarded by flaming sword. ⁷

(Percussive strikes for murder's echo.)

1.3 Expulsion from garden: Cherubim guard Eden, barring access to the tree of life; ⁸ pertinent as mercy mingled with judgment, at stake is preventing eternal sin-state—seek God's covering ⁹ through obedience, or wander in exile forever—foreshadowing the outer darkness.

(Somber cello under expulsion.)

1.4 God's friend Enoch—Yet, in the midst of man's demise ¹⁰ Enoch walked with God and was translated without death amid growing wickedness. This is pertinent as a beacon of faithful abiding. At stake is escaping judgment through intimacy—pursue spiritual (Pneumatikos) union, or perish in the flood's dread. This is as a type of the final gathering of those who overcome.

(Uplifting flute motif for translation.)

1.5 Depravity on earth. ¹¹ Sons of God mingle with daughters of men, some bearing giants; fills earth with violence and corrupt thoughts. This warns of total moral collapse, at stake is God's grief which

³ Ibid. 2:16-17.

⁴ Ibid. 3:1-6.

⁵ Ibid. 3:15.

⁶ Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 5:12.

⁷ Genesis 4:8-16.

⁸ Ibid. 3:23-24.

⁹ Ibid. 3:21.

¹⁰ Ibid. 5:21-24.

¹¹ Ibid. 6:1-7.

leads to annihilation. Repent swiftly, lest regret seals fate like the unrepentant in the bowls of wrath.

1.6 Annihilation intended: God regrets creating man, plans global wipeout.¹² Pertinent as holy wrath against unbridled sin. At stake is utter destruction—heed the warning, build faith's ark, or drown in judgment, echoing the Day of the Lord.

1.7 Noah, one righteous man: Noah finds grace, walking blameless amid corruption.¹³ Pertinent as proof righteousness preserves, at stake is survival through obedience—follow his example in building as commanded, or face the waters' terror, as a shadow of the future saved on earth.

1.8 Ark and flood: God instructs ark-building, floods earth, saving Noah's family.¹⁴ Pertinent as type of salvation through judgment, at stake is new beginning or extinction—enter the ark of Christ, or perish in the deluge's foreboding dread, prefiguring baptism into the Lamb's blood. Thunderous percussion for flood's roar, resolving to rainbow hush.

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Day 2. Noah to Abraham (3,000 to 2,000 BC)

(Motif: Dispersing winds in woodwinds, calling trumpet for Abram.)

2.1 Dispersion at Babel:¹⁵ Unified in rebellion, men build tower; God confuses languages, scatters nations; pertinent to curb prideful unity against Him. At stake is divine sovereignty—humble before God, or face confusion's lasting curse, as tongues foreshadow Pentecost's reversal.

2.2 God calls Abram:¹⁶ Abram commanded to leave homeland, promised blessing and seed; pertinent as covenant initiation. At stake is global redemption through faith—obey the call, or forfeit becoming a blessing to nations, through whom the Lamb comes.

2.3 God's promise—Father of many nations¹⁷ Name changed to Abraham, everlasting covenant sealed; pertinent to establish faith's lineage, at stake is multiplying descendants—trust the promise, circumcise the heart, or inherit nothing, as stars point to the multitude in white robes.

2.4 Isaac, Jacob, Joseph (Early history of Abraham's family): Miraculous birth, wrestling for blessing, preservation in Egypt; pertinent as God's faithfulness amid human frailty, at stake is patriarchal line—yield to divine election, or lose the heritage, wrestling like Jacob at Peniel.

¹² Ibid. 6:3-7.

¹³ Ibid. 6:8-9.

¹⁴ Ibid. 6:13-8:22.

¹⁵ Ibid. 11:1-9.

¹⁶ Ibid. 12:1-3.

¹⁷ Ibid. 17:4-5.

2.5 God preserves life through Joseph ¹⁸ (Sold into slavery, rises to save family from famine; pertinent as providence overruling evil, at stake is Israel's survival—forgive and trust God's sovereignty, or starve in dread, as dreams foreshadow prophetic visions.

2.6 God's Incubator (As God told Abraham): Egypt as womb for nation's growth, foretold bondage ¹⁹; pertinent as preparation for exodus, at stake is forming a people—endure the crucible, cry out for deliverance, or remain enslaved, incubating like the church in wilderness trials.

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Day 3. Moses to David (~2,000 to 1,000 BC)

(Motif: Thunderous brass for Sinai, lamenting oboe for rebellion.)

3.1 God thrusts out Israel from Egypt: God's plagues culminate in Red Sea crossing. ²⁰ Pertinent as liberation from bondage, at stake is freedom or Pharaoh's tyranny—follow the pillar, or return to chains, as waters part like the Jordan for overcomers. Understand, God delivers His people, and He also judges the idolatrous Egyptians who abused, exploited, and ruthlessly held them in captivity.

3.2 Passover inaugurated: Lamb's blood spares the firstborn. ²¹ Important as a shadow of Christ's atonement, at stake is life or death—apply the blood by faith, or face the angel's dread, the slain Lamb fulfilling every drop.

3.3 God speaks on the Mountain: His Thunderous voice from Sinai. ²² Important as revelation of holiness, at stake is covenant intimacy—tremble and obey, or provoke wrath—echoing the seven thunders that were sealed in Revelation chapter 10.

3.4 The Nation's principles were based exclusively on what God said. ²³ Israel was to be a priestly kingdom and holy nation. They were to model God's ways—at stake is the blessing of other nations. They were to reflect His statutes and judgments, for then the nations would have said, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation has God so near.

They were to terminate the wicked nations who were there. They were to make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them, nor make marriages with them for they would turn their sons away from following God to serve other gods. They were to destroy their altars, and break down and burn their *sacred* pillars. Israel was to be a holy people, a special treasure above all people on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on them because they were more numerable than others, for they were the least of all peoples; but because He would keep the oath He swore to their fathers.

¹⁸ Ibid. 45-50.

¹⁹ Ibid. 15:13.

²⁰ Exodus 7-14.

²¹ Ibid., chapter 12.

²² Ibid. chapters 19-20.

²³ Ibid., 19:3-6; Deuteronomy 4:5-8; 7:1-11; 1 Peter 2:9, and many others.

3.5 Yet rebellion showed wicked hearts, ²⁴ exposed miserable unbelief, and threatened inheritance.

3.6 Initially the Law was “gladly” received; Commandments accepted with vows ²⁵ pertinent as guide to righteousness—yet at stake is blessing or curse—internalize through Spirit, or fail in flesh.

3.7 Israel fails—flesh cannot obey God: Spies' fear leads to 40-year wandering ²⁶ ; pertinent to prove self-effort's futility, at stake is entering rest—trust God's power, or die in unbelief's dread.

3.8 Without God's Spirit man is lost: Flesh profits nothing; ²⁷ pertinent as lesson for all ages, at stake is eternal life—receive the Spirit, or remain hopeless, The Spirit life (Pneumatikos) the key unveiled.

3.9 God had to prove this to Israel: Cycles of sin in Judges; pertinent as divine pedagogy, at stake is learning dependence—cry out in distress, or cycle in oppression, like the two witnesses' testimony.

3.10 Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Saul: Conquest, apostasy, anointing kings; pertinent as transition to monarchy, at stake is godly leadership—choose Spirit-led rulers, or suffer rebellion's terror, foreshadowing the Beast's rise.

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Day 4. David to Jesus (~1,000 BC to AD 0)

(Motif: Regal horns for kingdom, mourning violins for exile, triumphant swell for incarnation.)

4.1 David Earthly Kingdom (David to Zedekiah, 427 years): United under David, temple planned; pertinent as type of Christ's reign, at stake is covenant faithfulness—worship in truth, or divide, as the Branch builds the eternal temple.

4.2 Solomon erodes it: Idolatry through wives; ²⁸ pertinent to warn of compromise, at stake is kingdom's integrity—guard the heart, or face erosion's dread, like Pergamos' Balaam doctrine.

4.3 Rehoboam divides it: Harsh rule splits Israel/Judah ²⁹ pertinent as judgment on sin, at stake is unity—seek wisdom, or fracture eternally, nations scattered like Babel.

4.4 They didn't obey:³⁰ Hardened hearts reject prophets; pertinent as divine hardening, at stake is hearing—soften to the Word, or be blinded, as eyes shut to the signs in heaven.

²⁴ Exodus 32.

²⁵ Ibid. 24:3-7.

²⁶ Numbers 13-14.

²⁷ John 6:63.

²⁸ 1 Kings 11.

²⁹ Ibid. 12.

³⁰ Isaiah 6:9-10.

4.5 Babylonian captivity (70 years): Exile for idolatry ³¹; pertinent as chastening, at stake is restoration—repent in Babylon, or prolong woe, like the harlot's fall.

4.6 Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah: Temple rebuilt, walls restored; pertinent as partial return, at stake is rebuilding—labor faithfully, or remain desolate, as Philadelphia's open door.

4.7 Malachi's closing message (400 BC): Call to pure offerings, Elijah's coming; pertinent as final OT warning, at stake is refinement—prepare hearts, or face the curse, heralding John's cry.

4.8 Another of God's 400 years (Israel in Egypt; Judges; Intertestamental period): Silent heavens amid oppression; pertinent as testing faith, at stake is endurance—wait expectantly, or despair in dread, silence broken by angelic announcements.

4.9 JESUS CHRIST (2 B.C., Hallelujah): Incarnation fulfills promises. ³² Pertinent as God's ultimate revelation, at stake is salvation—receive Him, or reject light, the Lamb standing as slain.

(Exultant chorus: Hallelujah!)

4.10 The Law fulfilled (Death/Resurrection): Christ dies for sins, rises victorious. ³³ Pertinent as new covenant dawn, at stake is justification—believe the gospel, or perish, the veil torn forever.

4.11 New Covenant (Holy Spirit poured out): Pentecost empowers church. ³⁴ Pertinent as Spirit-indwelling, at stake is power—abide in Vine, or wither fruitless, tongues as of fire.

4.12 Gospel spreads to Jews and Gentiles: From Jerusalem to ends of earth ³⁵ Pertinent as inclusive salvation, at stake is global harvest—proclaim boldly, or hinder, like the eternal gospel angel.

4.13 Pneumatikos Unveiled (Used 26 times): Spiritual union in Christ ³⁶ Pertinent as key to victory, at stake is discernment—walk in Spirit, or flesh's terror, mind of Christ revealed.

4.14 Canon Completed/Apostles die: Scriptures sealed, witnesses martyred; foundation laid, at stake is preservation—guard the deposit, or drift, like Smyrna's faithful unto death.

4.15 John on Patmos: Exile births Revelation ³⁷ Pertinent as end-time blueprint, at stake is preparation—heed the prophecy, or face unreadiness's dread, the Alpha and Omega speaking.

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³¹ 2 Kings 25; Jeremiah 25:11.

³² Luke 2.

³³ Matthew 27-28.

³⁴ Acts 2.

³⁵ Acts 1:8.

³⁶ 1 Corinthians 2:10-16.

³⁷ Revelation 1:9.

Day 5. Gentiles:

Part 1 (~AD 33 to AD 1514)

(Motif: Solemn letters in minor key, building to lukewarm warning.)

5.1 Jesus on Patmos: Glorified Christ appears; ³⁸ Pertinent as sovereign over churches, at stake is awe—worship Him, or ignore at peril, eyes like flame piercing.

5.2 Letters to the Seven Churches: Messages to historical and typological assemblies: ³⁹ Pertinent as church age diagnosis, at stake is overcoming—repent per letter, or lose lampstand, each person is responsible to hear and heed.

5.2.1 Ephesus (33-100 A.D.): Left first love, commended works; pertinent as early fervor waning, at stake is removal—return to love, or fade, lampstand snuffed.

5.2.2 Smyrna (100-313 A.D.): Persecuted yet rich; pertinent as faithfulness amid trial, at stake is crown of life—endure, or succumb to dread, prison's test.

5.2.3 Pergamos (313-538 A.D.): Compromised with world; pertinent as doctrine's erosion, at stake is hidden manna—reject Balaam, or sword strikes, throne of Satan near.

5.2.4 Thyatira (538-1514 A.D.): Tolerated Jezebel, idolatry; pertinent as corruption's depth, at stake is morning star—cast out false, or bed of sickness, depths of Satan searched.

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Day 6. Gentiles, Part 2 (~1514 AD to Tribulation's end)

(Motif: Escalating dissonance, apocalyptic trumpets building to wrath.)

6.2.5 Sardis (1514-1798 A.D.): Dead works, few undefiled; pertinent as reformation's incomplete revival, at stake is white garments—strengthen remnant, or unexpected thief, names blotted.

6.2.6 Philadelphia (1798-1900 A.D.): Open door, little strength; pertinent as missionary zeal, at stake is pillar in temple—hold fast, or lose crown, kept from trial hour.

6.2.7 Laodicea (1900 A.D.- present): Lukewarm, self-sufficient; pertinent as modern complacency, at stake is fellowship—buy refined gold, or be vomited out, naked shame exposed.

³⁸ Revelation 1:12-18.

³⁹ Revelation 2-3.

6.3 Jesus vomits out Lukewarm Laodiceans: Spewed for tepidness ⁴⁰ Pertinent as final church warning, at stake is exclusion—be zealous, repent, or eternal dread, door knocked upon.

6.4 God activates Tribulation: Seven-year woe begins ⁴¹ Pertinent as purification, at stake is endurance—flee Antichrist, or take mark, great distress unmatched.

6.5 Day of the Lord begins: Sudden destruction ⁴² Pertinent as intervention's dawn, at stake is readiness—watch soberly, or terror overtakes, thief in night.

6.6 Lamb Breaks Seals: Judgments unfold: ⁴³ Pertinent as wrath's release, at stake is hiding from Lamb—seek mercy now, or face rocks' fall, heavens shaken.

6.7 End Time Events (From Chronicles of the End Times, Revisited): The 75 sequenced events from the Chronicles of the End Times unfold in sovereign blueprint—seals unleashing conquerors, war, famine, death; interludes of mercy sealing 144,000 and gathering the multitude washed in the Lamb's blood; trumpets sounding woes with no repentance; signs revealing cosmic war and two witnesses slain then raised; beasts rising with mark and deception; multitudes reaped as wheat or grapes of wrath; wraths avenging martyrs' blood; Babylon the harlot falling in smoke; Armageddon crushing the rebellion under the Rider on the white horse. At stake: eternal destiny—endure as overcomers by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, or perish in the second death's fire.

- Seals: The Lamb opens the scroll, unleashing conquerors, war, famine, death, martyrs' cries, cosmic quakes, and heavenly silence—judgments escalating, heavens recoiling as stars fall and men hide in terror. ⁴⁴
- Interludes: Mercy pauses wrath; 144,000 sealed from tribes, great multitude in white robes washed in blood, standing before the throne with palms, crying salvation amid woe. ⁴⁵
- Trumpets: Angels sound: hail and fire burn earth, seas turn blood, waters poisoned by Wormwood, heavens darkened, locusts torment from abyss, Euphrates armies slay a third of mankind—no repentance follows. ⁴⁶
- Signs: Mighty angel with scroll, seven thunders sealed, temple measured, two witnesses prophesy in sackcloth, killed then resurrected, earthquake strikes; woman clothed with sun flees dragon's rage. ⁴⁷

⁴⁰ Revelation 3:16.

⁴¹ Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:21.

⁴² 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3; Joel 2:1.

⁴³ Revelation 6.

⁴⁴ Ibid. 6.

⁴⁵ Revelation 7.

⁴⁶ Revelation 8-9.

⁴⁷ Revelation 10-12.

- Beasts: Sea beast rises with healed wound, blasphemes 42 months, wars on saints; earth beast performs miracles, enforces mark 666, deceiving all but the elect. ⁴⁸
- Multitudes: Lamb on Zion with 144,000 firstfruits; eternal gospel proclaimed, Babylon warned fallen; blessed are dead in Lord, harvest reaped, grapes of wrath trod. ⁴⁹
- Wraths: Temple angels emerge with plagues; Lamb's wrath avenges martyrs, God's wrath completes judgments—sovereign reckoning on the rebellious. ⁵⁰
- Bowls: Poured in fury: sores on marked, seas and rivers blood, sun scorches, darkness gnaws, Euphrates dries for kings, frogs gather to Armageddon, earthquake and hail devastate. ⁵¹
- Babylon's Fall: Harlot on scarlet beast judged, mystery explained as corrupt system; destroyed by beast, merchants mourn her smoke, heavens rejoice her doom. ⁵²
- Armageddon: Kings assembled for battle, Rider on white horse (Faithful and True) captures beast and prophet, casts to fire; birds feast on flesh, millennium dawns. ⁵³

6.8 Tribulation Ends: Seven years conclude. ⁵⁴ Pertinent as woe's climax, at stake is survival—hold faith, or fall away, dragon defeated.

6.9 Harvest of the Earth: Reaping ripe souls. ⁵⁵ Pertinent as ingathering, at stake is eternal destiny—be wheat, not tares, sickle thrust.

6.10 Marriage Supper of Lamb: Bride made ready. ⁵⁶ Pertinent as union's feast, at stake is inclusion—keep garments clean, or miss joy, hallelujah chorus rings.

6.11 Wrath of Lamb: Christ judges nations. ⁵⁷ pertinent as avenging blood, at stake is hiding—bow now, or face terror, mountains fall.

⁴⁸ Ibid. 13.

⁴⁹ Ibid. 14.

⁵⁰ Ibid. 15; 6:16-17.

⁵¹ Ibid. 16.

⁵² Ibid. 17-18.

⁵³ Ibid. 19.

⁵⁴ Daniel 9:27.

⁵⁵ (Revelation 14:14-16.

⁵⁶ Ibid. 19:7-9.

⁵⁷ Ibid. 6:16-17.

6.12 Wrath of God: Bowls poured. ⁵⁸ Pertinent as final plagues, at stake is repentance—turn, or harden to dread, no rest day or night.

6.13 Battle of Armageddon: Kings gathered, crushed. ⁵⁹ Pertinent as rebellion's end, at stake is victory—align with Lamb, or beast's fate, sword from mouth.

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Day 7. Millennial (1,000 year) Reign

(Motif: Peaceful symphony in major key, building to final judgment thunder.)

7.1 Reign Begins: Christ rules from Jerusalem. ⁶⁰ Pertinent as Sabbath rest, at stake is peace—submit to King, or miss restoration, rod of iron.

7.1.1 The Lord, the Branch, Builds the Temple. ⁶¹ Messiah constructs millennial house; pertinent as worship's center, at stake is purity—enter gates with thanks, or exclude, living waters flow.

7.1.2 The Branch sits and rules on His Throne. ⁶² Priest-King reigns; pertinent as unified authority, at stake is justice—obey decrees, or rebel, nations healed.

7.1.3 Martyrs from Tribulation rule with Him. ⁶³ Resurrected saints co-reign; pertinent as first resurrection's reward, at stake is blessedness—endure martyrdom, or second death, thrones set.

7.2.1 Reign Ends: Satan released briefly. ⁶⁴ Pertinent as final test, at stake is loyalty—stand firm, or deceive, fire from heaven.

7.2.2 Sheep & Goats Judged: Separation at throne. ⁶⁵ Pertinent as works' reckoning, at stake is inheritance—serve least, or eternal fire, nations divided.

7.2.3 Grapes of Wrath harvested: Trod in winepress. ⁶⁶ Pertinent as vengeance, at stake is bloodguilt—flee wrath, or be crushed, blood to bridles.

⁵⁸ Revelation 16.

⁵⁹ Ibid. 19:19-21.

⁶⁰ Ibid. 20:4-6.

⁶¹ Zechariah 6:12.

⁶² Ibid. 6:13.

⁶³ Revelation 20:4-6.

⁶⁴ Ibid. 20:7.

⁶⁵ Matthew 25:31-46.

⁶⁶ Revelation 14:17-20.

7.2.4 White Throne Judgment: Books opened. ⁶⁷ Pertinent as final accounting, at stake is lake of fire—name in life book, or second death's dread, dead judged.

7.2.5 Old Heavens and Earth Destroyed: Elements melt. ⁶⁸ pertinent as purification, at stake is renewal—look for new, or perish with old, fervent heat.

7.2.6 New Heavens and Earth Created: No more sea, curse. ⁶⁹ Pertinent as eternal state, at stake is dwelling with God—overcome, or miss, all made new.

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**Postscript: New Heavens and Earth—Eternity Unveiled,
No More Curse, God with Us**

(As shaped above, with hushed awe strings resolving to eternal light motif.)

God's Declarative Statement

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. ⁷⁰

Those Living on New Earth

7.3.1 First Fruits: 144,000 sealed. ⁷¹ pertinent as redeemed vanguard, at stake is purity—follow Lamb, or defile, undefiled virgins.

7.3.2 Five Wise Virgins Class: Prepared for bridegroom. ⁷² pertinent as readiness, at stake is entrance—keep oil, or shut door, lamps trimmed.

⁶⁷ Revelation 20:11-15.

⁶⁸ 2 Peter 3:10-12.

⁶⁹ Revelation 21:1.

⁷⁰ Revelation 21:7-8.

⁷¹ Ibid. 14:1-5.

⁷² Matthew 25:1-13.

7.3.3 “The Gathering” Believers: Elect assembled. ⁷³ pertinent as rapture's fruit, at stake is deliverance—watch, or left behind, angels gather.

7.3.4 The Jews: Remnant saved. ⁷⁴ pertinent as grafted back, at stake is all Israel—recognize Messiah, or miss, veil lifted.

7.3.5 Tribulation Saints: Multitude washed. ⁷⁵ pertinent as perseverers, at stake is palms—endure, or deny, robes white.

7.3.6 Nations: The Sheep: Blessed for kindness. ⁷⁶ pertinent as righteous gentiles, at stake is kingdom—serve Christ in least, or goats' fate, eternal life.

7.3.7 Animals: Peaceful creation. ⁷⁷ Pertinent as curse lifted, at stake is harmony—rejoice in renewal, or ignore God's care, wolf with lamb.

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And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. ⁷⁸

Will you be in that number? Will you overcome and inherit all things as His son—or will you stand with the cowardly, unbelieving, and abominable in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, the second death?

⁷³ Ibid. 24:31.

⁷⁴ Romans 11:26.

⁷⁵ Revelation 7:9-17.

⁷⁶ Matthew 25:34-40.

⁷⁷ Isaiah 11:6-9.

⁷⁸ Hebrews 9:27-28.