The Sanctuary and the Plan of Salvation

A Companion Study to "The Grain of Wheat"

Introduction

> "*Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is so great a God as our God?*"
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> **Psalm 77:13**

The study "The Grain of Wheat" showed that the grain that fell into the ground is Christ, and that through His death, burial, and resurrection He did not remain alone but brought forth much grain.

But the death and resurrection of Jesus do not complete the plan of salvation. They are part of the process. Part of the process takes place on earth, but a big part of the process takes place in heaven.

The sanctuary reveals the plan of salvation, and the prophecy of the 2300 days shows its steps and its dates. This study follows that plan, step by step, from the cross to the throne of God on the new earth.

Sola Scriptura is our foundation.

> "*To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*"
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> **Isaiah 8:20**

Part 1: Why Was Christ's Death Necessary?

1. Sin brings death

From the beginning, God said that sin leads to death. Since all have sinned, all are under this sentence.

> "*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*"
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> **Romans 5:12**

> "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"
> **Romans 6:23**

2. Forgiveness required a life to be given

In the sanctuary system, God taught that sin is not removed lightly. A life had to be given.

> "*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.*"
> **Leviticus 17:11**

> "*And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*"
> **Hebrews 9:22**

Every lamb that was sacrificed pointed forward to the true Lamb:

> "*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*"
> **John 1:29**

3. Christ died in our place

Jesus had no sin of His own. He took our sins upon Himself and received the death that we deserved.

> "*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*"
> **Isaiah 53:5-6**

> "*For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*"
> **2 Corinthians 5:21**

> "*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...*"
> **1 Peter 3:18**

4. He gave His life willingly

> "*No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.*"
> **John 10:18**

5. His death broke the power of the devil

> "*...that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*"
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> **Hebrews 2:14-15**

6. His death shows the love of God

> "*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*"
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> **Romans 5:8**

7. He rose again, and the plan continues

> "*...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*"
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> **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

> "*And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!*"
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> **1 Corinthians 15:17**

The cross and the resurrection are a central step, but the plan of salvation continues until sin and death are removed forever. The next steps take place in the heavenly sanctuary.

Part 2: The Sanctuary Reveals the Plan of Salvation

1. The sanctuary was made after a heavenly pattern

> "*And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.*"
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> **Exodus 25:8-9**

> "*...who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, 'See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.'*"
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> **Hebrews 8:5**

God's purpose was to "dwell among them." In John 1:14, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," the Greek word for "dwelt" means "pitched His tent" or "tabernacled."

2. The priests and the high priest

The ordinary priests served every day in the courtyard and in the first apartment, the Holy Place. Only the high priest could enter the second apartment, the Most Holy Place, and only once a year, on the Day of Atonement.

> "*Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.*"
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> **Hebrews 9:6-7**

3. On earth: the sacrifice (the courtyard)

In the courtyard, the lamb was slain at the altar. This was fulfilled on earth, at the cross.

> "*But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.*"
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> **Hebrews 10:12**

4. In heaven, first stage: the Holy Place

After His resurrection and ascension, Christ began His ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, interceding for us.

> "*For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*"
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> **Hebrews 9:24**

> "*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*"
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> **Hebrews 7:25**

> "*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*"
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> **Hebrews 4:16**

5. In heaven, second stage: the Most Holy Place

On the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place to cleanse the sanctuary and the people from sin. In the same way, Christ enters the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary for the final work of cleansing.

> "*For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.*"
> **Leviticus 16:30**

> "*Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*"
> **Hebrews 9:23**

6. The completion: the High Priest comes out

Just as the people waited for the high priest to come out of the sanctuary, God's people wait for Christ to come again.

> "*...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.*"
> **Hebrews 9:28**

Summary

- The lamb slain at the altar → Christ's death on the cross (on earth)
- The daily ministry in the Holy Place → Christ's intercession in heaven (first stage)
- The Day of Atonement in the Most Holy Place → the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary (second stage)
- The high priest coming out to the people → Christ's second coming

Part 3: The 2300-Day Prophecy

> "*And he said to me, 'For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.'*"
> **Daniel 8:14**

1. A day in prophecy stands for a year

> "*...for each day you shall bear your guilt one year...*"
> **Numbers 14:34**

> "*...I have laid on you a day for each year.*"
> **Ezekiel 4:6**

So the 2300 prophetic days are 2300 literal years.

2. Daniel 9 explains Daniel 8

Daniel did not understand the vision of the 2300 days (Daniel 8:27). The angel Gabriel later came back to explain it:

> "*...therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.*"
> **Daniel 9:23**

> "*Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.*"
> **Daniel 9:24**

The 70 weeks (490 years) are the first part of the 2300 years and start at the same point.

3. The starting point: the command to restore Jerusalem

> "*Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...*"
> **Daniel 9:25**

This command was issued in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:7-26), in 457 BC. The Bible gives the time periods, and history fixes them to calendar years.

4. The steps of the 70 weeks

Date	Prophecy	Fulfilment
457 BC	"The command to restore and build Jerusalem" (Daniel 9:25)	Decree of Artaxerxes (Ezra 7). The 70 weeks and the 2300 years begin.
408 BC	"Seven weeks" (49 years)	Jerusalem rebuilt, "even in troublesome times" (Daniel 9:25).
AD 27	"Until Messiah the Prince... seven weeks and sixty-two weeks" (483 years)	Jesus is baptized and anointed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22; Acts 10:38). The voice from heaven is heard. Jesus says: "The time is fulfilled" (Mark 1:15).
AD 31	"In the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering" (Daniel 9:27); "Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself" (Daniel 9:26)	The crucifixion. The grain of wheat falls into the ground. The Lamb is slain; the veil of the temple is torn (Matthew 27:51). Resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost (Acts 2:33).
AD 31–34	"To anoint the Most Holy" (Daniel 9:24)	The anointing and inauguration of the heavenly sanctuary and of Christ as our Priest and Representative.
AD 34	End of the 70 weeks (490 years)	Heaven is opened: Stephen sees "the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55-56).

Part 4: The First Stage: Christ in the Holy Place

1. A time of preparation

God works with order and timing. Before the priests began their regular ministry, there was always a time of anointing and consecration.

> "*And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy.*"
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> **Exodus 40:9**

> "*You shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.*"
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> **Exodus 40:13**

> "*And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. For seven days he shall consecrate you.*"
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> **Leviticus 8:33**

Only after that, "on the eighth day" (Leviticus 9:1), did Aaron begin his regular service.

The prophecy places the anointing of the heavenly sanctuary within the 70 weeks, which end in AD 34: "to anoint the Most Holy" (Daniel 9:24).

> "*So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'*"
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> **Hebrews 5:5**

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out as the sign that Christ had been received in heaven:

> "*Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*"
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> **Acts 2:33**

2. Stephen's vision: the confirmation

At the end of the 70 weeks, in AD 34, heaven is opened:

> "*But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, 'Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'*"
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> **Acts 7:55-56**

Stephen saw Jesus standing, not sitting. Standing is the position of someone who is active and ministering. This vision, recorded at the close of the 70 weeks, is the mark and confirmation of the ministry of Christ in the Holy Place. The focus is now on heaven, not on earth.

3. The right hand of God: a place of authority and ministry

Psalm 110 puts the right hand of God and the priesthood of Christ together in the same prophecy:

> "*The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'*"
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> **Psalm 110:1**

> "*The LORD has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'*"
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> **Psalm 110:4**

When Hebrews says Christ "sat down," it means His sacrifice was complete and He was given all authority. It does not mean His work had stopped:

> "*We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.*"
> **Hebrews 8:1-2**

> "*It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*"
> **Romans 8:34**

> "*...And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*"
> **1 John 2:1**

At the right hand of God, Christ is not sitting and doing nothing. He is our High Priest, Minister, Intercessor, and Advocate.

Part 5: The Second Stage: Christ in the Most Holy Place

1. The date: the end of the 2300 years

- Starting point: 457 BC (the command of Artaxerxes, Ezra 7)
- 2300 years from 457 BC ends in AD 1844 (there is no year zero, so 2300 − 457 + 1 = 1844)

> "*This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all...*"
> **Leviticus 16:29**

So the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary began in the autumn of 1844, at the time of the Day of Atonement. By the Jewish (Karaite) calendar, that day fell on 22 October 1844. This exact day comes from historical calculation, not directly from the Bible text.

2. Christ enters the Most Holy Place

> "*...One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.*"
> **Daniel 7:13**

> "*Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.*"
> **Revelation 11:19**

3. The work: cleansing and judgment

> "*For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.*"
> **Leviticus 16:30**

> "*For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people.*"
> **Leviticus 23:29**

> "*...The court was seated, and the books were opened.*"
> **Daniel 7:10**

> "*...a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.*"
> **Daniel 7:22**

> "*For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God...*"
> **1 Peter 4:17**

> "*...Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.*"
> **Revelation 14:7**

> "*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before.*"
> **Acts 3:19-20**

4. The ministry closes

> "*He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*"
> **Revelation 22:11-12**

5. The scapegoat

After the atonement was completed, and only then, the high priest placed the sins on the live goat, which was sent away into the wilderness:

> "*And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat... and shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness...*"
> **Leviticus 16:20-21**

The scapegoat did not atone for sin; atonement had already been made by the blood of the Lord's goat. It represents Satan, the originator of sin, bearing his responsibility and being removed.

Part 6: The Second Coming and the Thousand Years

> "*But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*"
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> **2 Peter 3:8**

God's plan unfolds according to His timing, not ours. Each step comes in its order, and when Christ has finished His work as our High Priest in the Most Holy Place, that stage is complete, and the next step begins.

1. The return of Jesus with the heavenly host

> "*Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*"
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> **Matthew 24:30-31**

> "*When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*"
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> **Matthew 25:31**

2. The resurrection of the saved dead and the transformation of the living saved

> "*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*"
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> **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

3. All are taken up together to meet the Lord

> "*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*"
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> **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

4. Jesus takes the saved to heaven, to the Father's house

> "*In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*"
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> **John 14:2-3**

> "*...And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*"
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> **Revelation 20:4**

5. The wicked are destroyed at His coming

> "*...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"
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> **2 Thessalonians 1:7-8**

> "*But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.*"
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> **Revelation 20:5**

6. The earth is left desolate, without life

> "*I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; and the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, by His fierce anger.*"
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> **Jeremiah 4:23-26**

7. Satan is "bound" for a thousand years

With no one left on earth to deceive, Satan and his angels are left isolated on a desolate earth. This is the meaning of the chain: he is held by circumstances, with no one to tempt.

> "*Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.*"
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> **Revelation 20:1-3**

The word "bottomless pit" (Greek abyssos) is the same word used in the Greek Old Testament for the "deep" of Genesis 1:2, when the earth was "without form, and void." So the abyss is the earth itself in its desolate state.

Part 7: After the Thousand Years

1. The New Jerusalem comes down to the desolate earth

After the thousand years, Christ returns to the earth with the saved, in the holy city, the New Jerusalem:

> "*Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*"
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> **Revelation 21:2**

The city is immense. Each side measures twelve thousand furlongs, about 2,200 km:

> "*The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.*"
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> **Revelation 21:16**

> "*And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives... Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You.*"
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> **Zechariah 14:4-5**

2. The second resurrection: the wicked are raised

All the wicked, from Cain to the last one destroyed at the second coming, are raised:

> "*...for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.*"
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> **John 5:28-29**

3. Satan gathers the wicked to attack the city

> "*Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.*"
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> **Revelation 20:7-9**

4. Fire from heaven: the final destruction, as at Sodom and Gomorrah

> "*Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.*"
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> **Genesis 19:24**

> "*...as Sodom and Gomorrah... are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*"
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> **Jude 7**

> "*...And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...*"
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> **Revelation 20:9-10**

> "*...the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*"
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> **2 Peter 3:10**

The fire destroys completely. The wicked are not kept alive in it forever; they are burned up:

> "'*For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,' says the LORD of hosts, 'that will leave them neither root nor branch.*'"
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> **Malachi 4:1**

The devil himself is also destroyed:

> "*...So I brought forth fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you... you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.*"
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> **Ezekiel 28:18-19**

The "eternal fire" of Sodom turned the cities "into ashes" (2 Peter 2:6) and is not burning today. Its results are eternal.

Even death itself comes to an end:

> "*Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*"
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> **Revelation 20:14**

> "*...Affliction will not rise up a second time.*"
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> **Nahum 1:9**

5. A new creation: all is restored as before sin

> "*Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*"
>
> **2 Peter 3:13**

> "*Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.*'"
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> **Revelation 21:5**

> "*And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life...*"
> **Revelation 22:1-2**

> "'*The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,' says the LORD.*"
> **Isaiah 65:25**

This is what Peter called "the times of restoration of all things" (Acts 3:21).

Part 8: The Earth Becomes the Dwelling Place of God

The throne of God is no longer far away. It is placed on the new earth, in the holy city:

> "*And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.*"
> **Revelation 22:3-4**

> "*But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*"
> **Revelation 21:22-23**

> "*And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*'"
> **Revelation 21:3-4**

The saved inherit the earth and worship before Him forever:

> "*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*"
> **Matthew 5:5**

> "'*For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,' says the LORD, 'so shall your descendants and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,' says the LORD.*"
> **Isaiah 66:22-23**

Angels and the saved together

> "*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven...*"
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> **Hebrews 12:22-23**

The whole universe rejoices in the final victory

> "*...we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.*"
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> **1 Corinthians 4:9**

> "*...that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.*"
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> **Ephesians 3:10**

> "*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*"
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> **Job 38:7**

> "*And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!'*"
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> **Revelation 5:13**

The plan that began with the sanctuary, "let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 25:8), ends with the same promise fulfilled: "the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them."

Part 9: The Complete Timeline of the Plan of Salvation

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AD 1844 (autumn)	"Then the sanctuary shall be cleansed" (Daniel 8:14)	Christ enters the Most Holy Place: cleansing and judgment (second stage).
Future	"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still" (Revelation 22:11)	Christ's ministry in the Most Holy Place closes.
Future	"He will appear a second time... for salvation" (Hebrews 9:28)	The second coming with the heavenly host. The saved are raised, changed, and taken to heaven. The wicked are destroyed.
1000 years	"Bound him for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:2)	The saved are with Christ in heaven. The earth lies desolate, and Satan is isolated on it.
After the 1000 years	"The holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven" (Revelation 21:2)	The city comes down. The wicked are raised, and Satan gathers them to attack it.
After the 1000 years	"Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them" (Revelation 20:9)	Satan, his angels, and the wicked are destroyed. Sin and death come to an end.
Eternity	"Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5)	The new earth: all is restored as before sin. God's throne is on the earth, and He dwells with His people forever.

The Grain of Wheat: The Full Harvest

The grain of wheat fell into the ground and did not remain alone. Through His death, resurrection, and ministry as our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary, Christ has brought forth much grain.

The grain that fell into the ground on this earth brings forth its full harvest on this same earth. The place where sin entered, where the Lamb was slain, and where the grain was buried becomes the place of God's throne and His eternal dwelling with His people.

> *"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.*
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> **John 12:32-33**

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