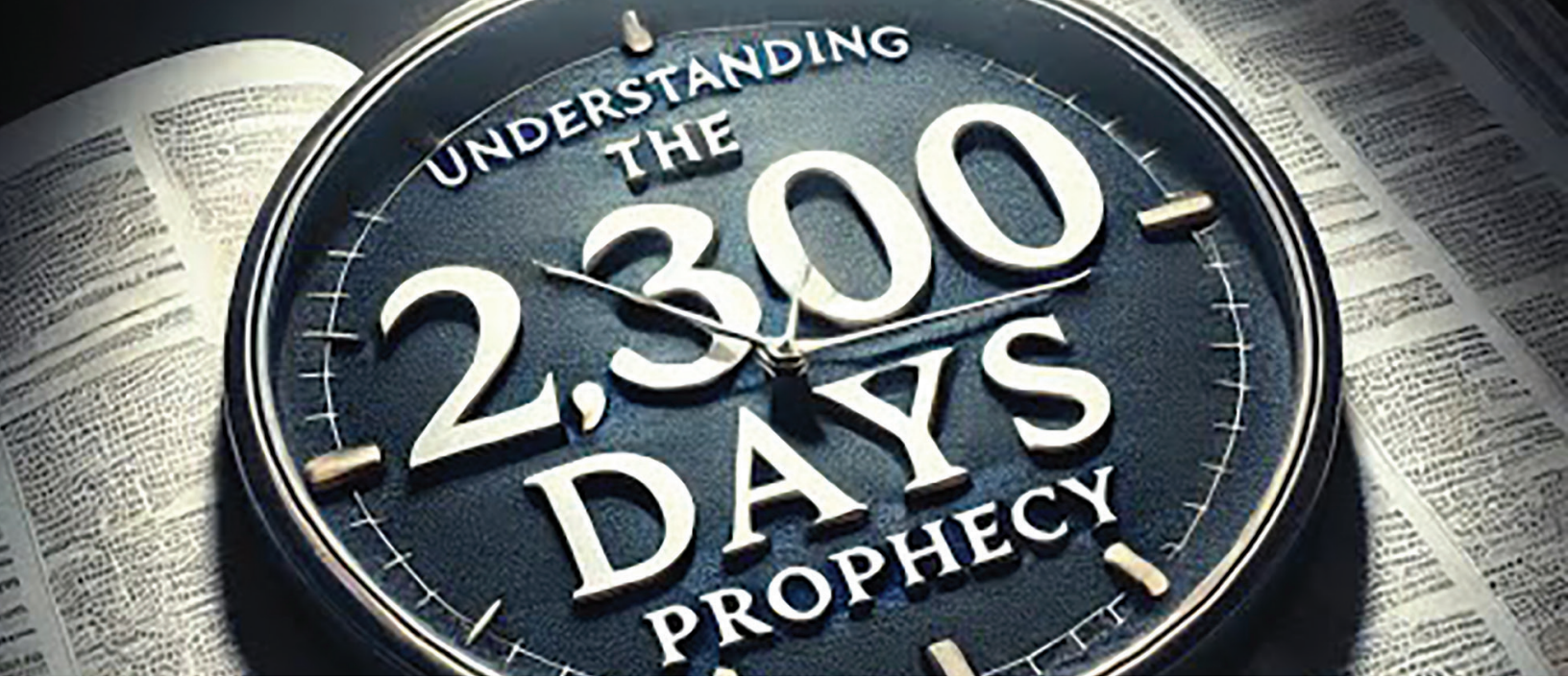


THE 2ND COMING OF CHRIST



“Behold I come quickly...”

(REVELATION 22:12)



Jesus and His disciples were on the Mount of Olives admiring the Holy Jewish temple, upon which much of their prophetic future evolved. Then they asked the Master THE question of the ages, ***“What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world?”*** (Matthew 24:3) The Bible prophetically points to when the official time of the end would begin. Back in Daniel’s day, King Solomon’s temple and Jerusalem sat in ruins, destroyed by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar. In vision, Daniel beheld two holy ones discussing, ***“How long? ... And he said unto [Daniel] Unto 2,300 days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”*** Daniel was perplexed, then Someone said to the angel Gabriel, “Make this man to understand the vision.” Gabriel spoke to Daniel, ***“Understand O son of man, for AT THE TIME OF THE END shall be the vision.”*** (Daniel 8: 13-17) In order to understand prophecy, many Bible scholars recognize in Scripture the prophetic principle of ***“a day equals a year.”*** (Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4: 5,6) So, how do we determine the start point of these 2,300 years of Bible prophecy? In the year 457 BC, King Artaxerxes gave the important historical decree to ***“restore and rebuild Jerusalem.”*** (Ezra 7) Thus, the official Biblical time of the end began 2,300 years from 457 BC which brings us to 1844 AD. What a journey those 2,300 years were. In it was the 490 years of probation the chosen Jewish nation was given to anoint their Messiah and proclaim the gospel to the world. (Daniel 9:24) When this failed to transpire, the task was given to the Gentiles with an offer to graft the Jews back in. (Romans 11:23) Also, was prophesied Christ’s death on the cross on the very Passover it happened. (Daniel 9:26) Within the 2300 years, were 1,260 years of persecution, where millions of Christians died at the hand of Papal rule during the Protestant Reformation. Right on prophetic cue, in 1798, during the French Revolution, the Pope died in jail, in what the Bible describes “wounded to death.” But this persecuting power known as the Beast, would have ***“his deadly wound healed” bringing us to today where “all the world wondered after the beast.”*** (Revelation 13:3) In 1844, at the study of Baptist minister William Miller, a world wide movement was afoot that Jesus was returning to earth and when this failed to transpire in what history records as “The Great Disappointment” further study revealed in 1844 a tie in to the ancient Jewish Sanctuary Day of Atonement where the High Priest would enter into the Most Holy Place. Thus, prophetically, Jesus our High Priest moved into the heavenly same, ***“which the Lord pitched and not man.”*** (Hebrews 8:3) Thus began the pre-Advent Judgement of the world, so that when Jesus returns, ***“Behold, I come quickly and My reward is with Me to give every man according as his work shall be.”*** (Revelation 22:12)

“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

(MATTHEW 24:37)



Matthew 24 tells us about the signs of Christ's return. There will be wars, famines, viruses, earthquakes, and this is just the start. Many believers will be laid to rest, hated by the world, betrayed by former compatriots, false prophets will abound, and the love of many will wax cold. The gospel shall be preached in tumultuous times and then the end will come.

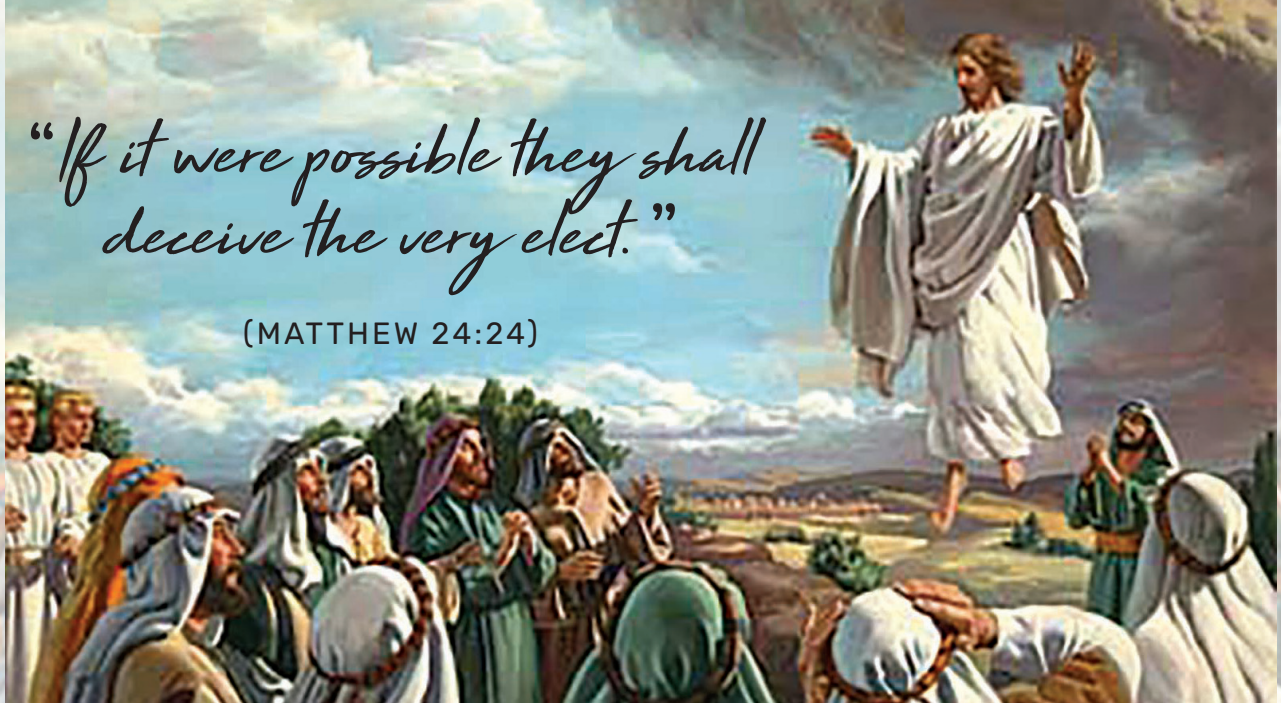
People lived through all these signs at various ages prior to the prophetic time of the end. So, what makes the Biblical time of the end different? And even during our time of the end, we've experienced two World Wars and the Spanish plague. But Jesus likens our experience to that of Noah and the flood when people were ***“marrying and giving in marriage.”*** (Matthew 24:38)

The race before the flood was called the Antediluvians. Some lived upwards of 800 years, however, ***“the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually.”*** (Genesis 6: 5) So what do the most intelligent minds create when they only think evil abetted by Satan's cruel genius? Genetics. When God called the animals on board the ark, omitted were the dinosaurs. You can think these creatures were simply too large to fit on the ark. Look at a few in the museum and ask yourself, is this God's creation? Would it not be more realistic to conclude these mighty instruments of war were manufactured in the laboratory of genetic amalgamation under the hand of the master deceiver? Satan cannot even create a loaf of bread, however, advanced amalgamation of species, no problem. When mankind defaced the original creation of God this was the last straw for an entire planet full of people. Likewise, today, we have entered the same unholy ground where genetic mutilations are occurring daily as boys are turned into girls and girls into boys in an act which supersedes anything the Antediluvians pulled off. God is not mocked. The carnal world embraces the very thing that triggers this: ***“The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement of ungodly men.”*** (2 Peter 3: 6-7)

Something new in these last days - Climate Change. To deny it is happening is to go against plain Scripture which points out our world is slowly dying and even most Atheistic scientists predict we can't last 50 years at this rate of earth's decline. The Bible states our planet ***“shall wax old like a garment.”*** (Isaiah 51:6) Aptly put, but the Bible also states it's the greed of mankind which is mostly responsible: ***“and they should be judged and destroy them which destroy the earth.”*** (Revelation 11:18) Some fear a global nuclear war is in store in these last days, but we can put that theory to rest with part of God's promise given to Noah in the heavenly rainbow: ***“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”*** (Genesis 8:22)

“If it were possible they shall deceive the very elect.”

(MATTHEW 24:24)



Several times in Matthew 24 Jesus warns us not to be deceived. In every case the deception is based upon somebody impersonating our Savior. In this day of advancing AI it's easy to see how deception will be the order of the day. Already AI has famous singers singing Gospel songs they are not singing and celebrities giving sermons they are not giving. Very convincing, this AI deception.

However, there is one foolproof method to avoid being spiritually deceived. Nominal Christians are goners in these last days, so we are talking about the chosen elect of God. ***“While they beheld, Jesus was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight ... Behold two men stood by them in white apparel which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN.”*** (Acts 1: 9-11) The descendants of Protestant Reformer, Meno Simon (Amish & Mennonites) have an annual holiday 40 days after Easter where they don't work but hold church services regarding Christ's ascension. To know Jesus is not literally returning to step foot on this earth prior to His Second Coming is your key. Everyone else will be totally deceived.

Leading the deception will be Satan himself, and his fallen band of angels. A false Christ will appear on earth doing everything one would expect Jesus to do. Curing disease, raising the spirits from the dead, speaking eloquently and the whole world will embrace this deception with gladness. ***“And no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”*** (2 Corinthians 11:15) ***“For they are the spirits of devils working miracles.”*** (Revelation 16:14)

Think of all the variations of people describing the Last Days on earth. Do they not all have some time frame of Jesus returning to walk among us? Believing otherwise is going to invite a hurt of persecution. Imagine everybody rejoicing that Christ is here and doing wondrous miracles and you say, “Excuse me, that is not Jesus, it is the Devil.”

Jesus is not going to quietly appear and gain momentum. ***“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God ... and we shall be caught up ... TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR.”*** (1 Thessalonians 4:16) ***“But the day of the Lord will come ... in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up ... Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God ...*** (2nd Peter 3: 10-13)

Do not be looking sideways, but upwards. ***“Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth ... and when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.”*** (Luke 21: 26-28)



The 6000 Years



There are three ways to view the timeline regarding earth's history. If you are an ***atheistic evolutionist*** then this world is approximately 4.5 billion years old, give or take 50 million years. But, hey, what's 50 million years between friends? Amazingly, this is what modern education teaches our kids in public school. Is it any wonder that children lack genuine self-esteem if they believe they derived from an ape? Discussing the sad state of humanity today, two monkeys were overheard talking in the jungle: "Tell them people came from anywhere, but not from us?"

Then there is a group known as ***theistic evolutionists*** which means Christians who believe God actively guided the evolutionary, scientific process of bringing earth to where it is today. They are left believing the Book of Genesis creation account is a poetic imagery.

The last, and far most dominant group, are those who believe in the literal six-day creation story as outlined in the opening book of the Bible. We say the most dominant group because aside from Christians, every significant culture from Indigenous to Muslim to Oriental and Hindu have some higher power creating our earth and its inhabitants. Nothing is left to a random chance creation.

So, how old is this earth? Most Biblical historians date this earth at around 6000 years old. Time is roughly divided into three segments: From creation to the flood = 2000 years; from the flood to Jesus is 2000 years; from the cross to today is 2000 years. Why is this significant? Based upon all kinds of methods, from the Jewish system of feast days and sanctuary understanding, to adding up the Biblical generations of people, this world ends at the close of 6000 years. Based upon God's word, ***"one day is with the Lord as a thousand years ..."*** (2nd Peter 3:8) You've got each day of creation representing 1000 years, and the 7th day representing 1000 years of rest for this earth. ***"And I saw an angel come down from heaven ... and laid hold upon Satan and bound him 1000 years."*** (Revelation 20: 1-2) Between AI and computer geniuses many calculate the 6000 years will conclude somewhere between 2028 - 2030. However, the Lord is on record as stating, ***"He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness."*** (Romans 9:28) Likewise, it is God's prerogative to tarry His 2nd Coming, if He should see fit: ***"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise ... but is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*** (2nd Peter 3:9)

The important takeaway is that time is running out for our planet and its inhabitants. There is a spiritual Ark to board which will get us off this planet alive, the doors are open and the call is going out to all who will heed. Our world with all the wealth, scientific achievements and sorry history is drawing to its prophesied conclusion. Most don't want it to end, not while there's time to make fortunes, gather land, reach lofty goals and ambitions. But it will end, and very soon.



*“The day of the Lord will come
as a thief in the night”*


(REVELATION 16:15)

In many places, Scripture declares Jesus is coming like a thief in the night. But to whom is He coming as a thief? Certainly not the believers, for **“ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief.”** (1 Thessalonians 5:4) Believers are **“looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God”** (2 Peter 3:12) However, certainly to unbelievers and to the casual, Christ’s coming will be the great surprise of the ages.

So, what happens when Christ arrives in the clouds to take us home? Men believe what they want to believe, but there is no clearer truth in all the Bible that when we die, we sleep until Jesus returns. **“Our friend Lazarus sleepeth ... Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.”** (John 11: 11-14) From Adam to today (with notable exceptions of Enoch, Moses, Elijah, and those who rose at Christ’s death), mankind has been sleeping awaiting Christ’s return. No matter how long the delay, it will be as if they closed their eyes and awoke to see their blessed Redeemer. And **“we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”** (1 Thessalonians 4: 15-17)

But what happens to the non-believers when Christ returns? Well, the dead unbelievers were not awakened by the trumpet call and continue to sleep until the final judgement is administered later. For the wicked who are alive to witness this grand event, it is another story. Living sinners will not survive the return of Christ. **“Then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall ... destroy with the brightness of His Coming.”** (2 Thessalonians 2:8) The prophet describes the 2nd Coming in this manner: **“For behold, the Lord will come ... to render His fury with flames of fire ... and the slain of the Lord shall be many ... they shall be consumed, saith the Lord.”** (Isaiah 66: 15-17)

Once the former dead in Christ and those of us alive meet Jesus in the air, our journey begins to meet those unfallen beings who live in heaven. But, heaven is not to be confused with our future life on the earth made new. The Bible mentions a specific time we will be in heaven – 1000 years. **“I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them ... and they lived and reigned with Christ 1000 years.”** (Revelation 20:4) Getting reacquainted with loved ones, meeting saints of all ages, meeting Jesus, what a glorious heavenly reunion is in store. Living disease free in the fullness of youth. Every question you’ve ever had, every doubt, all manner of things explained why they happened? In the end, our judgement of God will be unified – He is love.



“The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.”

(REVELATION 20:5)

It is bad enough to die once, but how about dying twice? **“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the SECOND DEATH hath no power.”** (Revelation 20:6) In order to die twice, the wicked are resurrected and Satan’s earthly dominion is temporarily restored. Imagine every rebellious sort ever born on this planet is gathered under the banner of the Dragon and his mighty host of fallen angels. By this time the holy city, New Jerusalem, has descended from heaven to the land which was once described in geographical detail to Abraham. **“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”** (Revelation 21:2) The result is predictable – Satan’s army will try to overthrow New Jerusalem. **“Gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they compassed the saints and the beloved city.”** Here is where their party ends: **“Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”** (Revelation 20: 8,9) Just like that, 6000 years of unrepentant sinners are gone forever in a cloud of smoke.

Before the wicked are destroyed forever, the Bible says, **“As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”** (Romans 14:11) And wouldn’t you? If you realized God is true, and that you were not going to burn in hellfire for a trillion years just for starters. Bowing in the judgement scene after you saw how often was the offer of mercy divinely extended.

But this still leaves the unfallen angels and their treacherous leader. **“And the Devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”** (Revelation 20:10) Jude describes eternal punishment this way: **“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha ... are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”** (Jude 7) Not a trace of Sodom can be found today except for pieces of brimstone dug out of the desert. Likewise, Satan’s end is described by the prophets this way: **“So I brought fire out from within you, I reduced you to ashes on the ground ... Like a corpse trampled underfoot, you will be dumped in a mass grave ... You have come to a terrible end and you will exist no more.”** (Isaiah 14: 4-24; Ezekiel 28: 12-19)

It may come as a shock to the openly rebellious today, they will not be joining their buddies in hell. There will be no eternal partying, gambling, carousing, robbing, murdering and the like. For there to be an eternal hellfire where the wicked live, there would have to be some form of eternal existence granted to its inhabitants from above, and that is not happening. No second chances to climb out of purgatory either. **“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.”** (Hebrews 9:27)

Dear reader, if you have breath and are reading this, there is still hope. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and there is a bit more as **“The devils also believe, and tremble.”** (James 2:19) Confess your sins, repent (or turn away from) sin, express your great need for Divine help to make it through life, and be in a state of praying without ceasing. In other words, its time to be born again a second time.



*“We, according to His promise, look
for new heavens and a new earth”*

(2 PETER 3:13)

When is the last time you heard anybody speak about the New Earth? To the vast majority it's all about heaven, even though from a Biblical standpoint, our going to heaven is but a blip in eternity. When people speak about the afterlife it can be summed up this way: **“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”** (1 Corinthians 2:9) **“In my Father's house are many mansions ... I go to prepare a place for you.”** (John 14:2) **People conclude “in the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels in heaven.”** (Matthew 22:29,30) This is fine, for the afterlife will be full of Christians who believed just like this.

After the 1000-year reunion in heaven, God relocates the entire holy city, and His eternal throne, to the New Earth. If you ever feel irrelevant in life, think of this: The Godhead and the throne are moving to the Earth made new. (Revelation 21:2) Speaking of New Jerusalem, **“the tree of life was there ... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”** (Revelation 22:2) **“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid ... and a little child shall lead them.”** (Isaiah 11:6) **“They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat.”** (Isaiah 65:22) Gone is money, **“for the love of money is the root of all evil.”** (1 Timothy 6:10) It's a land free from pain, persecution, illness, sorrow, death and bad memories.

When God created this earth, the plan was for the holy pair to reject the overtures of the fallen beings cast out of heaven who landed here. Before sin, the perfect plan was **“be fruitful and multiply”** (Genesis 1:28), not only mankind, but animals and plant life were created this way. This was the eternal plan. For God to recreate the earth and abandon the perfect Eden plan would be akin to God saying, “The first plan didn't work out, so we're going a new direction on this new earth.”

When Jesus was resurrected and glorified, He appeared to the men on the road to Emmaus as a fellow human being. We're told the only scars in heaven will be the nail prints in His hands and feet. Jesus, our Elder Brother, retains His humanity. Speaking of the earth made new, the prophet puts it this way: **“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me saith the Lord, so shall YOUR SEED and YOUR NAME remain.”** (Isaiah 66:22) Thankfully, the Bible says, **“For we are EQUAL unto the angels.”** (Luke 20:36) This makes sense for the Bible also says, **“Do ye not know that the saints will judge the world? ... Know ye not that we shall judge angels?”** (1 Corinthians 6: 2,3) Living alone in a mansion? How about a reset on marriage? Jesus referred to a mysterious Scripture about no marriage in the resurrection but talked about the power of God regarding marriage. There has only been one perfect marriage; Adam and Eve prior to sin. It was all downhill from there. Just maybe we'll get another sinless, glorified chance at marriage. Also, Solomon said, **“the spirit of man goeth upward and the spirit of the beast goeth downward ...”** (Ecclesiastes 3:21). Don't be surprised if every beloved pet who ever lived greets us on the New Earth.