Approaching eschatology

*22 **He reveals deep and secret things**;*
He knows what is in the darkness,
And light dwells with Him.

*28 But **there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets**, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:*

*44 And in the days of these kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed**; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

Daniel 2:22, 28, 44 NKJV

9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;

10 A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
*A thousand thousands **ministered to Him**;*
*Ten thousand times ten thousand **stood before Him**. The court was seated,*
And the books were opened.

Daniel 7:9-10 NKJV

*2 And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because **the Lord God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut**.*

Ezekiel 44:2 NKJV

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

Romans 6:23 NKJV

Longing to be home

22 "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.

23 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 66:22-24 NKJV

*19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? 20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but **your sorrow will be turned into joy.** 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.*

John 16:19-21 NKJV

What really matters now

9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

*17 **For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.**' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance*

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

*6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And **to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.***

*9 Then he said to me, "Write: '**Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!**' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. **Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"*

Revelation 18:9-10, 17, 19:5-10 NKJV

Received in His glory

14 Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.

16 "They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.

23 "And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Ezekiel 44:14, 16, 23 NKJV

*18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into **the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Revelation 22:12 NKJV

A Place Prepared for You

(Desire to be Home)

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(*Daniel 2:22, 28, 44, 7:9-10, Ezekiel 44:2, Romans 6:23***)**

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We have been given a promise that He will come and receive us to a place prepared for us. However, our waiting is not to be void. We have been equipped to live out a life in the fulfillment of what Jesus has accomplished. While He is preparing a place for us, we are to increase the Kingdom of God. Every area of our life should increase because of the gift we have received now. However, the gift does not end here, there is so much greater ahead for you in Jesus.

Sometimes it is difficult to long for somewhere you have not been. How can you desire a place you have not known? For many people that is the problem. The emphasis on the place being prepared often overshadows whom the place is with. The more your relationship with Adonai develops the less hold this world has on you. So again I ask, how can you desire a place you have not known? It comes from the excitement of who you get to be with.

Holy Spirit has allowed us to have a relationship with our Heavenly Father, and this desire to be with Him is nothing new. In fact, we see in the Old Testament how Holy Spirit would stir up within individuals such desires where they would begin to speak prophetically of that longing. Jesus would identify this desire within His disciples comfort them with a metaphor on labor pangs—encouraging them to endure and assuring them their joy will be complete.

At times we can find these pangs intensified as we look at the world around us and see the hopelessness this world has to offer. Yet, in these darker moments scripture tells us that heaven rejoices because the time draws closer for the reunion of Christ and His bride—His people. Yet, in other moments we take for granted the creativity He has to satisfy our souls. As if all of creation has not proven to us that His ways are more than capable of satisfying our souls.

Often talk of heavenly rewards is judged from an earthly perspective of rewards. Where a lesser reward leads to disappointment. Yet, in this place prepared for us we are all transformed into the identical image of the glory of God. There shall be no disappointment. As we look forward for glory to glory, let us now take time to enter His presence. You can do this right now by His Spirit. He will minister to you, and as you long more for Him you will find yourself ministering to Him.

Holy Spirit, let us come now to your presence. Forgive us for our transgressions. Purify our souls, cleanse our hearts, and begin to minister to us that which delights you. Minister to us of the place you are preparing for us. Show us Your greatness that is prepared ahead. Let this world lose its grip on us. Forgive us Adonai, that we may minister to you. You alone are good. Your glory endures forever and may we be with you.