

Behold I make all things new (again).

How God redeems rebellious humans

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Introduction: A pattern of rebellion

God has been dealing with a rebellion from us humans, who are the pinnacle of his creatures for a long time! Time and time again, we have not followed what our Rightful Ruler says.

Here is one example of God speaking to one of his friends, prophet Ezekiel:

"And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." Ezekiel 2:1-6 ESV

All humans alike have a pattern of rebelling against God,

- Men
- Women
- Children
- Parents, great grand parents, the rich and the poor, the kings and the commoners.

We rebel, **even when God sends us warnings.**

In another example of rebellion, see what happened in the day of another prophet Jeremiah:

"Then all the men who knew that their wives had made offerings to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, all the people who lived in Pathros in the land of Egypt, answered Jeremiah: "As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we will not listen to you. But we will do everything that we have vowed, make offerings to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we did, both we and our fathers, our kings and our officials, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, and prospered, and saw no disaster. But since we left off making offerings to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.""

Jeremiah 44:15-18 ESV

In this example, we see that not only have we been rebelling, we have been making pacts or covenants with devils and demons for a long time.

The so called “Queen of heaven” from this story is an example – the pact or covenant was that these demons give us temporary “good things” and we think that’s good enough for us to rebel against our Lord, the blessed one.

Worse than the ancients

In our generation today, we are no different from the ancients.

- We for example practice witchcraft as they did – but today it’s called “Wicca”, “New Age” and “Astrology”
- We follow the culture and traditions of our ancestors, saying we are Celts, we are Africans, we are Norsemen -under Thor – and so like the Biblical Israelites, we stubbornly refuse to follow the creator, just like our fathers and ancestors before us.

BUT we are also worse, for in these last days, we are more evil than the ancients:

- **We no longer even bother to repent like the ancients, instead biblically based correction is called “hate speech.”** We reject loving rebuke and prefer affirmation without repentance.
- **Prayer is a last option instead of a first response.** We try everything else before turning to God. At least the ancients pretended to have a day of prayer and fasting.
- **We trust our “modern ways” more than God.** We will listen to *Wall Street* for money advice instead of proverbs, Elon Musk the other rich as well as the booming politicians of the day are our prophets. We care about technology, governments, connections, and strategies more than reading the wisdom of God, or turning to prayer and faith.
- **Our celebrities are our gods.** We value what our Hollywood celebrities say, because we are following them on TikTok and IG and never spare a moment for the Lord.

All these things we do today - these are the idols of our modern day - the “Queen of heaven” to whom we sacrifice cakes.

It GETS WORSE:

- **We are Redefining sin instead of repenting.** What God calls sin, we rename as “growth,” “self-expression,” or “my truth.”
 - Fornication we call : “Netflix and chill” or “friends with benefits”
 - Theft we call: “appropriation”, lies we call: “spicing up speech”
- **We Worship without surrender.** We sing songs to God from our favourite worship leaders but resist yielding our lives to Him about whom then songs are sung.
- **We Treat God as an advisor, not a King.** We ask for His opinion but reserve the final decision for ourselves. To us the Bible is not laws and decrees - it’s one of many options, just another book from a wise teacher - might as well also check what ChatGPT or other A.I. also says. **So we ARE OUR OWN gods!**

The more humans change, the more we remain the same.

Because the sin of rebellion doesn't change but only the names used, only changing from one form to another as civilisations change, so the remedy is the same - **the Lord will have to destroy our present world – like he destroyed the world during the time of Noah and then he will make all things new again.**

How will God make all things new?

The how God makes all things new is in phases and **part 1 of it** has already happened.

The Lord sent his son Jesus to earth the first time, in around 1 -33 AD. This was part 1 of the movie or shall I say, the reality show.

This Jesus came to earth, "God with us", lived a perfect life and shed his blood, so he could destroy the power of sin. He then went back to heaven, after dying and resurrecting. He was seen alive by many of his believers and it is they who helped put together the Good News about Jesus and other writings in the New Testament – to supplement what was in the Old Testament – the writings of the Law and the Prophets.

Those who believe in Jesus after confession of their sins and getting baptised; receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus to those who believe him is He who helps us to become new on the inside – we get a new heart, so we are no longer rebellious like the ancients and those in our world today. and He is also a guarantee or a deposit that when Jesus returns, a second time, then we shall be with him. Jesus' second return is part 2 of the reality show.

So as of today, there is partial fulfilment of this promise by God to make all things new BUT there is still some work for God to finish – which is part 2 and thus we ask, when.

When will Jesus return? When will all things be new agin?

When will God make all things new completely?

As I shared in [previous messages](#) there is a prophetic timeline the Lord has given for the end of days. It goes something like this:

1. **Things will get really bad.** Wars. Rumours of wars. Persecution, famine, earthquakes, love of many going cold, mass unbelief in God and then the rise of the anti Christ.
2. **There will be a brief period of peace. A pause.** The calm before the storm. This antichrist will bring a false hope for all humanity. He will promise peace. He will claim he is God. He will back it up with miracles. All will seem to be okay, "God with us, or Emmanuel" will seem to be coming to pass, BUT this will be the ultimate deception for the scriptures warn us about this man as follows:

"The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 ESV

3. **This man (the Anti Christ) will actually be the devil incarnate** so to speak and he require all to receive a mark, the mark of the beast, just like all Christians have a mark

- the Holy Spirit. The anti christ will force all those who follow him to get a mark. If you refuse, you cannot trade and buy, so in essence you are forced to starve to death or fall off the grid from the interconnected systems of the world to come.

4. **Things will then get really bad again.** Because humans will refuse to worship God and continue worshipping the beast - like their ancestors who refused to stop worshipping the Queen of heaven; the Lord will send plagues upon the world. These are some of the plagues described in the Book of Revelation which cause fear to many. Despite these plagues; human hearts will remain rebellious; that is those not washed by the lamb as the Holy Scriptures show again and again:

Revelation 9:20–21 (ESV)

"The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent... nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."

Revelation 16:9 (ESV)

"They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God... They did not repent and give him glory."

Revelation 16:11 (ESV)

"They cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds."

5. **After these things, then the Lord Jesus, the son of man will return a second time.** He will destroy the antichrist and his army with the brightness of his coming.

"And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming." 2 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV

Revelation 17:14 (ESV) *"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings."*

6. **Meanwhile by the time of the Lord's return, there will be utter chaos in the world !**
The beast will be killing the saints...

Revelation 13:7 (ESV) *"Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation."*

He will even gather kings at the battle of Armageddon to fight against the Lord.

Psalm 2:2–4 (ESV) *"The kings of the earth set themselves... against the Lord and against his Anointed... He who sits in the heavens laughs."*

Revelation 16:13–16 (ESV) *"They go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle... at the place called Armageddon."*

Revelation 19:19 (ESV) *"And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army."*

7. Then the Lord Jesus will begin to make all things new.

First, he will deal with the beast. The beast or this anti Christ will be captured.

Revelation 19:11–16 (ESV)

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True... From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations."

Revelation 19:20–21 (ESV)

"And the beast was captured... thrown alive into the lake of fire... And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse."

Next, Satan who was empowering the beast will also be captured.

Revelation 20:1–3 (ESV)

"Then I saw an angel... seizing the dragon... and bound him for a thousand years... so that he might not deceive the nations any longer."

The Lord will start making all things new when Satan is bound ... so he doesn't deceive us again.

But what happens during and after the 1,000 years?

See you in season 9, when we talk about Maranatha! We shall discuss the millennial reign of Jesus and what happens after that but one thing we know is that it will all be new again, like the first garden of Eden. The Bible says this – which is the basis of this message's title:

"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 saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." " Revelation 21:1-5 ESV

Conclusion

Why will we receive a new heaven and a new earth? Because the present one is cursed with sin, which brings rebellion. So God will make it all new again.

Imagine a time such as this:

"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them."

Isaiah 11:6 ESV

Before this time when the Lord makes all things new, as we have seen, we know that it will get worse, REALLY BAD, but then eventually it will better.

So, what kind of people ought we to be? We need to be people who are holy and fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell fire. We need to hold on with patience - to endure, until when Jesus the hope of your redemption will come!

Is your name written in the book of the lamb? Or will you suffer in the plagues that will come upon this wicked generation before the Lord comes?

Turn away from your sins and repent so you can escape the times of tribulation coming upon this world!

If you want to get saved, pray this prayer with me:

Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins. I believe You died for me and rose again. Wash me with Your blood and give me Your Holy Spirit. Write my name in the Book of Life. From today, I belong to You. Be my Savior, my Lord, and King, the One who has overcome the Beast and this World. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer, I'd love to know.

Write to me. Share your testimony: dwasake@shaweleroad.com

Maranatha, our Lord - Come.