



The Divine Purpose
**Present Harvest, Future Judgment
and a Banquet for the Redeemed**

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The World Before Future Judgment

Genesis 8:21, 22 (LEB)

And Yahweh smelled the soothing fragrance, and Yahweh said to himself, "Never again will I curse the ground for the sake of humankind, because the inclination of the heart of humankind is evil from his youth. Nor will I ever again destroy all life as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seed and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will not cease."

- **There will be judgment by fire which will make way for the new heavens and new earth**

Future Judgment

2 Peter 3 10-11 (ESV)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

A New Heavens and Earth

2 Peter 3 12-13 (ESV)

waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Filling the Earth With People

Genesis 9:1-3 (NASB)

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant."

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People Being Added

Acts 2:47b (NASB)

And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 13:48b (NASB)

...they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 18:10 (NASB)

...for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city.

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Filling the Messianic Banquet

Luke 14:21-23 (NASB)

And "And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.'"

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The Eschatological Banquet

Isaiah 25:6, 8, 9 (NASB)

The LORD of hosts will prepare a **lavish banquet for all peoples** on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine....He will swallow up death for all time, And the LORD GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

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