

Once the last enemy has been put underfoot (death), Jesus will deliver the Kingdom to God the Father. This is when the Great White Throne Judgment takes place. All the dead will be gathered before God's throne, both sheep and goats, wheat and tares. All whose names are not written in the Book of Life will be cast into a region called "the Lake of Fire." The righteous (by faith) on the other hand will be ushered into the Kingdom of their Father in a new heavens and a new earth. This is called "the Marriage Supper of the Lamb." The "wedding hall" refers to the new heavens and new earth in which the Father has made all things new.

This begins future eternity, or what we would call "forever." In the Scriptures it is called the Perfect Day (Proverbs 4:18), the Eternal Day or Day of Eternity (2 Peter 3:18), and "when that which is perfect has come" in 1 Cor. 13:10. In Matthew 24:36, Jesus described it as "the Day and time known only to the Father" and linked it with the passing away of heaven and earth.

The unknown aspect of the Eternal Day has nothing to do with **when** it will occur, but **what** it will be like. The book of Revelation reveals that it will come once the great Week has concluded, or Daniel's "end of the Days" in Daniel 12:13. So we know when it will come. We don't know what it will be like or what the future holds for us in this eternal Day of unspeakable glory. How could we? Only God can see all things.

We do know, however, "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18) and that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory (2 Cor 4:17)!"