

1. The Problem

John 5:1-9-¹ After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. ³ In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; ⁴ for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] ⁵ **A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.** ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, “Do you wish to get well?” ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ **Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”** ⁹ **Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began to walk*.**

2. The Power

1 Cor. 15:42-44-⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a **perishable** *body*, it is raised an **imperishable** *body*; ⁴³ it is sown in **dishonor**, it is raised in **glory**; it is sown in **weakness**, it is raised in **power**; ⁴⁴ it is sown a **natural** *body*, it is raised a **spiritual** *body*. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.

Rev. 21:23-And **the city has no need of the sun or of the moon** to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

Rev. 22:5-And there will no longer be *any* night; and **they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun,** because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

3. **The Permanency**

2 Pet. 1:13 (NKJV)-Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this **tent**, to stir you up by reminding *you*.

2 Cor. 5:1-4-¹ For we know that if the earthly **tent** which is our house is torn down, we have a **building from God**, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.² For indeed in **this house** we groan, longing to be clothed with our **dwelling from heaven**,³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.⁴ For indeed while we are in this **tent**, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

Rhodes (*40 Days Through Bible Prophecy*) - “The temporary tabernacle of Israel’s wanderings in the wilderness was a giant tent-like structure. This tent was eventually replaced with a permanent building—a stone temple—after Israel entered the Promised Land.”

4. **The Physicality**

1 Cor. 15:49-Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we will also bear the image of the heavenly.**

Philip. 3:20-21⁻²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state **into conformity with the body of His glory**, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 John 3:2-3⁻² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is.³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Luke 24:39-See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; **touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones** as you see that I have.

Matt. 28:9-And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and **took hold of His feet** and worshiped Him.

John 20:16-17⁻¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “**Stop clinging to Me**, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

John 20:24-29⁻²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them,

“Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace *be* with you.”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, **“Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side;** and do not be unbelieving, but believing.”²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed.”

Rev. 5:6-And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders **a Lamb standing, as if slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Matt. 28:17-When they **saw** Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.

1 Cor. 15:3-8-³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,⁵ and that He **appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ After that He **appeared** to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;⁷ then He **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles;⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He **appeared** to me also.

John 21:3-6-³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” **They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.** ⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered Him, “No.” ⁶ **And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.” So, they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.**

Acts 1:3-To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of* forty days and **speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.**

5. **The Picnic**

John 21:10-13-¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, **“Come and have breakfast.”** None of the disciples ventured to question Him, “Who are You?” knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave *it* to them, and the fish likewise.

Luke 24:42-43-⁴² They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; ⁴³ and **He took it and ate it before them.**

Acts 1:4 (NIV)-On one occasion, **while he was eating with them,**

he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Rev. 19:9-Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Matt. 8:11 (NIV)-I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

Rev. 22:2-in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

6. The Postponement

John 20:26-After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace *be* with you.”

Rev. 21:10-And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Gal. 4:26-But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

7. The Pedigree

Rev. 21:24-The **nations** will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Rev. 21:26-and they will bring the glory and the honor of the **nations** into it.

Rev. 22:2-in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the **nations**.

Conclusion: The Provision

John 6:39-40-³⁹ This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing but **raise it up on the last day**. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and **believes** in Him will have eternal life, and **I Myself will raise him up on the last day**.

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ The Lord bless you, and keep you;
²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.'