

Lesson 6

The Last Great Day

Leviticus 23:36,39
Revelation 20:5–12

Memory Verse

“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’”
(John 7:37,38)

Teacher’s Objective

At the end of the session, the students should be able to:

Define the meaning of the Last Great Day

Locate the memory verse in their Bible

Describe what will happen during the Millennium

Express in their own words what this last great holy day pictures

Materials Needed

See “Teaching Activities”

Teacher’s Bible Study

The Old Testament prophets looked forward to the rule of God’s kingdom on the earth (a time identified as the thousand-year rule of Christ described in Revelation 20). Some of these prophets describe holy day observance in several passages.

In Ezekiel 40–48, an eschatological temple is pictured in detail. Along with the weekly Sabbath, the annual festivals are referred to in a general way in several verses (45:17; 46:9,11). The Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles are named specifically (45:21–25) as being kept in the Kingdom of God. Zechariah 14:16–19 pictures a time when all nations shall come up to Jerusalem to worship at the Feast of Tabernacles. Those who refuse shall be punished by natural disaster until they repent and worship as God desires. This demonstrates that the annual festivals of God are not restricted to Israel, but rather are designed for the entirety of mankind.

Despite a thousand years of peace and happiness, it must be remembered that untold millions have lived and died without ever having had the knowledge to understand salvation. The Last Great Day represents the time when they shall be resurrected and given that chance—not a second chance—but a first chance, a chance they will not have had before. Only then shall God’s initial plan for mankind be at an end. Thus, this last great holy day of God pictures the greatest period of salvation for mankind—the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11–15).

John refers to the resurrection as the first resurrection. This automatically implies that there is a second resurrection. The second resurrection follows immediately on the heels of the thousand year reign of Christ just as the last day of the festival follows the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles is continually referred to as a seven-day festival. The eighth day is not a part of the Feast of Tabernacles.

The culmination of the plan of salvation is marked by the renewal of the whole creation in the new heaven and the new earth (Revelation 21). Death and destruction are now no more; human history is at an end. The Kingdom of God has become eternal.

Presenting the Bible Story

Revelation 20:5–12

*At the end of the thousand
years Satan will be
released*

*In Ezekiel 38
Gog was the ruler and
Magog was the people*

*They were both in
rebellion against God.
Satan and those that
follow him come in
the same spirit of
rebellion against God*

Revelation 20:9

Romans 20:10

Romans 20:11,12

Revelation 20:13–15

Judgment is a process

*Judgment goes on during
the life of the individual*

John is the author of the book of Revelation. He wrote the book of Revelation while in exile on the island of Patmos. Revelation centers around visions and symbols of the resurrected Christ

The last holy day in God's plan is the Last Great Day. It follows the Feast of Tabernacles. A sacred assembly is to be held, no work is to be done and an offering is to be given.

God has not called the masses now because He wants man to learn by experience that man's way apart from God is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12). Those whom He does call now are called for the express purpose of preaching the gospel to the world as a witness (Matthew 24:14; 28:19–20) and to prepare to become rulers in God's millennial kingdom (Revelation 5:10). All those who have qualified for God's kingdom from Adam's time to the return of Christ shall be resurrected at Jesus' return. The end of this first judgment period is thus marked by the first resurrection (Revelation 20:5,6).

During His 1,000-year reign, Christ and the saints shall reestablish God's government on earth (Micah 4:1–4) and shall reconstruct society so that in every way it conforms to God's holy laws. God shall also pour out His Spirit upon all those who will be alive during this time, and shall open their minds to understand the gospel and give them a chance for salvation. The Millennium thus marks the second great judgment period of God—the time when the human beings who live on into the new age (from the present age) and those subsequently born as their offspring shall have their opportunity for salvation.

The city spoken of here must be Jerusalem, as Jerusalem will be the capital of the world government of Christ during the millennial kingdom (Isaiah 2:1–5).

Satan and his followers will be destroyed. They will be thrown into the lake of fire. This is the final judgment on Satan and his angels that was prepared in advance for them (Matthew 25:41).

After the thousand year period, there is the Great White Throne Judgment. This spectacular event epitomizes the time when all who have ever lived and died without having had a chance for salvation—never having heard about Jesus Christ and the plan of God, and never having had their eyes opened to truly understand the gospel—shall be resurrected from the dead to physical life (Revelation 20:11). This time their minds shall be opened to a full understanding of God's laws and His truth.

Those who have rejected the truth of God and have not asked God to pardon their sins shall be thrown into the lake of fire. These individuals are those who would never repent of their sins. It would be cruel punishment for God to make a rebellious person live forever under His government when that individual has permanently rejected God's government in his life by his actions and attitudes.

Art and Activities

God's fairness, concern, and love for mankind is exemplified in His plan of salvation for mankind. His plan includes ample opportunity for all those who have ever lived and died to qualify to enter His Kingdom, and, ultimately, to gain eternal life as full members of His divine Family. God does not want anyone to perish (II Peter 3:9).

Teaching Activities

Explore with your students the following questions:

Young Children

Select the activity sheet suitable for your student's age.

Older Children

Select the activity sheet suitable for your student's age.

Explore the Subject

Always close your class with prayer

1. Did Jesus reserve a special message for the Last Great Day? (John 7:37–39).

2. Did Jesus always offer that living water to any man? (John 6:44).

3. Was it given that some understand the truth and not given to others? (Matthew 13:10,11)

Respond and Reinforce

1. What is the last holy day in God's plan? (The Last Great Day)

2. Discuss the memory verse.

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The Last Great Day

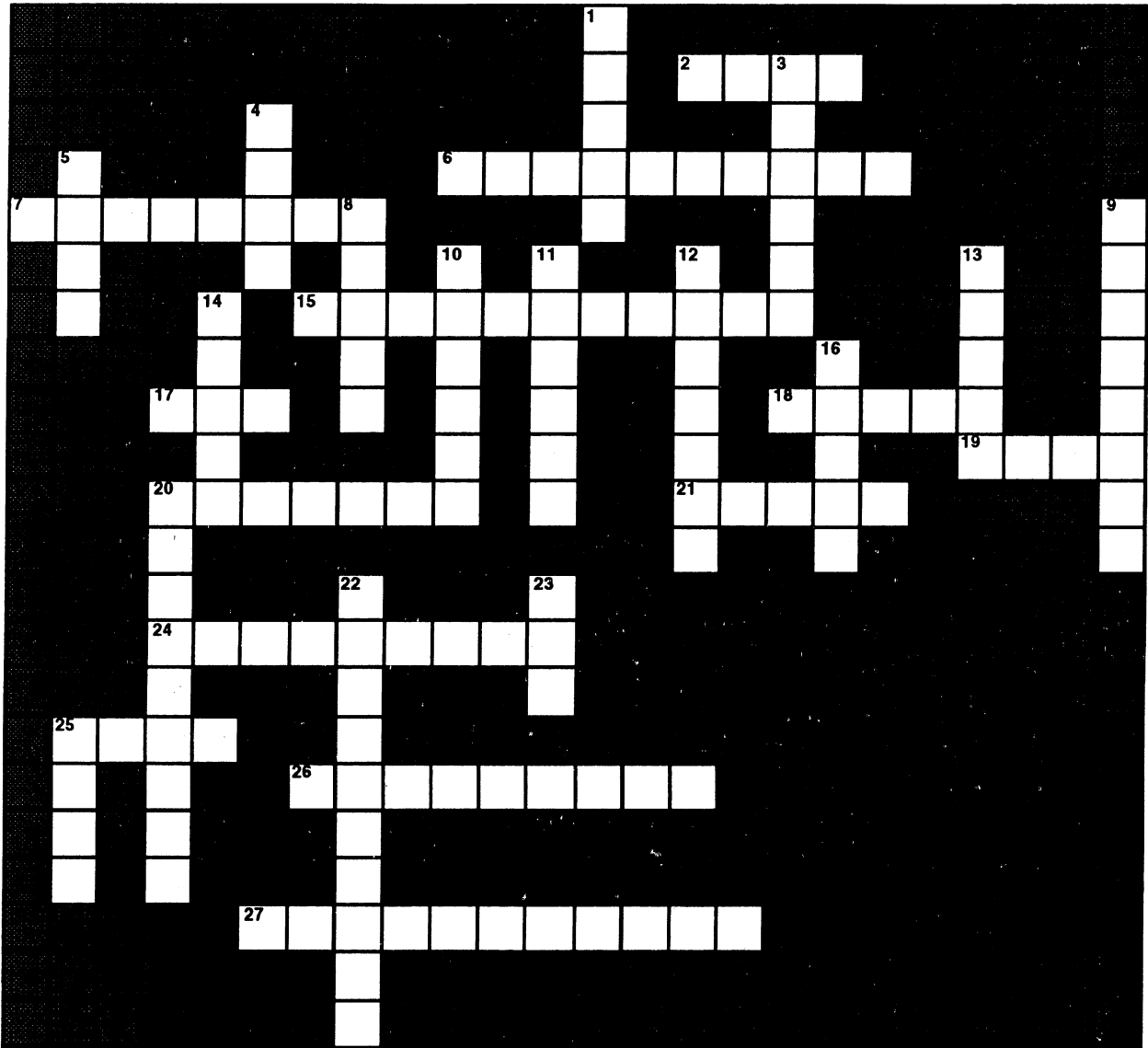
Find the words hidden in the puzzle below.
They are hidden up, down, across, backwards and diagonally.



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| LAST | THRONE | STAND | SAINTS | LAKE |
| GREAT | JUDGMENT | GOG | BELOVED | BRIMSTONE |
| DAY | MILLENNIUM | SMALL | CITY | SEA |
| STATUTE | JERUSALEM | SECOND | FIRE | GRAVE |
| GENERATIONS | PEOPLE | DEATH | DEVoured | HELL |
| FOREVER | EARTH | BATTLE | DEVIL | BOOKS |
| MULTITUDE | DWELL | CAMP | CAST | LIFE |

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Across

Down

- 2. Opposite of first.
- 6. If not found here cast into the lake of fire (three words).
- 7. To consume, destructively (see Revelation 20:9).
- 15. A body of persons born and living about the same time.
- 17. A particular period when an event is scheduled to take place.
- 18. Satan the _____.
- 19. A body of water of considerable size surrounded by land.
- 20. Greatly loved; dear to the heart.
- 21. The surface of this planet.
- 24. A great number.
- 25. The holy _____.
- 26. The ancient holy city.
- 27. Great _____ (two words; see Revelations 20:11)

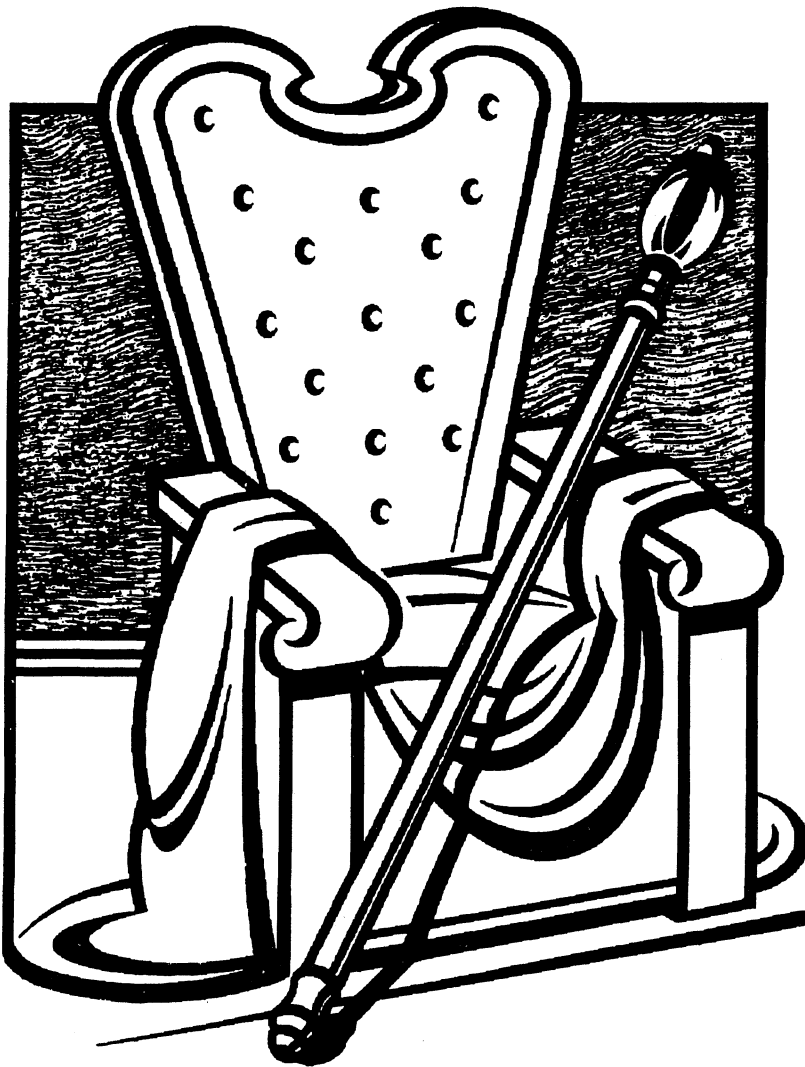
- 1. Labor; toil; effort or exertion to accomplish a purpose.
- 3. Persons of virtue.
- 4. State or process of combustion.
- 5. Greek word *hades* is translated as _____ in the Bible.
- 8. To reside.
- 9. Judicial opinion given by a judge or court.
- 10. "The _____ death hath no power..." (Revelation 20:6).
- 11. A hostile encounter between opposing forces.
- 12. Time without end.
- 13. Tiny.
- 14. A decision given by a judge or court.
- 16. The cessation of life.
- 20. Lake of fire and _____.
- 22. The 1000 year reign of Christ.
- 23. Salt water that covers the greater part of the earth.
- 25. Where persons are lodged in temporary shelter on an outing.

Across: 2. Last; 6. Book of Life; 7. Devoured; 15. Generations; 17. Day; 18. Devil; 19. Lake; 20. Beloved; 21. Earth; 24. Multitude; 25. City; 26. Jerusalem; 27. White Throne. Down: 1. Works; 3. Saints; 4. Fire; 5. Hell; 8. Dwell; 9. Judgment; 10. Second; 11. Battle; 12. Forever; 13. Small; 14. Grave; 16. Death; 20. Bristle; 22. Millennium; 23. Sea; 25. Camp.

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The Last Great Day John 7:37

...he shall reign as king
and deal wisely...
Jeremiah 23:5



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The Last Great Day
Revelation 20:12

Color the picture below



**...before me was a great multitude...
from every nation...
standing before the throne.**