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the fullness

"that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him." eph 1:10

what is the fullness of anything? the word speaks of the fullness of sin, the fullness of sin, the fullness of the gentiles. whatever context either are used they all point to one thing - the climax of the age. if creation were to be compared to God's dealing with man, i'd say we are definitely living in the sixth day, the remaining millenium being the seventh.

ah, then there is that glorious eight day, a day beyond the original creation into a new creation, a day where time and subsequently death, will no longer be permitted. "and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail." heb 9:5 had paul, or whoever wrote the book of hebrews, been shown a glimpse into the marvelous eight day? had job? "and after my skin is destroyed, this i know, that in my flesh I shall see God." job 13:14

perhaps the book of revelation gives us the clearest glimpse one can have. "'now i saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. also there was no more sea. then i, john, 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 heaven saying, "behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' then He who sat on the throne said, 'behold, I make all things new.' and He said to me, 'write, for these words are true and faithful.'" rev 21: 1-4

how many countless billions have gone to their grave not knowing what lies beyond? how many mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, mourned their loved ones who have died, not knowing whether they would ever see them again? the eighth day, which is one of the most meaningful yet least understood holy days by mankind, points to the ultimate culmination of God's plan: the resurrection and judgment of the vast majority of all the human beings who have ever lived. the destruction of death. the casting away of sadness and mourning. it is a hope the world desperately needs and it will be fulfilled at the culmination of God's plan of salvation for mankind. little by little things that were sealed up are being unsealed. the extent of our understanding is being expanded.

again i ask, "what is fullness?" the world would offer up its enticements as what should be most desired. to be filled with power, fame, money or even extension of life itself. the key point is that if everything you're searching for remains outside of you, you'll always be chasing while never being really filled. really satisfied. enough is never enough.

the word tells us to be filled with the Spirit and in essence being "filled with all the fullness of God."
eph 3:19 "these things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."
john 15:11 just think, the joy that Jesus had within Him is now ours to claim as well. then, whatever may come our way we too, like the saints before us are "counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." acts 5:41

when speaking of "fullness." there is another fullness we can't neglect to mention. "but when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son." gal 4:4 should we be surprised that the God who created time has a perfect timing. the "perfect time" is coming again. "You will arise and have mercy on zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come." psa 102:13

dear fellow sojourners in Christ, another "set time" is about to occur. "so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!" matt 24:33 let us all always be looking up. looking up to the hope set before us. "because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth." rev 3:10