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## The Song of Praise 25: 1-12



This chapter puts the choices that face the human race very simply. No matter what we have done to one another, if we turn to **God** in trust, there is hope for us. **Death**, the last enemy, has been conquered. But those who refuse the offer of **the Lamb**, namely **Messiah**, will go down to a worse fate than **death**, namely, **the second death** (see the commentary on **Revelation, to see link click <u>Fp</u> - The Lake of Fire is the Second Death). ADONAI** offers deliverance from **death** to all, but those who refuse **His** offer will find an eternity of torment. But judgment and destruction are never **God's** intended last words. Rather, **His** plan is that those harsh words will pave the way for **joy**, **hope**, and **redemption**. This is the case here. From the silence of the shattered Babylon (see my commentary on **Revelation <u>Er</u> - Babylon Will Never Be Found Again**) we move to the joy of a feast where **God** is the host.

Chapter 25 develops a response to the announcement of the destruction of Satan's capital city of Babylon. This is a psalm that praises the LORD's deliverance of His people. After YHVH puts an end to wickedness during the Great Tribulation, His glorious Messianic Kingdom will begin. This poetry is written in three parts. First, Fa - You Have Been a Refuge for the Poor and the Needy, is praise for the deliverance of His people. Secondly, Fb - The LORD Will Provide a Feast of Rich Food for All Peoples, is praise for Millennial blessings. Thirdly, in Fc - Surely This Is Our God; We Trusted In Him, is



praise for judgment on Isra'el's enemies.