

## **What will the Millennium be like ? #1 - 2020201**

Hi all,

Having just finished a sort series summarizing the chaos of the Tribulation, let us proceed to the transition from man's government to the government of Jesus, known as the Millennium.

### **Jesus materializes at His return**

Ever since His ascension in Acts 1, when a person sees the Lord it is because that person is allowed to see or be in the Spirit realm, where He is. Paul saw the Lord in Acts 9, as did the believer named Ananias. Paul saw Him again in Acts 18 in Corinth, and again in Acts 22:17. The apostle John called it being 'in the Spirit' in Revelation 1:10 and 4:2. The first use is when he was in the Spirit and saw the Lord in His realm, and the second use was when he was caught up into heaven.

For me, when my physical eyes are open and my spiritual eyes are opened to His realm, it is like an overlay of 2 parallel universes I see at the same time. This is described as happening to Elisha and his servant in II Kings 6: 15-17 who saw both the natural world around them AND the angelic army protecting them.

But at the return of Jesus He will come out of the Spirit realm to be once again solidly in the natural world, and we will have our 'glorified' bodies as well that we may rule and reign with Him. As the angels said at His ascension: "This same Jesus who you have seen taken up into heaven, will come (back) in the same way as you've seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11

The story of The Revelation is the story of transitioning, violently so, the end of man's government and the start of the 1,000 reign of Jesus as King over the whole earth.

### **Consider from a political perspective what will happen at the return of Jesus**

When any king, queen, president, prime minister, dictator or despot takes office, they must first establish order, leadership, and infrastructure that their administration may function.

Jesus reveals His course of action concerning this in Matthew 25: 31-32: "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory: And before Him will be gathered all nations, and He will separate one from another as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats."

We can understand practically speaking that representatives from all nations will be brought before Him, but there is another nation not hitherto considered: The nation of His people, who are also citizens of the nations of earth. From within the nations gathered before Him, Jesus will gather His people as He continues in v33-36:

"And He will put the sheep (nations) on His right, and the goat (nations) on His left. To those on His right He will say, 'Come you blessed of my Father, and inherit the kingdom which as been prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I hunger and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you took me in, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to me.'"

### **Relationships**

To make a point yet again - notice His standard for judgment on His people: It isn't how nice the church sound system is, or your attendance or giving money, nor even how many you won to the Lord. Jesus says His measuring stick is relationship and social based giving to those in your circle of friends, family, neighbors, coworkers - food, clothing, hospitality, visiting the sick, imprisoned and those in need.

As I've said so many times, anyone can say they are born again, but that claim is unproven for it is unseen in the heart. God in His wisdom determined righteousness is proven within the framework of relationships. That is why we are told to judge one's fruits, not their heart, but the fruit of their lives, and that fruit is seen within relationships.

### **You are going into government service**

Paul confirms the fact the Lord's 'sheep' will be separated from the rest and rule the nations in I Corinthians 6: 2-4: "Don't you know that the saints will judge the world? ....Don't you know that we will judge angels?" (The word 'judge' is administrative, and would be better translated in modern English, 'rule', 'govern', 'to decide'. It is not heaven/hell, but rather as a ruler making determinations and giving instructions.)

In The Revelation 20: 4-6, John describes seeing thrones and the saints given authority to rule with Christ for 1,000 years, a throne being the seat of authority.

#### **A point of order:**

People sometimes ask why I usually refer to the last book of the Bible as The Revelation, rather than 'Revelation' or 'Revelations'. The reason is simple and is explained in The Revelation 1:1: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God (Father) gave to Him to show His servants things which must shortly come to pass..."

It is a revelation which the Father gave to Jesus in the form of a sealed scroll. John is called up to heaven in chapter 4, and he saw the Father on His throne surrounded by 24 elders and the cherubs, which are angelic winged creatures around the Father's throne.

In chapter 5 a dilemma is presented: The Father has a scroll in His right hand, but verses 1-5 tell us no man is worthy to open the scroll. John 'cries much' because no one is worthy, but his sorrow is brought to an end by an elder in verse 5: "Don't cry, because the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David has prevailed to open the book and to loose its 7 seals."

Immediately Jesus begins opening the revelation found in the scroll by breaking the 7 seals...and that is the rest of the book of The Revelation.

Next week, about Jesus ruling from Jerusalem, the tone of His rule, our part, and more! Until then, blessings,  
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#### **What will the Millennium be like? #2 of 3 - 20200208**

Hi all,

Last week I explained that upon His return, Jesus will set up the internal framework of His government, using those of us from Pentecost through His return as 'employees' of His world-wide Kingdom. I assume it would include Old Testament believers as well, though they may remain in heaven, but we only know in part for now...

#### **Enforced righteousness**

Revelation 19:15 says at His return He will 'strike down the nations' and 'will rule them with a rod of iron'. The word 'rule' here is actually 'poimanei' which means 'shepherd'. He will shepherd them with a rod of iron.

This reveals His rule will be enforced righteousness, which means you and I will be making decisions and settling issues between people much like Solomon did in his wisdom. We may think 'I can barely run my life now and am looking for answers, who am I to tell someone what is right or wrong?'

But Hebrews 6: 5 calls the gifts of the Spirit 'the powers of the age to come', which means when we are in our glorified bodies, full of the Spirit, we will administrate by words of knowledge, words of wisdom, the discerning of spirits and more. We will have the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to know what is righteous judgment and what is not.

For example, what if someone comes to you claiming a carpenter has over charged his time for a job they had him do. The contractor claims they changed what they wanted several times and are owed for his time - time he wouldn't have had to spend except that they kept changing their mind. You would have words of knowledge and wisdom from the Lord on who is right and would make an equitable decision.

That doesn't mean each person will necessarily be happy with what you decide, but it will be a righteous decision whether they like it or not. Enforced righteousness.

#### **There are unsaved people and unsaved nations in the Millennium**

One of the things the Lord establishes is the celebration the whole earth will have of God living with man. This is the literal fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles, when they celebrated God living with man by commemorating Israel's walk in the wilderness with God.

Zechariah 14: 16-19 tells us: "Whoever is left from the battle where all the nations came against Israel (the 2nd coming/Armageddon), will go up to Jerusalem year by year to worship the King, the Lord of the armies, to

celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. And it will be that whosoever does not come up to worship the King, for example if Egypt won't come up to worship the King, then upon them will be no rain...this is the plague they will be hit with if they don't come up to worship the King."

Enforced righteousness. Jesus is King and He demands the people do the right thing and honor Him, or there will be consequences. It should not surprise us that even with those who survive Armageddon, there will be some who refuse to turn to the Lord, for human nature has not changed.

### **Curse lifted, longer lives - play with that lion!**

Isaiah 11: 6-11: "And the wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; and the calf and the young lion and the young calf together, and a little child will lead them. And the cow and the bear will feed together, their young ones will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the toddler will play on the hole of an asp (poisonous snake), and the just weaned child will put his hand on the adder's den (poisonous snake). They will not hurt nor destroy in all my kingdom; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 65: 20-25 tells of people building houses and planting vineyards and orchards, and ends with similar statements about wild and domesticated animals. But the English translation of v20 may leave the reader wondering about the apparent contradiction:

"There will no more be an infant who lives but a few days, nor an old man that has not fulfilled his days; For a child will die at 100 years old, but the sinner being 100 years old will be accursed."

The English saying 'a child will die at 100 years old' just after saying no infant will die, would seem to contradict, but it is due to poor translation from Hebrew into English. In Hebrew it reads:

"...youth will die at 100 years old..." In other words, childhood will cease at age 100. If we figure today that a child moves to becoming a 'tween' at age 10, that would seem to indicate a roughly 10 to 1 ratio to what Adam and Eve lived.

If we consider Adam lived 930 years and use a 10 to 1 ratio, it means Adam was roughly our 93 years old when he died. Isaiah establishes that childhood ends at age 100 - and because death is suspended and a child born just after Jesus' return, by the end of 1000 years they may be 1000 years old! (like our 100) But because life is drawn out, they had 100 years of childhood. Amazing.

Next week I'll close it out with the geographical changes around Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and how that 1000 years ends. Until then, blessings,

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### **What will the Millennium be like? #3 of 3, geographical changes - 20200215**

Hi all,

When Jesus returns to set foot on the Mount of Olives, He will find the physical earth in quite a mess.

During the preceding years the earth received a double asteroid/comet hit accompanied by a disruption in the magnetosphere resulting in solar flares scorching the earth and burning people, as well as a dust/vapor cloud that blocks much of the sunlight, and several very strong earthquakes as well, some in and around Jerusalem, to name the main natural events.

### **Back to a new normal**

Zechariah 14:4 tells us at His return, Jesus will stand on the Mount of Olives on the east of Jerusalem, and it will split half to the north and half to the south, 'with a very great valley in between'.

Zechariah goes on to say in 14:8 at that time a fountain of living (fresh) waters will flow from Jerusalem, with half the water going to the Dead Sea and half to the Mediterranean Sea. An Israeli orthodox Rabbi said the source of the water was from water drained during Noah's flood, and reserved under Israel to be released at the coming of Messiah.

Ezekiel 47 fills in some details about the half of the new river that flows into the Dead Sea, telling us it starts in the temple as a trickle on the east side, and gains volume as it makes its way to the Dead Sea. Of the Dead Sea he tells us the volume of water will be so great that it will be turned into a fresh water lake, with only the marshy areas on the edges left briny. (v8-12) To dilute the saltiness of the lake now, it will mean the Dead Sea will have to become a huge inland sea.

Ezekiel also says it will be filled with fish, and fishermen will cast nets from along its banks, and very many fruit trees will grow along its shores. Amazing!

### **The plateau**

Zechariah 14: 10 tells us the area around Jerusalem from Geba to Rimmon will be 'turned into a plain', in other words a massive flat area. Various sources put those areas 15-30 miles (24-48km) north to south. Zechariah doesn't say how this vast area will be 'turned into a plain', but you can't move that much earth without it 'quaking' quite a bit. It may be the result of the earthquake that occurs when Jesus sets foot on the Mount of Olives - we aren't told when, just that it will be 'turned into a plain'.

Years ago I asked the Lord for what purpose He was going to do that, and He told me simply: "To be able to handle all the people who will be coming to Jerusalem." I thought how nice and how consistent is He, that when He commands the nations to come to Jerusalem at Tabernacles, He also make a place for them to gather.

There is a lesson there folks - what He commands, He supplies. Otherwise He could be blamed on the day of judgement as being unfair.

### **Weather**

Zechariah 14: 17-19 tells us that if a nation won't come up at the Feast of Tabernacles to Jerusalem to worship the King, then 'upon them will be no rain'.

This reveals Jesus will command the weather when needed, leading us to conclude that with the exception of those who are disobedient, there will be no drought, no storms that wipe out crops, no killer frost just when the fruit trees are budding. The weather patterns released from their curse, will cooperate with the King, world-wide.

### **We are in training**

Paul addressed the situation of 2 men in the church in Corinth suing one another, in I Corinthians 6: 1-7. Remember this was a home based church, for we are told in Acts 18:7 they started in the home of Titius Justus (Gaius), a Roman who lived next door to the synagogue. That means these men were sitting across from each other when they gathered as the church.

Paul tells them it is a shame that they who will administrate the world in the millennium, they who would administrate the angels, cannot settle the issue between themselves without going to a secular court. His point is that because they will be ruling over the earth with the Lord in the future, they are worthy now to settle the issues between them. He told the church to find others who were not party to the lawsuit, even the 'least esteemed', and let them decide the matter.

He said they can certainly therefore judge the 'smallest matters' in v2, like what is going on between them. The Greek word 'smallest' is 'mikros', where we get 'micro'. So Paul considered whatever their situation to be, tiny, compared to what they will be doing in the millennium. Basically he told them to grow up, start setting issues now as their lives were preparation for future judgments they would be making.

What if all Christians realized the trials and tribulations of this life are a sort of training for the millennial age? What if all Christians realized by making either wise or unwise choices now, they were being observed in consideration of their role in a future administration of the King over the whole earth?

I'm not advocating a works-based salvation trying to show the Big Boss how good you are. Rather, living our Christian lives with the realization there is more to this life than just this life. That we are accountable to our Maker. That our lives now in this life, matter for something bigger than just what seems to be our puny existence on the planet. That we apply ourselves to truly become more Christ-like each and every day.

Not for reward or position in the kingdom to come, imitating the mother of James and John who sought positions of authority for her sons in the age to come, but just going about our lives knowing we will give account,

knowing that even small decisions now do matter, and that our individual value to the Lord is high enough He gave His life for us, then was resurrected so He could watch over and direct our lives personally. That is amazing grace and something to consider.

New subject next week, until then, blessings,  
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