

## Acts 3:21 "THE RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS"

Part 4. "THE MILLENNIUM": the beginning of Christ's eternal kingdom; 1000 yrs on earth & then for eternity on the new earth. Third new beginning for man.

The prophecies concerning the reign of Christ cannot find their fulfillment in anything other than a literal return of Christ in His glory with His saints to set up an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem.

### I. THE MILLENNIUM ESTABLISHED.

A. Satan's Power Broken & Removed From The Earth, Rev. 19:19-20:3

B. The Judgment Of The Nations, Matt. 25:31-46

1. The wicked severed & destroyed, Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50.

C. All Of This Accomplished When Christ & His Saints Return To The Earth.

1. By inheritance, the saints reign with Christ, Col. 1:12, 13

2. In real power- world to be judged by: I Cor. 6:2 Rev. 20:4-6

3. Position is according to faithfulness, Luke 12:42-44

D. Those On Earth At The Beginning Of The Millennium: Christ & saints in their glorified bodies: Jews & Gentiles left after the wicked destroyed, in their natural bodies: from these the earth's population will be replenished.

### II. FEATURES OF THE MILLENNIUM.

A. Autocratic, Supreme Ruler: Luke 1:32, 33 Rev. 19:16

B. The Government Will Be Perfect & Absolute In It's Authority & Power:

Is. 11:4 Rev. 19:15 Psalm 2:9 just one branch of government.

C. Jerusalem To Be The World Capital: Is. 24:23 Micah 4:8 Is. 9:6, 7 Acts 2:29, 30

1. Israel to be completely restored, Jer. 23:5-8 33:15, 16

2. Israel to be requited with Divine favor, Isaiah 60:1-22 (v12-15)

-Recognized as the seed whom God hath blessed, Is. 61:4-11 (v6-9, 11f)

-The nation has been spared by Divine grace, Is. 62:1-12 (v2-4, 12)

3. To be extended peace & comfort, Is. 66:10-14

### III. DISTINCTIONS WITHIN THE MILLENNIUM.

A. Some Things That Belong To Israel.

1. Regathering & reuniting of, accomplished, Eze. 37:16-25 (v21, 22, 24)

2. New covenant made with: Eze. 37:26-28 Jer. 31:31-34 *Hebrews 8:8-12*

3. Come into full possession of Canaan: Eze. 47:13- 48:29

-According to the promise: Gen. 15:18 Deut. 11:24 Josh. 1:4

-The desert shall blossom: Is. 35:1, 2 51:3 Eze. 36:33-36

B. The Gentiles Will Occupy A Place Of Subordination To Israel.

1. Thus will they share the spiritual, social & economic blessings with Israel, but in subordination to Israel.

### IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM.

The government will be absolute, righteous & just by Divine standards.

A. No Insubordination, Ps. 2:10-12 serve the Lord or feel His wrath

B. All Causes Will Be Dealt With Righteously, Is. 11:3-5

1. Justice system of the omniscience of God.

NOTE: as long as men are in their sinful bodies, the cause(nature) of sin is still present. All born during millennium will be sinners by nature & in need of repentance & salvation: some will, some won't. Man will not be permitted to live ungodly, wicked lives, but will be subject to the rule of Christ. Thus sin will be suppressed during the millennium, the occasion of it not allowed.

## V. FRUITS OF THE MILLENNIUM.

### A. The Glorious Presence Of Christ Filling The Earth, Zech. 2:10-13

1. His person, wisdom, government, power, etc.

### B. Spiritual Blessings.

1. All flesh will worship Christ: Is. 66:23 Zeph. 2:11 3:9

- Failure to worship at the appointed time & place will be punished by death,  
Zech. 14:16-19 cp. Heb. 10:25-29

2. The restoration of the Jew spiritually will bless the world as far as making salvation known to all the world, Rom. 11:12,15 (they will have the new covenant, the truth of God within them v26,27)

### 3. Consider:

(a) All the saints who have returned with Christ will be perfect witnesses of God's saving grace.

(b) Will be no false teachers or deceivers during this time.

(c) Spiritual truth will prevail universally- Is. 11:9 Habakkuk 2:14

THUS making salvation easily available: but men will still have to choose to repent & trust God's grace to be saved. THOUGHT: in a time of personal goodness & prosperity, many have little concern to do this.

### C. Ideal Social, Economic & Physical Conditions.

1. Man in subjection to God entitles him to favors, Prov. 14:34

2. Every social law, order & plan shall be subject to Christ's wisdom and authority, Micah 4:1-8

(a) No more war: no more military hardware or spending; everything converted to implements of peace and productivity.

(b) The problems of sin (violence, crime), the suffering & expense, will not be prevailing, as sin is suppressed.

3. Curses removed from the creature, Rom. 8:19-23. Nature itself to enjoy this in behalf of the saints who live and reign with Christ for a 1000 yrs, in the redeemed body, completely liberated from sin & all its effects.

(a) A golden age of physical health & longevity, Isaiah 11:6-9 the dangers & hurt removed.

(b) Tragedy & vanity removed, Isaiah 65:18-25

- snares & uncertainties of life altered, v22.

- both saved & lost in the millennium, v20. Some enjoying the providence and benefits who are not saved, cp. Matt. 5:45

## VI. THE CLOSE OF THE MILLENNIUM.

### A. Satan Loosed Out Of His Prison, Rev. 20:7,8

### B. Man's Departure From God (the unregenerate)

The history of man beginning with Adam, shows man failing to live up to his responsibilities, & turning from God. That mankind should depart from God under such ideal conditions (at the close of the millennium) is proof that man in the flesh has no goodness, Rom. 3:10-12. No matter what the outward circumstances, men need to be born again- John 3:3-6 By regeneration, the spiritual nature of man is quickened and made perfect. By glorification, man sheds the fleshly nature, and becomes like Christ. By grace then, man is thus made a completely perfect being by God and before God- see Rev. 21:27

### C. Satan & Subjects (unsaved) Shall Unite & Compass The Holy City Of Jerusalem Only To Meet Their Final Defeat, Rev. 20:9,10