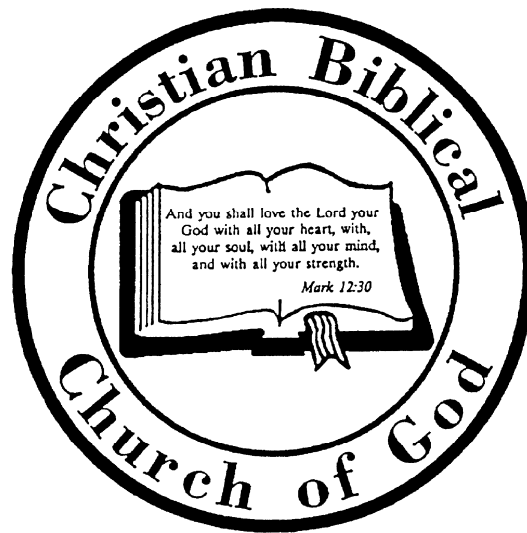


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Yet, They Did Not Repent!

(Feast of Trumpets)

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Greetings, brethren, welcome to the Feast of Trumpets! I have a question for you: How many of you have been in the Church long enough that you remember the booklet that came out with Radio Church of God? *1975 In Prophecy!* That's one of the first books that I got back in 1960! *Amazing!* Think about that; and some of you before then. But here we are. We thought we would be in Petra. We thought we would be in the Kingdom of God by this time. But here we are in 2025.

There are still a lot of things to go on in prophecy. But that doesn't mean that the prophecies concerning the meaning of the day of the Feast of Trumpets have changed in any way. In fact, from what we know, probably in our own minds, what we did think or what we did know is actually intensified many times over.

All of those who don't believe in the Holy Days of God have cut themselves off from God and the knowledge of what God is doing. That's why we have the book: *God's Plan for Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days!*

Let's look at something in Gen. 1 before we go to Lev. 23. Gen. 1:14—This is the beginning of **the fourth** day! Now 4 and 7 go hand in hand throughout the Bible. This is v 14, which is 2x7.

Genesis 1:14: "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide between the day and the night, and let them be for signs, and for appointed seasons... [*or appointed Feasts*; and that's what Trumpets is] ...and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth' And it was so" (vs 14-15).

Verse 16: "And God *had* made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night; and *God had made* the stars *also*. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and the morning were **day four**" (vs 16-19).

So we have that the Sabbath, because of setting the sun, moon, and stars in order for the season, times and Feasts. The first Feast of all is the seventh-day Sabbath. The Feast that connects us to God directly is:

Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy, Commandment #4. So 4 and 7 go all the time. Now then, let's come to Lev. 23. God put all the Holy Days in there according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, and that is the right and the correct one. Any other ideas of men, just like there are ideas of men that say:

- the New Testament was written in Aramaic
- they didn't write anything down
- it was carried out 200 years before it was written down

NO! Whatever is important, God wants written down right as it occurred or shortly thereafter.

Lev. 23 contains all of the Holy Days of God beginning with the Sabbath. Let's look at it. Remember the first part of it starts out this way:

Leviticus 23:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, "**Concerning the appointed Feasts of the LORD**, which you shall proclaim *to be* Holy convocations, even **these are My appointed Feasts**. Six days shall work be done, **but the seventh day is the Sabbath** of rest, a Holy convocation. You shall not do any work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings. **These are the appointed Feasts of the LORD**, Holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their **appointed seasons**" (vs 1-4)—***times! Four and seven!***

Now let's look at this and we'll see what we have. We have:

1. **the Passover**
2. **the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the first day**
3. **seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread**
4. **Pentecost**

Interesting, isn't it, how that all ties together. Then we come to the fall Feasts, which we are where we are today with the Feast of Trumpets.

It's critical for everyone to understand that ***Pentecost pictures the day of the resurrection, #4!*** Amazing, isn't it?

5. **Feast of Trumpets**

This is the day when trumpets were blown all day long, and *it is a War Feast!* It's not a salvational feast, yet. ***It is the war to bring in the salvation of God and the return of Christ and all the saints from***

the Sea of Glass, and all the activities that took place on the Sea of Glass from Pentecost to Trumpets. We'll read that. This is something.

This Feast of War is absolutely almost beyond description. But here we have in Lev. 23 the shortest number of verses or the fewest number of verses devoted to explaining it, *because God uses other parts of the Bible to explain it*. That is the key! The Holy Days are the key which unlocks:

- the Plan of God
- the mystery of God
- what God is doing

And the beginning of all of that is with the Passover!
Amazing! Jesus died on the 4th day of the week, 4 and 7. Back to trumpets.

Verse 23: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel saying, "In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, you shall have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of ram's horns, a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein* but you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD'" (vs 23-25).

That's it! That's all there is for Trumpets in Lev. 23, and it is ***an end-time Feast***, and it's the first one in the fall; #5 in the sequence of the Feast days!

- 6. Day of Atonement**
- 7. first day of the Feast of Tabernacles**
- 8. the Last Great Day**

Amazing how all of those things come together when you use the whole Bible!

Now we know that we don't take up offerings anytime during services with the exception of the Holy day, because we were to come before God with an offering. So at this time, we'll just pause and take up an offering. And then we will continue on with the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets for 2025.

(pause for the offering)

Now let's begin this by going to Joel 2, because in the book of Joel we find that this is what Peter referred to on the Day of Pentecost. Actually, it was prophesying of the second coming of Christ.

We can learn an awful lot from this, and this is what God also wants! When the events at the end-time come through, remember this when you read the book of Revelation: there's the sealing of the 144,000 and a great innumerable multitude, which tells you that:

- through all of the disasters
- through all of the problems

God is interested in repentance!

We will see how many times it says in Revelation: ***'and they didn't repent.'*** So that's what God wants.

Now, without the pressure of war upon us, we just have the pressure of Satan and the world and our own carnal nature, we need to come to God. We don't need to wait till the last minute when everything's falling apart and the wars are going and everyone is going crazy and the world is just emblazed in wars.

Joel 2:1: "'Blow the ram's horn in Zion... [this is the warning of it] ...and ***sound an alarm*** in My Holy mountain!' Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, ***for the Day of the Lord comes...***"

And that's what the Feast of Trumpets is, ***the Day of the Lord, the day that God returns to the earth with all the saints!***

"...for *it is* near at hand—A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness. As the morning *is* spread across the mountains, *so comes* a great people and a mighty people..." (vs 1-2).

We'll see that when we get to Rev. 8. It's going to be:

- the greatest army
- the greatest war
- the greatest thing that has ever happened

"...there has never been the like, nor shall there ever be again, even to the years of many generations" (v 2).

Because this, brethren, is the battle, the war to end all wars. After all, who is the author of wars, but none other than Satan the devil. That's why we have next, on the Day of Atonement, the binding of Satan and getting rid of him.

Verse 3: "A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land *is* as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness—and nothing shall escape them."

That's something, isn't it? People like to have it: 'We'll go hide someplace and we'll be safe.' Well, with the coming of Christ, there's no place that's safe. Really, the actual 'place of safety' is the ***resurrection and on the Sea of Glass!*** Then you come to the earth with Christ!

Verse 4: "Their appearance *is* as the appearance of horses; and as war horses, so they run. They shall leap with the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains, with the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, like a mighty people set in battle array" (vs 4-5).

As we will see, that is the army of 200-million! That's more than we can imagine.

Verse 6: "In their presence the people shall *greatly* tremble; all faces shall grow pale. They shall run like mighty men. They shall climb the wall like men of war, and they shall march each one in his path, and they shall not break their ranks" (vs 6-7).

That's something! Just a tidal wave continually coming of soldiers and soldiers. We will see that the final battle at Armageddon is going to be the greatest battle with the greatest slaughter, and that there will be blood so far, so deep that it is just mind-boggling to even contemplate!

Verse 8: "And each one shall not crowd another; they go everyone in his *own* path. And when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded."

Isn't that interesting? They will have protection from all the armament of the other people.

Verse 9: "They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall; they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble..." (vs 9-10).

This is a time like never, *never, never* in the history of all the world.

"...The sun and the moon shall grow dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. And the LORD shall utter His voice before His army; for His camp is exceedingly great..." (vs 10-11).

That will be us coming down with Christ from the Sea of Glass on the Day of Trumpets.

"...for powerful is *He* who executes His Word, for **the Day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can endure it?**" (v 11).

Now notice this, and we find this all the way through Revelation, as well.

Verse 12: "'Therefore, even now,' says the LORD, **'turn to Me...'**"

I want you to read the rest of it, *because this is what we need to do all the time:*

- How do we come to God?
- How do we know what is true?
- How do we know what is right?
- How do we keep up a relationship with God?

Right here!

"...**'turn to Me with all your heart...'**" (v 12). That's what God wants; He wants us:

- to believe Him

- to obey Him
- to love Him

with all our heart, mind, soul and being!

"...and with fasting... [the Day of Atonement that's coming] ...and with weeping, and with mourning.... [here's what God wants from everyone]: ...Yes, **rend your heart** and not your garments, **and return to the LORD your God...**" (vs 12-13).

What we see in the book of Revelation, is that there is:

- repentance
- salvation

and we also see that there is not repentance, and there is great war!

"...for He *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He repents of the evil. Who knows *if* He will return and repent and leave a blessing behind Him—a grain offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow a ram's horn in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly" (vs 13-15).

So, it blends on over into the Day of Atonement. This is something! Now, let's see how this comes out in Rev. 8. Let's see, because this is a point there, right after the sealing of the 144,000 and the great enumerable multitude.

By the way, as you read that, when it shows them coming before the Throne of God, that's not until the resurrection, because Rev. 7 happens on a Pentecost, one year before the Pentecost of the resurrection. So, they're on the earth during that time:

- they are sealed
- they are protected
- they are set aside by God

Then at the resurrection all of the saints are resurrected, and all of those who are alive are transformed and carried to the Sea of Glass.

Rev. 8—here we begin some of the most difficult verses in the Bible. We will see they were all prophesied in the Old Testament, and everything that goes with that.

We are able to see what goes on in heaven. And we will see that Rev. 8 begins on the Feast of Trumpets. From Pentecost to trumpets, the earth has to recover from all the disaster of the shaking of the heaven and the earth and the rolling back of the heavens like a scroll, as we find there in Rev. 6 with the sixth seal. So, here we are now, Trumpets:

Revelation 8:1: "Now, when He opened the

seventh seal, *there* was silence in heaven *for* about a half hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them” (vs 1-2).

Now, we need to understand the seventh trumpet, because each one of these are going to sound and send off the alarm saying what God is going to do.

Remember: here in the book of Revelation is the only place in the whole Bible where we have **a sequence of blowing of trumpets, one through seven**. So, we have the first and the seventh, or the last one. There again #7 becomes mightily important. Here the seventh seal was open.

Verse 3: “And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the Throne.”

That’s where our prayers go. That’s why Jesus said, ‘**You pray to the Father, because He loves you.**’

- we don’t go through a priest
- we don’t go to a temple on the earth

We go direct to God! That’s what God wants with those who have His Spirit and are converted.

Verse 4: “And the smoke of the incense went up before God from *the* hand of the angel, ascending with the prayers of the saints.”

- comes right up to God
- God takes care of them
- He hears them
- He answers them
- He has 24 elders to help Him
- He has the seven spirits of God to find out those who are seeking God

All of those are working all of the time!

Verse 5: “And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.”

Now, with a great earthquake, we have the sixth seal. Great earthquake. The whole earth is shaken. Here’s an earthquake. We’re going to see there are many earthquakes that take place.

Verse 6: “Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound *their* trumpets. And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet; and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was cast upon the earth; and a third of the trees were

burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up” (vs 6-7).

Now note that because when we get to Rev. 9, we find something else, which is this. Here’s what it is with burning grass: Once it’s burned, if it gets a little moisture and water, what does it do? *It grows!* We’ll see that a little later.

Verse 8: “Then the second angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* was cast into the sea as *it were* **a great mountain burning with fire**...”

Think about the tsunamis that’s going to make. Think of what that’s going to do to the coastline everywhere in the world.

“...**and a third of the sea became blood**” (v 8).

Think about that with all the water on the earth. WOW!

Verse 9: “And a third of the living creatures that *were* in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.”

These angels go one, two, three, four, five in a row. And that prepares for #6 & #7, and then the last plagues, *the last great plagues!*

Verse 10: “And the third angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* fell out of heaven a great star, burning like a lamp; and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters. Now, the name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from *drinking* the waters because they were made bitter” (vs 10-11).

Now think about that! **The vengeance of God is coming full blast**, but step-by-step-by-step and more intense.

Verse 12: “Then the fourth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars; so that a third of them were darkened; and a third part of the day did not shine, and likewise *a third part* of the night.”

Now with all this trouble, we’ll read v 13 and then we’ll look at some of the prophecies in the Old Testament that tell us about this.

Verse 13: “And I looked; and I heard an angel flying in the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘**Woe, woe, woe to those who are dwelling on the earth**, because of the voices of the remaining trumpets of the three angels who *are* about to sound *their* trumpets.’”

The last year when these things take place it is 13 months long, and in the third month... It starts out with Trumpets and it comes along to the first

month and then it comes along to the third month. So, we have all that time.

Let's look at some of the things that were prophesied in the Old Testament and what is going to happen. A lot of these were prophecies for the one-time event of the return of Christ as part of the things that will happen.

It's amazing how all of these things were there and for us to understand and to know what's going to happen. But you see, the way that the Bible is put together, it's put together in such a way there are some here, there's some there, there's some in another place and it's put together bit-by-bit and piece-by-piece. That is called ***rightly dividing the Word of God!***

Isaiah 24:1: "Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste... [that's wherever these things take place] ...***and turns it upside down,*** and scatters its inhabitants."

This is going to be something! Everything is coming at the end to judge the world and all peoples, ***and then the salvation of God comes!***

Verse 2: "And as *it is* with the people, so it shall be with the priest; as with the slave, so with the master; as with the handmaid, so it is with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor." ***So much for the stock market!***

Verse 3: "The earth shall be completely laid waste..." ***Not all at once, but in series BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!***

"...and utterly stripped; for the LORD has spoken this word" (v 3).

- What is this going to do with the earth?
- How is the earth is going to respond because of all of these things that are coming?

Verse 4: "The earth mourns *and* languishes; the world withers *and* languishes; the proud people of the earth wither. And the earth is defiled under its people; because..." (vs 4-5).

Here's the reason. Now all of those out there in Protestant-land ***listen up! because God is telling all of us:***

- His Laws are Holy
- His Laws are Righteous
- His Laws are good
- His Laws are good for us

and ***IF*** we're converted we're to keep them in the Spirit of the Law; we're to keep them written in our heart and mind!

Verse 5: "And the earth is defiled under its people; because **they have transgressed the Laws, changed the ordinance, and have broken the everlasting covenant.**" ***Think on that!***

- Does any man have the power to change God's Word? ***No!***
- Does any man have the power to do away with the Sabbath? ***No!***
- Does any man have the power to do away with the Holy Days? ***No!***

They have transgressed the Law of God! That's all encompassing! There it is!

Verse 6: "Therefore, the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell in it are desolate; therefore, the people of the earth are burned, **and few men are left.**"

Quite a thing! Think about what it's going to be! We will see all of this happening as we look down on the earth from the Sea of Glass.

Isaiah 13:6: "Howl! For the Day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty."

This is going to be a tremendous thing that's going to take place.

Verse 7: "Therefore, all hands shall be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them. They shall be in pain like a woman who travails. They shall be amazed at one another, their faces are *like* blazing fire" (vs 7-8)

Verse 9: "**Behold, the Day of the LORD comes,** cruel both *with* wrath and fierce anger, to make the earth a desolation; and He shall destroy the sinners out of it, for the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not reflect its light. And I will punish the world for *their* evil..." (vs 9-11). ***God is storing it all up!***

"...and the wicked for their iniquity; and **I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease,** and will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants. I will make man more scarce than gold, even man more than the fine gold of Ophir. **Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger**" (vs 11-13). ***Now that's quite a thing!***

Let's come to the book of Jeremiah. Let's see what he says, because people are going to think:

If I do this or if I have a place in the wilderness
I will escape all of this.

Well this is going to be worldwide—all people, all nations from North Pole to South Pole, all around the world everywhere—because God is going to do this in an absolutely unbelievable way **and no one is going to escape!**

Jer. 25—here was something that was special that God told Jeremiah to do. God said, ‘Take this cup and you go make all these nations drink of it.’ Well, he didn’t do it; but this was a prophecy for the second return of Christ. Of course, Jeremiah didn’t know that, but nevertheless, he was to do it and all of the nations of the world were to drink of that cup.

The very fact that it is here in Jeremiah means that cup is here.

Jeremiah 25:26: “And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and ^[#1]**ALL** the kingdoms of the world, which *are* on the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.” ***Shishak is the great Beast Power!***

Verse 27: “Therefore, you shall say to them...” *Here’s the message that goes out. This is the message to the world concerning the Feast of Tabernacles!*

“...Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Drink and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more because of the sword which I will send among you’” (v 27).

Yes, there’s going to be war and terror, killing and death, and blood, gore, guts, and everything like that!

Verse 28: “And it shall come to pass if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, **‘You shall certainly drink’**”’ *It’s amazing!*

Verse 29: “‘For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city, which is called by My name; and shall you go unpunished?... [indeed not] ...You shall not go unpunished. For I will call for a sword on ^[#2]**ALL** the inhabitants of the earth,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

Verse 30: “‘And prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, **“The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter His voice from His Holy habitation. He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place....** [that’s over Jerusalem] ...He shall give a shout, like those who tread out grapes, against ^[#3]**ALL** the people of the earth.”’

Now notice again where it comes. Does God mean **ALL**? You know people like to come along and say that God doesn’t mean this and God doesn’t mean

that.

- Why then did He have it written down if He didn’t mean it?
- Would you ever write a letter if you didn’t mean to do it? *Of course not!*

Verse 31: “‘A noise shall come to the ends of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with the nations... [not just a few people, not just Israel, not certain nations, but **ALL** people, and He says here]: ...He will plead with ^[#4]**ALL** flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,’ says the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, **‘Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation...’**” (vs 31-32).

Imagine that! This is going to be a time like never before. That’s why the Feast of Trumpets is so important and it needs to be preached. We see everything right now. Many of the things being setup right now for all of this with the events that are going on.

“...and a great whirlwind shall be stirred up from the farthest corners of the earth. **And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth;** they shall not be mourned, nor gathered, nor buried. They shall be *as* dung on the ground” (vs 32-33).

Verse 34: “**Howl, you shepherds...**

- all of you leaders who think you’re so great
- all of the religious leaders who think that they represent God

Verse 34: “Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, you lords of the flock! For the days of your slaughter and of your scatterings are fulfilled; and you shall fall like a choice vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the lords of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the lords of the flock *shall be heard*; for the LORD has spoiled their pasture. And the peaceful pastures are cut down **because of the fierce anger of the LORD**” (vs 34-37).

This is something! these are powerful words!
That’s why God only put a couple of verses in Lev. 23 concerning Trumpets because there’s so much to it you can’t put anything there. That’s what’s going to happen.

We’ll come to the book of Revelation and we will see how all of these things will transpire and how it will come about because it’s going to be something. This Feast, the Feast of Trumpets, is the finale, ***the end of the rule of man, and the entrance of Jesus***

Christ and the resurrected saints as the coming kings and priests to rule this world!

Unfortunately, we're going to start out with a giant, disastrous mess of the greatest proportion that it's hard for us to fathom what it will be.

(break@41:42)

Let's come to Rev. 9, which is really a tremendous chapter. This shows the great power of God, the great armies of the world and how that the world is going to be deceived when they see the Sea of Glass up there that the earth is being invaded from outer space. But coming up to that time, the great armies of the world are going to be deceived.

Everyone is killing everyone everywhere. The earth is shaking and everything's upside down and backward. Everything looks like it's total oblivion! And we will see at the end of Rev. 9 ***what God really wants*** when these things take place.

That's why He saves it all up for the end-time. Now here in Rev. 9 we have the fifth trumpet and the sixth trumpet blown. Then it goes over to Rev. 11 with the seventh trumpet.

Revelation 9:1: "And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I saw a star *that* had fallen from heaven to the earth, and there was given to him the key to ***the bottomless abyss.***"

Now, the bottomless abyss is the prison for all of the demons, because they're not all let out on the earth until then.

Who is the king over the bottomless abyss? *Satan the devil!* The king is the king of the earth. The king of the earth is the king of the earth. The king of the earth is the king of the earth. And who is the king over the bottomless abyss? Satan the devil!

Verse 2: "And he opened the bottomless abyss; and there went up smoke from the pit, like *the* smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. Then locusts came onto the earth from the smoke; and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power" (vs 2-3).

So this is some kind of new fantastic weapon that they have. This ties right in with some of the things that we find in Dan. 11.

Verse 4: "And it was said to them that they should not damage the grass of the earth..."

Well it all burned up in the Rev. 8, so this tells us there's a space of time, there's rain that has come on and the grass has grown.

"...or any green thing, or any tree, but only

the men who did not have the seal of God in their foreheads" (v 4).

Who are the ones who have the seal of God in their forehead? *The 144,000 and great and numeral multitude.*

Verse 5: "And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment *was* like *the* torment of a scorpion when it stings a man."

So, this kind of stops everything for a number of months, the five months, then that has to wear off.

Verse 6: "And in those days men will seek death but will not find it; and they will desire to die, but death will flee from them. And the appearance of the locusts *was* like horses prepared for war; and on their heads *were* crowns like *those* of gold; and their faces *were* like *the* faces of men" (vs 6-7).

That's quite a thing! Quite an army! This is a combination of men possessed of demons. All the demons come out and possess the men and they have the secret weapon, which then torments them like the scorpion.

Verse 8: "And they had hair like women's hair; and their teeth were like *those* of lions. And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots *drawn* by many horses running to war" (vs 8-9).

We don't know what this is going to be but it's something kind of some kind of flying machine probably a lot of helicopters if we could look at it that way.

Verse 10: "And they had tails like scorpions, and stingers; and they were *given* power to injure men with their tails *for* five months."

Now notice who is leading them! After this then Satan leads the 200-million! And after that we will see ***the seven last plagues!***

Verse 11: "And they have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but *the* name he has in Greek *is* Apollyon. The first woe is past. Behold, after these things two more woes are still to come" (vs 11-12). *So, we will see that!*

Now then here come the great armies of the East. 200-million! Armies, *armies*, ***armies*** everywhere coming from every direction.

Verse 13: "And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar that *is* before God; *and* it said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, 'Loose the four

angels who are bound in the great River Euphrates” (vs 13-14). *So they’re going to dry it up all the way.*

Sidebar: Well there’s been a drought here recently so the Euphrates River went very low because of all the dams that are up along Euphrates River, and some of these false preachers were saying that the River Euphrates is dried up and we’re in Ezek. 38 & 39.

It tells you that the Sunday-keepers don’t have a clue! They can use the Bible, but they don’t believe it in the way that they should. They can say words from it, but unless they obey God they always get it wrong!

Verse 15: “Then the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year...”

Does God have this all figured out ahead of time? *Yes indeed!*

“...were loosed, so that they might kill a third of men; and the number of *the* armies of the horsemen... [plural] ...*was* two hundred thousand thousand... [200 million] ...and I [John] heard the number of them. And so, I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them, who had fiery breastplates, even like jacinth and brimstone. And the heads of the horses *were* like heads of lions, and fire and smoke and brimstone shoot out of their mouths. **By these three a third of men were killed...**” (vs 15-18). *So, we have two-thirds of the armies killed!*

“...by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone that shoot out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouths; for their tails *are* like serpents, *and* have heads, and with them they inflict wounds” (vs 18-19).

So these are going to be some weapons that are going to be absolutely things that we have things that we have never had before that are going to be unleashed.

Verse 20: “But the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues **still did not repent...**” *God wants them to repent but they won’t do it!*

“...still did not repent of the works of their hands that they might not worship demons, and idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood... [all the things that men think are important] ...which do not have the power to see, nor to hear, nor to walk. And **they did not repent...** [*twice God emphasizes repent*] ...of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thievery” (vs 20-21).

Boy this is something! All of this mounts more and more and more and more and that’s why the Feast of Trumpets is the key focal thing that is going to end the worship of Satan and end the governments

of men over nations and people and everything.

Now they’re going to be given to the saints, as we know! But here we have Rev. 10. Now there’s always someone who comes along and says. ‘I know what it says that what these plagues and things that are in Rev. 10. Well God told John **don’t write it!** So, how can they know? *The answer is they can’t!*

So chapter 10 is very important. Now even after all of this God says you got to give one more warning. Now we don’t know how that’s going to happen. We don’t know the way it’s going to work out, but He says ‘You give one more warning because what’s going to happen is going to be so terrible. I don’t want you to write it down what these plagues in Rev. 10 are. Let’s read it.

Revelation 10:1: “Then I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud, and *with* a rainbow on his head; and his face *was* like the sun, and his feet *were* like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book *that was* open. And he placed his right foot on the sea, and *his* left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars. And when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices” (vs 1-3). What are these?

Verse 4: “And when the seven thunders spoke *with* their voices, I was about to write. But I heard a voice from heaven say to me, ‘**Seal what the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them.**’ Then the angel whom I had seen standing on the sea and on the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by Him Who lives into the ages of eternity, Who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, ‘*There shall be no more delay.*’” (vs 4-6).

Everything’s going to happen exactly as God wants it to happen!

Verse 7: “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound *the* trumpet, the mystery of God shall also be completed, according to the Gospel *that* He declared to His servants the prophets.”

The seventh trumpet is the last trumpet and it is the resurrection, and that takes place on Pentecost so everything that we have covered up to this point is from trumpets on down through the winter on into the spring on into the Passover and on into the time of Pentecost and then the seventh trumpet sounds.

Let’s see what happens here the two witnesses we have that in chapter 11 their witness and their ministry comes to an end. They are killed after 1260 days and their bodies lie in the street of the great city Jerusalem where our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:11: “Then after the three and a half days, *the* Spirit of Life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet...”—*and the whole world saw it!*

Verse 12: “And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, ‘**Come up here!**’....”

So as we saw on Pentecost the two witnesses are the last two killed, but the first two resurrected: ‘the last shall be first’!

Verse 12: “And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, ‘Come up here!’ And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise*. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately. Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet...” (vs 12-15).

The third woe is the seventh angel sounding his trumpet and the resurrection takes place; this is on Pentecost!

Now we’re getting down close toward the end of the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, but let’s see what happens here.

Verse 15: “Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become *the* kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.’”

This part of the Plan of God on the earth has come to a conclusion and all of those who were destined for the first resurrection will be resurrected!

Verse 16: “ And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; for You have taken *to Yourself* Your great power, and have reigned. For the nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to *all* those who fear Your name, the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth’” (vs 16-18).

That’s the first resurrection right here, the last trumpet! Remember what it says at the last trumpet:

‘The trumpet shall sound and we shall be changed’; we shall become spirit beings! Then the angels are going to bring us up to the heavenly clouds—not into [the third] heaven; but the third heaven is going to come down to the earth right here

where the clouds are as we will see in Rev. 15 so let’s turn over there and look. The harvest has taken place!

Revelation 15:1: “Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and awesome: seven angels having the seven last plagues...”

This is the final destruction of the earth, but it is the vengeance of God, and God promised all of those who would be in the first resurrection and all of the prophets ***that they would see*** the vengeance of God. Amazing thing!

“...for in them the wrath of God is filled up. And I saw a Sea of Glass mingled with fire, and those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, standing on the Sea of Glass, having *the* lyres of God” (vs 1-2).

Verse 3: “And they were singing the song of Moses, *the* servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and awesome *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty; righteous and true *are* Your ways, King of the saints.

So, we’re there praising God, we’re thanking God and here we are and we know what’s going to happen up there as we covered with the Feast of Pentecost. There are 14 major things that are going to happen:

1. we’re going to be changed
2. we’re going to be given the robes and things that we need
3. we’re going to know what God wants us to do
4. we will come down with Christ and save this world

Verse 4: “‘Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* only *are* Holy; and all the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been revealed.’ And after these things I looked, **and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened**” (vs 4-5). *Right there the third heaven is coming down to the Sea of Glass:*

5. God the Father will be there
6. Christ will be there
7. the 24 elders will be there
8. everything will be there

We then will see the vengeance of God poured out upon the earth, but we’re also going to have

9. the wedding supper of the Lamb
10. the marriage of the Lamb

That’s going to be amazing!

Verse 6: “And the seven angels who had the seven *last* plagues came out of the temple; they were clothed in linen, pure and bright, and girded about the chest with golden breastplates. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials, full of the wrath of God, Who lives into the ages of eternity” (vs 6-7).

Verse 8: “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no one was able to enter inside the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.”

While all of that is going on we have Rev. 19 the first part of it.

Revelation 19:1: “And after these things I heard *the* loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Hallelujah!....’”

Now that’s all of us on the Sea of Glass singing the song having our harps”

11. getting our assignments
12. getting our new name
13. we have a Crown of Life
14. we have a stone with our name on it

“...‘Hallelujah! The salvation and the glory and the honor and the power *belong* to the Lord our God. For true and righteous *are* His judgments...” (vs 1-2).

We’ll go back and see the judgment of the seven last plagues here in a minute

“...for He has judged the great whore, who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and He has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand” (v 2).

That’s going to be a thing! That’s the seven last plagues!

Verse 3: “And they said a second time, ‘Hallelujah! And her smoke shall ascend upward into the ages of eternity.’ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, Who sits on the Throne, saying, ‘Amen. Hallelujah!’ And a voice came forth from the Throne, saying, ‘Praise our God, all His servants...’” (vs 3-5).

So, this is going to be quite a time on the Sea of Glass preparing for that Feast of Trumpets when we come back to the earth with all power!

“...and all who fear Him, both small and great.’ And I heard a voice like that of a great multitude, and like *the* sound of many waters, and *the* sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Hallelujah! For *the* Lord God Almighty has reigned” (vs 5-6). *That ties right in with Rev 11 and Rev. 15.*

Verse 7: “‘Let us be glad and shout with joy; and let us give glory to Him; for the marriage of the

Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And it was granted to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, pure and bright; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he said to me, ‘Write:...’” (vs 7-9).

That’s why God has it written down, because no man could possibly understand these things; no one could imagine what this is like the way that it is written here or all the prophecies of old that lead up to it.

“...Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God’” (v 9).

So they’re going to happen!

Let’s come back here to Rev 16 and see what’s going to happen. The seven last plagues is the vengeance of God, and all the armies that are left will be gathered and they will see this great Sea of Glass up there and they will be absolutely convinced that this is an invasion from outer space, ***which will be true!***

But outer space come to the earth and the resurrection of the saints and everything that takes place with that, and the marriage of the Lamb and the marriage supper of the Lamb

Revelation 16:1: “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the vials of the wrath of God onto the earth.’ And the first *angel* went and poured out his vial onto the earth; and an evil and grievous sore fell upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and upon those who were worshipping his image” (vs 1-2)

That’s an amazing thing and that’s coming, you wait and see!

Verse 3: “And the second angel *went and* poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood, like *that* of a dead *man*; and every living soul in the sea died.”

Now that’s interesting because that’s talking about life! All the living things and in the sea at that particular area died!

Verse 4: “And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers, and into the fountains of waters; and they became blood.”

All around the world no one’s going to escape from this this is the wrath of God! Think what the earth is going to be like and how much we have to do

- to prepare it
- to remake it
- to rebuild it

and the poor people that are left and all their emotions are crushed and shattered. There are just trembling, fearful individuals left. Worse than anything we could imagine that happened in WWII.

Verse 5: “Then I heard the angel of the waters say, ‘You are righteous, O Lord, Who are, and Who was, even the Holy One, in that You have executed this judgment. For they have poured out *the* blood of saints and of prophets, and You have given them blood to drink; for they are worthy’” (vs 5-6).

Now you see that’s quite a thing someone would look at that and say, I thought Jesus was the meek little lamb! ***NO!*** He’s coming:

- as the fierce lion of the tribe of Judah
- as King of the earth with all power

with the power of Christ and all the angels behind Him!

This is what the Feast of Trumpets is all about! This is going to be the absolute crushing of everything in the world:

- that men have made
- that Satan has made
- that all of the things that people have striven for
 - ✓ thinking that they can outwit God
 - ✓ thinking that they can do things on their own
- worshiping Satan the devil
- cursing God
- blaspheming the Holy Spirit and God the Father

This tells you what an angel thinks about this:

Verse 7: “And I heard another *voice* from the altar say, ‘Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.’ And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and *power* was given to it to scorch men with fire. Then men were scorched with great heat; and they blasphemed the name of God, Who has authority over these plagues, **and did not repent to give Him glory**” (vs 7-9).

What does it take for some people to repent? Think about that! How many times have we covered that going into this?

Verse 10: “And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; **yet, they did not repent of their works**” (vs 10-11).

Again and again and again! We need to take that as a lesson! **What does it take for us to repent**

to God for our sins? We’re living here with no terrible plagues or anything like that. We can come to God at any time!

Verse 12: “And the sixth angel poured out his vial into the great River Euphrates; and its waters were dried up, so that the way of the kings from the rising of *the* sun might be prepared.”

The army of 200-million, those different armies, were still coming. They didn’t all come when it dried up the first time.

Verse 13: “Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet; for they are spirits of demons working miracles, going forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole world, **to gather them together to the battle of that great day of the Almighty God**” (vs 13-14).

Everything’s going to be there, everyone is going to come. This is going to be quite an absolute slaughter the like never ever known in the past. ***Here’s a warning for us:***

Verse 15: “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* the one who is watching and is keeping his garments...” and that means through:

- ***repentance***
- ***love***
- ***service***

to God! In spite of all of the things that are going on we need to keep that in mind!

“...so that he may not walk naked and they *may not* see his shame. And he gathered them together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Then the seventh angel... [with the seventh last plague] ...poured out his vial into the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the Throne, saying, ‘IT IS FINISHED’” (vs 15-17).

Think about that! ***The end of it all has come and now the Kingdom of God is going to come on the earth!***

Verse 18: “And there were voices and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were on the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.” ***The whole earth!***

- How many earthquakes?
- How many shakings up?
- How many of these great plagues and things are going to happen?

That’s why it says ‘WOE to those who seek

the Day of the Lord!’ You don’t know what you’re talking about you have no idea what it is nor the meaning of what there is in the Bible, or how awful this is going to be!

Verse 19: “And the great city was divided into three parts; and the cities of the nations fell...”

All their skyscrapers BOOM! coming down to the ground. That great highest building and in the Arab world that goes up 2500-feet! I wonder what pile of metal and rocks that’s going to be when it falls?

“...and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath. And every island disappeared, and no mountains were found” (vs 19-20).

Everything upside down and changing to get rid of everything of man and satan and the demons and all of the evil that is on earth!

Verse 21: “And great hail, *each stone* the weight of a talent...” *That’s 180-pounds!*

How are you going to fight against that is there any weapon that:

- man can devise
- demons can devise
- satan can devise

that can go against the great hail of 180 pounds!

“...fell down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague was exceedingly great” (v 21).

Amazing! So, here we are, we’re all ready to come back to the earth. We’re all ready for the things of the ending of the day of the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets! This is something so we have that whole last year:

- plague after plague after plague
- war after war after war
- killing
- death
- sickness
- disease
- everything going on

Rev. 19—here is the ending of the Feast of Trumpets. *Christ and:*

- all of the apostles
- all of the prophets
- all of the saints
- all who down through history were faithful and died and were buried or were martyred
- all of those of the 144 000 and the great

innumerable multitude

- all of the 144 000 of Rev. 14 which is the second 144 000

Here we all are!

We’ve had the marriage supper of the Lamb What is that going to be like? All of this is going on the earth down below, and they’re looking up at this great Sea of Glass and wondering what’s going to happen? ‘Let’s go fight them; let’s go rescue us!’ The greatest weapons in the world will come against it, ***but it be of no avail!***

Revelation 19:11: “And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war.” ***The war to end all wars, except just one!***

Verse 12: “And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him.”

His personal name from God the Father! He has other names and those are known, ***but not this one directly from God the Father!***

Verse 13: “And *He* was clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is The Word of God. *That goes back to:*

John 1:1: “In *the* beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” *There it is right there!*

Revelation 19:14: “**And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses...**”

- all the saints
- all the prophets

Imagine!

“...and they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations...” (vs 14-15)—***that is if they don’t repent!***

“...and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God” (v 15).

- no one’s going to turn that back
- no one’s going to interfere with that

This is what God is going to do, and that’s why this day is so important because ***it is the salvation of the world!***

But the world can’t be saved until everything of sin and wretchedness is destroyed and Satan is removed, and the False Prophet and the Beast are destroyed! That’s coming!

Verse 16: “And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in *the* midst of heaven...” (vs 16-17)—*because of this great slaughter!*

What is what is going to happen? ***All those who fight their flesh is going to fall off of them! An amazing thing indeed!***

“...‘Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God so that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of chief captains, and *the* flesh of mighty *men*, and *the* flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and *the* flesh of all, free and bond, and small and great.’ And I saw the Beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with Him Who sits on the horse, and with His army” (vs 17-19).

Now we’ll see what happens to them in just a little bit here

Verse 20: “And the Beast was taken, and with him the False Prophet who worked miracles in his presence, by which he had deceived those who received the Mark of the Beast and those who worshiped his image. **Those two were cast alive into the Lake of Fire, which burns with brimstone.**” *That’s how God is going to do it!*

Verse 21: “And the rest were killed by the sword of Him Who sits on the horse, *even the sword* that goes out of His mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

It said back in Zech. 14 that their flesh falls right off their bone! Then what happens, Christ and the saints come and His feet stands in that day on Mount Zion and all the saints with Him.

Then we begin to rule the world, and the first thing to do to rule the world is the next Holy Day, the Day of Atonement, ***which is what the judgment of Satan the devil!*** So we’ll keep that in another nine days; see you then!

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Being One With God!

(Day of Atonement)

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Today is a very, very special day; one of the Feasts of the Lord, as He says in Lev. 23; let's go there to begin. God says the following to Moses, and Moses wrote this:

Leviticus 23:2: “‘Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, “*Concerning* the appointed Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* Holy convocations, even these are My appointed Feasts.”’”

So, this is one of the appointed Feasts of God. He has given us the sun and the moon, and the Calculated Hebrew Calendar to know when these Feasts are to be kept. This is a wonderful thing, a wonderful meaning of this day, this Day of Atonement.

We're going to read the specific instruction in v 27, and we're going to see that this is a very, very special day. This is a day that is very, very Holy to the Lord, because it has a very special meaning. There are specific instruction for this day. It's a day of ***at-one-ment***, *that's what the word means!*

It has a very, very profound meaning; we're going to study the meaning of this day; we're going to study what God had commanded for the high priests to do on this day in the tabernacle, and the spiritual meaning of all of those things.

We're going learn a lot of things today about this very, very special day. Let's read the instruction where God told Moses to write this:

Leviticus 23:27: “Also, on the tenth *day* of this seventh month, is the Day of Atonement. *It shall be* a Holy convocation to you....”

This is why we're here gathered today to celebrate this Day of Atonement, on this Sabbath Day. Then He gives another commandment, another instruction:

“...And you shall afflict your souls and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD” (v 27).

As we know, afflicting our souls means *fasting with no food, no water*, for the period of 24 hours, and we're going to see that it's from sunset to sunset as He gives instruction. That's how God accounts for time, as we see in Genesis, as well, at the time of creation.

But we see that we are to afflict our souls, and

we are to offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. That was the instruction back then. Today we doing bring an offering made by fire, but we bring a free-will offering of the things that God has blessed us with.

It's important to keep in mind that it says that this offering is *to the Lord!* It doesn't say that we are to offer and offering to the Levite or the priest or minister. Yes, God has given authority to those who serve in the preaching of the Word to collect these offerings, but they are to God.

When you're giving your offering, you're giving it to God, because those offerings belong to Him. Anybody who has the authority to receive these offerings, is only a *steward* of that. Here this is what we're going to do. We're going to take a pause and we are going to pick up an offering at this time.

(pause for the offering)

Well, thank you very much, brethren, for your offerings. And we thank you very much because those are used to preach the Gospel throughout the world. And God owns those offerings, ***they are His!*** He takes pleasure in us, not only giving the monetary offering, but offering also our thoughts, our hearts in this day to Him where we are to be ***at-one with Him!*** That's the true meaning of this day. And that's why He commands that we would fast, that we would afflict our souls.

We're going to continue to read the commandment here in:

Leviticus 23:28—*God says*: “And **you shall do no work in that same day**, for it *is* the Day of Atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God, for whoever is not afflicted in that same day, **he shall be cut off from among his people**” (vs 28-29).

This thing we're going to see emphasized one time and another time and another time, several times, that we are both to afflict our souls and do no work, no manner of work

Verse 29: “For whoever is not afflicted in that same day, **he shall be cut off from among his people**.”

IF we don't fast, ***IF*** we don't keep this High Holy Day of God the way that He instructs us, ***we are cut off from Him, spiritually speaking!***

Verse 30: “And whoever does any work in

that same day, the same one will I destroy from among his people.” *We can take this spiritual application of this!*

- we will not be at-one with God
- we will not be obeying and pleasing God

IF we are doing work on this day. He says ‘***any work,***’ on this day! *He’s very clear! very specific! Why? Because on this day, we don’t eat!*

There are other places where He says that what you may eat, you may prepare on a Sabbath, ***but not on the Day of Atonement,*** because we are to afflict our souls.

It is a beautiful day for God. A beautiful day where His entire people around the earth are all keeping this day together, afflicting their souls ***in oneness with God, in obeying His instruction:***

- to keep this day
- to keep it in the way that He commanded
- bringing an offering from the heart to Him as we just did.

Verse 31: “You shall ***do no manner of work.*** *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ***It shall be to you a Sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict yourselves***” (vs 31-32).

This is, again, the third time that He mentions *no work, afflict your souls; three times!* We know that-one time is enough if God says it. But He emphasizes it again *so that it’s ingrained in our minds* that on the Day of Atonement we don’t do any manner of work, and that we are too fast. *No food! No water! We are to afflict our souls!*

Then He tells us very clearly when the day begins and when the day ends:

“...***In the ninth day of the month at sunset...*** [of the seventh month in the Calculated Hebrew Calendar] ...***from sunset to sunset,*** you shall keep your Sabbath” (v 32).

So, this is a very special day. We are going to now go over to Lev. 16, because that’s where the instructions are given of what was to be done at the tabernacle. Remembering that God established a tabernacle. He wanted the people to build Him a tabernacle *so that He may be dwelling among His people!* The tabernacle was in the center of the camp when Israel was sojourning.

So, the tabernacle was in the center and then all the tribes were around. Three tribes on each side. Lev. 16—this chapter gives us the instructions. And not only the instructions for the priest, but we’re

going to see that they were the instructions that they were to be carried out by the priest, but it was a High Holy Day. Very, very important. ***It’s a solemn day, and we are to keep this day!*** We’re going to see why.

We’re going to start at the end of the chapter and then we’re going to go back to the beginning of the chapter. Because at the end, ***in the conclusion, God is giving us the purpose for this day,*** and for all of the things that were done at the tabernacle on this day.

So we’re going to start in Lev. 16:29; this is telling us about the Day of Atonement. It’s going to tell us the summary of it, after he has given all the instructions. We’re going to do a study of this chapter:

- to learn about the meaning of the day
- to learn the spiritual lessons and the fulfillment of this wonderful Holy Day

Leviticus 16:29—*God said to Moses:* “And it shall be a statute forever to you: in the seventh month, on the tenth of the month...”

Exactly the same thing that we just read in Lev. 23, because the Word of God is the Truth and it always agrees.

“...you shall afflict your souls... [we read that three times] ...and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country or a stranger who is living among you” (v 29).

So no work at all from anybody in Israel! That’s what it was. Everybody was to rest. It was, we could say, ***the ultimate day of rest!***

Not even what we were supposed to eat because in this day we don’t eat and we don’t drink. ***In this day we afflict our souls. We are at-one with God!***

That’s what it says v 30: “For on that day ***an atonement shall be made for you...***”—it’s ***at-one-ment, being one with God!***

“...to cleanse you, ***so that you may be clean from all your sins*** before the LORD” (v 30).

That was the purpose of this day. ***It was to cleanse the children of Israel from all their sins before the LORD!***

- we’re going to talk about cleansing
- we’re going to talk about the purification
- we’re going to study in detail these things
 - ✓ what they mean
 - ✓ what was done in such a way

It's a fantastic meaning of this day! This day was to cleanse you. They were to be clean from all their sins before the LORD.

Verse 31: “It *shall be* a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls, **by a statute forever.**”

Again, He emphasizes again those two things:

1. Sabbath of rest, absolutely no work whatsoever
2. afflicting the souls, by fasting

It says “by a statute forever.” We are doing that. We are keeping this day not working at all, and afflicting our souls through fasting.

Verse 32: “And the priest whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest’s office in his father’s stead, shall make the atonement and shall put on the linen clothes, the Holy garments. And he shall make an atonement ^[#1]for the **Holy sanctuary**, and he shall make an atonement ^[#2]for **the tabernacle** of the congregation, and ^[#3]for **the altar**; and he shall make an atonement ^[#4]for **the priests** and ^[#5]for **all the people** of the congregation” (vs 32-33). *So, we have five things here!*

We see that it’s an atonement for the whole tabernacle! There’s a certain order and we’re going to read about, and that’s what it’s going to be because it says that this was, a perpetual statute for Him.

Now let’s go back to the beginning of Lev. 16:2 We’re going to see how this chapter starts and how God opens up. We went to the end first to see the purpose and to make sure that we connected those two things.

What we just read in the Feasts of the Lord in Lev. 23 is the same Feast that is commanded here in Lev.16. The entire chapter of Lev. 16 is the Commandment for the Day of Atonement and all the things that were to be done at the tabernacle in Israel.

Leviticus 16:2: “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Speak to Aaron your brother, that he does not come at all times into the sanctuary within the veil before the Mercy Seat, which is on the Ark, **so that he does not die, for I will appear in the cloud over the Mercy Seat.**”

This is a very important thing, because this gives us the ***soberness and the significance of this day!*** It was a very, very special day ***where God put his presence on that Holy place on the Holy of Holies behind the veil!*** He was to ***appear in the cloud*** over that Mercy Seat.

So it’s a very, very special day. It was the day ***where God dwelled with His people!*** But in order for God to dwell with His people ***there had to be this cleansing.*** We’re going to read about this cleansing and we’re going to understand a little bit more, hopefully, about this cleansing and the great meaning and fulfillment of this day; ***what spiritual lessons we can learn on this Day of Atonement!***

Verse 3: “Aaron shall come into the sanctuary this way: with a young bull, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.”

That was what he was to do first, And God first gives the instructions to Aaron to do this, as the high priest he was to initiate this whole thing. But they’re very specific instructions that we continued read in:

Verse 4: “He shall put on the Holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches on his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen miter he shall be dressed. *These are* Holy garments. And he shall wash his flesh in water and put them on.”

So, we see that they’re very, very specific instructions. It starts with that and ***it’s a day of cleansing!*** So it starts with the person of the one who’s going to perform the cleansing. Even in the physical sense he was to wash his flesh. He was to put on the Holy garments before doing all of these things.

Verses 5-10 are the general instructions. So we’re going to read these ***as general instructions***, and then we’re going to read from vs 11 on, ***the very specific detail instructions!*** First is giving the general: we already saw that he was to come in in a specific way where a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. Those two animals are there.

But now we’re going to see other instructions that are general in nature from vs 5-10.

Verse 5—*He’s talking about the instructions for the high priest*: “And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for **a sin offering**...” Key word **sin**, because this was a cleansing and this is a cleansing for their sin.

“...and one ram for a burnt offering. And Aaron shall offer his young bull of the sin offering which is for himself...” (vs 5-6).

We see in the general instructions it’s talking about the bull *for the sin offering for himself* and make an ***atonement for himself and for his house!*** So, in order to do this cleansing *he first has to be cleansed himself*, and we saw that he was to wash himself and prepare himself with the linen garments.

We can take *spiritual lessons* from all of this, because we are to be kings and priests in the Kingdom of God and we are to be dressed in white robes, which are the righteous actions of the saints as he says in Revelation.

But this is what the high priest was to do, and offering the bull first for himself: ***making atonement for himself and for his house!***

Verse 7: “And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”

So, this was a *special offering, a special proceeding that took place*, of taking two goats and they were to take it from the children of Israel. Two goats and then also a ram for a burnt offering, and we’re going to see the order of all these offerings.

We saw that first it was the bull for the high priest and for his family *then* two goats from the congregation of Israel, and at the end there’s going to be a ram for a burnt offering. What was to be done with these two goats in general terms?

Verse 8: “And Aaron shall cast lots on the two goats; one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD’S lot fell, and offer it for a sin offering.... [but again this is just the general instruction] ...But the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement upon it and sent away into the wilderness for Azazel.” (vs 8-10). *So those are the general instructions*

- the high priest was first to offer a bull for himself
- then there’s going to be this presentation of the two goats
- do lots
- then the one for the Lord was to be offered for the sins
- then the other one for Azazel was to be presented alive and make an atonement upon it

But now we’re going to see exactly how:

Verse 11 begins the specific instructions for this day and we’re going to see great significance here great significance in all of this.

Verse 11 “And Aaron shall bring the young bull of the sin offering, which is for himself...”—*this is #1, the very first thing was a bull the young bull for himself!*

These are specific instructions and this is the order:

“...and shall make an atonement for himself

and for his house, and shall kill the young bull of the sin offering, which is for himself. And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of fragrant incense beaten small, ***and bring it within the veil***” (vs 11-12).

So, it wasn’t just the offering of the bull, it was also bringing a censer full of coals from the fire from the altar and then in:

Verse 13: “And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD. And the cloud of the incense shall cover the mercy seat that is on the testimony. And he shall not die.”

This was a very serious thing! ***IF he did not do things according to these instructions he would die!*** We know that ***his sons died because they did not obey the instructions of God!***

But here the instructions are to bring this censer, and we know in Heb. 8:5 it talks about how these things were a shadow in the tabernacle and in the temple; a shadow and a figure of the things, ***the real spiritual things!***

We’re going to go to Rev. 8, and we’re going to come back to Lev. 16, but let’s go to Rev. 8, because we’re going to read about this same thing that we just read taking place in vs 12-13 *with the incense that the high priest was to bring and offer*; with this incense beaten small and with the fires from the altar. We’re going to see a parallel here; something that the Apostle John saw in the vision in Revelation

Revelation 8:1: “Now, when He opened the seventh seal, *there* was silence in heaven *for* about a half hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them” (vs 1-2).

We know what the seven trumpets are; we know what’s coming! This is a terrible thing!

Verse 3: “And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the Throne.”

Why? *Because this altar in the Holy of Holies, this Holy place, that’s what it was representing!* It was representing this altar in heaven above.

We know that there’s this golden altar that was before the Throne of God, but this angel came with this golden censer, and he offered this incense ***with the prayers of the saints!*** That’s the symbolism, that’s what this represented!

We come before the very Throne of God, **and now we have the access to the Holy of Holies!** Let's remember that that veil in the temple was ripped from top to bottom when Jesus was crucified, **opening the door for us to come before the very Throne of God with our prayers just like this incense that we see here!**

It's amazing because there's nothing better that we have in this life! No man or woman has anything better **than the access to the very Throne of the Most High God!** We come in the name of Jesus Christ Who is sitting at His right hand. *That's what was happening here!*

Verse 4: "And the smoke of the incense went up before God from *the* hand of the angel, ascending with the prayers of the saints."

Why? *Because this incense, this sweet smelling aroma, that's how our prayers are before God!*

So let's remember, **especially on this Day of At-one-ment—Atonement—one day when we are one with God** that our prayers are sweet-smelling to God:

- that He loves them
- that He likes them
- that they are pleasing to Him

not because of anything that we have done, but because He has loved us with the same love that He loved His Son Jesus Christ! *That's what this means, the prayers of all the saints!*

Now we can see something in v 5 that maybe gives us a little bit of a clue, as well, as to why all this cleansing:

Verse 5: "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake."

This is taking place, obviously, before Christ returns to the earth, *because the seventh trumpet has not sounded, yet!* But there is a parallel here of a cleansing of the earth **before God dwells finally with His people!** Before the fulfillment of this day when Satan is going to be put away; we're going to read about that.

But we see that wherever God is going to dwell there has to be a cleansing, and in that tabernacle there has to be that cleansing by the high priest. Before Christ comes back to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords:

- He's going to cleanse it

- He's going to avenge the blood of His saints
- He's going to do justice
- He's going to cleanse the earth of:
 - ✓ all the evil
 - ✓ all the evil people that are on this earth defiling it and polluting it

Let's go back to Lev. 16 to continue reading this ceremony that was taking place during the Day of Atonement. We're going to continue here in v 14, because we see what was the priest was to do after killing the young bull. He was to bring this censer with this pleasing aroma incense, beaten small and with the coals from the altar.

Leviticus 16:14: "And he shall take of the blood of the young bull and shall sprinkle with his finger on the front of the mercy seat eastward...."

Remember, that's the entrance of the tabernacle and the temple was to be facing eastward.

"...And he shall sprinkle at the front of the mercy seat seven times from the blood with his finger" (v 14).

This was to cleanse that, to do atonement; sprinkle the front of the mercy seat, and then:

Verse 15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people..."

So, the two goats were presented before the tabernacle and the lots were cast:

- and one was for the LORD
- one for Azazel

Now God is giving the specific instructions of what to do with that goat that was for the LORD.

Verse 15: "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil...."

So it was the blood of the bull for himself and for his family, and now it's also the blood of that goat that is for the sin offering for the people, the people of Israel. He was to bring the blood inside the veil.

"...And he shall do with that blood as he did with the blood of the young bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat" (v 15).

Now we see the cleansing of the high priest and the cleansing of the people!

Verse 16: "And he shall make an atonement for the sanctuary because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel and because of their transgressions in all their sins...."

This is the uncleanness of the children of Israel, because of the transgressions in all their sins.

“...And so he shall do for the tabernacle of the congregation, which remains with them in the midst of their uncleanness” (v 16).

So the Holy of Holies was to be cleansed, but also the tabernacle.

Verse 17 *is very clear*: “And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goes in to make an atonement in the sanctuary until he comes out and has made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.”

Why? *Because it was only him, and only he could go before the presence of God on this Holy Day only!* Otherwise, he would die! *It's a very serious thing!*

Then he's going to continue with the cleansing:

Verse 18: “And he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make an atonement for it. And he shall take of the blood of the young bull and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* on the horns of the altar all around”—*the altar that was outside the Holy of Holies!*

Verse 19: “And he shall sprinkle of the blood on it with his finger seven times and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.”

We've seen that he puts it seven times on the mercy seat; now he puts it seven times with his finger with the blood of these animals right the goat for the Lord and the bull for himself, for the high priest and for his family. He hollowed it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel *this is a day of cleansing!*

Verse 20: “And when he has made an end of reconciling the sanctuary and the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, **he shall bring the live goat.**” *The live goat was to be done after cleansing:*

- the sanctuary
- the tabernacle
- the altar inside

All of that had to be cleansed before bringing the live goat, the goat that the lot had fallen for Azazel.

Then here's a very, very special thing to do very, a very specific Commandment in:

Verse 21: “And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the sins of the children of Israel, and all their

transgressions in all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat...”

That's what we see here and it's very interesting because when we go back to v 16 there was *an atonement for the sanctuary because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel!* “...**because of their transgressions in all their sins**”

Then in v 21 “And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the sins of the children of Israel...”

But it says to confess over him all the sins. and this word actually can also be translated as *iniquity*, and the majority of the time this word is a little bit different than sin. This word in the Hebrew is ‘avon’ and this word most of the time is translated as *iniquity!*

That is very interesting, because when we think about the iniquity—which is they're also the sins—but it's the iniquity ‘avon’; the meaning of this word is very special. It really means *perversity, depravity, iniquity!* That's what it means! It means *evil at its core!*

That's what the confessing of the sins on the head of this goat represented; *it was the evil!*

“...and all their transgressions in all their sins...” (v 21).

That's a different word in the Hebrew: ‘chatta ah’—*meaning:*

- missing the mark
- transgressing the Commandment
- transgressing the Law

We saw: “...and all the transgressions in all their sins...” (v 21)—*missing the mark!*

But there is something with *iniquity* that is very unique and very special; in this ceremony we can see it. It's the iniquity of all the transgressions in all their sins and it says:

“...**putting them**... [putting those iniquities] ...**on the head of the goat**, and shall send *it* away by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness.... [and then he specifies it again} ...And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities... [here's the same word ‘avon’] ...all their iniquities to a land in which no one lives. And he shall let the goat go in the wilderness” (vs 21-22).

- Where was Satan when he tempted Jesus Christ? *In the wilderness!*
- Where was Jesus sent? *To the wilderness!*

We can see that these are *the iniquities, this is the evil!* We're going to see something very, very important here, because there is something related to iniquity that is good for us to analyze.

We've seen that this goat was to *bear the iniquities of the children of Israel!* We're going to see this in Psa. 32, which is a Psalm of David, and it's a contemplation; he's meditating on these things.

We're going to see this on *this Day of Atonement at-one-ment!* Of cleansing of being *at-one with God!* We're going to see some very interesting things here:

Psalm 32:1: "Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity..." (vs 1-2)—'avon'—*that same word again, which means evil!*

That comes from a root word that means *perverse or twisted, perverted!* That's what it means and that's what Satan does! *He perverts everything!*

- he perverts the good things that God has created
- he twists them
- he changes them
- he perverts the good things that God has made
- he twists the thoughts according to his evil and his evil nature

Verse 2: "Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity... [it tells a little bit more about this] ...**and in whose spirit there is no guile**"—*no deceit, no intent to do evil!*

It's like all of us, brethren, *we do sin, we do miss the mark!*

Like the Apostle John says in 1-John; 'we should not deceive ourselves saying that we do not sin.'

We do sin, but the difference is *we're not practicing* sin! Because our intent because the root of our thoughts is not to commit evil and to go against God! *We do miss the mark; we are carried away:*

- when we participate with our own thoughts
- when we don't pray to God
- when we don't hold a fast to Him
- when we don't remember His Commandments, to do them
 - ✓ we do miss the mark
 - ✓ we do sin

BUT we are blessed because it says:

Verse 2: "Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit

there is no guile."

We have the Holy Spirit of God, and in that Spirit, in the Holy Spirit of God:

- there is no guile
- there is no deceit
- there is no evil intent
 - we have to grow in grace and knowledge
 - we have to grow so God can give us more of His Holy Spirit

Jesus told us to pray to the Father that He would give us more, and as He gives us more *we grow!* With more of His Holy Spirit there is going to be less and less of that pull:

- of sin
- of human nature
- of carnality

to go and sin!

But there is something with iniquity that is also within us! It is not just with Satan the devil, but he is the author of that.

Verse 3: "When I kept silent, my bones wore away through my groaning all the day long."

We are going to see that he was feeling the consequences of his sin and of his actions! *We have to be honest with ourselves and with God and confess our sins before Him!*

Verse 4: "For by day and by night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer...."

David knows why! He was meditating on these things; he says, "Selah." "my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer...."

This is very important because of what he says next. He shows here what he does, because David was a very, very honest man. He was very transparent with God! That's why God loved him, because what he said is what he meant. Yes, even he fell into the pulls of the flesh, and he committed adultery and he committed murder! he did all these things, but here is a very, very important thing, and an integral part of the repentance as we read in Psa. 51

In Ps. 32:5 when he's meditating upon this, and what he's going through, he says:

Verse 5: "I acknowledged my sin to You... ['chatta ah' my missing the mark] ...and my iniquity I have not hidden...."

The evil behind that action, because it was an origin just as much as there's an origin to good

thoughts. They can come from God and from His Spirit

There's also an origin, a beginning of sin, and it's that iniquity that is within our nature that God is getting rid of through this process called **conversion!**

"...my iniquity I have not hidden..." (v 5). *I have not said that I am completely innocent and blameless and clean!* He did not say that! He was thinking and he wrote this:

"...I said, 'I will confess my transgression to the LORD,'.... [and a very, very telling phrase right after]: ...and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (v 5)—*meditate on this!*

Meditate on what it is to receive the forgiveness of God, not only for the breaking of the Commandment *but from the iniquity, the initial intent from our nature!*

Also, from the influence of Satan the devil and the world and the society from all pulls of the flesh! But God forgave! It says you forgave the iniquity of my sin not just my sin you forgave even the intent, because I came clean.

That's what he's saying! I came clean before you and I confessed and I acknowledged he came to the full realization of what that sin did whatever it was he was talking about here. We know we have the example of Psalms 51 and we know exactly what he did, and we know exactly why he did it!

So as we celebrate this Day of Atonement and the meaning of **being at-one with God** this is an integral part of being one with God, having secrets with God and to owning our sins and the iniquity behind it! Yes we can be influenced and we can be pulled and we can give in to the flesh at times. We don't want to, **but we do!**

- we have to acknowledge that
- we have to acknowledge that there is iniquity at the root of that
- that there is evil at the root of that

When we are talking about the meaning of this Day of Atonement, this is at the root of that!

- the evil of the sin
- the root of the sin
- the origin of the sin

This is very important that we keep this in mind!

We're going to go ahead now and take a break and then we're going to come back and we're going to look at the origin of that sin and why this day is so important and the ultimate fulfillment of the Plan

of God for this Day of Atonement

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We were talking about sin and cleansing, and the origin of sin! We were talking about *iniquity*, and we read in Lev. 16 how *the iniquities* were to be carried on, declared on, confessed *on the head of this goat and be sent out to the wilderness by the hand of a special man!*

We read that, and now we're going to go to Ezek. 28, because we were reading about iniquity and we were reading we were talking about what it is that this iniquity needs to be cleansed, as well.

That's what this day is, ***it's a day of cleansing!*** It's a day of ***at-one-ment becoming one with God so that He can dwell within us!***

We're going to read about Satan the devil, because we know that he is the instigator *the original sinner*, the one that sinned for the very first time! Here it talks about that:

Ezek. 28—we know this is about the king of Tyre, but then it's talking about Satan the devil.

Ezekiel 28:13: "**You have been in Eden the Garden of God**; every precious stone *was* your covering..."

That's how we know that it's Satan the devil; we know the king of Tyre was not in Eden the Garden of God. *But the serpent was!* We know that he deceived Eve.

"...every precious stone *was* your covering: the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your settings and of your sockets was prepared in you in the day that you were created" (v 13).

So, this tells us that Satan himself was created. But then we see the problem!

Verse 14: "You *were* the anointed cherub that covers, and I set you so; you were upon the Holy Mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."

We know we know that the Throne of God is just like heaven in clearness; like the sapphire of the Sea of Glass mingled with fire! That's why it says: ***"...in the midst of the stones of fire."***

We know that even Job presented himself before the LORD, but then in v 15 it tells us something very important to remember on this Day of Atonement.

Verse 15: "You *were* perfect in your ways

from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you.”

Iniquity was found in him, and this this is like the ultimate. This was unrighteousness evil at its core. This was the sin:

- the sin of pride
- the sin of trying to usurp the power of God

He was perfect in his ways *until iniquity was found in him*, and that iniquity is *exactly what gets placed upon the head of this goat!*

We know that he was *the beginner of all evil and of all lies!*

John 8:44—*Jesus is talking to the Pharisees and He is going to tell them whom they really are serving:*

- by the way that they are acting
- rejecting Him
- not believing Him
- not believing even the miracles and the great works that He was doing among them
- not believing that He was God in the flesh
- not believing that He was the very Son of God
- not believing that He was the Messiah that was to come

They knew it was a time for the Messiah, but they did not believe Him!

John 8:44—*Jesus tells the Pharisees:* “You are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father you desire to practice.

Again, this is what we talked about; *we sin, but we do not practice sin IF* we have been begotten with the Holy Spirit of God at baptism. *we do not practice that!*

- that’s not our desire
- that’s not what we want
- that’s not our mode of being

We repent and we come *on this day of repentance*, this Day of Atonement *before God afflicting our souls looking for Him!*

He loves our prayers all the time, especially on this day! We read it! The instance of us coming before God and those are the prayers of the saints.

Then He is talking about them *practicing the lust of their father the devil!*

“...He was a murderer from *the* beginning, and has not stood in the Truth because there is no Truth in him” (v 44).

That’s the very first sin, right after the disobedience of Adam and Eve. But what happened? Cain killing Abel!

“...a murderer from *the* beginning... [that’s what Cain did] ...and has not stood in the Truth because there is no Truth in him...” (v 44). *There is nothing of God in Satan the devil!*

- he’s completely distorted
 - he’s completely evil in nature
- his only intent is:*

- to destroy
- to tear down
- to break
- to pervert

everything that God has created!

“...Whenever he speaks a lie, **he is speaking from his own self; for he is a liar, and the father of it**” (v 44).

When we take this in contrast of Who Jesus was: *Jesus was the Word*, and He spoke nothing of Himself.

John 5:19: “...Truly, truly I say to you, **the Son has no power to do anything of Himself, but only what He sees the Father do.** For whatever He does, these things the Son also does in the same manner.”

John 8:30: “...I do nothing of Myself. But as the Father taught Me, these things I speak.”

He was always obeying the Father, connected to the Father, and that’s why He fasted for 40 days and 40 nights before he was tempted by Satan the devil in the wilderness. *He needed to be as close to God as possible*, and that’s the meaning of this day. this is *at-one-ment!*

His entire Church is fasting on this day, *being one with God* on this day! Becoming *one! Being one with Him in fasting, in afflicting our souls!* We afflict our souls physically, *but spiritually we are living off the Word of God the True Bread from heaven—Jesus Christ*—Who didn’t come to do His will; He came to speak the words of the Father in contrast with Satan the devil who is speaking from *his own self*, because:

- he is a liar
 - he is the father of it
 - he is the father of lies
- he deceived himself*
- that he would ever be like God
 - that he would ever ascend to the Throne of God

*He deceived himself; that was an impossibility! The amazing thing is **that is what God is promising us!** Jesus Himself said:*

To the one who overcomes I will give to him to sit with Me on My Throne just as I sit with My Father on His Throne!

That is an amazing promise!

But the devil cannot have it! He could never have it! He is the father of that lie! He started the lies, and he deceived himself that he was going to ascend, and he was going to be like the Most High like we just read in Ezek. 28

Let's go back to Lev. 16 to finish up this chapter and these things that were to be done. All the Commandments that were commanded for the tabernacle in Israel, because as we've seen, *there is deep symbolism in this*, and we know we know that *there's going to come a fulfillment* when this is going to take place.

Lev. 16:23 where he was to let go the live goat that was for Azazel after confessing all the iniquities—the root of that evil the originator of all of that—Satan the devil, which was what was represented by that goat into the wilderness. Then after letting that go it says in:

Leviticus 16:23: “And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall strip off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the sanctuary, and shall leave them there. And he shall wash his flesh with water in the Holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people...” (vs 23-24). *So there is a ram for a burnt offering at the end!*

- we've seen the bull for himself for his household
- we've seen the two goats
- we've seen one is sacrificed

the one for the Lord to make the atonement, and the cleansing with the blood of that goat!

The other goat confesses all the iniquities from all their transgressions and all their sins and is sent to the wilderness!

The priest cleanses himself and then he does the burnt offering at the end; he offers the ram. This is the other animal that was missing that we have not read about that.

Verse 25: “And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.” *So, it was an atonement!*

We've seen that everything has been cleansed and now *the atonement after the cleansing*, which is part of the cleansing for himself and for the people.

Verse 26: “And he that let go the goat for Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.”

So, this is what was to be done at the end, this person was to wash himself after carrying that goat into the wilderness

Verse 27: “And the young bull *for* the sin offering and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy *place*, shall they carry forth outside the camp....”

They're not done, yet; it's not just killing and the blood they have to do this other thing:

“...And they shall burn their skins in the fire, and their flesh and their dung. And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp” (vs 27-28). *Then we come to where we started:*

- What date?
- For what purpose?

Verse 30: “For on that day an atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you...”

An integral part of this cleansing is the second goat that has to be confessed for:

- all the iniquity
- the origin the evil
- the originator of all of that evil
- those iniquities (that 'avon')

and sent into the wilderness!

“...to cleanse you, so that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD” (v 30).

Rev. 12—here it tells us about who Satan the devil is; not only ***the originator of all sin*** that we read in Ezekiel, and as we read in John 8: ***the father of sin***, but we are going to read in:

Revelation 12:10: “And I heard a great voice in heaven say, ‘Now has come the salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ because the accuser of our brethren has been cast down, **who accuses them day and night before our God.**”

We're going to see what happens: he was cast down, “...who accuses them [us] day and night before our God.”

So, our prayers are coming the incense, but the accusations: Satan is there to accuse and accuse constantly. We have an example very clear in Job, very clear, how Satan presents himself just to accuse Job. God says, ‘Have you considered my servant Job?’ *Yeah but:*

- he’s just doing it out of convenience
- he’s just doing it for a favor
- he’s doing it because You protect him

NO! He’s accusing us all the time, but let’s go to Rev. 20 to read the fulfillment of this day; the fulfillment of that goat having all those iniquities of those transgressions of those sins—the sins of Israel—on him and be sent to a place where nobody dwells!

There’s a very important part in here in Revelation 20:1: “Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand.” So, this man that was taking the goat is representing this angel!

Verse 2: “And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him *for* a thousand years.”

So, after the cleansing of the place where God is going to dwell, the originator of the sin *is removed for a thousand years!*

Verse 3: “Then he [the angel] cast him into the abyss, and locked him *up*, and sealed *the abyss* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were fulfilled; and after that it is ordained that he be loosed *for* a short time.”

It’s very clear that he’s not going to deceive the nations during the Millennium; it says that! It’s very clear that Satan will not be around, but we also consider that *he’s not going to be there before the Throne of God accusing anybody during a thousand years like he is now!*

What a wonderful blessing that we have Jesus Christ, our High Priest, advocating on our behalf before the Father, and the Father sees us like He sees Jesus Christ:

- through His righteousness
- through His blood

That’s what the other goat represented, the goat that is for the LORD, and that’s why He was sacrificed. He cleanses and purifies, and that’s what it did with the tabernacle in the Holy Place. This is amazing to understand that the accuser is not going to be excusing, and can you think what that will be like for

a thousand years. ***God dwelling with people without the accuser!***

Jesus Christ is going to be King of kings and Lord of lords without the accuser; he will not be before the Father, he will not be before Jesus Christ! ***He will be put away for a thousand years!*** What a wonderful thing it will be, that Millennium, ***that thousand years when Satan is put away!***

Because he is the instigator of those sins! He deceived Eve, and that’s how we all inherited this carnal nature! Now, we cannot use that as an excuse, just like Adam and Eve did. Adam said, ‘Well, my wife and the serpent...’ and went on and on. But the curses came to all of what was going to happen to them:

- to the serpent
- to Eve
- to Adam

and we’re still dealing with those consequences!

There are consequences for sin and Satan instigated that sin! We cannot use it as an excuse, because when we miss the mark and when we sin:

- we do miss the mark
- we do fail
- we do wrong

but the iniquity that is within us God is cleansing through the process of conversion! He’s:

- changing our human nature
- changing us from that law of sin and death

That inclines us to sin and to do evil, seeking our own pleasures and our will, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life! That’s just as bad as the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes!

But when we have this nature, we have to acknowledge that we have this, ***and Jesus Christ***—when He came to the earth and lived like one of us—***had that!***

Let’s go to John to see that to see how our Lord and Savior actually dealt with this when He was in the flesh! He was full of the Holy Spirit, *but He had the law of sin and death within Him!* He never sinned, but He had that law within Him. He had to overcome it.

We’re going to see this nature and we’re going to see. We’ve seen that it comes from Satan the devil but now we’re going to see it in people. We’re going to see how evil it is and how wonderful this day is when all of that, not only the sins, ***but the iniquity and the cleansing will be complete!***

John 2:23: “Now, when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the Feast, many believed on His name, as they observed the miracles that He was doing.”

How can you not believe when you’re seeing the miracles? But some didn’t!

Verse 24: “But Jesus did not entrust Himself to them, because **He knew all men**; and He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, **for He Himself knew what was in man**” (vs 24-25).

- this evil carnal nature
- this human nature
- this law of sin and death

He Himself knew what was in man; He didn’t need a person to tell him how bad it was!

- He was living it
- He was seeing it

He never sinned! He never sinned, **but He was tempted in every way!**

He said He did not entrust Himself to them that they would do good works, so that they would carry out the Plan of God. **That was not going to happen!**

In fact, they served as temptation! Even Peter who said, ‘May this never happen to You, Lord!’ when Jesus was going to be crucified and beaten and suffer!

So this Scripture tells us that Jesus Himself **knew what was in man! He knew this evil, twisted, perverted nature—human nature—that we have this law of sin and death within us!**

But just like Jesus Christ, **we can be filled more and more with the Holy Spirit like He was without measure!**

- to be able to not practice sin
- to sin less and less

and continue this conversion process until we get to the stature of Jesus Christ, because that’s a very high standard! This is the day of cleansing:

- we’ve seen the day of cleansing in the tabernacle
- we’ve seen what the ordinances were

but now we’re talking about the spiritual meaning of this, and all of us today in our relationship with God!

Jesus knew who was the originator of all the sin and he said it plainly here in:

John 14:30: “I will not speak with you much longer because **the ruler of this world**... [He Himself said it, this is not a made up thing; this is speaking of Satan the devil] ...**is coming**... [he was about to get Him through the betrayer] ...**but he does not have a single thing in Me.**”

- **none** of the iniquity
- **none** of the perversity
- **none** of this evil nature

was in Jesus Christ! He had the law of sin and death **but he never sinned!** He never once gave in to that temptation; He never did! **Satan didn’t have a single thing in our Savior, the perfect son of God the Father!**

Verse 31: “Yet, *he comes* so that the world may know that I love the Father...” *The ultimate expression of love in giving His life for our sins!*

“...and that I do exactly as the Father has commanded Me...” (v 31).

Just the opposite of Satan the devil! When he speaks he speaks of himself:

- of gaining for himself
- of deceiving
- of making others fall

That’s what Satan the devil is all about!

Jesus Christ was the exact opposite, because He did exactly as the Father commanded! **He was the perfect at-one-ment! Jesus Christ and God the Father were the perfect at-one-ment!**

That’s why Jesus said here John 14:9: “...why then do you say, ‘Show us the Father’? *[and that will be sufficient in us.* Jesus said: “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?....” (vs 9-10).

The perfect at-one-ment! That’s what God wants for us now, because we have the same Holy Spirit within us; **to be one with God on this Day of Atonement, in this day of cleansing!**

John 13—there are some very important words here that have to do with this, speaking of the cleansing. Jesus said this to his disciples. When He started to wash the feet of the disciples:

John 13:8: “Peter said to Him, ‘You shall not wash my feet, not ever.’ Jesus answered him, ‘If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.’ Simon Peter said to Him... [wash more] ... ‘Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.’ Jesus said to him, ‘The one who has been washed does not need to wash anything other than the feet, but is completely clean;

and you are clean, **but not all**” (vs 8-10).

We, brethren, are also clean through the blood of Jesus Christ, and through the Word. We’re going to read that.

Verse 11: “For **He knew the one who was betraying Him**; this was the reason He said, ‘**Not all of you are clean**’”

Why? *Because Judas Iscariot had it in his heart that he was going to betray Him!* Then Satan came into him but he had not come into him, yet; right at this point. But Satan was about to come into him, because he was not clean!

- he had that iniquity
- he wanted that iniquity
- he held on to that iniquity
- he did not reject it
- he did not put it away

That iniquity was in him and that’s why he was not clean!

The Day of Atonement means *the cleansing*, as we’ve seen. **We are cleansed through Jesus Christ!** Let’s read how it is that we are cleansed!

John 15:3: “You are already clean... [Jesus told His disciples; He’s telling us the same thing] ... through the word that I have spoken to you.”

We are already clean! It’s through the Word that He has spoken to us! It’s a wonderful thing, this cleansing, *because we are washed by the water of the Word!*

Eph. 5—this is how we’re cleansed! On this Day of Atonement we can present ourselves with full assurance that our prayers are not only heard, **but they are the delight of God the Father!** When we make those prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, *they are His delight, and we are already clean!*

Just like he told his disciples that they were already clean by the Word that He has spoken to them. This is what He’s doing. This is proof that you and I in the Church of God today are cleansed!

Ephesians 5:25: “Husbands, love your own wives, **in the same way that Christ also loved the Church**... [you and I, the Church] ...**and gave Himself for it**... [for us!] ...so that He might sanctify it... [that’s what He’s doing] ...**having cleansed it with the washing of the water by the Word**” (vs 25-26).

Because the dwelling of God is first! The cleansing **and then God comes and dwells with the people!**

- that’s what happened at the Temple
- that will happen on the earth at the end-time after the Great Tribulation

then Satan will be put away!

But right now, for us, **we have been cleansed with the washing of the water by the Word** so that we may be

- sanctified
- converted
- completely transformed
 - ✓ into that beautiful, beautiful Bride of Christ
 - ✓ into that beautiful Body of Christ

That is the purpose of this cleansing with the washing of the water by the word! So that we can be **one with God!**

John 17—to close we’re going to read a couple Scriptures that really contains the meaning of this day! In the words of Jesus Christ in his prayer to God the Father right before he was crucified for our sins:

John 17:9: “I [Jesus] am praying for them...”—*His disciples the ones that He said were cleansed!*

We just read that we are also cleansed because we are the Church! Christ gave Himself for us *that we may be cleansed* and **we are cleansed so that we may be sanctified!**

“...but for those whom You have given Me... the disciples] ...for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and all Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, those whom You have given Me, **so that they may be one, even as We are one**” (vs 9-11).

That’s the meaning of this day—at-one-ment!

- when all of the sin is cleansed and atoned for
- when the origin, the originator of the sin, is put away
- not only is the sin forgiven *but the iniquity is gone*
- the iniquity is also forgiven and is gone

that we may become one with God!

Verse 20 is for us; we read how He prayed for His disciples and then Jesus says in:

Verse 20: “I do not pray for these only, **but also for those who shall believe in Me through**

their word.”

That’s you and I, brethren! We are believing in Jesus Christ ***through their word***:

- through the Gospels a
- through the book of Acts
- through all of the New Testament

That was inspired by Him!

Verse 21: “That they all may be one, even as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, **in order that the world may believe that You did send Me.**”

This is the purpose of the Day of Atonement, to become one with God!

- when we afflict our souls
- when we stop everything that we’re doing
- when we concentrate on God in this beautiful day
- when all our thoughts and all our energy is not enjoying the physical pleasures of eating

we don’t enjoy that

- we enjoy the True Bread from heaven
- we enjoy the Word of God
- we see the great significance of this day
 - ✓ what He did
 - ✓ what They did, God the Father and Jesus Christ

Verse 22: “And I have given them the glory that You gave to Me... [the Holy Spirit] ... in order that they may be one...[by the same Spirit the Spirit of the Truth] ...in the same way *that* We are one.” *Jesus Christ and the Father through the Holy Spirit!*

- perfect in understanding
- perfect in purity
- perfect in love
- perfect in truth
- perfect in justice

Verse 23: “I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one...”—*that’s where we are!*

That’s a part of the story where we are now! ***We are being perfected into one all into God the Father so that he may be all in all*** (1-Cor.)

“...and that the world may know that You did send Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me” (v 23).

This is the meaning of the Day of Atonement: being one with God!

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A Glimpse Into the Millennium From the Old Testament

(FOT Day 1)

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Greetings, brethren, and welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles! How many have been in the Church long enough to remember the booklet, *1975 In Prophecy*? When I first came into the Church—I was baptized in 1960, October 19th—that was 15 years in advance.

Of course, they were preaching on the World Tomorrow program that that looked like when Christ was going to return. Well, we won't get involved into a long discussion on that, however, it proves two things:

1. the ideas of men *wrongly interpreting* the Scripture never transpire. *It doesn't matter:*
 - who they are
 - how important they are
 - how intelligent they are
 - how stupid they are

it never works! An important lesson out of that is this:

2. No one, no human being—man or woman, past, present or future—is ever going to tell God what to do, or what *they discovered* as 'truth' when it's not

and God must accept it from that person, because they're so smart!

Now that doesn't make any sense because God knows everything, **past, present and future**, and you talk about people, you talk about nations. What does He say about nations?

Isaiah 40:15: "Behold, the nations are like **a drop in a bucket**..."

So, the Word of God is the Truth from the God of Truth so that we may know the Truth **IF**:

- we **believe** Him
- we **obey** Him
- we **love** Him

Those are the conditions all through the Bible!

Now we all know about the Sabbath Day and there are a lot of people who keep the Sabbath Day who are not in the Churches of God, especially the Seventh-Day Adventists, and a good number of the Jews.

However, the Sabbath Day is only one part of what God's Plan is. So, at the Feast of Tabernacles,

God has revealed some very important things that were never really understood until the book of Revelation was finished.

God didn't give that until about 98, 96^{AD} somewhere in there, and only to one man: *the Apostle John*; he was the disciple or apostle that Jesus loved.

We're going to see that the Feast of Tabernacles is a great Feast of God, and tells us what God is going to do and answers the question: What is the Plan of God?

I just talked to a man the other day and he has been going through the book: *God's Plan For Mankind Revealed By His Sabbath and Holy Days*.

That's what's important; it is God's Plan revealed in His Word to His people **IF** we rightly divide and understand the Word of God and maintain the Truth.

Now here's what we're dealing with, and this is what is important because what God has for us and what God has for all of mankind is the greatest, most fantastic thing that there ever was. *It can't be understood unless:*

- you have the Spirit of God
- you believe Him
- you obey Him
- you love Him
- you live by every Word of God.

And the thing that we need to understand is this, and always keep in mind: that we are not dealing with God as with another person. ***God is dealing with us as God and we are His begotten children!*** We are here:

- to learn
- to grow
- to change
- to overcome
- to enter into the Kingdom of God at the first resurrection

Rev. 1—I've read this a lot recently in some of the messages that I have brought because we are living in the time when the events in Revelation are becoming clear. One hundred and fifty years ago in the days of the Church of God and Seventh-day Adventist and the Church of God Seventh-day, they looked at prophecy and they saw the things that were correct at that time, *but they had no idea of the vast*

expanse of time that God was going to give and of the things and developments that would come at the end of the age, which none of them could understand!

Almost all of them have it wrong concerning the Mark of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast **has nothing to do with Sabbath or Sunday-keeping!** It has to do with buying and selling as I have pointed out in a recent message. But 150 years ago they had no thought of that. They had no thought of what we have today, *instant communication* around the world.

That's what's brought out in the book of Revelation, ***because they end up being churchwide down through history and worldwide problems of a magnitude that we can only comprehend through the Word of God!***

Let's understand that we come to God ***because He's God!*** He has called us! We are His children, ***begotten with the Holy Spirit of God the Father!***

Notice the message that John received concerning Christ and His coming. We know it's closer than it is at any time before, but we don't know how long it's going to be. Now we do have a clue where we can begin looking at things when they start building the third temple. How soon that will be or how far off that will be we don't know. How many of us who have been in a Church for decades will even be alive at that time? That will be for those who are living when it is built. This is important, this is for all of us in the Churches.

Revelation 1:4: "John to the seven churches that *are* in Asia..."

Of course, that's prophetic, down through time the seven churches and their attitudes and problems and difficulties have been evident in every age, some more predominant at a certain age than others.

"...Grace and peace *be* to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; and from the seven spirits that are before His Throne" (v 4).

Christ wants us to know, God the Father wants us to know, ***but They must reveal it!***

Verse 5: "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

Key thing: ***Only the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ can forgive us our sins!***

Then He gives a little hint of the future. This is for us:

Verse 6: "And has made us kings and priests

to God and His Father; to Him *be* the glory and the sovereignty into the Ages of Eternity. Amen."

That ties in with Rev. 20 *that we will be priests of God and kings!*

Verse 7: "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and **every eye shall see Him**... [no secret rapture] ... and those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen."

This is quite a thing that's going to happen here. Now notice what He says and this is what we need to keep in mind when we're coming before God.

We're not coming before God especially for any elders or ministers or long time people in the Church. We need to remember this, ***we do not have the power to replace God—period! We always need to look to God the Father and Jesus Christ!***

Verse 8: "'I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the Ending*,' says the Lord, 'Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come—the Almighty.'"

Now that's quite a thing isn't it? ***The Almighty!***

- everything that He says *is going to be done*
- everything that He has proclaimed *will come to reality*

Verse 11: "Saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and what you see, write in a book, and send *it* to the Churches that *are* in Asia:..."

Notice one thing, ***Rome was never mentioned and has nothing to do with the true Churches of God!***

"...to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea" (v 11). ***He's the First and the Last!***

Let's go back to a beginning part of the Bible, Lev. 23 and understand this. We all know it has all the Holy Days of God beginning with the Sabbath. Isn't that interesting? God says these are His days,

- they're ***not*** our days
- they're ***not*** the Jews' days
- they're ***not*** anybody else's days

They are God's days! He gives instructions here to the children of Israel what to do on all of these Feast days. We will see that we are to follow the outline that is given here and then add in all the things of prophecy and all the things of the New Testament that pertain to the meaning of it.

We've gone through all of them now, all the way from the Sabbath and Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement and now the Feast of Tabernacles.

Leviticus 23:33: "And the LORD spoke to Moses saying"—*Moses wrote it down!*

God never gave His Word to be handed on by oral tradition from one generation to another generation as the Jews and the Catholics claim. In claiming that, they say, 'We are men who know better than what is written down.' *That's how they get their entrance into it to change it!*

But you can't change it, because Prov. 30 says to be careful in handling the Word of God, you can't add to it or take away from it, ***lest you be found to be a liar!*** Now he says this, continuing in Lev. 23

Verse 34: "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month... [which is today] ...*shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day *shall be* a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein*. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD'" (vs 34-36).

Now seven days they had sacrifices every day. Today we have no sacrifices. So, we take up an offering on the first day and then on the Last Great Day. The sacrifice of Christ has fulfilled all the animal sacrifices, ***and now has elevated our contact with God to heaven above through the Holy Spirit of God!***

Verse 36: "...It is a solemn assembly. And you shall do no servile work *therein*."

That means anything necessary for keeping the Feast you can do!

Verse 37: These *are* the Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be Holy convocations to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything on its day."

Now you find that in Num. 28 & 29, and each day it was different.

Verse 39: "Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a Feast to the LORD seven days. On the first day *shall be* a Sabbath, ***and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath.***"

Isn't that interesting that there's always the eighth day? And He saves that for right at the end. That the eighth day we'll see on the Last Great Day is one of the most important days in the Plan of God.

Amazing! Mentioned the least! Now then, we find in Deut. 16 we're to bring an offering. So what we'll do, we'll take a pause and take up an offering for the Feast of Tabernacles 2025.

Remember that we give from the heart and all the funds are used to serve the brethren, to produce the things that we need, to preach the Gospel, to help those who are in need. It is used in that way so that we can accomplish the very most that we can with everything that God sends to the Christian Biblical Church of God.

(pause for the offering)

Thank you very much brethren for your offering. We appreciate it and we know that you give from the heart and you love God and we respond to you and to God the same way.

Now let's come to Rev. 20; an amazing thing. As we know, as we learned with the Day of Atonement, Satan is put away.

Revelation 20:1: "Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is *the* Devil and Satan, **and bound him for a thousand years. Then he cast him into the abyss, and locked him up...**" (vs 1-3).

Verse 4: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them..." How are we going to judge?

- we're going to judge by the Word of God
- we're going to judge by the attitude
- we're going to judge by the repentance or lack thereof

"...and *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (v 4).

That's the whole purpose of it. So, the Feast of Tabernacles being seven days pictures what God is going to do for the thousand years when Christ returns and all of the saints are resurrected.

- we are going to rule
- we're going to reign
- we're going to serve all the people

We're going to see some tremendous things that are going to happen, which only God can bring about!

Verse 5: "...This *is* the first resurrection." *We'll talk about the other resurrections later on because there's more than one.*

Verse 6: “Blessed and Holy...” *Isn’t that the way God is?*

When we’re resurrected as spirit beings, what is that going to be like? Well, John said that *‘we will see Jesus exactly as He is, because we will be like Him.’*

Isn’t that a marvelous thing that God is going to do? ***He’s going to raise us from the dead. He’s going to give us a spirit mind, a spirit body, and we are going to rule and reign with Christ a thousand years!*** There we are going to exercise judgment, as well.

Verse 6: “Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power....”

Now we’ll talk about the second death on the Last Great Day.

“...But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years” (v 6).

That’s quite a thing. Now we’re going to see how that is going to be.

- God has not chosen the rich
- He has not chosen the wise
- He has not chosen the leaders of this world

but He has chosen us! A lot of us wonder: Why did God call me? ***Because:***

- you repent
- you believe God
- you obey God
- you love Him
- you live by His Commandments
- you grow in grace and knowledge
- you develop the character of God
- you develop the righteousness of God
- you let the Word of God be written in your heart and in your mind

How many of the leaders of the world do that? *Virtually none!*

All right, let’s read what God has done, ***because He does that which the world can’t understand!*** Why He would do it. If I had all the brethren who are watching this at all of the Feast of Tabernacle, wherever it is, what do we see? *We see people whom the world virtually counts as nothing!*

And because we’re converted and love God, ***we’re going to be resurrected to be kings and priests!*** Why? ***Because we will teach and preach the Word***

of God and then help all of those human beings come into the Kingdom of God!

Quite a thing indeed. You look at that and down through the history and all that God is dealing with, and it’s not very many people.

1-Corinthians 1:23: “But we proclaim Christ crucified....” *That was quite an enigma for people to understand:*

- Who was Christ?
- Why did He come?
- Why did He die the way He died?
- Why did He die on the day that He died?
- Why was He resurrected, *‘IF He was resurrected?*
 - ✓ they don’t even know
 - ✓ they don’t even believe

“...To the Jews *it is* a cause of offense, and to the Greeks *it is* foolishness” (v 23).

They had all these philosophies and all of these gods and goddesses and everything like that that they believed in, *and they thought that they were the wise ones!* They thought that they were intelligent and smart. When Paul went to preach to them at the Athena temple there in Athens, he told them:

Look, I came in here and saw all these idols and you’re certainly devoted to deities. But I saw this one to the unknown God. So I’m going to preach to you the unknown God.

Now, did they all repent and follow Paul? ***No!*** There were two people that followed Paul. All the others said, ‘We don’t know about this and this strange God that he is preaching.’

Verse 24—*this is where we fit in:* **“But to those who are called...”**

The call goes out, and we have to choose. When we choose and repent, we receive the Holy Spirit of God.

Verse 24: “But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God’s power and God’s wisdom.”

We get wisdom from God, and strength from Him through His Holy Spirit!

Verse 25: “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men...” *God doesn’t have any foolishness in Him, but He has some humor!*

“...and **the weakness of God** is stronger than men” (v 25).

We don’t know what weakness God may have, but He really doesn’t!

Verse 26: “For you see your calling, brethren, that *there are* not many who are wise according to the flesh, not many who are powerful, not many who are highborn *among you*.”

You look around everyone there keeping the Feast of Tabernacles with you. Quite a thing!

Verse 27: “Rather, God has chosen the foolish things of the world, so that He might put to shame those who are wise...”

Because if you have the wisdom of God, though you started out being foolish, you’re wiser than the wise people in the world.

“...and God has chosen the weak things of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things” (v 27).

Who are strong? Here just recently one of the strongest men in the world. Hulk Hogan, great wrestler, died at 71. *Never called!*

Now notice the lowborn, you don’t have a long pedigree of special people as your ancestors.

Verse 28: “And the lowborn of the world, and the despised has God chosen...”

We’re called and chosen! The calling goes out all of the time. ***We have to answer the call!*** ***WHEN*** we answer the call, ***THEN*** God chooses us and we’re baptized! Now, why does He do it this way?

“...even the things that are counted as nothing—***in order that He might bring to nothing the things that are***” (v 28).

Isn’t that going to be true with the return of Christ and what he does to everything on the earth? We’ll talk about how the earth what shape the earth will be and when we come to take over to rule with Christ. ***It’s going to be an unmitigated disaster from horizon to horizon!***

Verse 29: “So that no flesh might glory in His presence.”

There was one man who tried that; remember him? Remember his name? ***Job!*** He did everything that God taught, ***but then he thought he was better than God!*** So, God had to come and show him: ‘Look, you’re just flesh and blood.’

Job finally repented! That’s why we repent and we come to God, and know everything that we have comes from God.

Verse 30: “But you are of Him in Christ Jesus, Who was made to us wisdom from God, even righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so

that, as it is written, ‘The one who glories, let him glory in *the Lord*’” (vs 30-31). *Now that’s quite an amazing thing*, isn’t it?

- What is God going to do?
- What is it that God has planned for us?
 - this takes time
 - this takes study
 - this takes effort
 - this takes prayer
 - this takes drawing close to God
 - this takes overcoming human nature
 - this takes overcoming obstacles and difficulties that come our way
- What does God have for us?

We’re told certain things which are amazing, but we’re not told all the things of God that God is going to do for us. Remember: all of those who have the Spirit of God are the beloved of God the Father; we are his children his sons and his daughters. That’s why we’re here. *We’re here so that we can be:*

- educated with the Word of God
- experience in life
- living by the Spirit of God and the Word of God
- everything that we do

So that we yield to God, and at the resurrection He will give us a spirit mind, a spirit body and ***we will be the literal spiritual sons and daughters of God!***

Now, that much we know, but beyond that... Let’s come to 1-Cor. 2. Listen, brethren, the knowledge that God has given us...

- is not to be found in any university
- it’s not going to be found in the highest levels of government
- or those who are working on a super-secret project
- or those who are working on things so that they can expand the intelligence of man, presumably by putting a chip in them (amazing, we’ve talked about that in the past)

Paul came in Spirit and power of Christ. What for?

1-Corinthians 2:5: “So that your faith might not be in *the* wisdom of men, but in *the* power of God.” *You’re not going to find it because of ‘wise’ men.*

One of the wisest men on earth today that you can see on television all of the time is Victor Davis Hanson. I don’t know how much he knows about God, but he’s one of the wisest in the world today, ***but:***

- Does he know God?
- Does he keep the Sabbath?
- Does he attend the Church?
- Does he quote the Bible?
- Does he live by every Word of God?

I don't know, that's up to him!

Verse 6: "Now we speak wisdom among the *spiritually* mature..."

Now, if you have the Spirit of God and you're growing and overcoming *you're being matured into the point of the resurrection!*

"...however, *it is not the* wisdom of this world..." (v 6).

You're not going to find any of what we're going to cover today in any publications that are written by men ***cut off from God!***

"...nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing" (v 6).

- What's going to happen to the Beast and the False Prophet, the greatest two men that the world will ever see? *The Lake of Fire!*
- How's that for coming to nothing?

Verse 7: "Rather, we speak *the* wisdom of God..."—*which is:*

- love
- truth
- hope
- overcoming
- changing
- growing

Verse 7: "Rather, we speak *the* wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom* that God foreordained before the ages unto our glory."

So, God had His Plan all figured out to begin with before He started!

Verse 8: "Which **not one**..." *I want to emphasize that*, and you can go back and start with Nebuchadnezzar, the most important Gentile King that there ever was.

Verse 8: "Which **not one of the rulers of this world** has known (for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory); but according as it is written, **'The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'**" (vs 8-9).

Now that's quite a statement, isn't it? And you watch all of these all these experts discuss this, discuss that, discuss the other thing, regardless of what the topic is: whether it's finance, whether it is government, whether it is personal behavior, whether it is psychology, whatever it is! They only come so far and or understanding and then they always end up finding out that what they knew was really not the truth.

But look at what we have; v 9: :But according as it is written, **'The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'** *IF* you love Him:

- you ***obey*** Him
- you ***believe*** Him

Isn't that true? *Yes indeed!*

By God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. That's how you understand the Bible. By God's Spirit in you when you read it, *then there is that spiritual connection that comes!*

For those who don't have the Spirit of God if they begin with the simple things and begin to understand those and begin to do them, ***then their minds begin to be open.*** The blindness that they have covering their eyes will disappear and they will know. But you can't find it.

Verse 10: "But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches **ALL** things—**even the deep things of God.**"

How deep does that go? *Well, we won't find out until we're resurrected!* We can only go so far. So, even at the best the greatest knowledge that we have can be like little kiddies walking in a waiting pool, ***compared to what God is going to give us:***

- in wisdom
- in knowledge
- in understanding
- in power
- in glory
- in rulership

and all of that!

Because the basic fundamental of having the Spirit of God, growing and overcoming, and being faithful to the end ***is going to be so that we will be kings and priests with Christ and we're going to reign a thousand years!*** Then after that ***on into all eternity!*** Amazing!

Verse 12: "Now, we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that *is* of God, **so that we might know the things graciously given to**

us by God.”

That’s a wonderful thing, isn’t it? *That’s how it is!* Now what we’re going to see is that in the Old Testament—in the Psalms and in some of the Prophets—that *there are things that are prophesied into the time of what we call the Millennium!* That’s going to be quite a thing.

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Psalms 119:18: “Open my eyes so that I may behold wondrous things out of Your Law”—***which then is all of the Word of God! Amazing!***

Psa. 15—here’s a prophecy that people have not understood because the Kingdom of God is not on earth, nor was the New Testament written, although David had a lot of understanding concerning it. But these are all prophetic, because every part of the Word of God has many meanings, some far more than others. It’s interesting, you look back at

Psalms 14:1: “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God!’”

- What follows after that? *The ones who were wise!*
- Who are the wise ones according to the New Testament? *Remember the 10 virgins: 5 wise/5 foolish!*

The wise kept busy studying, praying, growing, overcoming and living by God’s Word. ***The foolish*** thought they knew it and it didn’t work out the way they expected. Here’s *the fool who says there is no God!*

Psalms 15:1—the question comes up: “LORD, who shall dwell in Your tabernacle?....”

Now, that’s very interesting, because as we will see (I don’t know if we will today or tomorrow) ***but there’s going to be a great tabernacle over Jerusalem, mainly on top of the Mount of Olives. No temple! The tabernacle!***

“...Who shall dwell upon **Your Holy hill?**” (v 1).

- Where is Christ going to return when he comes back? *To the Mount of Olives!*
- What’s going to happen? *It’s going to split in two! And all the saints are with him (Zech. 14).*

So, He answers the question here:

Verse 2: “He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness...”

What is righteousness? ***Righteousness is Commandment-keeping!***

Now, let’s talk about the Commandments for just a minute.

Deuteronomy 6:5: “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might”—and being.

Verse 9: “And you shall write them upon the posts of your house and on your gates”—*and talk about it wherever you go!*

Jesus reaffirmed that we are to keep the Ten Commandments. When he said, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God. And the greatest Commandment is to love God ***with all your heart, mind, and soul and being!***

When you come to Heb. 10, what does it say? *He’s going to write His Laws in our hearts and in our minds and in our inward parts!*

Do you see the progression? *Here is the physical. Then we have growing toward the spiritual with Christ!* Then we have *the fulfillment at the resurrection!*

Psalms 15:2: “...**righteousness, and speaks the Truth in his heart**”

Now think about that, because what is the heart of man before conversion? ***The heart is desperately wicked and deceitful above all things!***

Oh, yes, it has good things it can think about this and that, ***but they are still NOT the goodness of God!***

Isn’t it interesting, “...**the Truth in his heart**”—*because some people can speak the Truth! but it’s NOT in their heart!*

• Do you see the difference?
Which means that: IF you have the Truth in your heart:

- What are you going to speak?
- How are you going to come to God?
- What are you going to be doing?

Verse 3: “He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor, in whose eyes a vile person is despised...” (vs 3-4).

Their behavior, what all that they do. And look at all of the vile people that are seeking political office right now. Remember this, ‘woke’ is: Wicked Obsessions Kill Everything! And isn’t that what they’re doing? Mainly in the Democrat Party? *Yes, indeed!* That’s the epitome of those in the world who are blinded in the sin, who think they’re wise. You can see that example right there today.

“...but he honors those who fear the LORD...” (v 4).

In the New Testament, we’re to love the brethren! Isn’t that true? There we go!

“...he who swears to his own hurt and does not change it” (v 4).

In other words, your word is *good*. You don’t say one thing at one time, and then change it to something else at another time when circumstances haven’t changed. There it is right there.

Verse 5: “He who has not put out his money at usury, nor has he taken a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things **shall never be moved.**”

Isn’t it interesting that David wrote most of the Psalms, and he was ‘**A man after God’s heart,**’ even though he did all of the things with Bathsheba and he had to suffer for it.

You don’t realize how miserable that his life was after that. There was rebellion. There was an overthrow to try and take the throne from him. It was a disaster, and a lot of people died because of his personal lust.

Now, we mentioned there Isa. 4 about the great tabernacle that’s going to be over Jerusalem. Now here it talks about it:

Psalms 84:1: “How lovely are Your tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!”

- amazing
- lovely
- beautiful
- magnificent

Something that is going to be greater than any human beings and any of the spirit beings have ever imagined!

Notice how we seek God; this is how it guarantees that we’re going to be there. This shows about the spiritually (1-Cor. 2).

Verse 2: “My soul longs, yea, even faints... [putting out all the effort, all the emotion, everything there] ... for the courts of the LORD; **my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**”

- for the conversion
- for the change
- for the resurrection

Isn’t that something? *That’s all part of conversion!* This shows conversion right here. Notice what he says about the current temple:

Verse 3: “Yea, even the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may

lay her young, even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.”

So here we have a blending in and out of that which is future and that which is present. We find that all the way through the Old Testament and that’s why it’s hard to understand.

Verse 4: “**Blessed are those who dwell in Your house...**”

- Isn’t that where we’re going to be?
- Who shall be in Your tabernacle?

“...**they will still be praising You. Selah.**” (v 4).

Now wherever you see ‘Selah,’ it means ***to stop and meditate on it!***

Verse 5: “Blessed is the man whose strength is in You...”

- our strength of character
- our strength of thought
- our strength of emotion
- our strength of love
- our strength of hope
- our strength of praise

and all of that comes from God! That’s all a ***part of conversion!*** So, the Feast of Tabernacles holds out the goal:

- where we’re going to be
- how we’re going to be

“...Your ways are in their hearts; Who passing through the valley of weeping make it a place of springs...” (vs 5-6).

Every disaster that comes along, God is going to turn it out to something good in the long run.

Verse 7: “They go from strength to strength... [that’s how we’re able to overcome, change and grow] ...every one of them appearing in Zion before God.”

That directs right into what we’re talking about with the resurrection. Back then it was talking about those who were faithful and came to the temple.

Verse 8: “O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.”

Sometimes we have to do that. Sometimes we sit back and we think: Will God hear our prayer? ***Well, we ask Him to hear our prayer! He will!***

Verse 9: “Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed, for a day in Your courts is better than a thousand *elsewhere*” (vs 9-10).

One day in the courts of God as a spirit

being is greater than anything else!

“...I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness” (v 10).

We’ve understood how wicked the world is. And we’re going to see how bad it’s going to be here in the next few years.

Verse 11: “For the LORD God is **a sun and shield...**”

That’s amazing, isn’t it? What does it say? *It’s going to be one of the rewards of the righteous*, as Jesus said in Matt. 13. **The righteous: their face shall shine like the sun!**

Think about that! Is there anything greater than having the strength and the power and the spiritual things that God will give you? *You will have so much glory that it will be like the sun in its full strength!* Or as Daniel wrote in Dan. 12: **those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars of heaven!** That’s an amazing thing!

You get the book that we have, *Why Were You Born?* We have some pictures of what it’s like:

- before you became a human being
- as you’re a human being

What it’s going to be like when you’re a spirit being.

All the pictures of the galaxies there. And then after you’re done with that, go onto the James Webb website and look at all of the galaxies, all of the stars; trillions and trillions and trillions of them! So far out and so vast. ***It’s awe inspiring, indeed!*** That’s what it’s talking about here!

“...the LORD will give grace and glory; **no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly**” (v 11).

That’s how we enter into the Kingdom of God. That’s all a part of us coming into the fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 12: “Oh O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You.” ***For this; all of this!***

You start adding up all of these things that God has for us. And really, it’s quite overwhelming. It’s quite humbling that God would do this ***to the ones that the world despises!***

Psa. 85 comes right along with it. There’s a lot of spirituality and fulfillment in it when we bring in the Spirit of God from the New Testament in our heart and in our mind. When we read these things, we get a greater understanding and a deeper understanding of what God is doing.

Psalms 85:1: “O LORD, You have shown favor to Your land.... [that’s grace] ...You have brought back Jacob from exile.”

What we’re going to do is bring back Israel, bring back all the nations and so forth, as we’re reigning as kings and priests and over cities, and be administrators and things like this.

Verse 2: “You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people... [you read about how bad it is] ...**You have covered all their sins.** Selah”—***with the sacrifice of Christ!***

Verse 3: “You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. Restore us, O God of our salvation...” (vs 3-4).

- that’s ***to us*** in the resurrection
- that’s ***to the children of Israel physically*** on the earth when they come back to the ‘promised land’ at the beginning of the Millennium

What a thing that’s going to be! Amazing!

Verse 5: “Will You be angry with us forever? Will You draw out Your anger to all generations?” ***When the Millennium starts, all of that will cease!***

Verse 6: **Will You not give us life again...**”

Very interesting statement, isn’t it? **Could this also be a prophecy of the second resurrection?** Remember, that’s an interesting thing in Rev. 20; one sentence. **At the end of the thousand years, the rest of the dead live again. One sentence for one of the greatest acts of God!** We’ll cover that on the Last Great Day.

Verse 7: “Show us Your mercy, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.” ***That’s what we want! We need that every day!***

Verse 8: “I will hear what God the LORD will speak...”

We’ll hear it all the time! Think what it’s going to be like to keep the Sabbath during the Millennium as spirit beings and we’re taught by Jesus Christ. That’s going to be something!

“...for He will speak peace to His people, and to His saints, but let them not turn again to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, so that glory may dwell in our land” (vs 8-9). ***Not only in our land, but within us!***

Verse 10: “Mercy and Truth have met together...”

I like this: Mercy and Truth; that's what we want. **WHEN** you understand Truth, **THEN** you will understand mercy, *and when you receive the mercy, you'll understand the Truth!* It's a two-way thing.

Verse 10: "Mercy and Truth have met together... [that's through conversion, God's Spirit and the forgiveness of sin] ...righteousness and peace..."—*keeping the Commandments of God, and peace with God!*

What do all of the Epistles of Paul open up with? *Peace and righteousness!*

"...righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (v 10). *Now that's a close, intimate thing indeed*, isn't it?

Verse 11: "**Truth**..."—that's what's lacking, *and we're going to bring it!* We will help fulfill this verse right here.

Verse 11: "Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven"—*from God the Father down to the earth, to bring everything good and right!*

Verse 12: "Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield its increase."

All the physical people of Israel back in their land, and all the other people back in their lands "shall yield its increase."

- they will have food
- they will have plenty
- we will rule over them
- we will teach them the way of God
- we will give them the Laws of God
- we will bless them
- we will teach them every Sabbath
- we'll be taught by Christ
- He's taught by God the Father

See how all of that works, and it's going to be so great during the Feast of Tabernacles!

Verse 13: "**Righteousness shall go before Him and shall set us in the way of His steps.**"

That's how we're going to live! If we're going to be the sons and daughters of God, we're going to live like God.

Psa. 46—we will see that it talks about something that only God can do. Let's look at it this way.

Right now, Donald Trump is trying to bring peace to the world. But it's not going to be a peace like God's peace. Because it's going to be peace by Trump through strength of arms and bombs and

planes. And all the other nations are going to be arming themselves, as well.

So the peace is not going to be truly a peace. It will be a standoff for fear of war. Now that may last for a while. We're not told how long. We may end up with a lot of prosperity for a while. But we're not told how long that will last.

Psa. 46 will teach us a lot, too. This will teach us a lot about

- our overcoming
- what we need to do
- how we grow in grace and love
- how we grow in grace and knowledge
- what God is going to do
- how the Millennium is going to take place

Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." *Always there!*

Remember when you come along and you have problems and difficulties to overcome and the troubles come to you, *you go to God and He'll help you out of them!*

Verse 2: "Therefore, **we will not fear**..."

- we're not going to be in anxiety
- we're not going to be 'worried to death,' so to speak.

"...though the earth should change and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea... [that's going to happen with all the events taking place before the return of Christ] ...though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains shake with the swelling of it. Selah" (vs 2-3).

How many earthquakes do we see that are going to take place in the book of Revelation? When that happens, how many volcanoes are going to go off? Now, compared to that, all the trouble.

Verse 4: "There is a river whose streams make the City of God rejoice, the Holy dwelling place of the Most High."

- help comes from God
- the water is like the Holy Spirit

Verse 5: "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her at the approach of the morning."

So, God is always there. We can count on that. That's how we're going to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Verse 6: "The nations raged, the kingdoms were shaken; He uttered His voice, the earth melted."

Quite a thing! This is all the events in the book of Revelation right here in the Psalms.

Verse 7: “**The LORD of hosts is with us...**”
Think about that!

Of all the people on the face of the earth, **God is with His people!** He knows we’re going to have our difficulties. But we can overcome every single one of them:

- through faith
- through His help
- through His Spirit
- through the circumstances that He will bring about.

Verse 7: “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD who makes desolations upon the earth” (vs 7-8).

We’re going to see that. The earth is going to be absolutely upside down and just almost demolished.

Verse 9: “Who makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth...”

What’s going to happen? *They’re going to beat their spears into pruning hooks and their swords into plowshares!* Quite a thing!

Think about all of the full employment that’s going to be at the beginning of the Millennium: melting down all of the weapons, all of the tanks, all of the cannons, everything. **Melt it down!** God is also going to *change the hearts of the people!*

- they won’t be so carnal
- they won’t be so antagonistic

And there will be no more war!

Verse 9: “[He] Who makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots in the fire.”

I was watching about all of the great inventions that they have with the modern tanks. They can shoot way far off; no one can even see them, but they can see them on their radar right in the side of the tank. ***It’s all going to be melted down!*** What are we going to do with all the metal?

- we’re going to build new cities
- we’re going to make things in peace
- we’re going to judge righteous judgment
- we’re going to help people come to God

That’s what God is preparing for us! The Feast of Tabernacles is to remind us that:

- we’re going to live with God
- we’re going to dwell in His house
- we’re going to do the things that He wants
- we will be part of that which comes out and goes to the whole world

Verse 10: ““Be still, and know that I am God! I will be exalted among the nations... [Millennium] ...I will be exalted in the earth.’ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob... [Israel] ...is our refuge. Selah” (vs 10-11).

What a Psalm. One short little Psalm that talks about everything concerning the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and how it’s going to be carried out and that we will be part of it.

Let’s look at the fulfilling of this. Isaiah is quite a book. It has more to do—and we’ll cover this a little later in the Feast—with the Millennium and bringing the Kingdom of God on earth than any other book in the Old Testament.

It’s very interesting that one of the reasons why the leaders of Judaism and the rabbis rejected Christ, not only because of who He was on the earth when He was here in the flesh, but they sat down after they were expelled from Jerusalem, and a question came up: Why should they accept Jesus as the Messiah?

So, what they did, they looked at many prophecies in the Old Testament, which were to be fulfilled at His second coming, and they didn’t know anything about it, because they didn’t have the New Testament, nor did they believe in Jesus.

What they did, they read these passages in Isaiah. Some of them we’re going to read here right now, and some we’re going to read in the rest of the days of the Feast here.

And they said, ‘If He was the Messiah, why didn’t He do this or that? Because of rejecting the New Testament they never had a clue, because they didn’t believe He was raised from the dead, that He was going to come again. Amazing!

We will see that it will be fulfilled in the Millennium, but it wasn’t fulfilled in His first coming. The Jews had no idea that it was actually the Messiah who was going to die for the sins of the world and return as a glorified spirit being.

Isaiah 2:1: “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass, in the last days...” (vs 1-2).

Now, here’s the key. A lot of people think all the time we’re in the last days. They thought that all the down through the history of Israel right after the

destruction of Jerusalem the first time, and then the second time. The church thought of it. Actually, one of the first epistles of the Apostle Paul was to the Thessalonians. And in the second epistle that he wrote shortly thereafter, he talks about *‘the abomination of desolation’* in the temple by the Beast Power, and that he’s going to be destroyed by the brightness of the coming of Christ!

So, they thought it was going to happen in their day. Well, here we are, pretty close to 2,000 years later! How far is it off in the future? Well, it looks closer, but how far is close and how close is far? We don’t know.

Verse 2: “And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains...”

Christ didn’t do that when He was here the first time, but it will be when He returns!

“...and shall be exalted above the hills; and **ALL** nations...” (v 2)—*all the nations on the earth!*

Now, this is what’s going to be important, because men think they can solve all of their own problems. And ‘if we have a one unified world government’— which is what they’re going to establish—‘that will solve all of our problems.’ But what will happen? *It will be utter destruction! Because:*

- **only God can bring peace**
- **only God can end wars**

“...the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.’” (vs 2-3).

Now, this shows that in the Millennium, when people are going to be led to conversion, they’re going to:

- walk in the ways of God
- the Commandments of God
- the Truth of God

That’s throughout everything in the Bible!

So all of these lawless so-called Christians *know nothing* when they reject the Laws and Commandments of God, because that’s like rejecting the first grade.

“...we will walk in His paths, For out of Zion shall go forth the Law...” (v 3).

As we covered, for those of us who are converted today, *it’s written in our heart and in our mind!*

- this is how we act
- this is how we think
- this is what we do

“...For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, **neither shall they learn war anymore**” (vs 3-4).

No more toy soldiers, toy tanks, galloping toy horses, and knights and shining armors and swords and all of that.

Verse 5: “O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

Isaiah 11—we will see how glorious this is going to be..

It’s going to be like something that we can only, dream of or think of it, but the words of God have described it for centuries. ***God is going to fulfill it!***

Whatever segment of time we live in, in the expanse of time that God has given to fulfill these things, leading up to the return of Christ, *we have our opportunity for salvation*; our opportunity:

- to grow in grace and knowledge a
- to love God
- to serve God
- to keep His Commandments
- to grow in grace and knowledge
- to have our minds written with the Laws of God in it

So

- we think with the Word of God
- we lead our lives with the Word of God
- God opens our minds to see wondrous things out of His Word

All of that together, see? It doesn’t come all at once. Comes bit at a time, here a little, there a little, and so forth.

Now, here’s what the Millennium is going to be like. It’s going to bring a magnificent time. Trump is talking about the ‘golden age’ right now. Well, his ‘golden age’ is going to look like the poppers on ‘skid row’ compared to what God is going to do during the Millennium. We’ll see that as we go through the Feast.

Isaiah 11:1: “And there shall come forth a shoot out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.” *That’s a prophecy of Christ!*

Verse 2: “And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”

Every one of those things are major building blocks of character, and we grow in them at different rates at different times, depending on:

- the things we go through
- the things that we are taught
- the things that we learn

Because sometimes we have to be taught over and over again before we learn it up here (in our mind)! That’s why we have repetition with the Word of God.

Verse 3: “And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor after the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth....” (vs 3-4).

That’s how it’s going to be. The love of God will be everywhere. The righteousness of God will be exemplified by us in teaching the people, helping them to learn and grow and overcome. I’m sure that God is going to look at what we’re going to do:

- How are we teaching the people?
- What are we doing for them?
- How are we coming to Christ so that we get more wisdom and understanding as time goes on?

All of those things! Just like we read. ***The deep things of God!*** The fullness of that understanding will not come until the resurrection.

“...And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth... [if they rebel] ...and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked” (v 4).

What does it say of the wicked? *They’re going to be thrown into the Lake of Fire!*

Verse 5: “And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins.” ***That’s the whole substance of the Kingdom of God, right there!***

Verse 6: “Also, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb...”

So, God is going to change the nature of animals. Won’t it be nice? Kids have the little ‘wolfie-wolfie.’ And it grows up and it doesn’t eat them! Amazing!

Or how about this: A lot of kids would like to have a lion! Nice lion! Well, you get a little cub and it grows up and here’s this big lion just like a big purring kitty cat. That’s your pet.

I don’t think there will be very many plastic toys for kids in the Millennium. They’ll have the real thing as pets!

“...and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fating together... [they’re all going to eat at the same time] ...***and a little child shall lead them***” (v 6).

Now that’s an amazing statement, really, when you think about it! A child! ‘Here lion, lion.’ Or if you want a tiger? a leopard?

Verse 7: “And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.”

Now that’s one I haven’t been able to figure out. How is that going to be? *The only thing I can think of is the cartoon where it shows the lion with human teeth.* Eats grass! Not animals! Not people! *Grass!* Now you talk about a complete change and conversion of something. This has nothing to do with becoming a spirit being. That’s just the physical animals that are here.

Verse 8: “And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper’s den.”

The deadliest snakes in the world! Now myself, I can’t stand snakes. When kids were growing up and we were down in Pasadena, we would go down to the San Diego Zoo. They had a whole reptile thing there; they showed all the snakes. I don’t like them, so I’d be walking out here and Jonathan and David would be walking down here. ‘Come over here and look at this, Dad!’ They’d show me a Palestinian viper. And I was shocked! I couldn’t believe it because it talks about viper here; a little child is going to play on the whole of a viper. And there the Palestinian viper had a large head; *a big one! Big mouth! Poisonous!* And its body was big around. And it was only about four to five feet long. And if you met one of those out in the field and surprised him, BANG! You’re history! *So, this is an amazing thing that it’s talking about here!*

Now let’s notice something else with it. Not only getting rid of the war, not only getting rid of all of the weapons.

Verse 9: “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain... [Why?] ...for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be the Root

of Jesse standing as a banner for the people; to Him the nations shall seek; **and His rest shall be glorious**” (vs 9-10).

The ‘rest,’ meaning *the peace during the 1,000 years, the fulfillment of the Millennium!* This is how it’s going to start. We’ll look at other things concerning it because the feast goes for seven days. So, this concludes the day one of the Feast of Tabernacles 2025.

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The Patriarchs and God's Plan For the Millennium

(FOT Day 2)

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Greetings everyone! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles, Day 2. What will the Millennium be like? *Well, let's take a broad overview, which will encompass much of the Bible and the things that we have covered for years!*

Let's see that God's Plan is a magnificent plan, ***and that we have all been called to the greatest thing to participate in and to be a part of when Christ returns!***

So, we need to understand the importance of keeping the Feast of Tabernacles and all the Holy Days of God and the weekly Sabbath, because this is the training ground for us to work under Christ and bring a great fulfillment to the whole Plan of God.

We are living in a time of trouble and difficulty at the end of the age. We need a broad perspective on—

- what we're going to do
- how it's going to be done

—the things that are going to happen

We'll look at some of the patriarchs in a little bit, but let's just review some basic fundamental things right in the beginning. God has had a plan that He's been carrying out, and His plan began before the ages of time, as we know time.

So, everything that is there, God is going to deal with, and God reaches down into the lives of individuals down through time and:

- works with them
- deals with them
- promises them

As we will see it started right there with Adam and Eve! After God created all things, He had first Sabbath service on the first Sabbath with Adam and Eve, and He told them:

Here's a garden that I have made and created, the Garden of Eden. It's beautiful, it's lovely, it's great, and I'm going to put you there. That is your home, but you have to dress it and keep it. There is the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

We know that God has given us all independent free moral agency, and that means ***we***

must choose! We're not robots, we can't create ourselves, but we can reproduce ourselves as God has set that in motion with our bodies. God is the One Who is in charge and He wants all of us to learn the lessons for all eternity ***so that whatever God's great plan is through all eternity*** it's going to be a marvelous and wonderful thing, indeed!

Let's look at Gen. 3, because the fact is it started out that Adam and Eve ***were dwelling with God*** in the garden. That's quite a thing! The whole Plan of God in the long run ***from beginning to end is to dwell with His people*** and all of those who enter in to the Kingdom of God.

We know that there is the tempter, Satan the devil, and:

- he is there
- he is the advocate

We know from Rev 12 that:

- he rebelled
- he wanted to be as God was
- he wanted to take over the Throne of God

All of those things he wanted to do!

Now then, ***that disrupted the whole universe!*** That's why God created the heavens and earth *as we know them*, so that He could create man made in His own image after His likeness, and ultimately *after His kind!* So that through being with God, understanding what God has said, ***that we could develop the character to become spirit beings!***

That's why there are the two trees. Now Adam and Eve chose to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And remember this: The good from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil ***always ends in disaster!***

The good that comes from God—coupled with His love, Truth and obedience for us—***always will produce*** in the final end result ***eternal life!*** This is what was set before Adam & Eve, and we know that:

- they listen to Satan the devil
- they had God's judgment against them for what they did

We find one of the very first references to a coming Messiah in Gen. 3. First of all, the Lord God starts out with the judgment on Satan. Satan's days ***in God's***

view are going to be very short indeed. ***In our view*** and in the human perspective in the way we calculate time, ***it's a long time!***

After God found them in the Garden of Eden after eating the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Lord God called Adam and said, 'Where are you?' *He knew where Adam was all the time, but He wanted to find out what Adam would do!*

Adam said, 'I heard you walking in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid myself.' Now that's quite a thing. We don't know all that went on with Adam and Eve and during the time that they were eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, before this happened.

But they were living with God. They were right there. We don't know if later God would have built a tabernacle for Himself and for them in the Garden of Eden. We have no idea, but we see that later on.

So then, the Lord God said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, which I commanded you that you should not eat?'

Adam said—and here's the way human nature always is: ***blame someone else!*** That's what we see in everything that human beings do. Why? ***Because once people partake of evil, something happens to the mind! Something happens to the spirit of man,*** which only God can change and repent provided that we have the right choices in exercising our independent free moral agency. That's the whole story of:

- the Garden of Eden
- the world before the Flood
- the world after the Flood

and then the return of Christ at the end of the age! It all is tied together over a long period of time.

The man said, 'The woman You gave to be with me...' Now when Adam was given Eve, he said:

This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken from man. And a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they two shall be one flesh.

A law down through all the history of human beings!

Now this gives us a perspective on how far down in time that God plans things out. God knew that they would eat of it, because we're made in the image of likeness of God, ***but we don't have the character of God.*** So, when we go do things on our

own or under the inspiration of Satan, we're in deep trouble. Everything about us from head to toe.

What Adam was doing, he was saying, 'God, it's your fault. Why did you create her?'

The Lord said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent deceived me and I ate.'

Let's project forward clear to the book of Revelation. What is it going to be during the Millennium? ***Satan will not be there!*** He will be in the abyss of hell locked up. So, things are going to change at that point, but let's go forward here.

Genesis 3:14: "And the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this you *are* cursed above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman...'"

Always this fight on the physical plane with serpents and humans, ***on the spiritual plane with Satan the devil and human beings!***

"...and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (v 15).

Now right there, that one verse is ***a prophecy of the coming of Christ, the One to redeem all human beings from all their sins!***

Verse 16: "To the woman He said, 'I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception—in sorrow shall you bring forth children. Your desire shall be toward your husband, and he shall rule over you.'"

Isn't that true? All the things that mothers go through with children, not only with bearing them, the pain that comes along with it, but also seeing them grow up and all of these things. Then how do they turn out? ***Because:***

- everyone has free moral agency
- everyone is exposed to Satan the devil
- everyone is exposed to all of the things in the world

Verse 17: "And to Adam He said, 'Because you have hearkened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree—of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it!'—the ground *is* cursed for your sake. In sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life. It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you, and *thus* you shall eat the herbs of the field; in the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for

dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return” (vs 17-19).

We have clear into the New Testament in 1-Cor. 15 that all of us die in Adam, and all of us have within us ***the law of sin and death!***

Now, this shows that in order to come and live with God that everything has got to change, because God cut off direct access for Adam and Eve to go into the Garden of Eden. They could come to the East Gate, but they couldn't go back in there again. ***They were cut off from the way of eternal life!***

Well, you know the rest of the story. You know what happened. You know the problem with Cain and Abel and Cain killing Abel. We find right there two important things:

1. that there were some sacrifices
2. there were commands of what kind of offerings to bring to God

And Cain didn't do it, so what happened to Cain? *He was cursed again even more and sent off into the 'land of wandering'!* He went and built a city called Enoch.

Then we have the generations of the of the patriarchs. Now all of those listed there along with Abel were those who will be in the spiritual Kingdom of God when Christ returns. So, we find right in here just a few of the patriarchs.

We know that Noah was quite a thing. ***He was a righteous man, perfect in his generation and he found grace in the eyes of God!*** The earth all around him; everything, everywhere, every human being just like we're beginning to see it is today: ***given over to evil!*** That's what it says here in:

Genesis 6:5: “And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great on the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.”

Now let's project that forward to today. Why? Because Jesus said, ***‘As it was in the days of Noah before the Flood, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man.’***

Now let's magnify that even more. What do we have today? We have all of the digital things and then we have all of AI! Now ***AI is going to prove to be the biggest ‘false god’ in the world!*** That's why this knowledge was not known until right at the end-time, because it is so destructive; it is so controlling.

That will be ***Satan's tool to try and take away free moral agency from human beings and lock them in to his rebellious sin*** and his way of living.

We know the Flood took place, *destroyed everything, everything that there is!* ***Wiped it out!***

Well they made it through the Flood with all the animals that God sent to them. And then men began to multiply and what happened? *Sin entered in again beginning with Canaan, the son of Ham, in his perversion toward Noah while he was asleep.* And then we find the curse coming on, *and the blessing going to Shem* and then the other ones they had their part in what God would give them. But Canaan was to be cursed above everything. So, here we have the world, and then we have after 300 years *we have rebellion again—just like Cain—in the person of Nimrod.* He was against God, so, again, the world was coming to a point of an awful lot of evil. But God promised Noah that he would never destroy the world again with a flood, so God would have to do something else.

So what He did, in Gen. 11, He confused the languages because of what were they doing! ***They were building a tower to go into the heavens!*** What are we doing today? *The same thing!*

Let's see what God was going to do. We know that after the Flood that Noah lived 350 years, and then his son Shem^[transcriber's correction] lived on beyond that. And it's very probable that Abraham living in Chaldea that would probably Noah and Shem^[transcriber's correction] there.

Well, Noah would die shortly after Abraham left. So they probably taught Abraham. Abraham was righteous compared to all the rest. So, we come down to another situation: ***that God will deal with one man in promises and covenants to carry out his plan for the rest of the time of human beings on the earth.***

It all began with Abraham and we will see a Scripture a little later that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be in the Kingdom of God, and all of the patriarchs! ***But all of those who are contrary to the way of God will not be there!***

Now let's look at the calling of Abram, because it's very near to what it is like we have today. In fact, a whole lot more.

A lot of us are scattered; a lot of us are alone. ***But that doesn't make any difference to God, because God is interested in:***

- what we do
- how we love Him
- how we obey Him
- how we serve Him
- how we run our lives the way that God wants us to

So, *there was one man*, but he had to do something first. *He had to leave everything* except his personal possessions and his animals and his servants. He didn't know where he was going.

Just like with us, God has called us to be in his Kingdom, and a lot of us down through time have been figuring by this time we would have already been in the Kingdom of God. But it hasn't worked out that way, because God's Plan is so great and reaches out so far that it is magnificent indeed.

We need to open our minds to that even more, especially during the Feast of Tabernacles while we are here. Let's look at the calling.

Genesis 12:1: "And the LORD said to Abram, 'Get out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you.'"

Notice that **Abraham obeyed!** He didn't say, 'Lord, what do you mean by that?'

Here's a promise. Now remember this. **Whatever God promises it will come to pass!** But also remember this: It may come to pass in a way far differently than you figure.

Now let's see some of the elements of the Kingdom of God here. Let's see that this is some of the first prophecy of the coming of the Kingdom of God, ***right here with the patriarch Abraham!***

So, *He said*; v2: "And **I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great.** And you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. **And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed**" (vs 2-3).

We know with the second resurrection, that's ***past, present***, time of Abraham, ***future*** from that time on down to when Christ would return. *Amazing!* Because God thinks in great, huge terms, as well as small, individual things.

Verse 4: "Then Abram departed, even as the LORD had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the people that they had gained in Haran. And they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And they came into the land of Canaan" (vs 4-5).

That was when Abram was 75-years-old, and 10 years later. So here Abraham had all of this, and he even went down to Egypt, and so forth.

Then we come to Gen. 15, ***because here comes the central focus of the whole Bible, from here forward! This is why it's important:***

- that we keep the Commandments of God
- that we love God with all our heart, mind, soul and being
- that we obey God exactly as Abraham did here

This was quite a thing; right here in this chapter, we have:

- the groundwork laid for the children of Israel
- the groundwork laid for the Church
- the groundwork laid for the Kingdom of God.

All right here contained in what took place in Gen. 15.

Genesis 15:1 "After these things the Word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Fear not, Abram, I *am* your shield and your exceedingly great reward.'"

Remember that! ***The reward and blessing that God is going to give us at the resurrection***, right there. It's contained in that.

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Now, let's understand another thing here that's important, too. What God is going to do is *impossible for human beings to do*. God is spirit and all of those who come to God must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. That applies! We'll see all of these things, ***the blending in of all the Word of God!***

Verse 2: "And Abram said, 'Lord GOD, what will You give me since I go childless, and the heir of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?'"

Well, it was a law that you could take one of your slaves if you had no children and you could adopt him, and he would be your legal heir. Now God's going to do something impossible, but it's going to take another 15 years. This occurred when Abram was 85:

Verse 3: "And Abram said, 'Behold, You have given no seed to me; and lo, one born in my house is my heir.' And behold, the Word of the LORD came to him saying, 'This man shall not be your heir; **but he that shall come forth out of your own loins shall be your heir**'" (vs 3-4).

It's going to be you and Sarai! Think of that, she was 90 and Abram was 100 when Isaac was born. So, ***this is a real test of faith!*** That's why what we do and we look at Heb. 11 about all of those who were faithful. ***Look at the faith that Abraham had to have. And he saw virtually none of it!***

Here's a promise! Remember this: God swears the greatest thing by Himself, because He created everything that there is. If He swears by Himself, it's greater than all the heavens and earth and everything involved. ***This also helps us get a real perspective on faith and belief in God and what He's going to do!***

Verse 5: "And He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward the heavens and number the stars—if you are able to count them.'...."

Now, think about that today with all that we have learned about space. Trillions of galaxies, billions and billions of *light-years* away! The only thing greater than that, as we will see it a little bit, ***is God Himself!***

What does it say about God? ***That it is impossible for God to lie!*** Keep that in mind. But when He says something, ***the fulfillment of it may be beyond our lifetimes, and in a greater way than anything we have ever thought of!*** That's what it was here with Abraham.

"...And He said to him, 'So shall your seed be.' And he believed in the LORD. And he accounted it to him for righteousness" (vs 5-6).

Verse 7: "And He said to him, 'I *am* the LORD that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it.' And he said, 'Lord GOD, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it?'" (vs 7-8).

Now then, that's interesting! Same thing. How do we know we're going to receive eternal life?

- by the words of God
- by the teachings of Christ
- by the writings of the Bible
- the writings of the apostles
- the fact of creation of everything around us

Then there was a special sacrifice given here, and it's called ***a maledictory oath***, because this is ***a covenant pledge!***

A covenant is greater than an agreement, and a covenant involves eternal life or eternal death based upon the stars in the heavens and the fact of the sacrifice that was given here. This is going to be a unique sacrifice, ***because Abram did not participate in the fulfilling of it!*** He did sacrifice those animals. Let's see what he did, and:

- why this is so powerful
- why it applies to us

Because when there is a covenant, ***a covenant is binding when you show your own death*** by the means of sacrificial animals, ***or yourself!*** Now, we'll get to *yourself* in a little bit.

- Who was the Lamb of God? *Jesus Christ!*
- What happened to Him?

Well, we know!

Verse 9: "And He said to him, 'Take Me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' And he took all these to himself, and divided them in the middle, and laid each piece opposite the other..." (vs 9-10).

So he cut them right down the middle of the spine, laid them open, half on one side and half on the other side and left a path to walk through.

When this was done, this signified that the one who walks through that, between those animals, ***IF*** he does not keep his word, ***he will likewise die the ugly death of these animals!*** That's quite a thing!

Now, this also applies to us, only God has given us a more pleasant way of doing it. That is a symbolic burial by baptism by full immersion. ***But that signifies we are pledging our lives unto death!***

We know that an eternal God cannot die existing as eternal God. So we'll keep that in mind as we go along here.

Verse 11: "And when the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away."

Notice v 12 because this gives us a time setting. First of all, God talks to Abram, and it's late in the day. Then it gets into night, and then God goes out and He says, 'Look at the stars.' Well you can't see the stars in the daytime. That's the night. Remember we have *the evening and the morning*. Those count the days and in the Bible and by the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. So, the next morning, God said do the animals, cut them down the middle, make ready this sacrifice.

Verse 12: "And it came to pass, as the sun was going down..."

This is a prophecy when you understand the timing of this, because this actually occurred on the day that was ***the Passover Day to come!*** So, this in a sense, was the proto-Passover for all the rest in the Bible.

This is how great that it was for Abraham, ***and it's because of Abraham:***

- that we go into the Kingdom of God

- that we are able to do the things that God wants us to do
- that God has a great plan for all of us together

That's why we keep the Feast of Tabernacles, so that we can know and have our minds on what God wants! As we will see, as great as what God has given to Abraham. ***We are part of this!***

Verse 12: "And it came to pass, as the sun was going down, that a deep sleep fell upon Abram..."

You get the books:

- *The Christian Passover*
- *The Day Jesus the Christ Died*

You will see that's the exact time of day in which Jesus died on the cross! Who's going to be the King of the Kingdom? *Jesus Christ!* So, this has to do with:

- the Kingdom of God
- the Feast of Tabernacles

Everything of God is wrapped up, beginning right here in this maledictory oath covenant sacrifice that God went through. ***Abraham only did the work to prepare it! He never walked between the parts of the animals.*** God Himself was the One Who did it!

"...And, behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him! And He said to Abram, 'You must surely know that your seed shall be sojourners in a land *that is* not theirs (and shall serve them *and they shall* afflict them) four hundred years'" (vs 12-13). (We have got all that chronology worked out. We won't get into it here.)

Verse 14: "And also I [God] will judge that nation whom they shall serve. And afterward they shall come out with great substance. And you shall go to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in a good old age" (vs 14-15).

Here all the promises given to Abram; to his seed. He would die! Now isn't that very much like we have in the New Testament. ***Be faithful unto death!*** And Jesus said, 'I will give you Life.'

A lot of this right here. The whole foundation of everything that's in the New Testament and the Plan of God.

Verse 16: "But in the fourth generation they shall come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. And it came to pass—when the sun went down and it was dark..." (vs 16-17).

Christ was placed in the tomb just before that time of day, on the day He was crucified! So, this become very important. Let's see how this came about.

"...and it was dark—behold, a smoking furnace and a burning lamp passed between those pieces" (v 17).

That's all that Abram could see. What happened with a smoking furnace and a burning lamp?

- ***the burning lamp*** showed that God was walking through those animal parts
- ***the smoking furnace*** burned up all of those sacrifices to ashes

An amazing thing, indeed!

Verse 18: "In the same day the LORD made a covenant..."

Remember that a covenant is binding! This is a covenant sacrifice pledge, right here!

"...the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates'" (v 18). *Then he list all the Canaanites that would be put out from there.*

So, when Abraham woke up, what did he see of the sacrifice there? *He saw the pathway with nothing but ashes in between,* because the smoking furnace burned it all. Now that's amazing!

Now we know the situation with Ishmael. We won't get into that, *but we still suffer from that!* Then the various things that took place.

Gen 21—Sarah was 90-years-old, way beyond childbearing age. Abraham was 100-years-old, way beyond begetting. So that ***Sarah and Abraham would know that this was special from God!***

Genesis 21:1: "And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said. And the LORD did to Sarah as He had spoken, for Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him" (vs 21-22).

The set time; everything of God has a set time. Just like there's a beginning, there's an ending. There are many beginnings and endings within that, depending on the circumstances and what was transpiring with God and His people.

Verse 3: "And Abraham called the name of his son that was born to him (whom Sarah bore to him) Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, 'God has made me laugh, so that all who hear will laugh with

me.' And she said, 'Who could have said to Abraham *that* Sarah would suckle children? For I have borne a son to him in his old age'" (vs 3-7). *That's quite a thing! Then he grew! Amazing!*

Then we have the trial. Here is the trial of trials for Abraham. We will finish here, ***because all of this stretches out into everything and the rest of the Bible!*** It was a special thing ***to test Abraham!***

Genesis 22:2: "And He said, 'Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go into the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains, which I will tell you.'"

Now at that time Abraham was 115-years-old; Isaac was 15. Abraham did what God said. He went there. And they got there. Abraham told those who came along with him with the other donkeys and the and the wood and things like this. 'You wait here till we come back because I and my son will go over and we will pray over here.'

Verse 7: "And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, 'My father.' And he said, 'Here I *am*, my son.' And he said, 'Behold the fire and the wood. But where is the lamb for a burnt offering?'"

So, that shows that they had burnt offerings. Not necessarily sin offerings, but burnt offerings, which shows you that God gave the instructions to Abraham on:

- what to do
- how to live
- what His Laws were

Abraham taught Isaac, so Isaac knew them!

Here we have Isaac at *half the age* of what Christ was when He started His ministry. He carried the wood on what you would be laid for the burnt offering. Notice Abraham's reply. ***This is a test for all of us!***

- Do we ***believe God*** when the going gets really rough, oblique and desperate?
- Do we ***still*** believe God?

Well, all of those factors are here with this. Notice Abraham's reply:

Verse 8: "And Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering.' So, they both went on together. And they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order" (vs 8-9).

Now that taking stones and laying it down and putting the wood on it.

"...And he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the wood, upon the altar. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son" (vs 9-10).

Now we have to project forward to Heb. 11, because the question is: Why was Abraham willing to do that?

In various movies they show that Abraham got mad and beat his fist on a rock and all of that sort of thing. ***NO! He didn't do it!***

"...and took the knife to slay his son.... [right there, Isaac right in front of him] ...And the angel of the LORD called to him from the heavens and said, 'Abraham! Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I *am*.' And He said, 'Do not lay your hand upon the lad, nor do anything to him, **for now I know that you fear God...**'" (vs 10-12).

Now, let's check on that for just a minute. What does he mean by that?

Remember, here Abraham was, 115-years-old. God called him when he was 75. That's 40 years!

- How long have we been in the Church?
- How many things have we gone through?
- How many times did we have to stand for the Truth in spite of the fact that maybe no one else would?

Every one of us come to that point! *And every one of us come to the point like it was here with Abraham and Isaac, ***because God wants to know:**** Do we really use our free moral agency completely correctly as God wants?

- in love
- in obedience
- in service
- in fearing

all of those things together! This is all wrapped up here. And it's all wrapped up in ***for us to qualify to be kings and priests in the Millennium!*** So, we'll think on that!

God said, "...for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me" (v 12).

Quite a thing! So, God leads us into these kinds of trials that are really sometimes difficult indeed!

Verse 13: "And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram was entangled in a thicket by its horns."

- How did that happen?

- How come he didn't see it before?
- Did God suddenly create a ram and stick it there?

We don't know. Very likely, He created it for this special sacrifice.

“...Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide; so that it is said *until* this day, ‘In the mount of the LORD it will be provided’” (vs 13-14).

Now let's stop and think on this in our own lives:

- How many times has God intervened for us?
- How many times has God done what He has said He would do for us? *To intervene to help us!*

Even though we come even to the end of our rope, lots of times we are there. God wants to know:

- Do you believe Me?
- Do you love Me?
- Will you obey Me?
- Will you follow Me through all circumstances?

Now down through time:

- How many were martyrs for Christ?
- How many faced that?
- How many faced the choice?
 - ✓ What will I do?
 - ✓ What will I choose?

It'd be so easy to recant. You may spare your life. But:

- Are you willing to die for Christ?
- Are you willing to be a martyr?
- Do you really believe what you believe to the very depths of your soul and your being?

That's what it's all about! That's what it was with Abraham here:

Verse 15: “And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, ‘By Myself have I sworn,’ says the LORD...” (vs 15-16).

Now think about this: ***This is the greatest guarantee that what God has said, He will do! He's created everything, He is greater than all things!*** So, when He swears by Himself—and He cannot lie—it will happen! Brethren, that's why we are here today:

- because of this
- because of Jesus Christ
- because of God's great plan

Now think about this for a minute: The world is in turmoil:

- war
- hatred
- killing
- death
- drugs
- abortions
- human sacrifice
- all the lying
- all the cheating
- all the stealing

Because Satan is deceiving the whole world! Satan had put in all of these systems. With the Mark of the Beast coming, ***he wants to take away your free moral agency.*** He wants you to denounce God the Father and Jesus Christ so that you can ‘save your life’ to buy and sell; so you can continue to live in the flesh. ***But that will only be for a short period of time!***

So, God has sworn by Himself. When we come to the New Testament and the sacrifice of Christ, which this was also a preview of the sacrifice of Christ. What did Christ do?

- against Satan?
- against the religious leaders?
- against those who were against Him?
 - ✓ He was faithful
 - ✓ He was true

Following through on this very pledge: ***That He Himself would take on the sins of the world!*** That's going to apply all down through the Millennium.

“...‘By Myself have I sworn,’ says the LORD, ‘because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son’” (v 16).

What is Jesus? The only begotten Son of the Father!

Verse 17: “That in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and as the sand, which is upon the seashore....”

You look at that pledge; there are two things:

1. **As the stars of heaven**

We know from Dan. 12 that those who turn many to righteousness ‘shall shine like the stars of heaven.’ ***So, that's symbolic of eternal life!*** And

Jesus said that those who enter in the Kingdom of God, *their faces will shine like the sun!*

And John wrote that 'now are we the children of God' *because God loves us with His glorious love!* 'It is not yet shown what we shall be, but we know that we will see Him, Christ, exactly as He is.' Why? *Because we will be like Him!*

Now that's all wrapped up in this right here. The stars of heaven are those the spiritual seed in the first resurrection.

2. The sand of the sea

are all of the 12 tribes of Israel as we will see tomorrow. Because that was a great promise that God fulfilled. But look at how we started. How did He start?

- Adam, one man and his wife
- Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives
- Abraham and his wife Sarah.
- Isaac the only begotten son through Sarah
- Christ the only begotten Son of God the Father, as a sacrifice for the sins of the world

How brutal was that sacrifice? Just like we found the sacrifices there in Gen. 15.

- it was complete
- it was brutal
- it was ugly
- it was detestable

Because He carried the sin of the whole world!

Because God swore by Himself and showed definitively, through these acts that we have covered, that He would do it. And when He returns as we're going to see, He's going to set up this world in a way that will be almost unimaginable.

For all human beings that come through to that point, Jesus said to us that ***IF*** we are faithful to the end, and God puts us in the Kingdom, that:

- we will be kings
- we will be priests
- we will be teachers
- we will be directing cities
- we will be teaching people the way of God

That's why we're here keeping the Feast of Tabernacles. Because this pictures when we will be:

- living with God
- doing the work of God for all humanity

And remember: the Last Great Day finalizes it all. Come back tomorrow for day number three, and we'll continue and see what God has done.

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What We Will Teach in the Millennium

(FOT Day 3)

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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles Day 3. Now, we've been going through some things in Genesis in relationship to the overall picture of the Feast of Tabernacles, because the Feast of Tabernacles pictures many, many things. But it goes all the way back as we started with Adam and Eve living with God in the Garden of Eden, and it ends up with New Jerusalem and all of those in the first resurrection living in New Jerusalem.

So the story thread of the whole Bible is pictured by every different thing in the Feast of Tabernacles.

Let's look at a Scripture here that is very interesting in the book of Hebrews, New Testament. Now it talks about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Let's see what it says:

Hebrews 11:8: "By faith... [that's what we have to follow] ... Abraham, being called *of God* to go out into the place, which he would later receive for an inheritance..."

Did you know that he never received it? *And he won't receive it until the first resurrection!* And then it will be so great. It'll be so marvelous.

What did he say in Genesis 12:3? "...in you... [and your seed] ...shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Now, think on that for just a minute. All the history of mankind, all that we know, and of course there's many things in the universe we don't have the faintest clue concerning. But here, all on earth. That's when Abraham is going to receive it.

Hebrews 11:8: "...being called *of God* to go out into the place, which he would later receive for an inheritance, obeyed and went, not knowing where he was going."

Now, let's stop and look at this for a minute just for ourselves. Did in any time prior to God's calling, did you ever think that you would be where you are today? The answer is NO! **But:**

- we got where we are by faith
- we get where we're going by faith

That is belief in God the Father and Jesus Christ. His life, His death, His resurrection, the giving of the power of His Holy Spirit. And all of that is connected for us. So that we, as it says in the book of Revelation, *can be kings and priests and reign with Christ a*

thousand years! And of course, living in the end times, we can see all the things that are taking place. And what is missing is:

- truth
 - love
 - law
 - order
- and most of all*
- God ruling on the earth

But we're promised we will rule and reign with Him. And we're also promised in Rev. 2, that those who rule the nations will rule them with *a rod of iron!* So, it's not going to be anything like it is today. It's important we understand the great scope of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 9: "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, like a foreigner..."

Abraham was told he was going to inherit it, but he didn't.

"...dwelling in tabernacles..." (v 9). Now think of that. What are we keeping now? We are keeping the Feast of Tabernacles. That also tells us that we're going to live with God in the Holy City of Jerusalem.

"...dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob..." (v 9). *So, Abraham saw Jacob as a young boy before he died!*

What was the promise given to Abraham back there in Genesis 15:5? *That your seed shall be like* "...the stars—if you are able to count them."

What did he receive? *Abraham received Isaac and Jacob* and he died. So you see, a lot of the things that God tells us won't come and be given until the resurrection. But just imagine what Abraham's going to think.

I look at it this way. When we're on the Sea of Glass, preparing to return to the earth after the resurrection, and we get all of our instruction as pictured by Pentecost. There's Abraham, Isaac and Jacob right up front there with God the Father and Jesus Christ. And Jesus says:

Abraham, come here, I want you to see something. So, He takes them over to the edge of the Sea of Glass and He says, 'Look down there. You see all that? Those are all your

physical seed. And all of these on the Sea of Glass behind us are *the spiritual seed that will shine like the stars in heaven!* All because you believed what God said.

Hebrews 11:10: “For he was waiting for the city... [New Jerusalem] ...with *the foundations of which God is the Architect and Builder.*” *Now then, Sarah is there, too. Yes!*

Verse 11: “By faith also Sarah herself received power to conceive seed, and gave birth *when* she was *well* beyond the childbearing age, because she esteemed Him faithful Who had personally promised *her a son.*”

Verse 12: “Because of this *faith*, there came into being from one *man*—and moreover, *one* who was *reproductively* dead—*descendants* as numerous as the stars in the heavens, and as countless as the sand on the sea shore.”

Now notice v 13; this is important to understand for us today, too:

Verse 13: “**All these died in faith, not having received the promises,** but having seen them from afar, and having been persuaded of *them*, and having embraced *them*, and having confessed that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth.”

That’s exactly what we have to do, even today. Yes, indeed!

Verse 14: “For those who say such things make it manifest that they seek *their* own country, *as promised by God.*”

Now then, what does it say over here in Galatians, 3? All of this has to do with the Feast of Tabernacles. Now this applies to all of us:

Galatians 3:26: “Because you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

- because of Abraham
- because of Christ
- because of the Father

Verse 27: “For as many *of you* as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.”

- the way He lived
- the way He thought
- everything like that.

Verse 28: “There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And **IF** you are Christ’s, **THEN** you are **Abraham’s seed, and**

heirs according to the promise” (vs 28-29).

Now that’s quite a thing, isn’t it? The promise given to Abraham, a physical seed, was Isaac. There’s also a parallel for us today in preparing for the Kingdom of God (Gal. 4).

So, Paul says this concerning that we’re coming to God and Jerusalem and heaven above, and this shows there is nothing between us and God. As we will see a physical temple only had *a presence of the power of God* in it called the ‘Shanika.’

God never dwelt in a temple. *He put His power there*, as we’ll see a little later on.

Galatians 4:26: “But the Jerusalem above is free, which is *the* mother of us all; for it is written, ‘Rejoice, O barren who did not bear! Break forth and cry, *you* who were not travailing, because many more *are* the children of the desolate than of her who has the husband.’”

That’s referring to Christ and the Church, also to Abraham and Sarah.

Verse 28: “Now we, brethren, like Isaac, **are the children of promise.**”

Of course, we will see a little later during the Feast, all the things that were given in the various prophets concerning the Feast of Tabernacles. Not only for the physical things on the earth, *but for the spiritual conversion of those people* and:

- how they will be taught
- how they will live
- how they will know and understand God

We touched on that just a little bit on the first day, but we’ll get into that a little bit more.

Now let’s see some things that are important in the book of Genesis that we need to understand about Abraham and about Isaac and about everything that led up to it. Then we’ll look at what happened with David a little bit and look what happened to Solomon a little bit, and then we will look into the things concerning Christ. Everything hinges on Christ, and that’s what we need to keep in mind.

Genesis 26:2: “And the LORD appeared to him [Isaac] and said, ‘Do not go down into Egypt....’”

That’s interesting; read the book of Revelation and what is the city of Jerusalem called today? *Sodom and Egypt*, because if you go down to Egypt, you’re going to learn all the evil of the Egyptians.

“...Live in the land, which I shall tell you of.

Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your seed, I will give all these lands; and I will establish the oath, which I swore to Abraham your father” (vs 2-3).

Now that’s quite a thing! See, it all goes back to Abraham, even the fact of Isaac. Likewise with the Church.

- we have God the Father and Jesus Christ
- we had a comparison between Abraham and Isaac

That was a good comparison to make. Now notice what God says here concerning two things:

Verse 4: “And I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens...”

How many children did Isaac have through Rebecca? *Two!* So, this is a long-term prophecy. That was Jacob and Esau. All right, keep that in mind.

“...and will give to your seed all these lands....” (v 4).

We’re going to see it’s more than just what was in the area that is called the Middle East today or the Holy Land.

“...And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed” (v 4).

Now, you know who the physical descendants of Israel are today, and we need to understand that even the physical seed of Israel, in relationship to the other nations of the world, were a blessing to them. And notice what is happening today.

Israel is a blessing to the whole world, because God is using Donald Trump to help set up everything to be in the place that it should be at the time of the end. And because we’re getting close to the time of the time of the building of the temple, the third temple in Jerusalem, and everything has to be worked out.

You cannot be having wars everywhere concerning it. Now he has settled six wars. We didn’t know there were six wars going on in the world, did we? *No!* He has settled those. The last one to settle, the last two rather,

1. the Ukraine and Russia
2. the situation with Gaza and Hamas

They have to take care of Hamas in order to build the temple. That’s the whole thing that’s going on there. Notice who is involved. Donald Trump, a descendant of the Royal House of England, meaning that *he has part of the line of Zarah in him!* **and Netanyahu who is of Perez.**

The two of them are working together as God uses them to set up all these things in the end-time. So you see, what we have with the Word of God going clear back here to Isaac and clear back here to Abraham ***are living examples today of what is taking place!*** What’s that preparing for?

- the return of Christ
- the resurrection of the saints
- the setting up of the Kingdom of God
- the thousand year rule of God, as pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles

But it goes all the way back here to Genesis again.

Now then God says He will do this, v 5: “Because Abraham...”

Now listen carefully, especially for all of those of you who have been told there was no Law from Adam until Moses. That is ***a complete fabrication and a lie***, because ***where there is no Law, there is no sin.*** Where there is sin, there is wickedness, and that’s because the Law defines what is right and wrong/good and evil.

What did it say in the Ten Commandments? *All ten were enforced from the beginning*, because if there was no Law, then Cain killing Abel, he couldn’t be held accountable because there would be no Law.

But what did God say? ‘***You sinned, you killed!*** Your offering was not what I wanted.’ He also told Cain that in order to run your life correctly, you have to rule over sin, ***and He told him that before he killed Abel!***

That comes all the way down to the Flood. Everyone was doing evil continually and in the thoughts of their minds. So, God destroyed it!

Now we have this. This is important that we really grasp it and grasp what it means for what we’re going to find in the rest of the Bible and for the Feast of Tabernacles, but also what we find in our lives today and what we need to do today.

Verse 5: “Because **Abraham obeyed My voice...**”

What was the first thing that Jesus said when He was tempted by Satan the devil to turn the stones into bread? He said, ‘It is written, man shall not live by the bread alone, ***but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!*** All the way through the whole Bible, the question is:

- Do you believe God and obey His voice?

OR

- Do you want to go your own way and do your own thing and reject what God says?
 - ***IF*** God speaks it, *it is so!*
 - ***IF*** God commands it, *it comes into being!*

When it says, v 5: “**Because Abraham obeyed My voice...**” *that tells us an awful lot: **Why he is the father of the faithful!***

“...obeyed My voice and kept My charge...” (v 5)—*whatever God told him to do!*

Same way in the New Testament, Jesus said, ‘Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not practice the things that I say?’ And when you understand that Jesus was God manifested in the flesh that makes it even more imperative.

“...kept My charge, My commandments... [whatever they are, that’s plural] **...My statutes...** [whatever they are, and all of the Holy Days are statutes] **...and My Laws”** (v 5).

Now there are a lot of laws physically attached with the creation of the earth, that men even cut off from God understand that they have to behave in a certain way, or these things are going to catch up with us.

One of the most active laws that affects everything on the earth, every living thing, every inanimate thing, everything on the earth, *is affected by the law of gravity!* Contained and generated in the depths of the earth of which we know nothing about except it’s hot. It’s a great fire going on in the depths of the earth. Then we look out to the sun, and the sun provides us with things day and night, and to the moon, and to the rest of the universe.

So, that’s why when God talked to Abram, the first thing He did, He told Abram he would receive his son. Then God said, ‘Step outside here and look at the stars and count them if you’re able to number them.’ Amazing! ***My Commandments, My statutes, and My Laws!***

Then Isaac stayed there. Now notice what happened. God told Isaac to stay there. Don’t go down to Egypt because there’s a famine. Now notice what God did to bless Isaac ***because he obeyed God!***

Verse 12: “Isaac sowed in the land and received in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him. And the man became great—and continued gaining until he became very great” (vs 12-13).

So you see what God does? ***He keeps His Word! He gives blessing!*** And this also applies to us.

Now as we grow and we overcome human nature in preparing for the Kingdom of God, ***our greatness of eternal life won’t come until the resurrection!*** But now God was preparing the physical seed that He promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Now here we’re looking at Isaac. We’ll see what happened with Jacob in a little bit because all of this expands out to worldwide situations even as we know them today.

Verse 14: “And he had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants. And the Philistines envied him.”

So, there was a little battle going on. The Philistines came and said, well, we’re going to fix them up. ‘We’ll put his well out of order.’ So, they took it. Abraham departed and he went someplace else and he dug a well there (v 18).

So see, whenever something happens and you have to move on and change and obey God, He’ll bless you. That’s what it is. That’s how it happens.

Isaac’s wife bore Jacob and Esau. Now Jacob was not the firstborn, but God said, the elder Esau will serve the younger Jacob. And of course, that created the friction and things there. We won’t go through all that. I’ll let you read that.

But the blessing was passed on to Jacob!

Now we come to Gen. 28 and let’s see something here that is very important, because Jacob left after Esau sold his inheritance to him. And Esau then got all upset and wanted to kill Jacob. So, his mom said, ‘Look, you go to your uncle up in Syria. Just before he was going to leave:

Genesis 28:1: “Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and commanded him. And he said to him, ‘You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father. And take a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother. And may God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, so that you may be a multitude of people. **And may He give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your seed with you, so that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham**” (vs 1-4).

Now that was the blessing to go out in time. So, Jacob left.

Verse 7: “And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and had gone to Padan Aram.”

Verse 10: “And Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came

upon a certain place, and stayed there all night because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and placed *it* at his head.... [he didn't lay on it, but he placed it at the head where he was laying] ...And he lay down in that place to sleep" (vs 10-11).

Now, this may be the same very stone that is under the coronation chair for the King and Queen of England.

Note our book: *America and Britain in Prophecy, Their Biblical Origin And Their Prophetic Destiny*, order it at: truthofGod.org; that'll open up your eyes because the lands referred to as the lands of Israel cover a lot more than just the restricted area in the Middle East. It will be an eye-opener!

Verse 12: "And he dreamed. And behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven! And behold, the angels of God *were* ascending and descending on it!"

Direct connection between God and the earth and carrying out the promises given to Abraham. And Isaac saw that that was taking place. Now notice what else he said, *and here's a promise direct from God to Jacob*. This tells you that the promise of the physical land goes far beyond the area of the Middle East.

Verse 13: "And behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, 'I *am* the LORD, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your seed'"—*which he did!*

Everything started right there in the Holy Land, that's true; but it didn't remain there. That's what's important because it said, 'be a blessing to all nations, and he also said, it would be a blessing to *all the families of the earth!* When you consider that, *that's a tremendous blessing*. When God says *ALL*, that's what He means. *The whole Plan of God is so great and far reaching that it's incredible!*

Verse 14: "And your seed shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south."

Where are the modern descendants of the 10 tribes of Israel?

- America
 - Canada
 - Britain
- the kingdoms of Northern Europe*
- Sweden
 - Finland
 - Denmark
 - France

- Belgium
 - Luxembourg
- then we come down to:*
- Australia
 - New Zealand
 - South Africa

Is that not spread north and south and east and west?
Yes! The promises of God are absolutely amazing!

Verse 14: "And your seed shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. **And in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**"

Now stop and think even today. Take away America and take away Britain. Britain has almost fulfilled its demise as prophesied in the book of Hosea right now today. But you take that away, what do you have? *You have an evil, hostile world!* So this is amazing.

Verse 15: "And, behold, I *am* with you, and will keep you in every *place* where you go, and will bring you again into this land, **for I will not leave you until I have done that which I have spoken of to you.**"

Quite a thing! Quite a blessing!

Isn't it something that the Protestants and the Catholics believe, that you don't have to do anything with the Old Testament because that's given to the Jews? Well, the Jews like that, *because then they can steal all the promises that God gave to the ten tribes and claim that they're Israel!*

- What do we have today?
- Isn't that what they do? *Yeah, but they're not all Israel!*

Verse 16: "And Jacob awoke from his sleep, and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.' And he was afraid and said, 'How fearful *is* this place! This *is* nothing but the House of God, and this *is* the gate of Heaven!'" (vs 16-17). **What did he do?**

Verse 18: "So, Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone, which he had put at his head, and set it *as* a memorial pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place The House of God. But the name of that city *was* Luz at first. **Then Jacob made a vow...**" (vs 18-20).

Now understand this with a vow: *A vow is a solemn promise to God, and a solemn promise is to be kept!* Now when we're baptized, we make a

covenant vow to God. And that **covenant vow** was **sealed**:

- by the sacrifice and blood of Jesus Christ
- by baptism, full immersion in water

You are vowing or promising—by this that you are doing—that you will follow God in everything that He says. You will accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, Lord and Master and High Priest in heaven above.

That's what a true Christian does! Then we grow in grace and knowledge and overcome, ***because we're going to be kings and priests and rule the world!***

So, those promises that we have are just like the promises given here to Jacob, but only to us in a different way in the New Testament.

Verse 20: "Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'Since God will be with me, and will keep me in the way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, and I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the LORD be my God. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house. And of all that You shall give me, I will surely give the tenth to You'" (vs 20-22)—*showing that the tithe was in motion from the beginning!*

Yet, people come along today and say that there are no tithes today. Really?

(break@38:10)

Now we're right here with this situation with Jacob and then he married Rachel and he got fooled with Leah because the father said, 'The firstborn of my daughters must be married first.' So, Jacob worked out a deal with him to receive Rachel, but he got Leah. Then he had to work out another deal and he ended up working for him a total of 20 years, and he had all of his children with the exception of Benjamin.

When Benjamin was born of Rachel, the first one was Joseph, then all of the rest of the tribes of Israel came from Leah and the two handmaids. Only Joseph and Benjamin came from Rachel.

As he was getting older and all of the sons were growing up. Joseph being very young, God blessed him and he had a dream. And the dream was that all of the other sons of Jacob would bow down and worship him. And they got angry and sold Joseph on down into Egypt as a slave.

The whole story happened there that he remained righteous, but he got thrown in jail because of false accusations of the one who purchased him as

a slave. When it was time for him to come out, the baker and the butcher for Pharaoh had dreams, *and Joseph told him what the dreams were!*

One was going to be killed and one would be brought back to serve the Pharaoh. Pharaoh had the dream of the seven fat cows and the seven lean cows, but he didn't know what it meant. So, the one who had been brought back to serve Pharaoh told Pharaoh, 'There's a man in prison whose name is Joseph, and he knows dreams. So maybe he can tell you that.'

Joseph was brought out and by this time he was about 30-years-old and he was brought to Pharaoh, and Pharaoh told him what the dream was. Joseph said:

I'll interpret it for you. There is coming a famine, but there will be first seven years of fat and then seven years of famine.

What you do is in the seven years of the fat, you store everything up for the time of famine. You need to get a wise man to do that for you.

And Pharaoh said, 'You're the wise man' and Joseph was put in second in charge of all of Egypt.

Well, came to pass exactly as he had said. And then Joseph married one of the daughters of the priest of On and had two sons: Ephraim and Manasseh. And we come to that in Gen. 48. Now let's see, because this continues on with a great blessing, here's what happened.

The whole story of bringing Joseph and the 11 sons down to Egypt was because of the famine, and how Joseph knew who they were, but they didn't know who he was.

After they had brought Benjamin down and then Joseph demanded to keep Benjamin and all of the brothers were afraid that, 'Oh, it's going to be terrible with us because we don't bring back Benjamin.' Joseph told them to bring back your father.

When they all came down and bowed down before Joseph as the ruler of Egypt—just like the dream said—then Jacob was there with the 11. Joseph looked like an Egyptian because he was all dressed up as a leading Egyptian; so, they didn't recognize him.

When his father came down, Joseph had to leave the room because he was overwhelmed with emotions. Then Joseph revealed who he was and they all lived there, ***and the blessing was upon Joseph!***

There was a final blessing that Jacob gave to the sons of Joseph, which was greater than the blessings for all of the rest of the sons of Israel.

Gen. 48—Jacob explains everything about it and told his father Jacob:

Genesis 48:8: “And Israel beheld Joseph’s sons, and said, ‘Who *are* these?’.... [he was almost blind] ...And Joseph said to his father, ‘They *are* my sons, whom God has given me in this *place*.’” And he said, “Please bring them to me, and I will bless them” (vs 8-9).

Now this is right before he died at 147-years-old. We will see the blessing that he gave to the rest, the sons of Jacob.

Verse 10: “And the eyes of Israel were dim for age; he could not see. And he [Joseph] brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. And Israel said to Joseph, ‘I had not thought I would see your face, and, lo, God showed me also your offspring’” (vs 10-11).

Quite a thing! Quite a blessing! Quite a thing for the whole world from that time on!

Verse 12: “And Joseph brought them out from between his *father’s* knees, and he bowed his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel’s left, and Manasseh in his left toward Israel’s [Jacob’s] right hand. And he brought *them* near to him. And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid *it* upon Ephraim’s head, who *was* the younger...” (vs 12-14).

Now that was supposed to go on the firstborn because Manasseh was the firstborn and Ephraim was the second born.

“...and his left upon Manasseh’s head, crossing his hands, for Manasseh *was* the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph and said, ‘May God, *before* Whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God Who fed me all my life to this day, the Angel... [always an angel going with him] ...Who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads....’” (vs 14-16).

Now, this is official! This is something for all time! This is something that comes down to the day today. This will give us an understanding why the only place in the world that the Gospel is being preached today in the way that it should be, or even in some ways that it should not be ***is coming from the United States of America!***

No other country is doing it! And that’s important. That because of the blessing that God gave to Israel and to Ephraim and Manasseh.

“...And let my name... [Israel] ...And let my name be perpetuated in them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow into a

multitude in the midst of the earth” (v 16).

You compare that what is Palestine today and should rightfully be called ***Judea*** and not Israel. America and Britain and the other tribes that I mentioned before, ***they are the 10 tribes of Israel*** and the two leading ones out of the 10 ***are Ephraim and Manasseh!***

- Who had the British Empire that spanned the whole world? ***Ephraim!***
- Who has the greatest nation on earth? ***Manasseh!***

Verse 17: “And Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, and it displeased him [Joseph]. And he held up his father’s hand to remove it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. And Joseph said to his father, ‘Not so, my father, for this *is* the firstborn. Put your right hand upon his head’” (vs 17-18). ***Very important and amazing thing!***

Verse 19: “And his father refused and said, ‘I know *it*, my son, I know *it*. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great, but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.’” ***Now that’s an amazing thing that blessing!***

Verse 20: “And he blessed them that day, saying, ‘In you shall Israel bless, saying, “God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.”’ And he put Ephraim before Manasseh. And Israel said to Joseph, ‘Behold, I die. But God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers. And I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow’” (vs 20-22).

Now then, we have a tremendous thing going on in Gen. 49. Each one of the 12 children; you have Joseph counted as one, but under Joseph are Ephraim and Manasseh.

We need to bring that down to this day to show that God has done everything in His Word exactly as He said He would do it.

Let’s see what He said. You read the blessings on all the others and the blessing that was given to Judah was that there would be a Lawgiver until Shiloh would come ***and Shiloh was Christ!*** So there was no other lawgivers coming out of Judah from that time forth.

Genesis 49:22—***let’s pick it up here concerning Joseph:*** “Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall. The archers have fiercely attacked him and have

shot *at him*, and hated him. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob—from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel—” (vs 22-24).

The stone of Israel would be in the tribe of Joseph, and then that passed on down to Ephraim as you will find written in the book: *America and Britain in Prophecy!*

Now notice the blessing that comes. This is a greater blessing than to any of the other tribes. They had their blessings but this is greater and this explains why at the end-time that America is so great and what God is doing with the things right now in our very day *to prepare for the coming events at the end-time through America!*

God is using Donald Trump to actually set up the whole world, which the Beast will inherit. This is an amazing thing to watch; and dealing with the Jews that they will build a third temple. It all comes from right here:

Genesis 49:25: “By the God of your father, Who shall help you. And may the Almighty bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father are greater than the blessings of my ancestors, to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him, the ruler, the leader who was separated from his brothers” (vs 25-26).

What a blessing on Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph!

We have that today. You look at what it is, how we’re seeing right now this having been fulfilled for the last 500 years. Ephraim and Manasseh have been the leading nations of the world! What was it said of the descendants of Abraham? ***That they would be a blessing to all the families of the earth!*** That’s part of the blessing, because that goes on down through everything that God has said.

Deut. 33:13; now isn’t that interesting? How many colonies did we have at first? *13!*

Deuteronomy 33:13: “And of Joseph he said, **‘Blessed of the LORD be his land...’**”

Isn’t that how we look at in America ‘from sea to shining sea, in God we trust’! And even though they don’t know God the way that they should compared to the rest of the world, even in spite of all of our sins, we acknowledge God in our own way that no other country does. Even Ephraim has almost

abandoned God altogether at this day. So, this is quite a thing!

You look at the land that God gave to Manasseh called the United States of America; you look at that and you add on to it Alaska. Now how Canada fits in there we don’t exactly know, but they’re right there. Here’s the blessing to Joseph:

Verse 13: “And of Joseph he said, ‘Blessed of the LORD *be* his land, with the precious things of the heavens, for the dew, **and for the deep that couches beneath**’” What couches beneath?

Deuteronomy 32:13: “He made him ride on the high places of the earth so that he might eat the increase of the fields. And **He made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock.**”

- Who makes oil?
- Where does He make it? *Underground!*

All geologists will tell you when the supply of oil gets low and they abandon the well later on there’s more oil that comes into it! It’s not from dinosaurs! If you watch what they are digging up in Montana and Iowa *all the dinosaur bones* there’s not one drop of oil, so they cannot be fossil fuel.

Deuteronomy 33:15: “And with the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the everlasting hills... [that’s gold, diamonds, coal, timber, the precious stones and everything like that] ... and for the precious things of the earth and fullness of it, and *for* the good will of Him Who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come on the head of Joseph, and on the top of the head of him who was separated from his brothers. His glory *is like* the firstborn of his bull, and his horns are like the horns of the wild ox. With them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth. And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh” (vs 15-17).

Who stopped the wars: WWI and WWII? *America and Britain! ***There’s the prophecy of it right here!****

So, what we need to do is see how all of these prophecies come down and it has to do with whom God is dealing with and that God has been with them.

This will eventually help us understand some of the things when we get to the books of Kings and Chronicles, so we can understand about what happened there.

Exo. 20:19 tells us what God wanted to do with all of the 12 tribes of Israel, and it has happened somewhat in our day today Remember the Passover? *The Passover was when God passed over and killed*

the firstborn of the Egyptians man and beast, but he spared all of Israel brought them out of Egypt, brought them down to Mount Sinai.

Of course, you go through and you can read all about their journey down to Mount Sinai. They finally got there and it was quite a thing. Then as we know as we have talked about concerning the Feast of Pentecost, that the Law was given to them on the Feast of Pentecost, and also Pentecost is when the Church began after Jesus was resurrected from the dead,

So, we have some parallels here and we will see that there is a prophecy about Christ in Deut. 15 and we'll see that we'll see it with what we have here.

Now I want you to think about what God was doing with the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, and giving the Ten Commandments, and as we have seen ***they were in force before He ever gave them to the children of Israel! They were in force from the beginning!***

Exodus 19:2: "...And Israel camped there in front of the mount."

Now let's see what the proposition was given to all the 12 tribes of Israel always the leaders Ephraim, Manasseh and Judah, ***because out of Judah would come the lawgiver until Shiloh would come! Shiloh was Christ!***

Verse 1: "In the third month when the children of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on the same day... [the same day of the week, that was Thursday] ...they came to the wilderness of Sinai; for they had journeyed from Rephidim, and came to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness. And Israel camped there in front of the mount" (vs 1-2).

That was the set place they were to come to. God had led them down there; He was going to deal with them directly!

Verse 3: "And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob...'"

Now listen carefully this is what God proposed. ***IF***— always that little two letter word— free choice ***we have to choose!***

IF they would ***believe*** God and ***IF*** they would ***obey*** God here's what He wanted them to do ***His*** way. So, let's read it and let's look at the similarity between that in his proposition to them, and what is proposed for us in Rev. 20. *It's amazing!*

Verse 3: "And Moses went up to God, and the

LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself"' (vs 3-4).

Well they had to walk, but they were protected by God which is the same as being protected on a level with eagles.

Verse 5: "Now therefore. ***IF...***"

Why was the blessing given to Abraham? ***because Abraham 'obeyed My voice.'*** This is what God wants! When you come to the New Testament this is what Christ wants

When you come to what the apostles have written concerning God the Father, and the words that He gave to Christ and the words that they wrote, ***it's the same thing, you obey what God has said!***

Notice ***IF***; choices! He leaves that choice up to us:

- Do we really love God?
- Do we really obey God?
- Will we believe God?

That's all our choice! Notice what He says:

Verse 5: "Now, therefore, ***IF you will obey My voice indeed...***"

1. ***obey what He says***

...and keep My covenant... (v 5).

2. ***keep the covenant and the covenant that they had***

- was the covenant as a nation
- God dealing with them as a nation

The covenant that we have is that God is preparing us for a future nation of priesthood and of kings ***and will rule with Christ a thousand years!*** We find that in Rev. 20. So there's a parallel here.

God is going to work out his choice and His plan however people choose. Everything God is given there is free moral agency, and He will never take away. We must choose!

We have the same thing here:

- obey My voice
- keep My covenant

...THEN you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine (v 5).

Isn't that something! Isn't that what He promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. *Yes indeed!* So, here it is Israel grown to be quite a big nation at this time down in front of Mount Sinai ***to hear God speak!***

Think about that! *That has never happened in history before that time or after that!*

Verse 6: "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a Holy nation...."

Isn't that what Christ taught? *The Kingdom of God and:*

- you're going to be rulers
- you're going to be kings and priests

Now on a physical level they could have done this for the whole world, but they didn't do it.

We'll see there was one time where there was one chance to do it in the days of Solomon and what happened?

- same thing today
- same thing with the churches
- same thing with each one of us as individuals

Verse 6: "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a Holy nation. These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.' And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words, which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together..." (vs 6-8).

Now, listen to this, this is important: ***IF*** you say something to God ***you must do it***, and ***IF*** you fail to do it ***you must repent!*** God will forgive you, but there may be some difficulties you have to work through because of sinning—which is the transgression of the Law and disobedience to the voice of God—but He will still work it out if you're willing so here's what the people said:

Verse 8: "And all the people answered together and said, '**All that the LORD has spoken we will do.**'"

Now notice this proposition is broad! All the commandments start with:

- the particulars
- the details
- what God wants

All of this is going to be taught during the Millennium, and we are going to bring that same thing to all the nations of the world, but this time it will be for not only physical nations to live in, ***but to have an***

opportunity for salvation not given to the whole world!

Here we have right here all the children of Israel said 'We will do!'

"...And Moses returned the words of the people to the LORD" (v 8).

Then God told Moses to prepare because 'In three days I'm going to speak to everyone. You bring them at the foot of the Mount Sinai and they're going to hear Me speak.'

That's what Exo. 20 is all about! These Laws for human behavior are in full operation ***past, present and future!***

- in full operation for people who live in the world in the letter of the Law in full operation
- in full operation within the Church of God for those who are converted
 - How important are these Laws?
 - What is it going to be?
 - How is it going to be done?

We'll see in just a minute what God really wanted to do, because not only will you be living under God's blessing if you do them, ***then you will be you will be in type tabernacling with God!*** We'll explain that a little later.

Exo. 20—here it is you all know this! Do you know all the Ten Commandments by heart, long version? Every one of these Commandments—contrary to what the Protestants and Catholics and others say—***they are:***

- right
- good
- fair
- a blessing

The law that is a curse is the penalty for breaking it!

As we read these I want you to think about what this nation would be like if they kept just the Ten Commandments in the letter of the Law. Everybody today wants law and order and common sense.

What do we have here in the Ten Commandments we have law and order and peace, and as we will see, ***blessings!***

When we read through this I want you to think about this:

- Which Commandment is evil? ***None!***
- What happens if everyone is breaking all of these Commandments?
✓ sin

- ✓ death
- ✓ chaos
- ✓ confusion
- What happens if everyone would keep them?
 - ✓ blessing
 - ✓ prosperity
 - ✓ goodness a
 - ✓ truth

That was to lead us to Christ!

Let's read it, because this is what we're going to teach the people in the Millennium:

- the Ten Commandments are eternal
- they come from God Who is eternal
- they come from God who is perfect

COMMANDMENT #1—No Other Gods

Exodus 20:2: "I *am* the LORD your God Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me" (vs 2-3).

Now think what it would be if the whole world worshiped just one God, the true God! Look at all the confusion and hatred and wars and fighting, because they don't have it. Look at what happened to the children of Israel as we will see, when they abandoned God for all the gods of the land around them!

What are we doing today? The same thing they did back there, *they didn't believe God*, but God also made it ***IF you will obey My voice!***

COMMANDMENT #2—Idolatry

Verse 4: "You shall not make for yourselves any graven image, or any likeness of *anything* that *is* in the heavens above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters under the earth.

Don't make anything! What do we have look at the religions! Even the Muslims, though they say they don't believe in idols, they have a couple of big idols that they worship! Five times a day they bow to Mecca, and at Mecca there's a stone there so they're rock worshipers! ***That's an idol!***

Look at all the other nations with their religions

- look at the snakes
- look at the dragons
- look at all of the fake things that they have done with their idols

What has that brought them nothing but death destruction and misery!

Verse 5: "You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them..."

What do they do with every Eucharist *they bow down to it!* By the way the Eucharist is as pagan as can be! You can take and plaster the names of God in Christ all over it, but it is all pagan and satanic to the core!

What does it say in Rev. 13 that *the whole world is going to come to worship the beast, and the dragon—Satan!* He's the author of all of the false doctrine that comes along.

"...for I, the LORD your God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me" (vs 5).

Do people hate God? Look at today, what it is with people hating God! ***They absolutely hate God!*** There are a lot of people out there who are on Christ's part, but they're not converted; What are their lives like. Their lives are blessed and things are good for them! What are the lives of those who hate God and reject God? *They end up worshipping Satan the devil* and look at the stupidity and idiocy all of the crimes and deprivations going on in the world today; ***because people have broken the second commandment and bow down to their idols whatever it is:***

- religious or secular
- just a thing
- themselves

It brings a living curse upon them!

"...for I, the LORD your God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me" (v 5).

God has it right there that if anyone hates God they're going to have a lot of trouble! But notice v 6, this is New Testament doctrine! That's why Jesus said, ***Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!***

Verse 6: "But showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My Commandments."

- Isn't that an amazing thing?
- Isn't that true?
- Are there not blessings in:
 - ✓ serving God
 - ✓ loving God
 - ✓ keeping His Commandments

We will have trials and difficulties, because the world is difficult. But God will see us through it all! Did not Christ have a trials? *He had trials every day!*

COMMANDMENT #3—God’s Name in Vain

Verse 7: “**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain**, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

What is the worst way of taking God’s name in vain? Swearing and cursing the name of God, that’s one way. But what is worse than that? ***Taking something that God says is sin and say that you can do this***, when that’s a lie, saying that you’re doing this to the Lord God of the Bible! ***You’re not!***

COMMANDMENT #4—The Sabbath

Here’s the one that they always forget or change! Look what has happened to the world because of it! Look what has happened to the Jews who have made thousands of laws and hundreds of things that they need to do on the Sabbath!

God wants you to come before Him on the Sabbath Day on your knees:

- with prayer
- with study
- with coming to Him to know that everything comes from God
 - ✓ life
 - ✓ health
 - ✓ everything that we have
 - ✓ every breath that we breathe
 - ✓ every drop of water that we drink
 - ✓ every morsel of food that we eat
 - ✓ everything about our whole bodily process
 - ✓ everything comes from God
- That’s why God said ***obey My voice***
- that’s why He gave these Laws
- this is what we’re going to teach in the Millennium when we’re kings and priests
- when we’re at ministers and of cities and states
- ruling them ***we’re going to teach them to love God***

Verse 8: “**Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy**.”

Right in the middle of the Ten Commandments they throw it out and say Sunday is the Lord’s Day. The Muslims say ***NO!*** Sunday and Saturday are not the days of worship; ***Friday is!***

Verse 9: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God...” (vs 9-10). ***He owns it!*** What does it say in:

Mark 2:27 “And He said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, *and* not man for the Sabbath”—***He owns it!***

Exodus 20:10: “...In it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter; your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your livestock, nor the stranger within your gates.”

An amazing thing! ***IF*** you keep the Sabbath ***THEN*** you’re also going to do something else that’s very important!

- you are going to know that there’s ***no such thing as evolution***
- you are going to know that that ***everything that there is comes from God***
- you are going to realize that ***God is all things to everything***

This is what we’re going to teach in the Millennium!

Verse 11: “For *in* six days the LORD made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath Day and sanctified it”—***made it Holy!***

The only other days He did that, too, was the Feast Days, which are annual Sabbaths!

COMMANDMENT #6—No Murder

Now, that’s an amazing thing indeed to understand! Look at the rest of it! There’s a mistranslation in most translations on the one about murder some of them translate it ‘you shall not kill’; ***that is a false translation*** because God says the one who does and commits a crime and a sin worthy of death shall die!

Verse 13: “**You shall not murder.**”

The criminal who commits crimes worthy of death shall die! That’s what God has decreed. In the Hebrew it’s more direct, He said ***no murder***

COMMANDMENT #7—No Adultery

Look at what has happened because of all the sex sins everywhere. That’s too much of a subject to try and catch here, but there it is!

Think of this if they would go back clear to Genesis the second chapter where it says, ‘A man

shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh.’

If that was followed by every man and woman in the world just think how great that would be. That’s what we’re going to teach when we’re ruling the world!

COMMANDMENT #8–No Stealing

COMMANDMENT #9–No Bearing False Witness against your neighbor

All the lying and so forth!

COMMANDMENT #10–No Coveting

Verse 17: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.” ***They heard this, but they said:***

Oh that’s too much for us. Moses you speak to us what God wants, and we will do what God says if you will tell us!

Let’s see what happened after that, so come back tomorrow for Day 4, and we’ll continue on with the Feast of Tabernacles 2025, and we’ll see why God commanded them to build a tabernacle!

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- Deuteronomy 15
- Revelation 20; 13
- Genesis 2

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Know ALL the Words of GOD and Do Them!

(FOT Day 4)

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Greetings everyone! Welcome to Day 4 of the Feast of Tabernacles! Here we are. We're going to, when we enter into the Kingdom as spirit beings, we're going to be kings, priests, rulers and so forth. There's a lot that God expects us to do to prepare for that, because now is the time to prepare.

We will see something very interesting here. We're told in Luke 12 that it is the ***Father's good pleasure to give the Kingdom to the saints!*** That's us! Think about what God is planning for us. It's going to be well above anything that we have ever imagined:

- in the flesh we're weak
- in the flesh we grow old

But in the spirit we will live forever, and we will be strong; we won't be weak! So that's an amazing thing indeed!

Matt, 25—let's look at the parable here. A couple of parables which then blend over into the ruling and the Kingdom of God. It shows us that:

- we have to be diligent
- we have to learn lessons from the past
- we have to understand what we're doing
- we need to be vigilant all the time

Matthew 25:1: "Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be compared to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."

Now, that's a very interesting way to put it, and this means that ***we don't get mixed up in all the world's religions*** that are out there today. ***It's amazing how far off that the establishment Christianity and Catholicism is in this world!***

The "...ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the Bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish" (vs 1-2).

It's always interesting that within any group of people, there are going to be:

- some divisions
- some differences in the knowledge
- some differences in understanding
 - ✓ sometimes due to time
 - ✓ sometimes due to understanding
 - ✓ sometimes due to language

Verse 2: "And five of them were wise, and

five *were* foolish. The ones who were foolish took their lamps... [that's the Word of God, which is a lamp and a light to our feet] ...*but* they did not take oil with them" (vs 2-3)

Now they had these little, almost like a seashell for a lamp. They put a wick in it and the wick would hang over the edge. They would light the wick and draw the olive oil to it. So they had to have another container for extra olive oil. Now we have this:

- we have the lamp, which is the Word of God
- we have the oil, which is the Power of God or the Holy Spirit
- we need the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Word of God

Verse 4: "But the wise took oil in their vessels *along* with their lamps. Now, when the Bridegroom was gone a long time, they all became drowsy and slept" (vs 4-5).

- we all have our weaknesses
- we all have those times when we get where we're not able to do what we think we should do

Verse 6: "***But in the middle of the night...***" That's when everyone is sleeping!

And the middle of the night to the world is going to be a wonderful day, when the Beast and the False Prophet are doing magnificent things. But instead of light, ***that will be darkness, midnight!***

Verse 6: "But in *the* middle of *the* night there was a cry: 'Look, the Bridegroom is coming! Go out to meet Him.' [that has to be the return of Christ at the resurrection] ...Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps" (vs 6-7).

This shows that the sign of the Son of man is there and we know that it's getting close to the end. Here's where we are today: There are a lot of people out there who are foolish. Especially a lot of the Seventh-Day Adventists. The more we get into this, the more we understand the least that they understand about the Bible. They understand the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments, and that's it!

- they have virtually no understanding of prophecy correctly
- they have no understanding of the meaning of

- the Word of God
- they are being bombarded with the Trinity

which then brings darkness! So, we'll have to see where that goes.

Verse 8: "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil...'—*give us some of your Holy Spirit!*

Well, you can't get your Holy Spirit from another person. ***It must come from God!***

"...because our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest *there* not be enough for us and *for* you. But instead, go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves'" (vs 8-9).

- What does that mean? *We'll have to see how it goes!*
- How many of them will get enough oil?
- Will they be part of the 144,000 or part of the great innumerable multitude? *I do not know!*

We'll just have to wait and see!.

Verse 10: "And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with Him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut."

Now, this is interesting, because in everything where it's difficult and we have problems, there's a time to solve it; there are times to correct it. ***But IF we don't*** there will be no time left to correct it, and ***"...the door will be shut."***

Verse 11: "And afterwards the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' *This is for being the Bride!*

- How much of that's going to be the Bride?
- How many are going to be a great multitude?
- How many are going to be those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb?
- How many are going to be those who are part of the Bride?

They may not be totally cut off from eternal life, but they will be cut off from being part of the Bride.

Verse 11: "And afterwards the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But He answered *and* said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you'" (vs 11-12).

We have to understand that their knowledge of God was so minuscule that:

- they didn't understand
- they didn't know God
- they didn't know Christ

the way that they should have! So, here's the warning for us:

- that we be prepared
- that we grow in grace
- that we grow in knowledge
- that we grow in understanding
- that we study
- that we pray

*All of these things, as we will **are in preparation for eternal life to rule and reign with Christ!** That's an amazing thing to contemplate! Think about it!*

Look at all of the difficulties in the world today. And it's evident more and more that ***only God can solve these problems!*** That human nature today is indeed exactly like it says in:

Jeremiah 17:9: "The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked..."

IF you don't believe that, all you have to do is look at all the things on:

- TikTok
- Facebook
- YouTube

All of the different things that are out there: ***wickedness, evil!*** And in the society around us, ***crime and death!***

Matthew 25:13: "**Watch, therefore...**"—Watch what?

- our own conduct
- what we say
- what we think

Let us come to the point—as it says in Philip. 2—***that we have the mind of Christ!*** That's quite a goal for us to attain, don't you think?

Verse 13: "Watch, therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of man is coming."

We don't know; we have a general understanding, ***but:***

- How many times down through history have different ones thought that Christ is coming?
- How many times have we experienced that in our lifetime; indeed by pronouncement of different people and different ministers?

Then it goes on with another parable, again showing what we are to do.

The first one is ***diligently study the Word of***

God. The second part of it is ***DO what the Word of God tells us to do and grow in grace and knowledge!***

Verse 14: “For *the Kingdom of Heaven* is like a man leaving the country, who called his own servants and delivered to them his property.”

That’s what Christ, this is a type of Christ ascending to heaven, and He’s going to be there until He returns.

Verse 15: “Now, to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one; he *gave* to each one according to his own ability, and immediately left the country.”

God doesn’t expect us to do more than we’re able to with His Word and with His Spirit. ***But we need to grow and change and overcome!***

Verse 16: “Then the one who had received five talents went and traded with them, and made an additional five talents.... [doubled his money] ...In the same way also, the one who had received two talents gained two talents. But the one who had received the single talent went and dug in the earth and hid his Lord’s money” (vs 16-18).

That’s precisely like it is with the Protestants. ‘Once saved, always saved.’ You don’t have to do anything. You don’t have to increase anything. It’s all set!

Verse 19: “Now, after a long time, the Lord of those servants came to take account with them. Then the one who had received five talents came to *him and* brought an additional five talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered five talents to me; I have gained five other talents besides them.’ And His Lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant! *Because* you were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord” (vs 19-21).

What is it going to be like to have the joy of God at the resurrection? ***That’s going to be something that we can only read about, think about, but we won’t know until we get there!***

Verse 22. “And the one who had received two talents also came to him *and* said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; I have gained two other talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant! *Because* you were faithful over a few things...” (vs 22-23).

That’s why it’s so important. We will see a little bit:

- What does God require?

- How do we prepare to become a king and priest?
- How do we prepare to rule people?

A lot of us will say, ‘We’ve never done that.’ Well, that is true, but when the Kingdom of God comes and we’re spirit beings we have to be all prepared ahead of time. And then the resurrection will finish what God is doing as far as preparing us and making us ready to enter into the Kingdom of God.

“...I will set you over many things. **Enter into the joy of your Lord.**’ Then the one who had received the single talent also came to *him and* said, ‘Lord, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. And *because* I was afraid, I went and hid your talent in the earth. *Now* look, you have your own.’ His Lord answered *and* said to him, ‘**You wicked and lazy servant!....**’” (vs 23-26).

In other words, he wasn’t growing, wasn’t overcoming. He was taking everything for granted. Now, this sounds an awful lot like what had been preached in establishment Christianity today.

Let’s look at some of the other things that we need to look at here to be kings and priests.

Deuteronomy 17—this is interesting from this point of view. Remember when Moses was bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt and he was doing all of the judging. He sat there and the people came and he judged and he was wearing himself out.

His father-in-law Jethro came and said, ‘Why are you doing this? Moses said, ‘Well, because the people have questions and they want to know what to do.

So Jethro said, ‘What you do is this: You get honest men, faithful men and put them in charge of thousands, hundreds and tens. Let them handle all of the things that come to them, and then you, Moses, handle the difficult things.

When we come to Deut. 17 and we learn some very interesting things here, because there’s also judgment given in the first part of it—judge righteous judgment—which is another aspect of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Deuteronomy 17:14: “When you come to the land, which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that *are* around me.”

This is important. Now, we even learned this with the Presidents of the United States, and they’re

learning that in the UK today. If you don't set one of your own people as your ruler over you, then you're going to be in trouble!

Verse 15: "You shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God shall choose. You shall set a king over you from among your brethren. **You may not set a stranger over you who is not your brother.**"

That's quite a lesson in everything when we understand it.

Verse 16: "Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, so as to multiply horses because the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'"

- We will see what happens when the king goes wrong?
- What happens to the people?

That's why we're being trained now, because the Kingdom of God is going to be run ***the way God wants it!*** **We have to be in full accord with God!** This also tells us spiritually, we all have to be converted now and then changed at the resurrection. Then we're all of the Family of God. It's going to be a glorious thing when that takes place. But here's what he said concerning a king:

Verse 17: "Nor shall he multiply wives to himself... [we'll see what happened to Solomon a little later] ...so that his heart does not turn away. [Isn't that what it was said of Solomon?] ...Nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself."

Look at all of the corruption that is there in government today. Look at how it's been done right here just in the State of California. Two big things:

1. For the homeless in California, they have raised \$28 billion! ***Where did the money go? Where did it go?***
2. They raised a hundred million dollars for the big fire down in Southern California, and not one penny went to build one house. **They're all corrupt!**

That's why we're being tried and tested in growing and overcoming so that we will not be subject to any temptation of this sort.

- here's the thing
- here's how it's done
- here's what we do
- this is the instruction from God

Verse 18: "And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, **he shall write for**

himself... [this way he will learn the Word of God]: **...a copy of this Law in a book** from that which is in the custody of the priests the Levites. And **it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life...**" (vs 18-19). *Now, this is why:*

- we study every day
- we pray every day
- we overcome every day

You see how important that this is, because as we will see ***when the leaders go bad, the people go bad!*** Some people try and live at least decent lives like we're trying to in America here. ***But:***

- look at all the trouble
- look at all the shooting
- look at all of the graft
- look at all of the hatred

Because the people do not believe in law and order! They believe only in power and oppression! That's the battle going on here, which is a good thing for us to analyze so that we understand what we shouldn't do, as well.

Verse 19: "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it **all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God...**"

Now that's so important. That's why the Word of God is the most important thing for us:

- to study
- to understand
- to live by

"...ALL the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep ALL the words of this Law and these statutes, to do them" (v 19).

- that's why we go through what we go through
- that's why God has the Sabbath every week
- that's why there's:
 - ✓ the Passover
 - ✓ Unleavened Bread
 - ✓ Pentecost
 - ✓ Trumpets
 - ✓ Atonement
 - ✓ Tabernacles
 - ✓ the Last Great Day

All of it together! An amazing thing! Because all of these things:

- teach us God's way
- prepares us to be spirit beings to rule and reign with Christ

Now notice why he is to do this:

Verse 20: **“So that his heart may not be lifted up above his brethren,** and that he does not turn aside from the Commandment, to the right or the left, to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.”

Now look at what happened to the Churches when the leaders and ministers did not do this, That’s quite a lesson for us, and we need to understand that.

Let’s see where it transits over to Joshua. And let’s see what Moses declared to him. Here’s the end of the rule of Moses. They’re getting ready to go into the “promised land”.

Deuteronomy 34:1: “And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah that *is* opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, to Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the furthest sea, and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar. And the LORD said to him, ‘This *is* the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your seed.” I have caused you to see it with your eyes.,’ **but you shall not go over there**” (vs 1-4).

He didn’t go in because of one thing! Here’s a great lesson for every one of us, especially all who are ministers and teachers.

Now listen carefully *why we have to be faithful and honest with the Truth of God and rely on the Truth of God* and not on the interpretations of men. **Let Scripture interpret Scripture!**

Why wasn’t Moses able to go in? *There came a time when the children of Israel needed water!* So, they came to Moses and said, Give us water. He prayed to God and God said, ‘Strike the rock and water will come forth.’ *And it came forth like a gushing river.* They all have plenty of water. They didn’t need any more. It just kept coming and coming and coming.

Now then, another time they said, ‘We need water.’ And they came and they were really vicious to Moses, and he got all upset. God told him, **“Speak** to the rock and it will bring forth water.’

But Moses was so upset, he took his rod and beat the rock, when God said, **“Speak** to it’ The water came. *But God said, ‘Because you didn’t listen to Me and you struck the rock with your rod, you shall not go into the “promised land”!’*

Now, that’s a great lesson for all of us! We can’t go along and be faithful, and all of a sudden at the end be unfaithful and then expect everything to go

well! *It didn’t!* Moses is going to receive eternal life, but he wasn’t able to enter into the “promised land”.

Verse 5: “And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor. But no man knows of his grave to this day” (vs 5-6).

No one has ever found it. Satan wanted it; he was arguing with Gabriel over the body of Moses. Just think what the Catholic Church could have done with the body of Moses preserved in honey in a glass coffin! ***What idolatry!***

Verse 7: “And Moses *was* a hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor any of his natural strength abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days....” (vs 7-8).

Joshua—new leader, bringing the children of Israel into the “promised land,” and notice what we have. We have the same instructions that God gave to the one who would be set up as king. This is very instructive for us that we understand it. God wants us to really realize:

- what’s going on
- what our lives are like
- how we need to overcome

Joshua 1:1 “And it came to pass after the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying, ‘My servant Moses is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people to the land, which I give to them, to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that unto you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so **I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you**” (vs 1-5).

Now, here’s a good lesson for us today in what we need to do:

Verse 6: **“Be strong and of good courage,** for you shall divide for an inheritance to this people the land, which I swore to their fathers to give it to them. Only **be strong and very courageous** so that you may observe to do according to all the Law, which My servant Moses commanded you....” (vs 6-7). ***This is important!***

- think about it for us today
- think about everything that Jesus taught
- think about everything that the apostles have written

Are we not also to inculcate all of that into our lives, over a period of time as we grow in grace and knowledge? *Yes!* Because we're not preparing to enter in to just the area right there in the Middle East. ***We're preparing to take over the world and the Kingdom of God!*** So, that's something really very important that we keep in mind. Let's learn the lesson right here.

Verse 7: "Only be strong and very courageous **so that you may observe to do according to all the Law,** which My servant Moses commanded you. **Do not turn from it** to the right hand or to the left, **so that you may prosper wherever you go.**"

Now, let's read this next verse because it becomes just as important as it was in Deut. 17 and for us today. Think of it this way: We have:

- all the Laws of God
- all the Prophets of God
- all the writings
- all the history and everything coming down to Christ the four Gospels.
- the Acts
- all of the Epistles of the apostles

All of it! ***God expects us to use that so we can grow and change and overcome!*** So, we need to have this attitude right here so that we can accomplish what God wants us to do.

Verse 8: "**This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth,** but you shall **meditate therein day and night,** so that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it..."

That's what we need to do here. That's how we started out with the Parable of the Ten Virgins:

- five were wise/five were foolish
- five did what they should do/five did not

"...so that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it, for **THEN**..." (v 8).

All the effort that is put into it. Sometimes it'll take quite a while to develop those things. Sometimes we'll have trials and difficulties and overcoming. *Yes, indeed! But:*

- **IF** we keep at it
- **IF** we are faithful
- **IF** we apply ourselves

- **IF** we use the Holy Spirit of God

THEN we are all preparing and growing and grace and knowledge so that we can rule the world with Christ!

I want to keep that here that we can always remember when we're going through these things. We're not just doing it for the physical life. ***We are doing this to develop the character of God,*** as we will see.

"...for **THEN** you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage...**" (vs 8-9).

- Don't give in to your weaknesses
- Don't let anyone come along and take you away from the Word of God with clever sounding arguments

That's why in the New Testament we were told:

Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good. Stir up the spirit that is within you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and sound mindedness.

That's what it's for. ***We are being educated and trained to be leaders and rulers in the Kingdom of God!*** That comes with

- the Word of God
- the Laws of God
- the teachings of Christ
- the teachings of the Apostles

Everything that is there!

So, what we're reading here, ***we can add to it everything that we have in the New Testament in addition to it!***

"...Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you in all places where you go" (v 9).

That's what they did! They went in, they conquered the land, they had their problems. We won't go through them, but let's come here to the next book, *the Book of Judges!* Quite interesting here. It took them seven years to conquer the land. They thought, and we'll see that a little later again, that they could get along with the inhabitants of the land. 'We'll make them be our slaves, we'll make them do our work.' But God said, 'Get rid of them all:

- you don't have any of them
- you don't do anything with any of their gods

That's the same way that we see with Christianity today. They come along and take the Word of God and they take a little here and they take a little there and they take a little in another place and they say, this is all you need to do. And you can just live any way you want to because 'once saved, always saved.'

What happened to the children of Israel when they didn't follow what God said? Let's read it:

Judges 2:1: "And the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, 'I made you go up out of Egypt, and have brought you into the land which I swore to your fathers. And I said, "I will never break My covenant with you."'" ***God always keeps His word:***

- whether it is for blessing
- whether it is for correction
- whether it is for a curse

Now, here we have this same thing we have today:

- they were half-hearted
- they really didn't believe God

Don't we have that with a lot of people today? This is what God told them at first.

Verse 2: "And you shall make no treaty with those who live in this land. You shall throw down their altars." **But you have not obeyed My voice. What is this that you have done?"**

What did Jesus say when He was tempted? ***Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!***

What is the one of the most important things in the Bible? ***Obey the voice of God!*** When we get our own ideas and we get our own ways and we supplant the way of God with that, look what happens here.

"...What *is* this that you have done? And I also said, 'I will not drive them out from before you, but they shall be thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you'" (vs 2-3).

Now, they didn't like that. Just like today, Protestants don't like it that you've got to stop sinning and you've got to keep the Laws of God.

Verse 4: "And it came to pass when the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. And they called the name of that place The Place of Weeping. And they sacrificed there to the LORD. And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel left, each man to his inheritance, to possess

the land. And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD that He did for Israel" (vs 4-7). *Then he died! Let's see what happened!*

Verse 10: "And also all that generation was gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them **who did not know the LORD, nor even the works which He had done** for Israel."

Oh, well, that's all in the past. That's all past history. We don't need to worry about that. We're here and we're going to do what we're going to do.

Just like today, *exactly like today*, this is just a repeat and a repeat ***and a repeat*** down through history with the 12 tribes of Israel, and the people of God.

- look at what we studied in the seven churches in Rev. 2 & 3
- look at the difficulties that they had
- look at what they had to repent of
- look at what God said

'I know your works!'

Well, let's see what they did here. You can't compromise with the world, ***because then you're compromising with Satan!***

Verse 11: "And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim. And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, Who brought them out of the land of Egypt. And they followed other gods, even the gods of the people who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, **and provoked the LORD to anger**" (vs 11-12). *What happens when you provoke the Lord?*

Verse 13: "And **they forsook the LORD and served Baal and Ashtaroth**"—*Nimrod and Semiramis!* That's precisely what the Catholics have today!

- God delivered them over to correction
- God delivered them over to the enemies
- God delivered them over to afflict them

Because when they're afflicted, then they come back to God for a while!

*That's why in the New Testament, in the New Covenant, **there is baptism and Covenant promises**, so that we understand *this is not just the physical reaction. It is:**

- a spiritual education
- a spiritual Plan of God

So that He can have us rule under Christ and rule the world!

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Now we know that after this, there were 400 years of judges, and we have a chart in the back of the Bible, right where the section of chronologies are, which covers all the time of the judges. You will see that that's quite enlightening, indeed! We won't go through all the judges.

We come to the time of Samuel, and the way that he became a servant and prophet of God.

Then we come to the time of Saul who was really quite a thing. Here's another lesson for us: Saul thought he could do it on his own. Saul listened to the words of the people. So, let's look at what happened here with Saul, and how important it is to ***obey the voice of the LORD!***

Think about that in relationship to what Jesus Christ has said and what we have recorded in the Gospels. Now then, here's what Saul was supposed to do:

1-Sam. 15—He was supposed to go down there. Now this sounds a little bit like what's going on in Hamas today.

1-Samuel 15:1: "And Samuel said to Saul, 'The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I will punish Amalek for *that* which he did to Israel, how he set against him in the way when he came up from Egypt. **Now, go and strike Amalek, and completely destroy all that they have...**"'" (vs 1-3).

Now that's an interesting phrase there, isn't it? Look at what's happening in Hamas. Look at what's happening in Gaza. *It's a terrible thing!*

"...and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey" (v 3).

But, they didn't do that. ***Saul did not obey the words of the Lord!*** So, here's what happened.

Verse 7: "And Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah, as you come to Shur, which *is* over across from Egypt. And **he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive...** [didn't kill him] ... And he completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. **But Saul and the people spared Agag...**" (vs 7-9).

Listen, thinking: 'we're going to do something good for God. If it's not according to the Word of God, is it good to God?

Verse 9: "But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not completely destroy them. But everything *that was* vile and feeble they completely destroyed. And **the Word of the LORD came to Samuel saying, 'It repents Me that I have set up Saul to be king...'**" (vs 9-11).

Because when God gives free moral agency, he expects us to use it ***to obey Him***, not do what ***we think! Not do as we like!*** But what does God say? Now, this is very important because we're not coming to rule a small little country. At the resurrection and we come back off the Sea of Glass with Jesus Christ, ***we're going to rule the world!***

Think how important that is! It's so important that ***God is not going to let us do it UNTIL we are spirit beings.***

So, let's learn the lesson right here. We can't come to eternal life ***our*** way! ***We come God's way!*** Let's read the lesson here.

God says: "...for he has turned back from following Me and has not performed My commandments.' And it grieved Samuel, and he cried *out to* the LORD all night. And when Samuel rose up early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told to Samuel, saying, 'Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a place for himself, and has gone around and passed on and gone down to Gilgal.' And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, 'You *are* blessed of the LORD. I have performed the Commandment of the LORD'" (vs 11-13).

See what happens ***when you go part way with God and say that you've done everything that God has said! Just think on that for a little bit.***

Verse 14: "And Samuel said, 'What then is this bleating of the flock in my ears? And *what is* the sound of the herd which I hear?'"

Notice what happens every time when someone does something that's not right and it fails, ***you blame someone else!***

- Isn't that true today?
- Hasn't that been true since the time of Adam and Eve?
- Yes, indeed!

Verse 15: "And Saul said, 'They... the people] ... have brought them from the Amalekites,

for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God. And the rest we have completely destroyed.”

Quite a lesson! See how people think? *‘If it’s a good idea to me, it must be a good idea to God!’* Let’s offer these to God.’ God didn’t need the sheep and the oxen of the Amalekites as sacrifices. **No!**

Verse 16: “And Samuel said to Saul, ‘Stay and I will tell you what the LORD has said to me tonight.’ And he said to him, ‘Speak on.’ And Samuel said, ‘When you *were* little in your own sight, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel. And the LORD sent you on the way and said, **“Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until you destroy them.”** Why then **did you not obey the voice of the LORD?**”” (vs 16-19).

Again, *and again, and again, and again* in the Bible is **obey the voice of the Lord!** Why did you not obey the voice of the Lord? After all, God is God, is He not? *Yes, He is! And IF He tells us to do what we need to do, THEN He knows what needs to be done!* Same way when we become spirit beings. *We’re going to carry out the will of God in every way, in everything!* That’s the only way to bring peace to the world.

So all of these lessons and what looks right and what looks good and what people would do and we have good intentions. *Well, good intentions in the eyes and sight of human beings is not good and right with God!*

Do we understand that? *That’s why in the New Testament, God has given us repentance, repentance every day!* Because in order to develop the character of God and the mind of Christ and the ability to rule with Christ, *we have to be actively doing this every single day!*

- we can’t go along and make a lot of mistakes
 - ✓ we’ve seen that in the Church
 - ✓ we’ve seen that in individuals lives

and

- expect everything to go well
- expect God to accept this because we were well-intentioned and those who advised us were well-intended

Verse 19: “Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you fly upon the spoil and do evil in the sight of the LORD?”.... [notice, Saul still didn’t get it] ...And Saul said to Samuel, ‘Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have

brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites. And Saul said to Samuel, ‘Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites. But **the people** ... [Don’t blame me!] ...took from the spoil, of the flock and herd, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.’ And Samuel said, ‘Does the LORD *have as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD?’” (vs 19-22).

Now think of that for a minute. You can give God everything that you have. But **IF** you don’t do what he says, *it’s not worth anything!* That’s what we need to understand. We can’t live in sin over here and expect to come to church on the Sabbath and Holy Days and say ‘we’re righteous’ when we’re living a double life.

- Did we not see that with the leaders in Worldwide COG?
- Where is it today?

Very good lesson right here!

Samuel continues: “...Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice!** To hearken *is* better than the fat of rams, **for rebellion...**” (vs 22-23)—*going against what God has said!*

- think about everybody who keeps Sunday, that’s rebellion
- think about everybody who keeps the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist:
 - ✓ every Sunday
 - ✓ every Saturday night
 - ✓ Sunday morning

Think about the SDAs in your rebellion against God. You take the communion the first Sabbath of every quarter. *Show me in the Bible where it says that! It doesn’t!*

Those things *are not obeying the voice of God*, and **IF** you don’t obey the voice of God, and **IF** you don’t obey the words of Christ, *remember what He said in:*

Luke 6:46: “And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ but *you* do not practice what I say?” *Sound a lot like Samuel here? Yes, indeed!*

1-Samuel 15:23: for rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, **He has also rejected you from being king!**

Sound a lot like where we started with the

Ten Virgins; five wise/five foolish? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 24: “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘I have sinned, for I have disobeyed the commandment of the LORD and your word because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. And now please pardon my sin and turn again with me so that I may worship the LORD’” (vs 24-25).

He didn’t do it; finally did, but Samuel had to kill Agag himself.

Let’s look at another thing: Who succeeded Saul? *David did!* He was a man after God’s heart. He pleased God, he did all the things. He wrote all the songs. He did all of these wonderful things. And then he decided in his own vanity and being king, even after God said, you can build a house for me, but not you, your son, because you’re a bloody man. So, then one night he’s walking on the roof of his house and he looks down and he sees Bathsheba. So, he sent a servant to get Bathsheba.

Now here’s the choices of both of them. He chose to do this and he knew better. She chose to do this and she knew better. She came and he had relations with her and she got pregnant. Now what does he do? *Well, he tries to patch it up by having Uriah the Hittite come back on furlough to be with his wife*, but he was smarter than that, and he didn’t come back to be with his wife, and he slept outside. So, David was stuck.

Now one sin leads to another sin! Then he said to Joab, ‘Now when the battle comes, you put Uriah up in the thick of the battle and when it’s the thick of the battle, you draw back so he is killed. *That’s what happened!* And David thought everything was all right. Then Nathan the prophet came and said:

David, there was this rich man who took one of the ewes from the poor man’s flock and used it for his son. The poor man’s flock and used it for his sacrifice. What do you think should be done to that man?

Well, he should be taken and judged! Nathan looked at him and pointed the finger right at him and said:

You, David, are the man, because you took Bathsheba and you killed Uriah the Hittite.

BANG! Punishment of God came. Finally, the child was born and died. Rebellion was throughout the land, and for a good number of years David had it really, really, *really*, **really** bad.

Now then, let’s come to 1-Chron. 28. David recovered from it, and now is the time for David to die. Now is the time that he had everything prepared

for the temple, all the plans, all the gold, all the silver, all the iron, all the brass and everything ready to go.

Solomon—who was another son of Bathsheba by the way—was then appointed and accepted to succeed David, his father!

Now, Solomon started out really, really good. Let’s see here in 1-Chron. 28, what David and all of Israel in the company of everyone, so this was a big deal. *Now, it’s very similar with us:*

- to be given eternal life
- to have the Divine nature

is what God wants! So, here’s a parallel of it here:

David told everyone, he said, I had it in my heart to build a house for God, but He said, ‘Your son would do it.’

1-Chronicles 28:4: “However, the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever.... [because that’s the promise that the resurrection] ...For He has chosen Judah to be the ruler, and of the house of Judah the house of my father. And among the sons of my father’s house He was pleased to make me king over all Israel. And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel” (vs 4-5).

Verse 6: “And He said to me, ‘Solomon your son shall build My house and My courts, for I have chosen him *to be* My son, and I will be his Father. And I will establish his kingdom forever **IF**...’” (vs 6-7).

Notice there are always conditions, not only for them, but for us:

- **IF** we will love God
- **IF** we will obey God
- **IF** we keep at it

“...**IF** he continues resolute in keeping My Commandments and My ordinances, as he is today” (v 7).

Now, here’s what He charged. Let’s look at this and take this as a charge from God for all of us for the coming resurrection to prepare to rule the world. This was to prepare to rule Israel, but all of us are going to be given jobs during the Millennium:

- over cities
- over areas
- over countries

and so forth.

Christ is going to be King, the patriarchs will be there. So, it's kind of like this great gathering here is what the Sea of Glass will be on Pentecost—Pentecost to Trumpets when we receive all of our rewards; our new names, *and everything that takes place there* the marriage supper of the Lamb takes place *and comes down to the earth and takes over the earth!*

First thing to do is remove Satan and then set up the Kingdom of God. Let's put what is said here in light of what we're going to do.

Verse 8: "And now in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, keep and seek for all the Commandments of the LORD your God, so that you may possess this good land and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you forever."

And that's what it's going to be in Millennium for a thousand years!

Verse 9: "And you, Solomon, my son..."

Now you put your name there, and think about it! God's Word to each one of us individually in the same way, because we are to be faithful! Remember where we started? ***'Well done, good and faithful servant!'***

Solomon was given this charge to start, but we know he didn't do it the way that he should have all the way through his life. ***Started out well, but didn't end up well!***

Verse 9: "And you, Solomon, my son, acknowledge the God of your father and serve Him with a perfect heart..."

- not double-mindedness
- not part for myself
- a part for God
- a perfect heart and with a willing mind

"...and with a willing mind... [***Yes, Lord, Your will be done!*** That's something!] ...for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts...." (v 9).

Now think about that for a minute. Can anyone fool God? *No!* God knows everything! He can know our thoughts at any time He wants to. What does it say there in Heb. 4 about the Word of God? ***It's like a two-edged sword that cuts asunder, that divides the soul and spirit, the bones and the marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart!***

Look at how this is the same thing back here as it is in Heb. 4. There we go.

"...a perfect heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. ***IF...***" (v 9).

Now here's what it is for us always. Look at the ***IFs***, free choice.

"...***IF*** you seek Him, He will be found by you. But ***IF*** you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever" (v 9).

That is true for the people who are converted today! Exactly the same thing.

Verse 10: "***Take heed*** now... [that's what we need to do, wake up and listen] ...for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. ***Be strong and do it.***"

That's what it has to be for us. Exactly the same thing, that we do it exactly as he did.

Now then, this is quite a thing! You know how Solomon started out? Started out well, *he made a great judgment*, everyone was flabbergasted by it. God appeared to him and asked him, Solomon, what do you want? Ask anything you want and I will do it.

He asked for wisdom! And because he asked for wisdom, God said, 'I grant you wisdom. And because you didn't ask for riches and wealth, I give you riches and wealth. And because you didn't ask for fame and all of this, I'm going to give it to you. Now you go build the house with the plans that David, your father gave you, and build it according to those instructions.'

Then we see after 20 years, it was completed, magnificent and wonderful and a great ceremony, which happened then beginning with the seventh day of the first month and the Spirit of the Lord came and all the house was filled with the smoke, which came from the presence of God, and all the Levites were singing and the music was going and God came into the temple and it was a great and magnificent thing.

Now what happened? It became all ho hum; 'well, there's the Temple of the Lord.' And they began to turn their back on God. And so, you know the rest of the story.

Now let's come to King Hezekiah, who was a king who sought the Lord to bring Israel out of all of their disobedience with the other gods. He started out by cleansing the temple because Israel went away from God so much that all the priests of Baal and all of the wrong things happened right at the house of

God. Think about that! That's how corrupt people get!

Just like we have today, the government is so corrupt that it's almost impossible to understand how did it get this bad? Well, it was that back then. So they cleaned the temple out. They had the Book of the Law and then they couldn't keep the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the first month, so they kept it in the second month.

It was so good and it was so wonderful. They believed God, they obeyed God, God blessed them. They had plenty of everything. They all decided, this is so good. Let's go ahead and continue another seven days. And so that was an amazing thing that they did. Then what happened later on?

The king of Assyria after conquering Egypt came back and he was going to conquer Jerusalem and Judea! Isaiah and Hezekiah went into the Temple of God, laid the letter of the king of Assyria before God and said, 'Yes, Lord, he has conquered all of these other lands. Would You please fight for us?'

Well, king of Assyria said, don't ask your God to fight for you, because He won't do it. Well, God says, 'This Assyrian is not going to mock Me.'

So, they prayed, Hezekiah cried out to God and God sent the angels and destroyed the whole army of 180,000 warriors. Now then, **this was a wonderful thing that God did!**

Then right after that in Isa. 38, Hezekiah was sick. And he sent Isaiah the prophet saying:

Isaiah 38:1: "In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live."' Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Remember now, O LORD, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart, and have done *that which is good in Your sight.*' And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping" (vs 1-3).

So, God changed His mind. *God accepted the repentance!* Wonderful thing! God said, I'm going to add 15 years to you (v 5).

Now you would think that that experience would have stayed with Hezekiah. That he would have remembered it so well that he wouldn't do anything stupid and foolish.

So a little later, here come the ambassadors from Babylon because they heard of the destruction of the Assyrian army. They came to Hezekiah and

they said, 'What is this that happened? *So he told them!*' 'Well, what did you get?'

Now think about this. Hezekiah was given all of the wealth and the booty that the Assyrians took in their conquest and were on their way to bringing it back to Assyria. But God destroyed the army. The children of Israel took days and days and days and days bringing all the wealth and all the gold and silver and all the things that they had. And they put it in the storehouse.

So the ambassadors from Babylon said, 'My, that's interesting.' So, Hezekiah in his vanity got all lifted up and showed them everything that they had received and the booty from the Assyrians, ***when he shouldn't have done it!***

So, Isaiah came to Hezekiah and said, 'Who were these men?' *Oh, ambassadors from Babylon!* 'What did they see?' *They saw everything!*

God didn't want that; so what was the verdict against Hezekiah? Now think of all the good that he did. Just like you can think of:

- the good that David did
- the good that Solomon did
- the good that the other kings did
- the evil that the kings did

All of these are lessons for us!

So, Isaiah came to Hezekiah and said, 'Because you have done this and showed everything to the ambassadors of Babylon, ***it's all going to Babylon! But not in your day!***

Now, think about that! He got lifted up in vanity even right at the end said, 'Well, not in my day.'

So what happened because he did that? His son Manasseh became king for 55 years and one is the most evil and corrupt kings of all. (you can read that in 1-Chron. 35).

He did everything pagan. He went after demon spirits, went after other gods, even had tents for homosexuals right in the temple area! Remember, **55 years!** Look at it this way. We could barely in America stand four years of Biden! What if we had Biden for 55 years? ***That's what it was like!***

Along came Josiah; he straightened things out. He cleaned things up. He cleaned up the temple. They had a great Passover and Unleavened Bread. God said that he would not send them off into captivity as long as he lived.

Now then, Josiah was a good king. He couldn't get rid of all of the evil in the land, but he did good enough that God blessed him. So, after 12 years of being king, there was a fight with the Egyptians, but it wasn't between Judah and the Egyptians, but he wanted to go fight. He was told, 'Don't do it. Don't go.'

So what did he do? *He disguised himself and he went out to fight!* **BANG!** He got hit with an arrow; they took him back to Jerusalem and he died. And that sealed the fate of the Jews that they would be conquered by Nebuchadnezzar and taken in to captivity. Again, **look at what happens when the rulers do not do what God says!**

Now then, let's look at *what we need to do!* Let's see how we can qualify:

- we have to believe God
- we have to love God
- we have to keep all of His Commandments
- we have to do what is right
- we have to do it in such a way that it is according to the will of God

2-Peter 1—let's see what is set before us, and see what we need to do to enter into that Feast of Tabernacles when Christ comes back so that we can rule the world.

Now, one of the great things that is going to happen is that we will be spirit being. Now that's going to be quite a thing. Peter speaks of this in 2-Peter 1. So, let's see what Peter wrote and how we understand what we need to do, because it's going to be quite a thing. Kings, priests, rulers, helpers and everything:

- bringing the Kingdom of God
- bringing the Commandments of God
- bringing the love of God
 - no more war
 - no more of these attacks and killing
 - no more bad government
 - no more bad religion

So, that's what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures! But:

- **we** must not make mistakes like the kings of old
- **we** must not be like the foolish virgins of Matt. 25.

Peter had to learn some pretty difficult lessons himself, didn't he? *Yes, he did!*

2-Peter 1:1: "Simon Peter a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained

the same precious faith as ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ."

First thing: everything that you have that you're able to do, ***God has given!*** Same thing with repentance, baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit from God:

- growing
- overcoming
- developing the character of God
- learning to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and being
- learning to love the brethren
- learning to love what God wants us to do
- learning from every lesson, trial and difficulty we go through

Same faith!

Verse 2: "Grace and peace be multiplied to you..." ***This is what God wants!***

Not just increased, but multiplied! ***That's what it's going to be at the resurrection!***

"...in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord" (v 2).

That's the very reason we study every day. ***We need the knowledge of God!***

- ***this is eternal***
- ***this is forever***

Verse 3: "According as His Divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by *His own* glory and virtue."

Now think about that! God has called you and you and everyone that He has called has direct access to God the Father in heaven above. ***Never such a thing is that until Christ came!***

That's a magnificent thing. And remember the prayer starts out, our Father who is in heaven. And we have that available every day, all the time. Why has He done it?

Verse 4: "Through which He has given to us the greatest and *most* precious promises, that through these..."

Notice the rest of this. This is what God wants! That's why we keep the Sabbath and Holy Days of God. ***Because we're not doing it in this life for this life now!***

- we're doing it because ***God is going to save the world***

- we're doing it because *Christ is returning*
- we're doing it because *Christ wants us to be kings and priests and to rule with Him*

But we must develop:

- the character
- the faith
- the love

We must keep the hope always there!

“...that by these: you may become partakers of the Divine nature...” (v 4)—*the very nature of God as a son or daughter of God to rule this world under Christ!*

- that's why we're here
- that's why we do what we do

“...having escaped the corruption *that is in the world through lust*” (v 4).

Now notice, what are we to do between now and then?

Verse 5: “And for this very reason also, having applied all diligence besides...”

- being diligent every day
- being faithful every day
- loving every day
- repenting every day

“...add to your faith, virtue... [good behavior] ...and to virtue, knowledge” (v 5)—*grow in grace and knowledge continually in the things of God!*

That's why we have the Bible. That's why we have it all today. And down through history, it hasn't all been available all the time. So think about what it is for us today.

“...and to virtue, knowledge” (v 5)

- the knowledge of God
- the knowledge of Truth
- the knowledge of love
- the knowledge of forgiveness
- the knowledge of doing the will of God

Verse 6: “**And to knowledge, self-control...**” *That's what God wants! Self-control motivated by the Spirit of God, and as we have seen, to cast down vain imaginations and all the thoughts of the carnal mind and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Jesus Christ!*

“...and to self-control, endurance...” (v 6). *Knowing that you have to be faithful unto the end, whatever the endurance time is going to be!*

“...and to endurance, Godliness” (v 6).

- you think the way God wants you to think
- you act the way that God wants you to act
- you overcome the sin that is in your life through repentance

Verse 7: “**And to Godliness, brotherly love; and to brotherly love, the love of God.**”

- we preach it
- we read it
- we think about it
- we apply it the best we can

What is the love of God going to be like:

- When we're resurrected?
- When we're spirit beings?
- When we take over the world to bring peace, love, joy and end all wars?

Think about that! Think about the love of God:

- that He has for us
- that He has for the world
- that He has for His Plan
- that He's called us *so that we can tabernacle with God!*
 - ✓ we can live with God
 - ✓ we can carry out His will in the world

We can see His Plan unfolding at that time in such a way that we couldn't even imagine what it's going to be like. That's why we're here!

Verse 8: “For **IF** these things exist and abound in you, **they will cause you to be neither lacking effort nor lacking fruit in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

That's what it is. This is how important the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacle is:

- for the world
- for us
- for God

All of God's Plan

Think of what the world and the churches in this world are missing without this knowledge. That's why God's Plan is Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days. ***So that we can understand what God is doing, and we are a part of it!*** So we'll see you tomorrow for day number five.

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Bringing the Children of Israel Back to Their Lands of Origin

(FOT Day 5)

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We look back at the history of the Church and see what has happened. I remember the booklet: ***1975 In Prophecy***.

And my, my, we thought we'd all be in the Kingdom of God by that time. Here we are 50 years later, but the Word of God is true, and the timing of God is according to **His** schedule, ***not what we think!*** He gives us certain keys and understanding things when it comes to particular things at the end of the age and the coming of Jesus Christ.

As we pointed out yesterday, the thing that's important for us to do is this: ***Develop the character that God wants us to have so we can be kings and priests and reign with Him!***

And now we see the world the way it is. And it proves one great thing that many people are not willing to admit, which is this. ***The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked!***

All of that has to change. All of that has to go. But it cannot go until the Kingdom of God comes and the resurrection of the saints had taken place and we assume control of the world beginning in Jerusalem.

Luke 12—let's look at it this way; whatever God says is a promise ***will take place!*** That the very covenant that we saw at the beginning that God made with Abraham ***is going to be fulfilled in a magnificent and almost mind boggling way, beyond the greatest imagination that we have as human beings!***

This is what we need to do every day. Day in and day out, Sabbath in and Sabbath out, Passover and Holy Days every year.

Luke 12:31: **"But seek the Kingdom of God..."**. Matt. 6 says ***first!***

That's the first and foremost reason why we're here and why God has called us!

"...and all these things shall be added to you" (v 31).

That's all the physical things we need to live, now; ***but all of the spiritual things that will be when the Kingdom of God is here!***

Verse 32: **"Do not be afraid. little flock..."**

We're not the great of the world. As a matter of fact, we're the ***low-born***, we're the ***off-scouring*** of the world! ***The least*** that the world leaders would ever think would rule the world.

Well, we're not going to rule the world as we are. We're going to rule the world ***as spirit beings and the sons and daughters of God!***

Verse 32: "Do not be afraid, little flock, **for your Father delights in giving you the Kingdom.**"

I want you to stop and think on that verse for a while. What does that mean? The Kingdom of God, which is going to have

- Christ as the Head
- the Father above everything else
- all of the patriarchs
 - ✓ Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
 - ✓ Abel
 - ✓ Enoch
 - ✓ Noah

all the way down the line!

Then all of the saints, all of those who have been called to the ***New Covenant of Eternal Life, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, according to the Plan of God!***

We know that in Rev. 20 we're told that we will be kings and priests and we will reign a thousand years with Christ; ***then after that on into all eternity!*** Now that is mind boggling to contemplate.

Revelation 5:7: "And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him Who sits on the Throne."

The one sitting on the Throne is God the Father, and the ***Lamb Who had been slain*** (v 6)!

Verse 8: "And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down before the Lamb**, each having harps and golden bowls full of incense, **which are the prayers of the saints.**"

Now keep in mind "...of the saints," because it is not in v 9 that it's referring to the four living creatures and the 24 elders, ***but to the saints!***

Verse 9: "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book, and to open its

seals because You were slain, and did redeem us to God by Your own blood... [that has to be the saints] ...out of every tribe and language and people and nation, and did make us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth” (v 9-10).

Now that’s quite a thing! *The whole world’s going to be changed!* Now, men have been trying to bring in a golden age, and that’s what Trump is trying to do today. Now, he may achieve some good economic things, and it may look like it’s really a golden age as far as men are concerned, ***but that’s not the one that God is talking about!*** Because after all the wars and everything that happens in the book of Revelation, we come here to Zechariah/

This is very interesting for us to understand, and it’s amazing how many prophecies concerning:

- the Millennium
- the reign of God
- the Kingdom of God on the earth
- the restoration of Israel
- and so forth

that there are in the Old Testament!

Sidebar: One of the reasons that the Jews rejected Jesus Christ is that they read everything in the Old Testament concerning what the Millennium is going to be like and the setting up of the Kingdom of God. And they said, ‘If Jesus was the Messiah, why didn’t He do this?’

They didn’t want to read what He said. They didn’t want to believe what He taught. They had no faith in God the Father. So, ***they rejected it and have suffered ever since!***

So here’s what’s going to happen when Christ returns. This blends in coming out of Trumpets and blends in to the beginning of everything.

Zechariah 14:1: “Behold, the Day of the LORD comes, and your spoil shall be divided in your midst, ‘For I will gather all nations to battle against Jerusalem...’” (vs 1-2). *That’s coming!*

- look at it now
- look at how many nations are involved
- that’s the center of everything right now

“...and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half of the city shall go into exile, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city” (v 2).

Now then, *God intervenes*; v 3: “And the LORD shall go out and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.”

Then it blends right into the return of Christ to the Mount of Olives, and that’s going to be a fantastic thing that’ll take place, ***because we will be with Christ as the army’s following Him*** (Rev. 19 and 20).

Verse 4: “And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives...”

Remember: When Jesus ascended into heaven to return to the Throne of God, not to come back until His second coming, what did the angels say? Well, they were standing on the Mount of Olives and the angel said to them:

Why do you stand here looking up into the heavens? This same Jesus will come as he will left.

They were standing on the Mount of Olives. So, Christ is going to come, as we know, ***every eye, every eye shall see Him!***

- this will not be some secret rapture
- this will not be something that the world will know nothing about

But this will be something that the world will begin to know everything about!

“...upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall split in two... [by the very presence and power of Christ putting His feet on the Mount of Olives] ... from the east and to the west, and make a very great valley.... [everything’s going to change there] ... And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south” (v 4). *That’s quite a thing!*

Verse 6: “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark. And it will be one day, which shall be known to the LORD, neither day nor night; but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them shall go toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea....” (vs 6-8).

Now notice v 9, because it said that ‘He came and all the saints with Him’ That’s an amazing thing!

Verse 9: “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth; in that day there shall be one LORD, and His name shall be one.”

It shows what’s going to happen ***IF*** people resist it. We saw, and we’ll look at it again, ***that God is going to have to fight against nations afar off so they will submit to the Kingdom and Government of God!***

Then it's going to be the whole earth; v 16: And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

Well, we're going to keep all of the Holy Days of God: the Sabbath, the Passover, all of the Holy Days of God is what it's going to be; it's all going to be by God and all of the saints, because:

- we're going to be kings and priests
- we're going to be teachers
- we're going to rule over cities
- we're going to rule over districts
- we're going to do things to help the earth to be what it should be
- we're going to help mankind to know God

*Universal salvation will be granted to all **who repent and are baptized!***

Notice that God's going to enforce it, the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 17: “And it shall be, whoever will not come up from all the families of the earth... [this is a worldwide event] ...to Jerusalem to worship the King...”

Well, how are all families going to get there? Well, they're not all going to come, because it's impossible to hold all the people of the world there in the area of Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. So, it's going to be that the nations *will send their 'official delegation' representing the people* of that nation, which **WE** will be the head of whatever nation we're over. **WE** will bring that delegation to Jerusalem and they will worship and keep the Feast of Tabernacles there while everybody on the earth will be keeping it wherever they are. *That's the only way it can be because all families can't be there.*

Now, there's going to be a punishment if they won't do it, **because God is going to enforce His way!** It's not going to be like every man choose what he wants to do and everything's going to be hunky-dory! No more!

Verse 17: “And it shall be, whoever will not come up from all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt that has no rain, does not come up to present themselves, *this* shall be the plague with which the LORD shall strike the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be Egypt's punishment, and the punishment of all the nations

who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (vs 17-19).

So, right at first, there's going to be some rebellion. We'll see a little later how is God going to handle sin!

Verse 20: “In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, ‘**HOLINESS TO THE LORD.**’ And the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.”

Everything is going to be quite a wonderful and fantastic thing, indeed!

Micah 4—we will see that this fits in exactly with what we read there in Zech. 14.

Micah 4:1: “But it shall be in the last days *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.”

Everything will come in and out of Jerusalem. That will be the capital of the world, the home of Christ and all the patriarchs and how many ever of the other saints that will be there necessary to run things in Jerusalem. Then all the nations of the world will be out there and they will be taught God's ways. We'll find out that for some of them, it's going to take some persuading by God, just like we read in Zech. 14. Here's what it will be:

Verse 2: “And many nations shall come and say, ‘Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths’—**for the Law...**”

Question for all of you *lawless Protestants*: How do you like the lawlessness in the land today? You don't like it, and probably most of you would vote for a government that would bring in law and order. Then:

- **Why can it possibly be** that all of these Protestant ministers say ‘the Law had been done away’?
- **Are they not responsible** for all the lawlessness going on here?
 - the Laws of God are good
 - the Laws of God are right
 - the Laws of God are just
 - the Laws of God are based on love

The result of keeping them is a flowing of grace because of peace! Most people never understand that, **but that's the way it works!**

“...for the Law shall go forth out of Zion, and

the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and will rebuke strong nations afar off..." (vs 2-3).

Oh, China and Gog and Magog is going to have a lot to learn. Remember, I didn't bring anything on it this year in the Feast of Tabernacles, but at the beginning of the first seven year cycle, Gog and Magog is going to come up and try and conquer the Holy Land because there are no defenses around it.

Because back there in China, they still have all the weapons, all the planes, and everything that is there. So, they're going to come and they're going to be absolutely wiped out. And that will probably be in the seventh year of the rule of Christ and the saints.

"...and they shall..." (v 3).

Think about this! Look at how much steel, iron, copper and precious metals are used in making war machines, space rockets, space stations.

"...beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (v 3).

No more toys for kids, as we saw before, with making implements of war. They will have animals and those will be their toys and their pets.

Verse 4: "But they shall sit each one under his *own* vine and under his *own* fig tree; and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken."

Now look at v 5. Now there's a little controversy over it because some people may confuse that with something else.

Verse 5: "For all people will walk, *each* one in the name of his god..."

- Are we not going to be as Christ is? **Yes!**
- Is He not God spiritually? **Yes!**
- Are we not the sons and daughters of God spiritually? **Yes!**
- Then we belong to what? **The God Family!**
- Who's going to be doing the ruling over the nations? **All of us!**

"...and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever" (v 5).

Wherever we are ruling, the people are going to follow what we are going to be teaching, *and we will be teaching what is the way of God!* We will all be worshiping God, *but those under our authority will walk in our authority, which will come from*

God! So, I think that's the way that it's going to work.

Now let's look at something else in Isa. 66, which is quite a chapter. When we look at it, it has a lot to do with the Millennium and has a lot to do with the things that we need to understand. This is quite an interesting chapter and what it has. And we'll go through most of it, so we can see that this chapter, almost all of it applies to the Millennium.

Isaiah 66:1: "Thus says the LORD, 'The heaven *is* My Throne, and the earth *is* My footstool.'"

Remember, there's going to be, not a temple, but a tabernacle on the earth.

"...Where then *is* the house that you build for Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? For all these things My hand has made, and these things came to be,' says the LORD. 'But to this one I will look, to him who is of a poor and contrite spirit and who trembles at My Word'" (vs 1-2)—**conversion!**

Not coming to a temple where people confuse the temple from Ezek. 40^[transcriber's correction] to the end of the book of Ezekiel^[transcriber's correction]. That's not the temple that's going to be in the Millennium. Because he says 'he's not going to dwell in a temple made by hands.'

Notice that He talks here about sacrifices and things that they would do at the temple.

Verse 3: "He who kills an ox *is as if* he killed a man; he who sacrifices a lamb *is as if* he broke a dog's neck; he who offers a grain offering *is as if* he offered swine's blood; he who burns incense *is as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations."

You reject God, even if you have sacrifices to God. *It's an abomination, because it's not going to God!* It's your own work. So this is what the Jews are going to learn with the coming temple.

Verse 4: "I also will choose their delusions, and I will bring their fears upon them, because when I called no one answered; when I spoke, they did not hear.... [referring to Jesus' first coming and the temple there] ...But they did evil before My eyes and chose *that* in which I did not delight."

Then He says this, and this applies to the Church beginning in Jerusalem, and then all the way down through time.

Verse 5: "Hear the Word of the LORD, you who tremble at His Word, 'Your brethren who hated you, who cast you out for My name's sake, said, "Let the LORD be glorified."....'"

That's talking about all the death at the end-time and the martyrdom of the saints and being beheaded with the guillotine.

"...But He will appear to your joy, and they will be ashamed." (v 5).

Verse 7: "Before she travailed... [speaking symbolically of Jerusalem because Jerusalem above is the mother of us all] ...she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a man-Child"—***directly of Christ and also of all of those who were Christ's.***

Verse 8: "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such *things* like these? Shall the earth be made to bring forth *in* one day?...."—*there you have:*

- v 7, the birth of Christ
- v 8, you have the resurrection of the saints

"...Or will a nation be born at once?.... [Yes, indeed!] ...For as soon as Zion travailed, she also gave birth to her children. Will I bring to the birth, and not cause to be born?" says the LORD. 'Shall I cause them to be born, and shut the womb?' says your God" (vs 8-9). *No!*

Verse 10: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all who love her. Rejoice for joy with her, all who mourn for her; that you may suck and be satisfied with her breasts of consolations; that you may milk out and be delighted with the fullness of her glory" (vs 10-11).

That's quite a thing. See, that comes from God. Now let's see what else it does in here. This whole chapter has many verses devoted to the Millennium.

Verse 22: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make..."

That's what He's going to do in bringing the Millennium! He's going to renew everything!

"...shall remain before Me... [that is until the time that New Jerusalem comes] ...says the LORD. shall remain before Me,' says the LORD, 'so will your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one month to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me,' says the LORD" (vs 22-23).

Now that's quite a thing! So, here in Isaiah, remember that every once in a while he has verses that go along on a certain topic, and then jumps ahead to something else in the future, or jumps behind to something else in the past.

So, ***IF*** we can keep that in mind and select out all of the verses that have in there the things

pertaining to the Kingdom of God and the rule of Jesus Christ and the saints, ***THEN*** we will be able to see what is going to happen here.

All right. Now let's come to Isa. 4, because remember it said, 'Where is the temple that you will build for me?' Well, let's see what it will be like when Jerusalem is established as the central place on earth for all worship to be directed, even though they're living in the nations. There will be no temple. God is not going to be put into a small little temple. Now when the temple was made, and when the Ark of the Covenant was made to be in the Holy of Holies, God put a presence of His power there. He didn't dwell there!

But the fact that a *presence of His power* was there was likened to God dwelling there spiritually speaking, but not in actual person in that Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies.

Isaiah 4:1—*talks about in the beginning of the Millennium:* "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, 'We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothing; only let us be called by your name. Take away our shame.'"

Why is that going to be? *Well, at the beginning of the Millennium, the whole population ratio between men and women is all going to be out of shape because how many men will have died in the wars and the plagues and everything going on!*

So, at this time, God is going to use this method to replenish the physical people on the earth. Now, that won't last, but probably one generation, maybe a generation and a half.

Verse 2: "In that day shall the Branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth excellent and comely for those who are the survivors of Israel." *In other words, rehabilitation from all the wars!*

Verse 3: "And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called Holy..."—*because we will be spirit beings!*

What does it say in Rev. 20 about the first resurrection? *Blessed and Holy are those who have part in the first resurrection, for they shall be priests of God and of Christ and reign with Him a thousand years!* All right. here's a reference to that.

"...shall be called Holy, even everyone who is written unto life in Jerusalem; when the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst by the spirit of judgment, and by the

spirit of burning” (vs 3-4).

That’s His coming back to the earth in power and in glory to do so as we saw in Zech. 14.

Verse 5: “And the LORD will create over every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day...”

Now think about this in relationship to what it was when the children of Israel came out of Egypt. They had the cloud by day and the fire by night. It’s going to be the same thing here.

“...and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory *shall be* a canopy” (v 5).

Now that’s going to be something. God is not going to dwell in a building made by hands. This is something!

Verse 6: “**And there shall be...**”

Remember one verse will be plenty good enough to make it something that will happen. For every Word of God is true and every pronouncement of God will come to pass.

Verse 6: “And there shall be **a tabernacle...**”—**not a temple; a tabernacle!**

Isn’t it interesting that the Feast, which pictures the Millennium is called the ***Feast of Tabernacles!*** Amazing!

“...a tabernacle for shade by day from the heat, and for refuge, and for shelter from storm and rain” (v 6).

So that showed that it’s going to be there all seasons all the time. That’s quite a thing, the whole thing is going to be!

Now, let’s come to Gen. 28, because it’s not going to be in all area in the Middle East that we’ll be going back to. Let’s see the promise that was given to Jacob because, is not Israel in different geographical areas of the world today? *Yes, indeed!*

We have America, we have Britain, we have Australia. We have all of that, don’t we? *Yes!* Remember that the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob also contain promises that were right there with them in their lives when they were here in the flesh.

But it also contains promises for their descendants called ‘seed’ that will affect the whole world as we saw with the blessings given to Joseph and Ephraim and Manasseh.

Jacob went; he was on his way going to Haran so he could have a wife.

Genesis 28:11: “And he [Jacob] came upon a certain place, and stayed there all night because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and **placed it at his head**.... [he didn’t use it as a pillow; when he laid down his head was toward it] ...And he lay down in that place to And he dreamed. And behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven! And behold, the angels of God *were* ascending and descending on it!” (vs 11-12).

Well, doesn’t this tell us something really important? That there’s a whole lot going on, on the earth, spiritually with the angels of God and the Plan of God and Satan and the demons and all of that and all of the human activity together. It’s a whole lot more than what we have ever anticipated. So, Jacob is watching this.

Verse 13: “And behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, ‘I *am* the LORD, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your seed.’” *That’s over in the area of the Middle East!*

Verse 14: “And your seed shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to **the west** and to **the east** and to **the north** and to **the south**....”

So, here’s the promise that it’s going way out to everything. So, when the Millennium begins, those of the tribes of Israel will be returned to where they were when the rule of man has ended and the Millennium has begun. We’re not all going to be taken and brought back to the area of the Middle East. A lot will be, but not all, because they can’t all get there. There would be too many people for the land.

Here’s a promise! He said, “...to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. And in you and **in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed**” (v 14).

Doesn’t that sound exactly like what the promise was given to Abraham? We will see that’s exactly what God promised Abraham. *All the families of the earth shall be blessed!* The thing that’s important for us to realize is this:

- everything that we have today
- everything we know of the Word of God
- everything we know of the Plan of God

was already destined before the ages of time and the creation of man!

The Word of God in many places of the Bible starts in one place and strings forward in the future,

clear to the coming Kingdom of God. That's the only thing it can be that 'all the families of the earth will be blessed through *Abraham*, then *Isaac*, and then *Jacob*!

Genesis 12:1: "And the LORD said to Abram, 'Get out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you.'"

He never inherited it. He lived in it, he sojourned in it, *but he never inherited it!* But God promised it to him by inheritance. So when is that going to be fulfilled? *When Christ returns!*

Verse 2: "And I will make *of* you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. **And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed**" (vs 2-3).

Now, just like we read there in Gen. 28 and Jacob, that promise goes out to the whole earth with the Plan of God. This is what we need to understand and how it is, what it will be. This is quite a thing! **All the blessing is going to come through Christ and through the priest, through Jesus Christ and us being the priest and the kings!**

We'll come to Ezek. 36 and we will see what God is going to do in bringing back the children of Israel to their lands, not only to the Middle East, but to the West, to the North, to the East and to the South.

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Ezek. 36—some of these things will reflect what is going on today and into the near future. Then it will reflect what's going to happen when the children of Israel are brought back out of captivity and placed in their own lands again.

Ezekiel 36:5: "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations... [all the nations of the world] ...and against all Idumea... [all of the descendants of Esau and Ishmael] ...who have appointed My land to themselves... [that's what the fight of Gaza is all about today] ...for a possession with all joy of heart, with utter contempt, that they might drive them out and plunder *them*.'"

Verse 6: "So, prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury because you have borne the shame of the nations.'"

In other words, there comes a time right at the beginning of the Millennium that God is going to lift the shame and lift the punishment from all the children of Israel wherever they are.

Verse 8: "But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall put out your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel; **for they will soon return.**"

Now, we're getting closer to that, but we have to have all the events of the end-time and Revelation take place first, and then they come back. But notice for God, *it's soon!* Now for us, *it's a long time!*

Verse 9: "For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and you shall be tilled and sown.... [He talks jointly to the land and to the people] ...And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it. And the cities shall have people, and the wastes shall be rebuilt" (vs 9-10).

Now think about how much rebuilding is going to go on. I tell you what, when we really understand the things that are going to take place with all the wars and everything, it's going to upheave the whole world. There's going to be rebuilding for a long, long time.

Just think how long it's going to take to take all of those tanks, all of those trucks, all of the weapons, all of the metal and everything that has been used to make war implements and melt them down and turn them into useful things for people to use in their physical lives during the Millennium.

Going to be an amazing thing! You talk about full employment, man, that's going to be something!

Verse 11: "And I will multiply men and beasts upon you, and they shall increase and be fruitful. And I will make you dwell after your old estates... [in the West, in the East, in the North and in the South] ... and I will do better *to you* than at your beginnings..."

It's going to be the greatest thing that has ever happened to physical people on the face of the earth when the Millennium begins and it begins with all of the descendants of Israel being brought back to their lands. Then all the other nations that come up to Jerusalem to want God's ways, then God will deal with them.

"...And you shall know that I *am* the LORD" (v 11).

Now that's quite a thing that he says throughout all of the book of Ezekiel. "...you shall know that I *am* the LORD."

Now there are many ways you can know that there is God.

1. by everything He's created
2. by the very existence of all life

There's no such thing as evolution as these satanic intellectuals think that there is no God and everything evolved. *Never happen!*

Verse 12: "Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even My people Israel. And they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and shall no longer bereave them *of their children*."

Now then, God talks to them and here's a lesson for them. The first generation is going to learn an awful lot of lessons, because they will have suffered all the wars and devastation.

Verse 12: "Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even My people Israel. And they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and shall no longer bereave them *of their children*.' Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because they say to you, "You *are* a devourer of men, and you have been bereaved of your nations." Therefore, you shall devour men no more, nor shall you bereave your nations any more,' says the Lord GOD" (vs 12-14).

God is going to restore it and make it right. Bring them all back with every blessing that comes from God.

Verse 15: "'Nor will I allow you to hear the shame of the nations any more, nor shall you bear the reproach of the people any more, nor shall you cause your nations to stumble any more,' says the Lord GOD. And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and by their doings...' (vs 15-17).

So, right at the first of the Millennium, they're all going to have to admit their sins and everything. Not only the sins against themselves, sins against their neighbors, but sins against the land, sins against other people, and so forth.

"...even as the uncleanness of a woman's impurity was their way before Me. Therefore, I poured My fury upon them because of the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *by which* they defiled it" (vs 17-18).

What is the blood that is shed most in the land? ***Abortion; 80 million in America alone!*** Why is it that men and women turn to such evil? And that they would say, 'Oh, our hands are clean,' ***when you're all murderers!*** You pretend you're so good

and so nice. That's what we see today. That's why we have so much trouble today, because of the blood that was shed in the land.

Verse 19: "And I scattered them among the nations, and they were scattered throughout the countries. I judged them according to their ways and according to their doings."

Isn't that something? ***That's coming!*** God has done it before, so let's not think that it won't happen again, but it's going to happen on a bigger and greater scale than ever before.

Verse 20: "And when they came unto the nations where they went, they even profaned My Holy name in that it was said of them, 'These *are* the people of the LORD, and they are gone out of His land.'"

Now, God has done that! Every time God brings the penalties, every time God brings all the correction, He looks at it and He has His own emotions and His own love and correction and everything that is there. Then He brings it to an end, ***because God is merciful and His mercy endures forever!***

Verse 21: "But I had pity for My Holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they were exiled. Therefore, say to the house of Israel..." (vs 21-22). *When the Millennium begins:*

- this is what we're going to preach
- this is what they're going to learn

And as it says, they will repent.

- they will loath their ways
- they will loath themselves
- they will loath what they have done

because they will understand it from the perspective of God!

Verse 22: "'Therefore, say to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My Holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.'""

So, God is saying, ***'I'm doing this because I am God.'*** And then we can add to it: ***because of the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!***

Verse 23: "'And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. **And the nations shall know...** [by the very Exodus of the people coming out of there and being placed back where

they were] ...that I *am* the LORD,' says the Lord GOD, 'when I shall be sanctified in you before their very eyes. For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries, and will gather you into your own land'" (vs 23-24)—***to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south!***

Verse 25: "And I will sprinkle clean waters upon you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols." *That's quite a saying!*

Now notice what's going to happen because this goes all the way back to Gen. 3. Remember what happened when Adam and Eve sinned? ***They were judged!*** God's judgment was this: Not only the physical things that they would be up against, but He gave them human nature, which the Apostle Paul calls *the law of sin and death*; which when we choose the wrong things it becomes total sin.

So, God is going to change that. Notice what He says this is what is necessary, and this is what you might call conversion.:

Verse 26: "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you:

- not a rebellious spirit
- not a stubborn spirit
- not a self-willed spirit

But a spirit of

- love
- truth
- joy

everything that comes when we receive all the goodness of God!

"...And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh" (v 26).

What a promise, isn't it? *Because this is what God wants! Now they're willing!* Remember, Satan is removed, and he won't be around anymore. We'll take a look at what happens when he's released out of his prison at the end of the thousand years. We'll see that later.

Now notice what he says, because this is what is important. The most important thing in our physical life is that:

- we come to the knowledge of God
- we repent of our sins
- we're baptized
- we receive the Holy Spirit
- our hearts are circumcised

That gives us a new heart and a new spirit!

Verse 27: "And I will put My Spirit within you..." ***That's what we all need!***

That's why, brethren, at this time, for those of us who have the Spirit of God in us, it's so important that we learn the three basic things that we need in every day of our lives and every thought of what we do.

- we should believe God
- we should obey God
- we should love him with all our heart, mind, soul and being

That right there is the substance and reality of the fruit of the Holy Spirit and of our conversion!

So likewise here, he's going to do it for them. Think about what it's going to be like when ***almost all of the world is converted!*** WOW! What a thing that's going to be!

Verse 27: "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My ordinances and do *them*."

Hello, Protestants, again! ***God's going to bring in His Laws, His statutes, His judgments, and His Holy Spirit at the same time.*** So, ***this is proof in the New Testament*** that when you have the Holy Spirit of God, you're not throwing away the Laws and Commandments of God. ***You keep them in the Spirit, not in the letter!*** Here it is right here, ***prophesied in Ezek. 36!***

Verse 28: "And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be My people, and I will be your God."

That's what it's going to be like all during the Millennium!

Verse 29: "I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call for the grain, and will increase it, and will lay no famine upon you."

Now notice what's going to happen. God wants everything to be great and marvelous and peaceful based on:

- love, joy and hope
- all the things of receiving the Spirit of God
- living with God
- living under the rule of the children of God

That's quite a thing! All of this is right here in this one chapter. This is quite a profound chapter when you look at it.

Verse 30: "And I will multiply the fruits of

the tree and the increase of the field, so that you shall never again receive the curse of famine among the nations. And you shall remember your own evil ways..." (vs 30-31).

I wonder how many films that God is saving up of all the destruction and death that human beings have caused, ***so that the generations down through the Millennium can see what happened!*** I mean, look, if we can have television and watch the things that happened in WWI and WWII on our television sets, don't you think that God will have something so that everyone can see what they do:

- without the Spirit of God
- what they do when Satan the devil was ruling this world?
- *Yes!*

Verse 31: "And you shall remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, **and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.**" *True, deep repentance!*

Verse 32: "'I do not do *this* for your sake,' says the Lord GOD, 'be it known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.'" *That's going to be quite a thing for them to understand!*

Verse 33: "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the waste places shall be rebuilt.'"

That's going to be great! ***The Millennium is going to be the greatest thing that has ever happened!***

Verse 34: "And the wasteland shall be tilled, instead of being desolate before all who pass by. And they shall say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden. And the wasted, desolate and ruined cities now *are* fenced and inhabited'" (vs 34-35).

Now this takes place during the Millennium. Think what that's going to be like.

- no more great disasters
- no more great wars
- no more nations and people living in sin and all the things that we're seeing today

Verse 36: "And the nations that are left all around you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places* and planted that which was desolate. I the LORD have spoken it, **and I will do it.**"

See, whatever God says, He's going to do!
So likewise with us. We need to come to God with that kind of attitude, motivated with His Holy Spirit:

- to love Him
- to serve Him
- to understand that everything comes from Him

We have nothing we didn't receive! When we understand that, then we have:

- a greater relationship with God
- a greater relationship with each other

and we're not all troubled and bogged down by differences in human opinions, which really don't amount to anything when you get down to it! How can any human opinion be worth anything compared to whatever the Word of God says? ***Can't be!***

Verse 37: "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'I will yet be sought by the house of Israel to act for them. I will increase them with men like a flock. As a Holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed Feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. **And they shall know that I am the LORD**'" (vs 37-38).

Now that's quite a thing! Think about that! ***That's what God is going to do everywhere in the world!*** That's quite a chapter; really something!

Bringing all the children of Israel back to where they need to be. That's what God wants!

Isa. 61—let's see how we fit into this, because that's the way it's described here. Now think about that. Just imagine how frustrated the Jews have been all of these years because:

- they didn't believe God
- they didn't believe Jesus Christ

They looked at all of these things and said, ***'IF*** Jesus were the Messiah, why didn't He do any of these?" All they had to do was read the Old Testament, then read the New Testament, and they would see that Christ is coming again. All of these things are for His second coming and for the building up of the whole world the way that God wants it.

Today the Jews are figuring that ***IF*** they build the temple, **THEN** the Messiah will come and they will rule the world. No! *No! No!* it isn't going to happen that way, because they're not coming to God ***His way!*** They're coming to a temple that they will build, which God says, 'Where's the temple that you're going to build for Me *for all of these things My hand is made?*'

And they are going to have the animal sacrifices, and it's going to get the world so upset that after 1290 days, *all of the sacrifices will be cut off!* When Christ returns, *that third temple will be demolished!* Then that great tabernacle of Isa. 4 will be there.

Isa. 61 is quite a chapter, very interesting, indeed! It talks about

- the first coming of Christ
- the second coming of Christ
- what we will be doing
- how God is going to really make everything great

Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me because the LORD has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor..."

In Luke 4 Jesus said that *all of this was fulfilled in Him!*

"...He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted..." (v 1).

Now, this is also during the Millennium. We're going to be a lot of broken hearted to heal up.

"...to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to preach the acceptable year of the LORD..." (vs 1-2).

It's His first coming (Luke 4). The Millennium, this fulfillment here. So, you see the duality of how some prophecies work.

"...and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, giving to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified" (vs 2-3).

It blends right into the Millennium, so this is quite a thing! This is how we can understand the Bible even more, when we realize that everything is going to come kind of in a puzzle and that God's going to put all the pieces together so we understand how it fits.

Verse 4 goes right into the Millennium, right into what we will be doing: "And they will build the old wastes, they will raise up the desolations of former times. And they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the stranger will be your plowmen and your vinedressers" (vs 4-5).

Now, v 6 goes right in to those of us who will be kings and priests in the Millennium, so we'll come back to that a little bit later, but let's go to Isa. 65; we need to see:

- How are they going to live during the Millennium? What are they going to do?
- How's it going to be?
- What's going to happen if someone sins *and chooses to sin* and *chooses not to repent*?
- What are they going to do with them?

Isaiah 65:17 tells us: "for behold, I create new heavens and a new earth..."

Which is what He is going to do in getting the earth the way it should be, and the heavens straightened out from all the things that take place there.

"...And the former things will not be remembered, nor come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and I will joy in My people; and the voice of weeping will no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying" (vs 17-19).

That's the standard of life, physical life as it is. Now then he explains in:

Verse 20: "There will not be an infant who lives but a few days..." *They're going to be born, successful birth, grow and develop, because that's what God wants!*

"...nor an old man that has not filled his days..." (v 20).

So, they're not going to be all the things that cuts off life, whether at the beginning of life or whether toward the end of life.

"...for the child will die a hundred years old..." (v 20).

Now that's very interesting, isn't it? Let's talk about the first resurrection here for just a minute. All the dead are buried one way or the other. Then it says in 1-Thess. 4 *that the dead shall rise first!* And *we who are alive will be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, and we will be raised, taken up by the angels to where we know is the Sea of Glass!*

Now then, those who are alive, what happens that they are flesh one instant and spirit the next? What has to happen? Because as physical beings, we're told in 1-Cor. 15 that *in Adam we all die!*

When it says at 'a hundred years old and they die,' what does that mean? *That means if they're*

converted they're changed! That death that they die in Adam—because we still have that in our genes and chromosomes, etc.—will be an instantaneous death **and an instantaneous transformation from flesh to spirit!** Have to be!

“...but the sinner *who is a hundred years old shall be accursed*” (v 20).

So there's still going to be people who will be sinning! They're going to live 100 years. What's God going to have to do? We find this; we get a hint of it from Rev. 20, that at the end of the Millennium, those who are living in Gog and Magog, Satan will come and bring them down for a war. *So that gives us some understanding!* So, we have to have it.

I'll ring my cowbell [speculation] So, we know there has to be something like this: When people sin ***we need to help them to repentance and to rehabilitation!*** If it's something that takes a lot of rehabilitation, then would we not have rehabilitation centers?

- they can pray
- they can study
- they can fast
- they can learn
- they can understand what they did was sin

They can be forgiven their sins and brought back into the society!

Now, that's probably how it's going to work. We don't know for sure. However, if there are those there in the rehabilitation center or the repentance center, whatever you want to call it, ***that will not repent***, then what's going to happen to them? *Well, they're going to be exiled, probably to Gog and Magog*, because we know that at the end of the Millennium, it says that those in Gog and Magog 'are as the sands of the sea.' Isn't that what it says in Rev. 20.

That means that at the beginning of the Millennium, there has to be a place in Gog and Magog that God reserves:

- for those who were sinning
- who will not repent
- who will not come to the end of their lives

They're not going to be living in community with the righteous, but they will be exiled to Gog and Magog!

During the Millennium, when they die at a hundred, they'll be buried. And anyone who dies and is buried *is accursed!* Now, they will come up in the

resurrection of those who have committed the unpardonable sin.

So, this is quite something here, where we take these verses and we fill it in with other verses so we can get a good, clear picture of what is happening and how things will work.

Verse 21: “And they will build houses and live *in them*; and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build, and another live *in them*; they will not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree *are so will be* the days of My people...” (vs 21-22).

A hundred years; a wonderful thing! Just imagine! I just imagine this—let me ring the cowbell again—***but we know this for sure: that the Feast of Pentecost pictures the first resurrection!*** Now, when they come to the end of their lives, ***a hundred years***, and they've been faithful, they're going to be changed from flesh to spirit.

Do you think that that might be every year at Pentecost *instantly* they're going to be changed from flesh to spirit. I don't know; that's kind of a far out thing to wonder about, but I just bring it up from this point of view: *something like that has to happen!*

I'm not trying to create a new doctrine, but I'm trying to understand how it's going to work in a practical sense when these things occur.

Verse 23: ““They will not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for calamity. For they *are* the seed of the beloved of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust *will be* the food of the serpent. They will not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain,” says the LORD” (vs 23-25).

That's quite a thing! ***That's the way the Millennium is going to be!*** So, ***we have an awesome future***, brethren. Feast of Tabernacles every year as we picture it. *That keeps our minds focused on the goal of what God wants us to do:*

- why we are to grow in grace and knowledge
- why we are to learn the Word of God
- why we are to continue in every way to be:
 - ✓ faithful
 - ✓ believe in God
 - ✓ trust in God

Our lives are completely in His hands, because He has such a great future for us! So, when Christ returns, ***we are going to save the world and rule with Christ to bring:***

- peace
- happiness
- joy
- salvation

for a thousand years! So come back tomorrow for
Day 6!

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Just Judgment

(FOT Day 6)

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Greetings, everyone. Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles, Day 6.

- What kind of world are we leaving
- What kind of world will we bring in?

We see before us today many different problems:

- wars and civil unrest
- sexual immorality
- crime and murders
- upset weather

Everything on the earth is all messed up!

God has called us to be kings, priests, rulers and judges to end it!

Let's come to Luke 11, and let's learn some lessons here as it leads up to the topic today, **just judgment!**

Luke 11:34—*Jesus is speaking*: “The light of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is without guile....”

Now, that's a very interesting thing because there's a lot of guile going on in the judiciary of America and other countries. They are not judging ***just judgment*** or ***righteous judgment!*** They're making political declarations or immoral foundations, whatever.

“...Therefore, **when your eye is without guile, your whole body is light; but when your eye is evil, your body also is dark.**” (v 34).

Isn't it interesting that that goes along with health! ***IF your body is dark, you're subject to a lot of health problems.***

Verse 35: “Therefore, beware *that* the light that *is* in you is not darkness. Now then, **IF** your whole body *is* light, not having any part dark, **it shall be full of Light, as when a Lamp shining brightly gives you Light**” (vs 35-36).

Now, that's what it should be, and that's exactly how we will be! We will be spirit beings. People will be able to see us. We'll have glory, and we'll have all of that, as well.

Verse 37: “Now, while He [Jesus] was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him; and He went in *and* sat down. But the Pharisee, seeing *this*, wondered why He had not first washed before dinner” (vs 37-38).

Now, they had a special thing to wash their hands; let's see what Jesus said to them. This is quite an amazing thing!

Verse 39: “Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now, you Pharisees...’”

All the others are standing around or sitting around looking at Him, and, of course, they all wanted Him to join *their political ranks!* But He never did, and that's why they hate Him to this day.

Verse 39: Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now, you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, **but inside you are full of greediness and wickedness.**’”

How can a person who is a judge—***who is full of greediness, wickedness and immorality***—make right judgments?

Just look at the world today. *We're going to have to untangle all this mess by righteous judgment!* Now, He said this:

Verse 40: “**Fools...**”

What is a fool? *A fool is someone who does not believe in God or does not believe God! Or, worse yet, that tells God what to do!* Isn't that the way it is in the world?

Verse 40: “Fools, **did not He Who made the outside also make the inside?** Rather, give alms from the things **that are within...**” (vs 40-41).

- your attitude
- your hope
- your love
- your conduct

everything!

“...and behold, all things are clean to you” (v 41).

Now, listen to this. This also is very important because people have a religion and they have laws; even some of them go along with the Laws of God.

But God wants the complete picture! God wants the whole of our being doing what He wants us to do for the blessings that come from Him.

Verse 42: “But woe to you, Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint and rue and every herb, **but you pass over the judgment and the love of God.**”

Think about that for a minute, when there is judgment that is not based on law and love. Love has to do with more than just the victim who is being sentenced; love and judgment go together this way:

The criminal is sentenced, whatever the punishment may be, from jail time till death. *The love portion of that is **not to go soft on crime!*** The love portion is so the lawful people whom you love in this judgment will have peace and security. That's what it's all about.

That's why we need to learn to make just judgments because it affects not only the victims, the criminal, but the rest of society. This is what is wrong with the whole world today, wherever you go.

Jesus went on to say, "...It is obligatory for you to do these things, and not to set aside those lesser things" (v 42).

- they're under duty for righteous judgment
- they're under duty not to leave the other things undone

So, that's quite a thing when you understand it!

What does it lead to? *Well, we know this: Jesus said that **because lawlessness shall abide, there's going to be all kinds of things that take place because of that!*** How the society is left high and dry.

Isa. 59 is a very classic part of the Bible, which shows **why there needs to be just judges, just judgments!**

- there needs to be the penalty against the criminal
- there needs to be understanding for the victim
- there needs to be justice for the victim
- there needs to be love for the overall society so that they can live in peace

Well, today, it's on the other hand. The biggest perpetrators of *unjust judgment* **are the religionists in the pulpit!**

- they misplace kindness
- they misplace grace
- they misplace the punishment for the criminal
- they try and treat everybody nice, even the worst criminals

Not caring for the harm that they have caused or restitution to make it right. But to try and *psychoanalyze the criminal* as to why he or she did these things. In some places, they want to get rid of police and substitute them with psychology workers. *Well, that won't work!*

Isa. 59:1—here's what we need to learn. Even in this time that we have today, *as there is a partial return to God*, you see there's a benefit.

But one of the big benefits that comes with it is peace and order. But sometimes that has to be forcibly instilled, because of all of the lawlessness and licentiousness that ***the judges of the land have strewn upon all the people!***

And all of what the religionists have done!
You have:

1. the religionists
2. the judges
3. the politicians
4. the general public

All of those need to be considered in how there is ***just judgment!***

- ***IF*** you have the right God
- ***IF*** you're doing the right things
- ***THEN*** God will bring the blessings

Furthermore, all of the Laws of God are based on love. *Everything about it!* That's why you've heard me say over and over again, and I will continue to do so:

- you have to ***believe*** God
- you have to ***obey*** God
- you have to ***love*** God

IF you want love from God, you have got to love Him, as well. Because ***IF*** you don't, *you will never have everything the way that it ought to be!* So, here's what God says, because there's so much rejection of God. He wants everyone to know that *in spite of the fact that you reject Him, on an individual basis, you can find Him in your life, and come to be right with God!*

So, let's see what it is in the society today and what we're going to change in the Millennium.

Isaiah 59:1: "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor is His ear heavy that it cannot hear."

No, God doesn't need Beltone hearing aids. He knows what's going on. Here's the problem, Wherever it is, doesn't matter.

- from the highest office in the land
- from the highest religious office in the land
- from the highest judgeship in the land
- from the highest of whatever to the lowest

Verse 2: "But **your iniquities...**—***are violating the Laws of God, and that is sin!*** And

- **UNLESS** sin is repented of
- **UNLESS** there's correction in life, the way that people live
- **THEN** it's all destructive

And we look at it and we see it!

Verse 2: "But your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins have hid *His* face from you, that He will not hear "

Now, that's a very interesting thing, indeed! You can't come to God unless you repent. You can't come to God unless you are willing to:

- believe Him
- obey Him
- love Him

Then He will hear, but they come to God with all of their hands full of sin and their minds full of lust!

Verse 3: "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness."

Isn't that something? **Perfect description of the society today. And this is what we have been called to correct!**

But now **we are to learn how to correct it** in our own lives, and what we do. So that we can be qualified at the time of the resurrection to do what Jesus wants us to do and assigns us to do. That's going to be quite a thing, indeed, for us.

Verse 4: "**None calls for justice...**"

There are a few who are! So today, with a little calling of justice, things appear to be getting a little better in certain areas.

"...**nor does anyone plead for Truth...**" (v 4).

Now, you need to think on that. What is Truth?

- God is true
- His Word is true
- His Laws are true
- His Commandments are true
- everything that God has said is true
- His love is true
- His faith is true
- His hope is true

None plead for Truth!

"...**they trust in vanity and speak lies....**" (v 4).

That's the whole political and religious system today on the far extreme left!

"...They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.... [everything gets worse and worse and worse] ...They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper" (vs 4-5).

What are you going to do? *You can't continue to live in sin and have a whole population living in sin!* And you can't have it where there are some few who try to do good, but they have no power or influence to try and make things right.

That all falls on who the leaders are. Right now, things are improving a little bit because of Donald Trump, not only in America, but in the world. As we have discussed, he's probably setting up everything for all the end-time events to come together.

Here's what they do with all of their perverseness:

Verse 6: "Their webs shall not become clothing, nor shall they cover themselves with their works; their works *are* works of iniquity, and the acts of violence *are* in their hands. **Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood...**" (vs 6-7). Doesn't that describe the society today? *Yes, indeed!*

"...their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; **wasting and destruction are in their paths...** [they call it political resistance] ...They have not known the way of peace, **and there is no justice in their ways....**" (vs 7-8). *That's it!*

- you can never have peace when there is sin abounding
- you can never have justice when there is corruption
 - ✓ in the legal system
 - ✓ in the religious system
 - ✓ in the political system

Can't happen! God knows!

- He knows what's in the heart and mind of men
- He knows what's in the heart of Satan the devil

Now, what happens? All of this builds up to a 'therefore.' Let's look at the conclusion of what this brings"

Verse 9: "Therefore, justice is far from us; nor does righteousness overtake us. We wait for light, but behold, darkness..."

Politicians come along and say, 'We're going to do this.' Religious people say, 'Well, we're so wonderful and so nice. Let's go ahead and do this.'

“...We wait for light, but behold, darkness; for brightness, *but* we walk in deep shadows. We grope along the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the night; among those who are strong, we are like dead men” (vs 9-10).

Now then. This is what we’re going to have to deal with to straighten it out. So, let’s carry it further, and we will see that God intervenes and shows how He’s going to do it, ***which will be the second coming of Christ and the rule of the Family of God, all the saints from down through history, transformed into spirit beings to make it come about!***

Verse 12: “For our transgressions *are* multiplied before You...”

What does it say in Matt. 24? *Lawlessness is multiplied. Not just increased. Multiplied!*

“...and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them... [but a lot of them love them] ...in rebellion and denial of the LORD, and turning away from our God, talking perversity and revolt, conceiving and speaking from the heart words of falsehood” (vs 12-13).

What does that do? *That’s a perfect, absolute description of the world today!*

Now, we can be thankful for this, that there is some movement to law and order and some movement to common sense and right or wrong. In a nation, that will be acceptable to God for a while. ***But for those:***

- who are seeking God
- who are called to salvation
- we have a much higher standard
- we have more things we need to do
- we need to learn to think right
- we need to love right
- we need to judge right

*We need to do all of these things **with justice!***

- we will see that
- that’s what we have to do in our lives today

*In the middle of v 14: “...for Truth... [the Word of God] ...has fallen in the street, and uprightness... [righteousness] ...cannot enter. Yea, **Truth fails;** and he *who* departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the LORD saw, **and it was evil in His eyes that there was no justice**” (vs 14-15).*

God keeps track of all of these things that take place!

Verse 16: “And He saw that *there was* no man, and was astonished that there was no intercessor....”

Well, we have one man today—Donald Trump—who was trying to do it. So we’ll see how far that goes. *But at best, this will be temporary!*

“...Therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him...” (v 16).

In other words, Christ is going to have to return. He’s going to have to instill this in the people; He’s going to have to ***bring all of the resurrected saints—who are now spirit beings—and make them judges and rulers and kings and priests!***

“...Therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness sustained Him, for He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head. And He put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was covered with zeal like a cloak” (vs 16-17).

That’s what it’s going to take to straighten up this world in the way that it needs to be straightened up, That’s what happens when it gets so bad. Remember what it was like before the Flood. ***God had to destroy it all!*** There it is, yes, indeed!

Verse 18: “According to *their* deeds, accordingly He will repay; fury to His foes, deed for deed to His enemies. He will repay their deeds to the isles. So, they shall fear the name of the LORD...” (vs 18-19).

That’s what’s going to happen! It’s all going to be put down!

Verse 19: “So, they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, **the Spirit of the LORD shall make him flee. ‘The Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,’** says the LORD” (vs 19-20).

Now notice what He’s going to do. This is how it’s going to straighten the world out. It isn’t going to come any other way.

- Christ has to return
- we have to be resurrected
- we have to become spirit beings
- we have to right now learn from the Word of God what we’re going to do when we’re resurrected

then be given

- the *spirit* mind
- the *spirit* wisdom
- the *spirit* heart

- the *spirit* love

as the sons and daughters of God now saving the world!

Think about that. The world doesn't even comprehend that this is going to happen.!

Verse 21: "'As for Me, this is My covenant with them,' says the LORD...."

He will bring them into covenant when they repent. He will offer them salvation and a good way of life. the way that God wants it to be for everyone in the world. That's what it's telling us here.

"... 'My spirit that is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed,' says the LORD, 'from now on and forever'" (v 21).

So this is the beginning of the salvation of God in a way that the world has never expected. So, here you have in this one chapter of Isaiah, Isa. 59, that way.

We know what happened with God and Abraham and Sodom and Gomorrah. Remember that? *Yes!* God came down with two angels and he told Sarah, 'You're going to have a child next year.' And she laughed and God said, 'You laughed!' She said, 'No, I didn't laugh!' He said, 'Yes, you did laugh!'

Then the Lord with the two angels took Abraham and God told Abraham what He was going to do to Sodom and Gomorrah; He was going to destroy it. Now, Sodom and Gomorrah was so wicked and then the two other cities that were next to them were the 'get-along-go-along' cities and because they were the 'get-along-go-along' cities, they likewise were destroyed.

Now Lot, who was supposed to be righteous, which he was to a very good degree, lived in Sodom. He had been living there for quite a while and it wasn't perverse as it was when this time of judgment came. So, Abraham, because he was his nephew, came to God and said:

Lord, now look, this is a very interesting thing. What if there are 50 who were righteous there? Will you destroy it!

Then Abraham got Him all the way down to 45 and then 40 and then 30 and then 20 and then finally Abraham said:

Lord, let me speak just this one time. I'll just ask one more thing. What if there are 10? Will You ***spare the city*** if there are 10?

And God said that yes, He would. ***But he knew there wouldn't be 10!*** So the two angels went on down to Lot, and you know the story. They came in to Sodom by night and all the homosexuals were out there prowling the streets looking for conquest for that night and they saw the angels who appeared as men and they wanted to take them and pervert them.

They came to Lot's house and when they went in, they had a big riot out there and said, 'Let these men come out because we want to know them.' ***That means they wanted to pervert them!***

So, Lot said, 'Well, I've got two daughters. Lot said that because he knew that they wouldn't take his two daughters. So, in order to stop them from invading the house, the angel had to strike them blind so they couldn't see. Well, you know the rest of the story.

Even the sons-in-law were told them, 'Come, let's get out of here.' But they thought he was joking, so they didn't come, and it ended up to start out that it was *Noah and his wife and his two daughters and the two angels who were leaving!*. The angel said, 'Now you get out of here because it's going to be total destruction and don't look behind you.' You know what happened, *Mrs. Lot didn't listen, and she was turned into a pillar of salt!*

Now just stop and think for a minute. If angels had that power back then, what kind of power do you think that God is going to give us, as the sons and daughters of God?

- to bring justice
- to bring love
- to bring understanding

All of this together!

Now let's see something else in 2-Chron. 1. This was in the days of Solomon. Solomon. And remember, we've given many messages about Solomon. And remember, the whole thing and theme of Solomon is this. ***It's not how you start, it's how you finish!***

He started out with everything. The blessings of God, everything to build the temple, all of the supplies. There were no wars. There was peace. And Solomon was smart enough to ask for wisdom and nothing else. So God said, 'Because you didn't ask for riches or anything else, I'm going to give you riches. I'm going to give you everything above and beyond that. So, what was one of the first things that he did?

2-Chronicles 1:1: "And Solomon the son of David was made strong in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him and magnified him

exceedingly.” *Now, that’s quite a statement, isn’t it?*

- How is that going to apply for us?
- How is God going to magnify us exceedingly to be able to have the power to straighten out this world?

Because it’s going to be a terrible mess with people:

- with sickness
- with disease
- with death
- with wounds
- with missing limbs

and everything like that! The whole environment all upset and falling apart, because of the wars.

Verse 2: “And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.”

Now, this was leading up to setting up and opening up the temple, and it was so pleasing, as we have seen, that God put His presence in the temple with a great display of all the wonderful things that were made for the temple and everything that was there and the priests were singing and the trumpeters were trumpeting, and the great joy was there and God came and put Himself *a presence*—not Himself, but a presence—of His Spirit in the temple and in the Ark of the Covenant! Israel had its greatest *time at that time*, but it was short-lived!

We won’t get into it, but we’ll look and see how it started out.

Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place in Gibeon, for there the tabernacle was of the Congregation of the Lord, which Moses, the servant of the Lord, had made in the wilderness.

Now, the Ark of God David had been brought up from Kirjah-Jerim to the place that David had prepared for it, and he pitched it in a tent at Jerusalem. Then at that time, Ark of the Covenant went into the Holy Place and so forth.

They had everything going really, really good, and that’s quite a thing how that was done. Amazing! Absolutely amazing!

How long did that last? Well, it lasted a couple of hundred years with ups and downs and the splitting of the kingdom because of the sin of Solomon and it was a terrible mess, indeed!

Now, let’s come back here to Jer. 4 and let’s see that just like today, God gave the Jews a chance to come back. That’s what he’s doing today with what

we have. We have a chance to have things a little better for a while. But

- Will we do it?
- Will we come back to God the way that we need to?

We’ll see!

Jer. 4:1—here is going to be the message that we’re going to be teaching all the people because:

- the Kingdom of God will be set up on earth. Jerusalem will be the headquarters
- all of the nations in the world are going to find out about God

Some are going to willingly come and want to know and go back and bring peace. Others, Christ is going to have to fight against and we’ll look at some of that tomorrow.

Jeremiah 4:1: “‘If you will return, O Israel,’ says the LORD, ‘Return to Me....’”

Now, this is a message we’re going to have to preach to all the people at the beginning of the Millennium.

“‘...And if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, then you shall not be removed’” (v 1).

He was warning them back there, before the invasion that took place another 30 years later. *They had a 40-year time of warning from Jeremiah!* Think about that! There were a couple of revivals, one good one with Josiah, but they didn’t do it.

Verse 2: “And will swear, ‘As the LORD lives,’ in Truth, in Judgment, and in Righteousness; then the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they shall glory.”

That’s what it’s going to be. We’ll lay it out to them, but look at that. How does God act?

- in Truth—that’s the *Word of God*
- in Judgment—making *right, just decisions*
- in Righteousness—*right laws and goodness to prevail*
- then the nation shall bless themselves in Him—*that is in God, in Him shall they glory*

But they wouldn’t do it! Then it shows what they had to do:

- they had to really repent
- repent in truth
- repent in righteousness

so that none of these things would come upon them!

Now then, let's come all the way to the Gospel of John, because the Gospel of John is a very interesting one, especially chapter 7, which was in the days when there was the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, and Jesus went up there.

At first He didn't make Himself known. Even His brothers came to Him, and said, 'Look, why don't You go show Yourself?' He said, 'My time hasn't come, yet. You go up to the Feast.' He went up incognito and arrived there in the middle of the Feast.

John 7:14: "But then, about the middle of the Feast... [that's the feast of Tabernacles] ... Jesus went up into the temple and was teaching. And the Jews were amazed, saying, 'How does this Man know letters, having never been schooled?'" (vs 14-15).

Now that's an interesting statement, isn't it? He never went to a rabbinic school. ***God the Father taught Him from infancy everything!*** Now, was that not a better education than they could provide? *Yes! And Jesus never abided by any of their laws!* What do you know about that?

Verse 16: "Jesus answered them and said, 'My doctrine... [what I have learned] ...is not Mine, but His Who sent Me. If anyone desires to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is from God, or *whether* I speak from My own self'" (vs 16-17).

That's exactly what we're going to tell all the people of the world when we start taking over the world!

Verse 18: "The one who speaks of himself is seeking his own glory... [isn't that true?] ...but He Who seeks the glory of Him Who sent Him is true."

Now, that's of Christ and of us, ***because we will be sent to bring back the world to God!***

Now, think about that! Think about that when you're watching the news and looking at

- all the difficulties
- all the problem and the death
- all the destruction
- all the crime
- all the political shenanigans
- all the lies
- all the riots

We're going to go out there and tell them Christ is ruling in Jerusalem. We are sent by Him.

- ***IF*** you believe in Him
- ***IF*** you believe what we teach you
- ***THEN*** He's going to bless you

It's going to be laid out there for them to know. We won't speak of ourselves.

Verse 23: "If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath, so that the Law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with Me because I made a man entirely whole on *the* Sabbath?"

Now, Jesus gave this out as a proposition that He wanted them to make a right choice. They wanted to say that what they were criticizing Him for doing, for healing this man on the Sabbath, was greater than circumcision *lawfully* on the Sabbath. *Quite a thing!*

So, He told them, 24: "Judge not according to appearance, ***but judge righteous judgment.***"

Isn't that a tremendous thing? ***Judge righteous judgment.*** Yes, indeed! So, these are all some of the things we're leading up to.

When we come back from a break, we will look at some of the things that we need to do for judging and what is right. It tells us exactly what we need to do. But the most important thing for us right now, so that we learn to do that, we start out with; that we have a relationship with God

- based upon love, repentance and service
- based upon obedience to the Truth
- based upon the love of God
- based upon the love of each other
- based upon the love of our neighbor
- *and understanding that we need to learn the Truth*
- how to think with it
- how to be able to do the things that God wants us to do

Now, before we take a break, let's come here to Heb. 10, and let's see that we're dealing with conversion in our lives and everything like that in order to be able to develop the mind.

Aren't we told: ***'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.'*** That's not *His* mind, but ***the way that He thought with the Spirit of God and the Laws of God!***

Here is how God is preparing us for these things right now, and that's called ***conversion with His Spirit!*** Conversion is quite a process, and it's something that we need to:

- learn
- understand
- grow in grace and knowledge
- know
- live by

How are we going to prepare ourselves for it? That's the whole point of the New Covenant. That's the whole point of us understanding about all the Holy

Days and especially the Feast of Tabernacles, of what God is going to do for the world.

Heb. 10:14 is a key fundamental cornerstone and building block that we build on Jesus Christ, right here:

Hebrews 10:14: “For by one offering He has obtained eternal perfection *for* those who are sanctified.”

- **IF** you have the Spirit of God
- **IF** you continue your right relationship with God

you are sanctified with the Spirit of God! That is, you are ***being made Holy!*** Now think about that! That’s why we have the Holy Spirit, and here’s what it’s to do for us,

Verse 15: “And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after He had previously said... [this is the whole purpose of it right here]: ...‘This *is* the covenant...’” (vs 15-16).

We know the difference between a covenant and a testimony, how important that a covenant is. A covenant is such that it is lasting. **IF** you break it, **THEN** you lose eternal life.

Now the covenant is also this: **IF** you sin and repent, your sins will be forgiven. That can be used as an exercise in overcoming so that we learn not to sin. *That’s all part of the covenant!*

“...that I will establish with them after those days,’ says *the* Lord, ‘I will give My Laws...’” (v 16).

That’s what God wants; ***His Laws into their hearts!*** Then this brings us:

- belief
- obedience
- love

“...and I will inscribe them in their minds”” (v 16). ***That’s what God wants!***

- that’s how we prepare for the Millennium
- that’s how we prepare for Eternal Life

The whole responsibility of taking over the world and bringing about the control of the whole earth under Jesus Christ as King and all of the saints! The sons and daughters of God being all of the rulers and leaders in the whole society everywhere around the world! **Now that’s what the Feast of Tabernacles is all about!**

So, let’s take a break and we’ll come back and then we will see ***how we have written in our hearts and our minds the way that we need to learn***

judgment in preparation for the resurrection and ruling in the Kingdom of God!

(break@46:19)

Now let’s continue on with ***just judgment***, and that’s to be ***done in righteousness***. Let’s see something that how God always organizes.

- God doesn’t leave things to chaos
- He doesn’t leave things to chance

But people:

- when they reject the way of God
- when they reject the Truth of God

They want to go in their own way, with their own conscience and everything like that, actually in many cases out in deliberate sin! You have to have some way to control it.

Now in the New Testament, Rom. 13, God set up these civil governments that they were to enforce the letter of the Law, and they were the ones who were to have the judgment concerning what to do with evildoers and those that need to be executed.

Now, you need to realize that once the Church began and going out into all other nations, you can’t have a civil government within the Church running things in a nation, ***because you can’t have two sovereigns in one nation.***

So, the Church is not given the same civil authority that God gave to ancient Israel, because He gave them civil authority and religious authority, or that is authority for the worship of God, all based upon the Laws of God.

Here in Deut. 1 is what Moses was telling them [what the LORD said] before they went into the land.

Deuteronomy 1:8: “Behold, I have set before you the land. Go in and possess the land, which the LORD has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.”

Verse 9: “And I [Moses] spoke to you at that time, saying... [this is to the people and introducing everything in the book of Deuteronomy] ...‘I am not able to bear you by myself. The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, today you *are* as the stars of heaven for multitude. May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times more than you *are*, and bless you as He has promised you!’” (vs 9-11)—***claiming the promise of God!***

Now then, Moses says this about doing all the judgment himself. *That’s why God is preparing all of us. He’s not going to do it Himself, **but** we’ve got to:*

- have everything right
- be spirit beings
- be just in our thinking
- have the Laws written in our hearts and in our minds
- have love toward the people
- have love toward God
- be bringing law and order
- be bringing Truth and worship of God

All of that's what we're going to be doing in the Millennium!

So, Moses says, v 12: "How can I by myself bear *the weight of* your problems and your burden and your strife?" *And that's what it was!* So, here is the solution:

Verse 13: "Choose wise and understanding men, and *those* known to your tribes, and I will appoint them leaders over you."

That's exactly what Christ is going to do!
That's why ***we're to grow in:***

- grace and knowledge
- wisdom
- judgment
- understanding
- knowing how to use the Word of God

Verse 14: "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have spoken *is* good to do.' And I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and made them leaders over you, leaders over thousands, and leaders over hundreds, and leaders over fifties, and leaders over tens, and officers among your tribes. ***And I commanded your judges...***" (vs 14-16).

Notice, there are the civil ones who carry out the Law, which we will do, ***God's Law!*** *Then there are judges.*

Verse 16: "And I commanded your judges at that time saying, 'Hear *the causes* between your brethren, ***and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the stranger*** with him.'" *Now, notice the rules:*

- there are Commandments for being a righteous judge
- there are Commandments for executing justice

Verse 17: "You shall not respect persons in judgment. You shall hear the small as well as the great.... [doesn't matter who they are, they have equal standing before the court] ...You shall not be afraid of the face of man, ***for the judgment is God's...***"

In other words, you judge it by the Laws of God. Don't give in to the ones who are pressuring you to let them stay evil. Don't give in to the ones who are pressuring you to eliminate everything and everyone, ***but you judge righteous judgment!***

"...And the cause that is too hard for you, bring to me... [to Moses and later to Joshua and the judges (book of Judges)] ...And I will hear it. ***And I commanded you at that time all the things, which you should do***" (vs 17-18).

So, that's what it was. That's how he commanded them to set it up; very interesting, indeed!

- Deut. 16—he adds a little more to this, to tell us about it
- Deut. 17—also is applicable to what we do today.

Deuteronomy 16:18: "You shall appoint judges and officers..."

These are also some of the things that will be given to us for us to do as spirit beings. We're going to do this, appointed by God. The whole government, every part of it, will be under the jurisdiction of Jesus Christ for the whole world.

Verse 18: "You shall appoint judges and officers for yourself in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, tribe by tribe. And ***they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.***" *That's the key and important thing!*

Now, recently, we had this case up in Idaho, where they gave clemency to the man who ruthlessly killed four students at the University of Idaho, viciously! He confessed, and then they gave him life in prison without parole.

But God says, 'life for life!' And that, even though it was merciful, on its appearance, was an ***unjust judgment,*** because his life should have been given, as God has said, for anyone who takes life.

Verse 19: "You shall ***not pervert judgment;*** you shall ***not respect persons, nor take a bribe,*** for a bribe ***blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.***" *Always does!*

That's what the Democrats have been doing, going to these ***unjust judges to get perverse decisions!***

Verse 20: ***You shall follow that which is altogether just so that you may live...*** [important]: ***...and inherit the land, which the LORD your God gives you.***"

Isn't that what's happening today. Look at how responsible *the judges are for all the crime* that's going on, ***because they didn't follow the words of God!***

Verse 21: "You shall not set up for yourself pillars of any trees near the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself. Nor shall you set up any image, which *thing* the LORD your God hates" (vs 21-22).

Now, what he's showing here is this: **WHEN** you leave the Laws of God and you go after other things to worship, **THEN** your judgment is perverted, *and*:

- you can't make ***righteous*** judgment
- you can't make ***just*** judgments

Now let's look at what happened when they wanted a king. It also tells us here in Deut. 17 that if you have judgments and you can't make a judgment of it, then you go up the line until you come to the high priest. When the high priest makes the judgment, everyone's going to live by it; everyone's going to do it.

This is where we get our judiciary in America and it goes on up to the Supreme Court. Here with God, it went up to the high priest.

Deuteronomy 17:9: "And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge... [so you have both] ...that shall be in those days, and ask. And they shall declare to you the sentence of judgment."

That's precisely what we're going to be doing in a Millennium.

Verse 10: "And you shall do according to the sentence, which they declare to you from that place which the LORD shall choose. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they tell you"—*according to the Word of God.*

That's why it's so important that now in our conversion and growing in grace and knowledge that we have those laws **written in our hearts and in our minds** so that we can make right judgments!

Then it says, v 11: "... You shall not turn aside from the sentence, which they shall show you, to the right hand or the left. And the man that acts presumptuously and will not hearken to the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or to the judge, **even that man shall die**" (vs 11-12).

There are a lot of things that God said that the death penalty should be brought upon them. A lot of those you will see are not just as penalty for the one who sinned, ***but to protect the rest of the society!***

"...And you shall put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear and fear, and do no more presumptuously" (vs 12-13).

Now then, let's see what God says when they said, 'We want a king,' *and that happened in the days of Samuel!*

Verse 14: "When you come to the land, which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that *are* around me.'"

Now here's the way that the top leader should be chosen, the king. That won't be in the Millennium, ***because Christ will be King!*** But nevertheless, for now, *this shows us how we qualify to be kings and priests!*

Verse 15: "You shall surely set a king over you **whom the LORD your God shall choose**.... [that's Christ] ... You shall set a king over you from among your brethren.... [we'll all be brethren of Christ] ... You may not set a stranger over you who is not your brother."

Here are the things that Solomon failed to do, and it destroyed the nation of Israel, ***divided it*** with the ten tribes of the north going off, and then Levi and some of Benjamin in the south to Rehoboam.

Verse 16: "Only he shall not multiply horses to himself... [which Solomon did] ...nor cause the people to return to Egypt... [which Solomon did when he built incense altars for all of his thousand wives and concubines] ...so as to multiply horses because the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'"

Verse 17: "**Nor shall he multiply wives to himself**, so that his heart does not turn away...."

Isn't that exactly what is said of Solomon? ***His wives turned his heart away, yes indeed!***

"...**Nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself**" (v 17).

Well, God gave all of that to Solomon, ***but all of this went to his head!*** You can read that in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Verse 18: "And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, **he shall write for himself**..."—*sit down and personally write!*

Well, we don't have to do that today because we can have it printed and have many, many copies like we do.

"...he shall write for himself a copy of this Law in a book... [a personal book for himself]

...from that which is **in the custody of the priests** the Levites” (v 18).

Now then, think about this. That ties in directly with what we read in Heb. 10, ***the whole Law, write it all down!*** Notice what he was to do with it:

Verse 19: “**And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life...** [For what purpose?] ...**so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this Law and these statutes, to do them.**”

Now that’s exactly what God wants us to do with the Word of God today for ourselves.

- this qualifies us to be judges
- this qualifies us to be kings and priests and rulers

*and things like this, because then we will be the sons and daughters of God! That’s going to make the Millennium the greatest thing that ever happened to humanity! **Keep all the law!***

Verse 20: “So that **his heart...**” Now think about that and think about Heb. 10:

- written in your heart
- inscribed in your mind

What does that do? *That:*

- helps us to be sanctified with the ***Words of God*** in our mind
- helps us to develop ***the mind of Christ*** so that we think with the Word of God
- prepares us to rule in the Millennium

Amazing how these things back here **in what the world rejects** as the Old Testament, are actually **living Words of God that should be followed today!**

Verse 20: “**So that his heart may not be lifted up above his brethren...**”

What did Jesus say about the apostles?

- they weren’t to be overlords
- they weren’t to be high priests
- they were to be ‘doulos’ *servants* for the people to teach them

That’s what it is right here. *That’s the same thing that Jesus taught!*

“...and that he does not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel” (v 20). *Whoa! What a tremendous thing that is!*

- we’re going to be living forever
- the Kingdom is going to be forever

How is that going to be run? Exactly as we are learning.

These are the things that we need to have and develop in our minds now, because ***this is how we develop the mind of Christ***, so that ***we can rule and reign with Him:***

- in truth
- in love
- in honesty
- in power
- in righteousness

and so forth!

Proverbs 8:13: “The fear of the LORD *is to hate evil; I hate pride...* [wisdom speaking] ...and **arrogance**, and **the evil way**, and **the perverse mouth.**”

That’s the thing to avoid! This is the thing that we get rid of now:

- we don’t lift ourselves up
- we don’t become high and mighty
- we don’t say that we’re privileged
- we don’t say that we rule over the brethren

NO! We’re to be servants to help them!

Verse 14: “**Counsel and sound wisdom are mine; I am understanding; I have strength**”—*that is wisdom!*

This is the Spirit of God, as it were, ***showing the action through the simile of wisdom.***

Verse 15: “By me kings reign and princes decree justice.” *It’s the only way to do it!*

Verse 16: “Princes rule by me, and nobles, and all the judges of the earth.”

Now that’s actually ***a prophecy of the Millennium, think of that!***

Verse 17: “I love those who love me; and those who seek me early shall find me. Riches and honor *are* with me; *yea*, enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit... [the Truth] ...*is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and what I give *is* better than choice silver” (vs 17-19).

Now look, right here in the Proverbs, it tells us all the things we need to know. Isn’t that amazing? Think what would happen **IF ALL—just take all of the senators and congressmen in Washington, D.C.—were made to follow these things!** Just think how much better this country would be. Everything that we’ve covered here.

Verse 20: “I lead in the **way of**

righteousness, in the midst of **the paths of justice.**”
There it is again, justice and righteousness!

Now we’re going to see how consistent the Word of God is in everything. That’s what’s so good. Just think what it would be **IF** the judges, **IF** the leaders, **IF** everything followed the Word of God.

Well, they won’t do it today, but when the Kingdom of God comes, ***everyone’s going to do it!*** That’s the only way it’s going to work.

Proverbs 21:15: ***“It is joy to the righteous to do justice...”***

Now notice the second half, and this is what’s so good about the Proverbs. It gives you Truth, and then *it condemns the error.*

Proverbs 21:15: ***“It is joy to the righteous to do justice, but ruin to the workers of iniquity.”***

Verse 16: ***“The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.”*** WOW! Quite a thing!

Prov. 18:13—here’s something that’s very important in what we need to do in our very conversation too, ***and that is get all the facts! Wait until you hear everything that needs to be presented!***

Proverbs 18:13: ***“He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.”***

Verse 15: ***“The heart of the prudent gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”***

Verse 17: ***“The one who is first in his own cause seems just, but his neighbor comes and searches him out.”***

In other words, you’ve got to hear both sides of this story, and you have to put it together. That’s quite a thing! See how great that these Proverbs are in helping us to understand what we need to do.

Proverbs 24:23: ***“These things also are for the wise... [that is, IF you’ll listen, pay attention] ...to have respect of persons in judgment is not good.” No! It ruins everything!***

Verse 24: ***“He who says to the wicked, ‘You are righteous,’ the people shall curse him and nations shall abhor him. But to those who rebuke him, it shall be a delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them”*** (vs 24-25).

Quite a thing, right there in Proverbs. Now, I tell you that one of the best ways to understand many things in the Bible, and many practical things in living day to day, ***is study through the Proverbs!*** They’re all so good, the Word of God.

Let’s look at something that a lot of people

misunderstand. Let’s come to John 8 Now, a lot of people look at this as *forgiveness*, ***but it’s not!*** This is quite a thing in relationship to the typology of John 8 & 9, which is this.

The first part of John 8 is with the woman caught in adultery, and we’ll go through that. And then, John 9 is the one who is born blind.

Symbolically, prophetically, the woman here in John 8 is typical of Israel. And a man born blind applies to all the Gentile nations that God has not dealt with. Now, think on that. That’s something to understand, isn’t it?

John 8:3: ***“Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Him... [in the temple area] ...a woman who had been taken in adultery; and after setting her in the center... [because there was a big crowd of people] ...they said to Him, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. And in the Law, Moses commanded us that those who commit such a sin should be stoned. Therefore, what do You say?’”*** (vs 3-5). *Let’s see what happened!*

Verse 6: ***“Now, they said this to tempt Him, so that they might have cause to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger.”***

Now many people have often wondered, what did He write? Let’s see if we can apply ***the rules of good judgments*** to this and understand what He did. We’ll answer the question a little bit.

Verse 7: ***“And as they continued to ask Him, He lifted Himself up and said to them, ‘Let the sinless one among you cast the first stone at her.’”***

Wasn’t that true that the people should stone someone who sinned? So, Jesus took them on with their own temptation and said: ‘Anyone out here who is sinless, you go get a stone and you stone her.’

Verse 8: ***“And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. But after hearing this, they were convicted each by his own conscience, and went out one by one, beginning with the older ones until the last. And Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing in the center. And when Jesus lifted Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, ‘Woman, where are your accusers? Did anyone condemn you?’ And she said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Neither do I condemn you.... [listen to what He said] ...Go, and sin no more’”*** (vs 8-11).

Now think on that! ***He didn’t say,*** ‘I forgive you.’ He said:

- ‘Is there anyone to accuse you?’ *No, they all left.* Why did they leave? *Probably because of what Jesus was writing on the ground!*
- What do you suppose that He wrote?

Most appropriately, He *probably* wrote, ‘**Where is the man?**’ *Because there can be no adultery without a man and a woman, and if she was caught in the act: **Why didn’t they bring the man, also?** Because both were to be stoned!*

So, what is this? *This is a mistrial, because they didn’t follow the Law in bringing the man and the woman, and they didn’t follow the law by having witnesses give testimony against both!*

This was a mistrial, *not a forgiveness*, because Jesus didn’t say, ‘I forgive you.’ He said, ‘Go and sin no more!’

So, that’s quite a thing! I hope you understand that. A lot of people miss that. Now let’s carry this a little bit further. Let’s see *what are we going to do with judging!*

That’s quite a thing when we understand what Paul wrote in 1-Cor. 6. Because this is going to be quite an amazing thing! Now think about how much we all need to grow in grace and knowledge to have the kind of character that it’s going to be required

1-Corinthians 6:1: “Does anyone among you who has a matter against another dare to go to *a court of law* before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?”

What Paul is saying is this: All of the members of the Church need to be educated themselves so in difficult problems like when Matt. 18 comes up and wanted to tell the Church that they are able to make a right decision *rather than run off to the unrighteous judge in the world!*

Verse 2: “Don’t you know that the saints shall judge the world?....” See how important right judgment is?

- just judgment
- correct thinking
- correct application
- being fair in everything that is done
- not being one-sided
- not being emotional
- not giving in to the rich
- not giving in to the poor
- not giving in to yourself

All of those things!

We shall judge the world, “...and **IF** the

world is to be judged by you, **are you unworthy of the most trivial of judgments?**” (v 2). *Can’t you even make the slightest little correct decision?*

That’s quite an indictment, isn’t it? *Yes!* Well, same thing for us today. That’s exactly what we find with the judiciary here in America, as well as other countries. *They can’t even make a right decision over something that is trivial!*

Verse 3—I want you to think on this, because judgment is going to be given to the saints as kings, priests, judges, rulers and everything.

Verse 3: “Don’t you know that we shall judge angels?....”

Now, think on that! What is that going to be like to judge angels? We don’t know, but we better be prepared so when we get in the kingdom of God we can do it right.

“...How much more *the* things of this life? So then, if you have judgments *concerning the* things of this life, *why* do you appoint *as judges* those who have no standing in the Church?” (vs 3-4).

In other words, they had everything all upside down. And even in the Church, the ones who are supposed to make any judgments for the church:

- have to be wise
- have to know the Word of God
- have to make a correct judgment

And don’t you know that that’s one of the major faults as to why Worldwide Church of God was taken down?

- they didn’t make the right judgments
- they didn’t do the right things
- they didn’t handle everything the way that God wanted

So, He took it down all away!

Now, all of these things are necessary for us to learn and for us to understand that in order to be the sons and daughters of God, to be resurrected from the dead or transformed if we’re still living when the resurrection comes, into being spirit beings. Then we will have:

- spirit minds
 - spirit bodies
- and be able with the education that we have now come into full blossom:*
- to make the right decisions
 - to teach people to love God
 - to keep His Commandments
 - to live by every Word of God
 - to love their neighbor

- to love God
- and we are going to rid the world of:*

- war
- crime
- murder
- theft

all of the things that plague us because human beings have sought to go their own way! IF they go their own way, and yet, claim God, it doesn't work out.

- this is why we are here
- this is why we keep the Feasts of God
- this is why we live by every Word of God

As we continue on and finish this Feast of Tabernacles tomorrow with Day 7. **We will see also what God has to do to help bring this world completely under the control of the resurrected saints of God, to rule the world!** So we'll see you tomorrow on Day 7.

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The Invasions of Gog & Magog

(FOT Day 7)

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Greetings, everyone. Welcome to Day 7, the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, but there's one more day to go tomorrow, which is The Last Great Day, and the encore for everything that God is doing as He's revealed to us.

Then after that, what is it going to be like when God reveals what it's going to be like in the whole universe? With the Plan of God as outlined by the Feast and Holy Days that He has. Isn't it interesting that since the world does not keep them, they don't understand, which is a real key in understanding the Word of God. *How many times have we covered:*

- *believe* God
- *obey* God
- *love* God

What's going to happen during the Millennium as we'll just review a little bit of it, and then we'll get to what's going to happen at the end of the Millennium when the rest of the dead are raised to a second physical life!

Micah 4 We've covered this before, but let's review it, and then we will get into another event that happens right at the end of the Millennium that involves Satan and Gog and Magog. But first let's come to:

Micah 4:1: "But it shall be in the last days *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it."

So, everything's going to center there at Jerusalem. And as we have seen, the House of the Lord at that time will be a tremendous, huge tabernacle! something so spectacular that it can only be handled in two verses in Isa. 4, and that doesn't tell us very much. But they're all going to come to God to find out:

- how they should live
- what are the laws
- what God is doing
- why they're here
- why God has done what He's done
- what is right
- what is wrong
- what is good
- what is evil
- what is righteous

- what is an abomination

Verse 2: "And many nations.... [notice it doesn't say *all*; we will see that's an interesting statement] ...shall come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways...'"

ALL of the ways of God, and that's what's missing in the world today. That's what's missing in religion today.

"...and we will walk in His paths'..." (v 2)—that is, *as a way of life they will live according to the ways of God!*

"...for the Law shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (v 2).

So, the Law goes out and the Word is the instruction of God. That comes down through all of us, as we will see. We're going to be the kings and priests, and we're going to be the teachers and everything like that, as we have already covered.

Verse 3: "And he shall judge among many people..." *So, judgment will always be all during the Millennium!*

What does it say of the Church today? *For judgment begins at the House of God*, which is the Church. What will be the end thereof of the sinners? Now, here's what's going to have to happen, and we'll see that in a little bit.

"...and [He] will rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (v 3).

Quite a thing! Now, let's see what we're going to be doing:

Isaiah 30, which is all a part of a continuous process during the Millennium. There are going to be many, many people brought in to the Kingdom of God, and we will see that here in a little bit.

Let's look at what it says concerning the people and what will happen to them.

Isaiah 30:18: "And therefore, will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you...."

That's to Israel, that's to Judah, and also to all of the nations, because what happens to Israel and Judah happens to all the nations.

"...And therefore, He will be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you, **for the LORD is a God of justice**; blessed are all those who wait for Him" (v 18). *That's exactly what it's going to be!*

- they will learn the way of God
- we will teach them the way of God

We will see what will happen a little later in the book of Isaiah.

Verse 19: "For, O people, who dwell in Zion at Jerusalem, **you shall weep no more**; He will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When He hears it, He will answer you."

Everything's going to be totally changed. When they pray to God, Who's going to answer that prayer? *God is, through us!*

- to them
- to teach them
- to help them
- to show them

Now, it's going to be a great responsibility, and the whole society is going to be built around:

- God's Law
- God's Truth
- God's grace
- God's mercy

*God's dealing with sin for those **who choose** to sin!*

- What will He do?
- How will that be handled?

Verse 20: "And though the LORD gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction... [that's what it was before they came into living in the Millennium] ...yet, your teachers shall not be removed into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers."

- they're going to see us
- we're going to be with them
- we'll be talking to them

We'll manifest ourselves as flesh and bone as Jesus did when He manifested Himself to the disciples after His resurrection.

Then we will also have times of glory when we go to Jerusalem, when we go to be with Christ, when we go right there where all the patriarchs are and all the glory. What a magnificent time that is going to be.

Of course, the key patriarch is going to be Abraham! Amazing thing! Now, here's what it will be. Here's how we will do it. We will teach them what to do. And when they go wrong, then we will be able to help them and correct them in a very short period of time. Listen:

Verse 21: "And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, **'This is the way, walk in it,'** when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left." *So, that's what it's going to be right there!*

- they will hear us
- they will see us
- we will teach them

Isa. 65—because as we have seen, this is how it's going to be all during the Millennium, and let's pick up some other understanding so that we understand the book of Revelation when we come to the end of the Millennium. We'll read that in just a bit here.

Isaiah 65:13: "Thus the Lord GOD says, 'Behold, My servants will eat, but you will be hungry.... [that's to those who reject the Word of God] ...Behold, My servants will drink, but you will be thirsty. Behold, My servants will rejoice, but you will be ashamed. Behold, My servants will sing for joy of heart, but you will cry for sorrow of heart, and will howl for vexation of spirit" (vs 13-14).

Very interesting; this shows that if they sin, it's going to be found out right away.

Verse 15: "And you will leave your name for a curse to My elect... [if you don't repent; because we will see what will happen to all of the wicked in Rev.20] ...for the Lord GOD will slay you, and call His servants by another name."

Now, that eventually will happen, but we'll see what will take place. But here's what's going to be for the main part of it.

Verse 16: "*He* who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself by the God of Truth...."

So, Truth is going to prevail. Remember what Jesus said: ***I'm the Way, the Truth and the Life!*** And the Spirit that we receive is the Holy Spirit of God, which is also called the Spirit of Truth.

Everything during the Millennium is going to be run by the Spirit of God, by Truth, and by what we will be teaching.

"...And he who swears in the earth will swear by the God of Truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes" (v 16).

Now then, here's what He's going to do, as we have seen, for the Millennium. The whole earth is going to be revamped, because the earth, when we come back to it, at the time of the first resurrection, it's going to be in total destruction from one end of the world to the other. That's going to be an amazing thing!

Verse 17: "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. And the former things will not be remembered, nor come to mind."

Gradually down through the Millennium, everything will be so great. It will be handled in a way that is an amazing thing indeed, as we will see according to the Word of God. Some of it we have to estimate what it will be, so we don't know all of it and all the details that we need to.

Verse 18: "But be glad and rejoice forever *in that* which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and I will joy in My people; and the voice of weeping will no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying" (vs 18-19).

Why is that going to be? Come to Isa. 61 and see what it talks about that we will be. This is interesting indeed when we look at it, because not only we're going to be:

- teachers
- priests
- kings
- rulers

but here it describes what it's going to be like! So when we, as the teachers, will say to those who are living and doing what they need to do, when we instruct them and manifest ourselves to them, it's going to be quite a thing.

Isaiah 61:6: "But you shall be called the priests of the LORD..."

Isn't that something? *Priests of God!* We're not yet a priesthood; there's no priesthood now. That's in the future, as the Apostle Peter wrote, that we are **a royal priesthood**. That is, he's looking forward **to the time of the resurrection!**

"...it will be said of you, 'The ministers of our God'..." (v 6).

Because the whole world's going to worship God, Amazing thing,

"...The ministers of our God. you will eat the riches of the Gentiles, and you will boast in their glory" (v 6)—*that's us!*

When we're kings and priests and all of that sort of thing, we're not going to be paupers. We're not going to be without recompense and whatever God wants to give us in the way for our service.

But if God has given the tithe to the Churches today, and as we have seen to Israel in the past, we'll have to just see how that goes. Because this is going to be a tremendous time of wealth. Tremendous time of everything. We'll see that in just a minute because we will bring this about.

Then it's talking to us and all the things that we suffered to get into the Kingdom of God to be the kings and priests that He wants us to be.

Verse 7: "For your shame *you will have* double; instead of dishonor they will rejoice in their portion; therefore, in their own land they will possess double; everlasting joy will be theirs."

Let's continue on right in v 8^[transcriber's correction] Listen to what it says; we covered this on Day 6, yesterday, on *Just Judgment*.

Verse 8: "'For I the LORD love justice...'"

That's what we're going to bring. because we will have the mind of Christ. We will have the understanding of the Word of God. We will be able to deal with people as Jesus did when He was on the earth. He could read their thoughts. He would know what they were doing, and all of this sort of thing.

"...I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in Truth..." (v 8).

What did we read over here? *God of Truth!* So, that's what it's going to be all through the Millennium. **Truth! Truth! Truth!** Anything contrary to it, any sin, we'll see what happens here in just a bit and how that's going to be handled.

We're not going to have it like it is today and have this great convention that we had this summer over in Colorado with all the homosexuals and transgenders and everything like that! ***That will never be again!*** Going to be in Truth. There aren't going to be any demons and Satan the devil around to transmit lies.

However, every person in the flesh is going to have to choose what they will do because God has always given choice to us as human beings.

"...and I will make an everlasting covenant with them" (v 8).

That is a covenant unto eternal life! That applies to us in our relationship at the resurrection, as well. **An everlasting covenant!** Think about what is ahead for us and as many of the greatest terms we can possibly think of. *Because what God has prepared:*

the eye has not seen nor the ear heard nor has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those that love Him

- we're the ones
- we are being trained
- we are being prepared

to save the world and humanity!

Verse 9: "And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all who see them will acknowledge them, **that they are the seed the LORD has blessed.**" *Quite an amazing thing!*

Verse 10: "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul will be joyful in my God; **for He has clothed me with the robes of salvation....**"

WOW! Think of what that's going to be like. An honest scale that we have not imagined nor can we imagine, because the things that God is preparing are so great.

"...He covered me with the robe of righteousness like a bridegroom adorns *himself* with ornaments, and like a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels" (v 10).

That's talking about the marriage of Christ and the Church. There it is right here. So, remember this: The Old Testament contains everything we need to know to complete the Gospel of the New Testament. It's not complete without the Sabbath and Holy Days. It's not complete until we live in these times and experience it.

Now, notice what the earth is going to be like right here:

Verse 11: "For as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden causes that which is sown to grow; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to grow before all the nations."

Completely different! Now then, they will all have their human nature, but not as carnal. The law of sin and death will be diminished so it is not predominant in their lives. But it doesn't mean that they can't sin. And it doesn't mean that we will only be dealing with righteousness alone and won't have to deal with sin. But there it is right here. Everything's going to be completely different. *Here's what it's going to be like:*

Isaiah 60:16: "You will also suck the milk of nations, and suck the breast of kings..."

Now that's a figurative kind of speaking to show that for all the sons of God, who are ruling and

reigning with Christ, that we will be able to be blessed with the best of everything.

Then for God, the best of the best for everything. Now this also ties in with Rev. 21, where the nations will bring their riches to New Jerusalem. So, there's a dual application right here.

"...and you shall know that I the LORD *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob" (v 16).

They will know it! They don't know it now, but we will help bring that to pass because:

- we'll *teach* them
- we'll *help* them
- we'll *show* them

Can you imagine what it's going to be like for the full explanation of the Word of God? It will make what we have as the Bible look like an elementary book of the first, second, and third graders in school.

Verse 17: "For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver; and for wood I will bring bronze, and for stones, iron. I will also make your overseers to be peace, and your rulers to be righteousness."

That's us! That's what we're going to bring! That's why it's so important that we really learn to love God ***with all our heart, mind, soul and being; because this is going to be the greatest harvest of God until tomorrow, The Last Great Day!***

Now notice this; think about this today; v 18: "Violence will no more be heard in your land, *neither* wasting nor ruin within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise."

That's an amazing thing! Now then, it goes on to show, because all of the teachers who are the sons and daughters of God, who are the kings, priests, rulers and administrators during the Millennium. We will be bringing the whole application of everything that God wants. Now, we've touched on it. We don't know it as complete as we ought to, but this gives us an idea what it's going to be like.

Verse 19: "The sun will no more be your light by day..." That means, *figuratively speaking*, it will still be there, but that will not be the only light.

"...nor the brightness of the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you for an everlasting Light..." (v 19).

Now, that ties in with John 1 in the Gospel of John, that He is:

- the Light of men
- the Light of Truth

- the Light of Righteousness
- the Light of Life

See, that's what He's talking about here!

“...be to you for an **everlasting Light**, and your God your glory. Your sun will no more go down, nor your moon withdraw; for the LORD will be your **everlasting Light**...” (vs 19-20).

So, it's merely saying here that it's going to be greater than anything you've ever known when you compare it to the sun and the moon.

“...and the days of your mourning shall be ended. Your people also *will* all *be* righteous; they will inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, so that I may be glorified. A smallest will become a thousand, and the least one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it **in its time**” (vs 20-22).

And the time is the Millennium; all for the thousand years.

That's quite a thing! Quite a thing there that the reward that's spoken of in the New Testament is defined in the Old Testament in quite wonderful detail.

Now, let's see what will happen here. Some of this we can know. Some of it we can surmise, so we will have to put all of that in its proper perspective.

Isaiah 65:20: “There will not be an infant who lives but a few days... [we will see that this applies also to the Last Great Day, the 100-year period] ...nor an old man that has not filled his days, for the child will die a hundred years old; but the sinner *who is* a hundred years old shall be accursed.”

We'll have to look at that and see if we can understand it, how it's applied and what it tells us in the book of Revelation. We will see that that also ties in with Gog and Magog. It shows that if someone sins, they're going to live to be 100 and then die.

- How is God going to do it?
- What is going to happen?
- How will it be?

Verse 21: “And they will build houses and live *in them*; and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build, and another live *in them*; they will not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree *are so will be* the days of My people, and My elect will long enjoy the work of their hands” (vs 21-22).

How's God going to handle it? We've seen two things:

1. Isa. 30—when they sin, we will tell them what they need to do:

Speculation: What **IF** they don't repent? *I surmise that there will be 'rehabilitation centers' where they will go:*

- where they can be specially taught
- where they can learn

because God doesn't want to lose any; yet, He doesn't take away free choice! So, here they are:

- **IF** they repent
- **IF** they learn
- **IF** they prove themselves

they can come back to society.

2. What's going to happen **IF** they don't?

Rev. 20—we may get a perspective on that, concerning this, that is probably true, because it says in Isa. 65, **that the sinner shall die 100-years-old!**

Revelation 20:7: “Now, when the thousand years have been completed... [we'll talk a little bit more about this in a little bit]Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.” *When he is loosed:*

- Where's he going to go?
- What's going to happen?
- How is it that this final war takes place?

Verse 3: “...and after that **it is ordained that he be loosed for a short time.**” *For what purpose?*

Verse 7: “Now, when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison; and **he shall go out to deceive the nations that are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, of whom the number is as the sand of the sea...** [there are a lot of people there] **...to gather them together for war**” (vs 7-8).

Let's talk about Gog and Magog a little bit.

- Is there a place in the world that **IF** the sinner does not repent after coming to a 'rehabilitation center'?
- What are you going to do with him, because he's going to live to be a hundred?

You're not going to have him living in the community, because he's already isolated from the community because of his sin.

IF he won't repent, then it's all likelihood that they are exiled to a place in Gog and Magog where the sinners will live.

- What they will do there is continue to live; they're sinners!

- Will they repent? *We don't know!*

It's possible that they may and come back to the 'rehabilitation center' and then come back into the community. *We don't know!* That's all going to have to be worked out when it comes.

But nevertheless, Gog and Magog is some place in the area where we might say is Manchuria; that part of the earth. *They will die there because it says 'the sinners shall die a hundred'* and the Millennial reign is a thousand years.

Now, at the end of the Millennium, end of the thousand years, it says that there are many people there like *the sand of the sea!* So that's quite a thing.

Now, we'll pick it up there a little later, but let's look at Gog and Magog for a minute to see why that area was chosen or will be chosen by God to get rid of the incorrigible sinners who won't repent. Gog and Magog has always been a problem. We look at what happened in Europe when the Mongolians came and conquered China and conquered all of Asia and came and conquered the Middle East, came up through Turkey, and came right at the doorsteps of Vienna before the Germans came and defeated them.

That's one of their great invasions of the past. So let's look and see that when the Millennium begins, that there will yet be another invasion from Gog and Magog *to come and try and take over the Kingdom of God!*

So let's see, beginning here in Rev. 9 about the kings of the East. Let's see about the war that they will declare. Let's see how many there will be.

Here, it says it will be 200-million. In Rev. 20 it says they'll be *as the sands of the sea!* This is Gog and Magog coming right about midway through the last year and a half of the Great Tribulation, which is three and a half years.

Revelation 9:13: "And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar that *is* before God; *and* it said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, 'Loose the four angels who are bound in the great River Euphrates.' Then the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year..." (vs 13-15).

Does God have a set time schedule according to His schedule that He is going to use for these events that take place? *Yes, the answer is down to the hour!* Think about that.

"...were loosed, so that they might kill a third of men" (v 15).

Now, that's an awful lot of death that's going to take place, but, you know, human beings have a hard time learning the lessons, don't they?

Verse 16: "And the number of *the* armies of the horsemen *was* two hundred thousand thousand..."—*200 million!*

All of the people from the East, Russia, China, Manchuria, Korea, Laos, Cambodia, India, Persia, all of those! Then they will gather other nations to come with them. So, before the Millennium begins, here is the first invasion from Gog and Magog.

And then it tells about it, all their fighting and so forth, and then God intervenes and punishes them.

Rev. 16—we see a temporary repeat; *this is just before the saints in Christ come back to the earth!* This is the pouring out of the seven last plagues.

- all of the saints in Christ are on the Sea of Glass
- the wedding supper of the Lamb has taken place
- we've all received our rewards
- we know what we're going to do
- we know who we're going to follow
- Christ is going to lead us to the earth at that time

But before then there are the seven last plagues. Let's look at it. Let's see what this is here. Let's see what it's talking about, because all the 200-million in the first part of the invasion weren't killed. There were still those afterwards that were going to come, part of the seven last plagues.

Revelation 16:10: "And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; yet, they did not repent of their works" (vs 10-11).

Now, see, all the way through, we read that back there in chapter 9. They didn't repent of their works. So, here again, with all of the seven last plagues leading up to this fifth one, they didn't repent. They all had a chance to repent.

Verse 12: "And the sixth angel... [just like the sixth trumpet plague] ...poured out his vial into the great River Euphrates; and its waters were dried up..."

It dried up one time when the armies came; the river began to flow again and now they're going to dry it up again.

“...the great River Euphrates; and its waters were dried up, so that the way of the kings from the rising of *the* sun might be prepared” (v 12).

So again, they’re going to come, the great hordes of the East. And with the Sea of Glass up there and all that’s going on, they’re going to think these are invasion from outer space, ***which it is, but it’s Christ and all the saints!*** And we’ll be looking down there and we’ll see that this war is developing. So this is the second one, Gog and Magog. The first one was the sixth trumpet plague; this one here is the sixth seal.

Verse 13: “Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet; for they are spirits of demons working miracles, going forth to the kings of the earth...” (vs 13-14).

They’re going to rally all the kings of the earth. The kings of the East, all the nations there, all the others, to come and fight Christ. *So this is the second invasion!* Actually, if you go back:

- 1) to the one in the 1300s
- 2) the sixth trumpet plague
- 3) and this one here
- 4) one shortly after the beginning of the Millennium
- 5) the one that we read of in Rev. 20

So, five coming out of the kings of the East!

Verse 14: “For they are spirits of demons working miracles, going forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole world, to gather them together to *the* battle of that great day of the Almighty God”—***Armageddon.***

A lot of people say Armageddon. People say, false prophets say, well, Gog and Magog has happened, or it’s ready to go. ***NO!*** None of it has happened in this particular way.

Verse 17: “Then the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the Throne, saying, ‘IT IS FINISHED.’”

Amazing! ***It’s finished!*** That’s another whole sermon in itself.

We will see that right as the Millennium begins was then the ***fourth invasion of Gog and Magog!*** Then we will see at the end of the Millennium again that we touched on at the beginning, ***there is the fifth invasion of Gog and Magog!***

We’re looking at Gog and Magog, and let’s just review. The first major thing from all the nations of the East was when Manchuria conquered all of China, all of Southeast Asia, all of the area of the Middle East, and was turned back at the gates of Vienna by the Germans in the 1300s.

Now then, the next one that takes place is the ***sixth trumpet plague***, Rev.9. Again, the armies cross the river Euphrates, and it is especially dried up so that they can get across. That’s going to end up in a great battle right there around Jerusalem. Then the resurrection is going to take place on Pentecost, and all the armies of the world, all the nations going to see the Sea of Glass and see where the saints are being educated there and gathered together in the greatest assembly of all the people of God that will have ever been ***right there on the Sea of Glass with Jesus Christ and God the Father and the Holy angels.***

When we’re up there on the Sea of Glass, then the armies are going to be preparing again. They’re going to be preparing to come against the Holy Land again, ***which then is the third invasion, the sixth last plague!*** Then the armies are destroyed. There are still people back over here in Gog and Magog. The whole earth, not everyone on the earth is destroyed. A great many are with the battle of Armageddon and everything like that.

Now then, let’s see the next invasion of Gog and Magog as found in Ezek. 38 & 39. This takes place shortly after the Millennium begins. Of those nations that God has to go and correct (Mal. 4) until they ***beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.*** In other words, ***they have to get rid of all of their implements of war!*** That’s after the Millennium begins.

Ezek. 38 & 39 has not yet happened! It’s going to happen. It happened in type, but not for the final one as we will see, because they will come and see; ‘Oh, look at all of these people peacefully settled here. There are no defenses, no armies, no walls.’ Then they’re going to come!

Ezekiel 38:1: “And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief ruler of Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him’” (vs 1-2).

Meshech is like Russia. So, look at what is being setup right now with the so-called peace talks to try and get Russia to get out of Ukraine. That is help setting up everything that’s going to take place in Revelation and then helping to set up what will take place here in this invasion.

Let's just say seven years—speculation; we don't know—after the setting up of the Kingdom of God.

Verse 3: “And say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the chief ruler of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most gorgeously, a great assembly with buckler and shield, all of them swordsmen’” (vs 3-4).

Notice who is also with them; v 5: “Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet.”

So there's going to be these countries that are going to be forced to accept the Kingdom of God, and they will be!

Verse 6: “Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah *from* the uttermost parts of the north, and all his bands; *and* many people with you. Be prepared; yea, prepare for yourself, you and all your assembly that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. After many days...” (vs 6-8).

Now we don't know how long many days is, I've speculated that that is perhaps maybe seven years into the first part of the Millennium.

Verse 8: “After many days you will be summoned. In the latter years you shall come into the land restored from war, gathered out of many people, on the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste. (But she has been brought out of the nations, and they shall dwell securely, all of them.)”

So, this means at the beginning of the Millennium, because as we saw, when the Millennium begins, God is going to bring back Israel. God is going to bring back the Jews, put some of them there in the Holy Land, put the rest in the lands in the North, the West, the South, and the East, as they were.

It says here the battle is going to happen; v 9: “‘And you shall go up, coming like a storm. You shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many people with you.’ Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘And it shall be in that day that things shall come into your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan’” (vs 9-10). Now let's see what he says about this evil plan:

Doesn't it sound an awful like all the intrigue going on today, diplomatically, and in commerce, and trade, and in armies, and weapons? *Yes, indeed!* How can you trust them?

Just a little while ago, we had the meeting with Putin and Trump. Well, little old Putin, he wants to be a great man. Well, that's in the heart of those here in the Bible, as well. *They won't listen!* So, God is going to have to deal with them *and make them*, as it says we read there in Micah 4.

So, here's the plan; v 11: “And you shall say, ‘I will go up to the land of unwallled villages....’ That's the area of the Holy Land. No walls! No defenses!

“...I will go to those that are at rest....”

- Isn't that what the Millennium is?
- The great *rest* of God? *Yes!*

“...who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and there are no bars nor gates to them, in order to take a spoil, and to steal a prize; to turn your hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited... [this has got to be at the beginning of the Millennium] ...and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, who have gotten cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land” (vs 11-12).

Then it lists all of these here. This is quite a detailed analysis of this battle.

Verse 14: “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘In that day when My people of Israel dwell securely... [the Millennium has started] ...’ shall you not know *it*? And you shall come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many people with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army’” (vs 14-15).

So, instilling the peace during the Millennium is going to take some time. There are going to be those who want to fight God. they're going to want to come when they see the whole nation of the Middle East—now under the control of Christ and the saints—at peace. And they will say:

Look at that! Look at that! All the silver, all the gold, all the things that they have, and they're not even building walls. No defenses. Let's gather our armies together, and let's go take it.

That's what it's telling us here.

Verse 15: “And you shall come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many people with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. And you shall come up on My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the latter days...” (vs 15-16).

How about that? So, this includes:

- the invasion of the sixth trumpet
- the invasion of the sixth last seal

- the invasion after the beginning of the Millennium
- the final invasion (Rev. 20)

How about that?

“...and I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes” (v 16).

Now, this is to show the whole world at the beginning of the Millennium that:

- Christ is ruling
- the saints are here
- this is going to be the last war until the end of the Millennium

Only Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords and the Prince of Peace!

Verse 17: “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days, by the hand of My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them? And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,’ says the Lord GOD, **‘My hot anger will be aroused’**” (vs 17-18).

IF there’s any one thing you don’t want: you don’t want God to be angry at you and you don’t want him to be angry even more with his hot anger!

So, God is really going to take charge of it here; v 19: **‘For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken, ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great quaking in the land of Israel.’**”

Now, this is going to be a traumatic thing to take place, but what it’s going to do, ***it’s going to establish the Kingdom of God over the whole world from that time forward!*** But God is going to allow this last invasion right after the beginning of the Millennium so God can:

- show His hand to the world
- show His hand to His people
- show *that during the Millennium God is Ruler and the saints are administering that rule*

and it’s going to bring peace to the whole world!

God is going to show—through Gog and Magog and Tubal and Meshach and all of those countries from the East and the North—that you cannot come against God and succeed!.

Verse 20: “So that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, **and ALL the men on the face of the earth...** [that’s all inclusive of everything] **...shall quake at My**

presence.... [here’s what’s going to happen]: **...And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.”**

It’s not going to be any little old war. This is going to be massive desolation and destruction again ***because they’re coming to fight God!*** They’re all going to be saying that the aliens are ruling on the earth and ‘we got to cure the problem.’ Well, they won’t be able to. ***God is going to!***

Verse 21: “‘And I will call for a sword against him... [the sword of the angels] ...upon all My mountains,’ says the Lord GOD. ‘Each man’s sword shall be against his brother. And I will judge him with pestilence and with blood. And I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone’” (vs 21-22).

A repeat of Rev. 16 and the battle of Armageddon, because these people are so stubborn and so wanting power under the influence and power of Satan the devil that ***they will not repent until they’re almost utterly completely destroyed!*** What is that going to do for the instilling of the Millennium and taking over the whole world by Christ and all the saints?

Verse 23: “Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will have Myself known in the eyes of many nations, **and they shall know that I am the LORD.**”

Listen to that statement, because it’s repeated quite a number of times in Ezek. 39. What God has for Gog and Magog is worth *two whole chapters in the book of Ezekiel!* Amazing!

Ezekiel 39:1: “Therefore, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, **I am against you, O Gog...**’”

Think about that! ***You don’t ever want to have God against you:***

- you’re going to lose
- it isn’t going to prosper

That’s why God has given to us ***a time of space and repentance and forgiveness, because we don’t want God against us!***

“...‘Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the chief ruler of Meshech and Tubal. And I will turn you about, and lead you on. And I will bring you up from the uttermost parts of the north, and I will bring you against the mountains of Israel. And I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your bands, and the

people with you. I will give you for food to the birds of prey of every kind, and *to* the beasts of the field. You shall fall upon the face of the open field, for I have spoken it,' says the Lord GOD" (vs 1-5).

This is to establish *in full power the rule of Christ and the saints over the whole earth*, because this last battle right after the Millennium begins *is going to be the final thing that's going to bring peace completely to the world until the end of the Millennium!*

Verse 6: "And I will send a fire on Magog, and on those who dwell in the isles. **And they shall know that I am the LORD**. And I will make My Holy name known in the midst of My people Israel..." (vs 6-7).

That's going to be a lesson for all the children of Israel, all the nations that are gathered there!

"...And I will not *let them* profane My Holy name any more. **Then...**" (v 7)—not until **then!** This war has to happen so that the rest of the world **will know**:

- that the Lord *is God*
- the Kingdom *is on the earth*
- there is going to be *no more war*

"...Then the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel" (v 7).

Well, that's quite a thing; this is amazing what happened!

Verse 8: "'Behold, it is coming, and it shall be done,' says the Lord GOD. **'This is the day of which I have spoken. And the inhabitants of the cities of Israel shall go out and shall set on fire and burn** the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the javelins, and the spears. And they shall burn them with fire **seven years**" (vs 8-9).

It's going to take seven years to clean up this great mess this last war which begins the Millennium!

Verse 10: "'So that they shall take no wood out of the field, nor cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons. And they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them,' says the Lord GOD. 'And it will be in that day that I will give to Gog a *burial* place there in Israel—the valley of those who pass by, east of the sea. And it shall block off those who pass by. And there they shall bury Gog and all his multitude. And they shall call *it*, The Valley of the Multitude of Gog'" (vs 10-11). *Remember: you don't fight against God!*

So we'll have to see what happens at the end of the Millennium because there's still one more battle with Gog and Magog; it's going to be quite a spectacular battle, because as we have talked about:

Those who sin and are not able to repent and be rehabilitated will be exiled during the Millennium to Gog and Magog. **IF** they don't repent they will die sinners, that's what Isa. 65 tells us. *So, all of this puts together a big picture of what is going to happen at the end!*

Verse 12: "'And the house of Israel shall bury them, to cleanse the land, seven months. And all the people of the land shall bury them, and it shall be to them a *day of* renown, the day that I shall be glorified,' **says the Lord GOD**" (vs 12-13).

How about that! This final battle is going to convince a lot of people in the world that ***God means what He says!*** They're going to come!

Verse 14: "'And they shall employ men to continually search the land, burying those who remain on the face of the earth, to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they shall *begin the* search. And as those who pass through the land, pass through, if *any* man sees a bone, then he shall set a sign beside it until the buriers have buried it in The Valley of the Multitude of Gog. And also the name of the city *there is* Multitude. Thus they shall cleanse the land. And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD..." (vs 14-17).

It goes back and shows how He's going to clean it up, just like it at the end right there in Rev. 19; all the birds come and clean it up!

Verse 17: "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to the birds of every kind, and to every beast of the field, 'Gather yourselves and come; gather yourselves from all around to My sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, lambs, goats, *and* bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And you shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you'" (vs 17-19).

Now that's quite a thing! That's how God looks at this! So, this is going to be a powerful thing that's going to take place in destroying Gog and Magog and all the nations of the East that come up against the Israelites who have just settled back into their lands. Quite a thing! God is going to make it known that this is amazing how powerful that these two chapters are

Verse 20: "'And you shall be filled at My

table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, all the men of war,' **says the Lord GOD.**"

Now then you never want to go against God!
It won't work, not even down to the smallest thing!

- a little lying is against God
- a lot of lying is giving yourself over to Satan the devil
- a little adultery and fornication and perverted sex over here ends up in being Sodom and Gomorrah and being burned to death

This ties in with what we have that is named the Feast of Unleavened Bread: ***a little leaven leavens the whole lump*** and can grow and grow and grow and grow and grow ***and eat itself into rottenness to where anything that is left is completely rotten!*** So this is going to be quite a thing!

Verse 21: "And I will set My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgments which I have executed, and My hand that I have laid on them. So, **the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God** from that day and forward." (vs 21-22).

Even a lot of people who are brought back by God to the Holy Land are going to think and say, 'Well, I don't know about this.' ***So, this is going to convince them!***

Verse 23: "And the nations shall know that the house of Israel was exiled for their iniquity. Because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore, I hid My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword."

Then all the captives will come back, so that's quite a thing there with the invasions of Gog and Magog!

Then we have all the Millennium as we have covered and how great that is and how it will be with all people and so let's come back here to Rev. 20 and see the final invasion from Gog and Magog.

So we have to surmise that that has to be referring to the geographical area of the land rather than the people themselves. Because ***IF*** all nations at the time of Ezek. 38 & 39 ***after the punishing of Gog and Magog*** that there will be those of Gog and Magog who will repent after that, and they can enter into the blessing of the Millennium!

But there's going to be a certain area of Gog and Magog that God is going to set aside to send the incorrigible wicked, so that they can live the 100 years, ***and they can die there and they can be buried there waiting the resurrection to the Lake of Fire!***

Rev. 20—it says there that Satan is ordained to be loosed for a short season, so let's see it beginning in:

Revelation 20:7: "Now, when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison."

That's going to be a spectacular day for Satan and the demons; so wherever it is in Gog and Magog that all the incorrigible are at that time, Satan is going to ***come in his full power, in his full satanic glory with all the demons!*** He's probably going to say:

Look, let's go down and conquer and take Jerusalem and we will rule the world! You've been deprived and shipped over here, because you have used your free moral agency to do what you want. That's unfair of God but you trust in me.

Let's go down there and we will capture Jerusalem and when we capture Jerusalem we will rule the world!

Can you imagine how great that they will feel then? Just like everything else today when you see all of the wicked gathered together flaunting everything that they do against all the other people round about and trying to convince everyone around them that all of their wicked deeds are good!

So likewise it will be with this rally of Satan the devil! He will gather them together after he is loosed out of his prison!

Verse 8: "**And he shall go out to deceive the nations...** [plural, people from all nations incorrigible, unrepentant, exiled to the land of Gog and Magog] **...that are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog,** of whom the number is as the sand of the sea, to gather them together for war."

Every time there is rebellion led by Satan, what does it lead to? WAR! There was war in heaven third of the angels cast out! Everything that Satan does leads to death and destruction!

So, likewise here God is going to use Satan the devil to get the last of the unrepentant incorrigible wicked to gather together ***so he can destroy them in their first death when they come up against Jerusalem!***

Verse 9: "Then *I saw* them go up upon the breadth of the earth and encircle the camp of the saints, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them."

After they're all dead who's left standing there looking at them? ***Satan and the demons!***

God has a special something for Satan and the demons, because after being let out of prison for a while they are going to be cast into the Lake of Fire and when the Lake of Fire has consumed the whole earth, as we will see, ***they will be exiled into the darkest blackness forever!***

Which means *probably* [speculation] ***somewhere in the universe there will be a place that will be:***

- so black and so dark
- so powerful in its power to hold them in there

that they will be there and tormented forever in the darkness!

That's going to be a lesson to all of those who are in the Kingdom of God: **you NEVER rebel against God!**

Verse 10: "And **the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the Lake of Fire** and brimstone, where the Beast and the False Prophet *had been cast*; and they, *Satan and the demons*, **shall be tormented day and night into the ages of eternity.**"

First in the Lake of Fire! next we will see in just a minute **the blackest darkness forever:**

- because of rebellion
- because of war
- because of wanting to be God

That's Satan's whole desire from his first rebellion: to be God!

Well, the created never says to the Creator 'what are you making' and 'I'm going to be something different than You make me!' ***Never happen! Never happen!***

Come to the book of Jude, the last of the general epistles and we will see what Jude wrote about concerning the angels which did not keep 'their original estate'! We don't know where the original estate was, but was probably on the earth, that is true. But we don't know how much access they had into the universe or into the solar system when they were here before they rebelled.

When they rebelled as Isa. 14 says; the 'light bringer' says, 'I'm going to ascend above the clouds ***to be like the Most High!***

Jude 7: "Just as Sodom and Gomorrah—and the cities surrounding them, in the same manner as them—having given themselves over to sexual debaucheries, and having gone after different flesh... [all kinds of things] ...are themselves exhibited as a *perpetual* example of undergoing *the* punishment of eternal fire."

When the fire came down on Sodom and Gomorrah it burned everything up; nothing was left, no scraps of human beings at all! As a matter of fact, to this very day people can go down to where Sodom and Gomorrah was and they can find balls of sulfur and you put it on a spoon and light it and it burns! So, when it says ***fire and brimstone came down from God from heaven to burn them all up—it did!*** And ***it left the scar where Sodom and Gomorrah were as the most desolate wretched unlivable place on the face of the earth!***

Verse 8: "In the same way also, these dreamers of *filthy dreams* are defiling *the* flesh, and are declaring as invalid *the* Lordship of God..." **We don't need God we don't want His Laws!**

That's what we have today! ***Not going to be when Kingdom of God is here; it won't last!***

"...and are blaspheming *the* Divine powers. But Michael the archangel, when he was personally taking issue with the devil, disputing about the body of Moses..." (vs 8-9). *Just think about this:*

- What if Satan the devil had been able to get hold of the body of Moses?
- Wouldn't that make a nice relic for the Catholic Church?

Put him in a glass tomb and fill it with honey so he wouldn't decompose, and use that as a shrine! That's what Satan wanted, because he could say, 'Look, I've got the body of Moses!' ***Well, God didn't let him have it God buried it Himself!***

"...did not presume to pronounce a reviling judgment against *him*, but said, '*The Lord Himself rebuke you!*' As for these, whatever things they do not understand, they blaspheme; but whatever things they understand by instinct, as irrational brute beasts, they are corrupting themselves in these things" (vs 9-10). *They don't realize it!*

- they're corrupting their minds
- they're corrupting their hearts
- they're corrupting their emotions
- they're corrupting every cell in their body

That's why they have to be destroyed! **God will not put up with it!**

Here He gives the final judgment comparing it to judgments that God gave for those who sinned against Him in the past:

Verse 11: "**Woe to them!** For they have walked in the way of Cain... [first murderer] ...and for gain, they have wholly given themselves up to Balaam's delusion..."

What was Balaam's delusion? *I can go curse the people of God! I can do whatever I want and get money from Balak! That's a wonderful thing!*

"...and have perished in the rebellion of Korah" (v 11).

What happened to Korah and those who rebelled against Moses and Aaron when they said:

We're the people of God and we need to have the priesthood to ourselves and not just the sons of Aaron and Levi?

God opened the earth BANG! History! No more! That's quite a lesson!

Verse 12: "These are subversive stains in your love feasts, feasting in person together *with you*; fearlessly they are feeding themselves. *They are* clouds without water... [now it shifts into the spirit world—the demons and Satan] ...being driven by the winds... [the wind of Satan] ...trees of late autumn, without *any* fruit, uprooted, **twice dead.**"

All those who follow them will suffer the second death! That's what it's telling us. Now then, listen to this:

Verse 13: "Raging waves of *the sea*, casting up like foam their own *ignominious* shame; **wandering stars...**"—*angels who have gone out of the way, following Satan the devil!*

- thinking that they will have power
- thinking that they can take over everything
- thinking they are great

Well they're not!

"...wandering stars now listen to this for whom has been reserved the blackest darkness forever" (v 13).

That will close the Millennium! Satan will be removed and the earth will be prepared for the Last Great Day, the greatest time of:

- the greatest salvation of God
- the greatest show of
 - ✓ mercy
 - ✓ grace
 - ✓ kindness
 - ✓ love
 - ✓ truth

that will be shown to

- ***ALL*** of those who were *not called to the first resurrection*
- ***ALL*** of those who were *blinded by Satan the devil* and didn't know it

- ***ALL*** of those who had ***NOT committed the unpardonable sin***

will be raised to a second life of flesh for a first opportunity for salvation!

That is what tomorrow will picture the Last Great Day!

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The Greatest Mystery of God Understood!

(Last Great Day)

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Greetings, brethren, and welcome to the Last Great Day, that Great Day of the Feast. And it's quite an interesting and profound thing, indeed!.

Here's a great lesson we're going to learn. *Sometimes the least becomes the greatest*, and that's true for the Last Great Day. We will see that there is very little spoken of it directly.

And the only thing we have in Lev. 23, and we start out with the Feast of Tabernacles:

Leviticus 23:34: "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the **Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD**. **On the first day shall be a Holy convocation**. You shall do no servile work *therein*. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD...." (vs 34-36). *Those are all of the offerings listed in Num. 28 & 29.*

"...**On the eighth day** shall be a Holy convocation to you...." (v 36). *Doesn't say anything else about it!*

How are we going to know what it is? *Well, let's find out.*

"...And you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly. And you shall do no servile work *therein*" (v 36).

Then he summarizes it again, which is important, because we'll sort of summarize everything today.

Verse 37: "These *are* the Feasts of the LORD, which **you shall**... [not *may* or *might*] ...proclaim to be Holy convocations to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything on its day; besides the Sabbaths of the LORD..." (vs 37-38).

Now, isn't that interesting? Because that ties right back here with the very first verse and pulls it all together.

Verse 1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, "*Concerning* the appointed Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* Holy convocations, even these are **My appointed Feasts**"" (vs 1-2).

Appointed—that means God has made *an appointment with us!* **IF** we keep that appointment

with God, *He's going to teach us what we need to know!* He will give us understanding through His Word.

We're going to see that this is something that going way back at the very annals of the Bible, *very few understood*—the eighth day! When you consider without the New Testament and the book of Revelation, plus some indications of it in Isaiah and Ezekiel, as we will see.

But all of those remained *as a mystery*. So The Last Great Day ***is the great mystery of God!***

Since it is a Holy Day and we're to take up an offering, we'll go ahead and take a pause and take up an offering, *knowing that* it's going to be used:

- to preach the Gospel
- to do the things that we need to do
- to carry out the things that God leads us to accomplish

(pause for the offering)

Thank you very much. And we'll put it all to good use, brethren. And as you know, we just received a big shipment of Bibles and we have the new book: *The Love of God Surpasses Human Knowledge*. I hope that this helps you and you can order extra copies of it. We have the CD that goes with it.

Someone asked about the cover. What is it? Well, it's a dove coming down, *symbolizing that the dove came to Jesus Christ bringing the Holy Spirit*, as John the Baptist witnessed! *That dove represents:*

- the Holy Spirit coming to Christ
- the understanding of the Word of God
 - ✓ through the Holy Spirit
 - ✓ through Jesus Christ

understanding that

- **IF** we love God
- **IF** we obey God
- **IF** we believe God

that He's going to reveal things to us!

Look at the world today. It says there in Rev. 12:9, that Satan ***is deceiving the whole world!*** This is something that we know and understand, but the question is:

- What's God going to do about that?

- How is he going to solve the problem of people who have been deceived?

Now, we know that Satan keeps them deceived from the Word of God, mistranslations of the Word of God, and all of those things. So:

- What's going to happen?
- How is it going to be?

This is one of the greatest mysteries of God that is—even in some of the Churches of God—not known! That's quite a thing to understand. But in the world, it isn't understood either.

So, let's come here to 1-Cor. 2, and let's see something. Remember, Jesus said to the disciples that 'it's given to us to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, and that the rest are blinded' (Mark 4).

Their hearts are hardened, their eyes are blinded, their ears are dull of hearing, and they won't listen (Mark 8).

When we come to 1-Cor. 2 we find something really profound. We've gone over this before, but let's look at it again, because this tells us what God wants us to know. Now, a lot of people rely on:

- 'the intelligent' people
- the wisdom of the world
- philosophy of the world

You hear a lot of television programs where they talk back and forth and talk about everything, ***but they don't know anything because they don't know the Word of God!***

They might be able to help solve some of the problems temporarily, ***but:***

- How do you solve the problems of being blinded?
- How do you solve the problems of people dying and *never knowing anything about God?*

and yet, God wants ALL people to be saved!

That's a mystery. So, how's he going to do it? Well, let's see what the Apostle Paul wrote, because this tells us a lot.

1-Corinthians 2:4: And my message and my preaching *was* not in persuasive words of human wisdom..."

IF you're blinded, it doesn't matter how smart you are. you're never going to find out what God has for you. It's that simple.

How many people out there ***reject God, reject the Word of God,*** and how many, even within the Churches of God, ***still hold on and cling to things that they ought not,*** like we have covered recently about the ***idols in the mind!***

"...rather, *it was* in demonstration of *the* Spirit and of power... [that is true] ...so that your faith might not be in *the* wisdom of men..." (vs 4-5).

- Isn't that what they rely on?
- The wisdom of men?
- Guess what AI is?

Artificial Intelligence is all the intelligence of human beings collected into one place or several different places. ***But all of it is:***

- human knowledge
- human wisdom
- human understanding

Even when they talk about things in the Bible, they rely upon the 'experts.' Well, ***the 'experts' are also liars!*** So, ***the only way you're going to find out about the Truth is:***

- take your Bible
- you come to God
- you get on your knees
- you ask God to give you understanding

You start with the simple, and you progress to the complicated. As you progress with the simple and *grow in grace and knowledge,* then you'll begin to understand. We'll see how that comes about here.

That our faith is not to be in the wisdom of men, "...but in the power of God" (v 5). ***That's the Holy Spirit!***

That's why there's repentance, baptism, laying on of hands, and receiving the Holy Spirit. Use the Spirit because it is the Spirit of:

- love
- power
- strength
- understanding

and understanding the Word of God, especially now in the last days!

We have knowledge that they didn't understand centuries ago. And God has given that information to us ***IF*** we yield to God and understand it correctly.

Verse 6: "Now we speak wisdom among the *spiritually* mature; however, *it is* not *the* wisdom of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are

coming to nothing.”

- think about that for a minute
- think about one of the most intelligent people that you can find on television

Victor Davis Hanson! I don’t know how much he knows about God, but he knows an awful lot about:

- ancient history
- politics
- how governments work

But the question is, does he know anything about God? *Now it seems that he may have some knowledge of God*, but listen: what we’re covering today is something that the smallish percentage of people in the world even understand!

Verse 7: “Rather, we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery...”—*a mystery that unfolds as we yield to God to understand!* But in the world it remains a mystery!

“...even the hidden wisdom...” (v 7). Where? *In the pages of the Bible! But:*

- how do you understand it?
- IF it’s hidden, how are you going to find it?
- IF it’s hidden, it’s a mystery, right?
 - you need the Word of God
 - you need the Spirit of God
 - you need to:
 - ✓ believe God
 - ✓ obey God
 - ✓ love God

Then you’ll understand!

“...*even the hidden wisdom* that God foreordained before the ages unto our glory... [God had this plan, and He’s working it out] ...which not one of the rulers of this world has known... [they reject it] ...(for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory); but according as it is written...” (vs 7-9).

- Here we are on *the Last Great Day!*
- Here we are going to learn the things of God!
- Here we are to have our minds open!
- Here we are to understand the greatest secret of God, which is a total mystery to the world!

So let’s read how that’s done:

“...The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (v 9).

Now, IF you don’t love God, you’ll never understand it.

Verse 10: “But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit...”

That understanding *only comes from God*, and that *is the invisible, unseen power of God’s Holy Spirit*:

- working in our lives
- working in our minds
- leading us to do the Truth
- leading us to keep His Sabbath and Holy Days
- leading us to live by every Word of God

“...for the Spirit searches all things—even the deep things of God” (v 10).

This day, the 8th day—The Last Great Day—pictures one of the deepest things of God! One of the most loving and powerful that God is going to do. It’s going to be something, brethren, that WE *will have the opportunity to also participate in!*

Because, you see, The Last Great Day comes, as we will see, after the Feast of Tabernacles. And it’s just like it was in Lev. 23. *One phrase!* Very little said. *But that’s an amazing thing! That’s why God has to reveal it!*

Verse 10: “But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things—even the deep things of God. For who among men understands the things of man except *by* the spirit of man, which *is* in him?...” (vs 10-11). *And that is true! We all have the Spirit of man!*

- that gives us life
- that gives us thought
- that gives us everything that we are as human beings

“...In the same way also, the things of God no one understands except *by* the Spirit of God ” (v 11).

That’s why people must have their hearts circumcised *with the Spirit of God* so that they can understand what God wants. Because it’s a great purpose that God has, and we’re going to see that this Last Great Day is one of the greatest that God is going to do.

Verse 12: “ Now, we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that *is* of God, so that we might know the things graciously given to us by God; which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Holy Spirit in order to communicate spiritual things by spiritual means” (vs 12-13).

Let's see why The Last Great Day is called ***The Last Great Day!*** Let's start right here of Satan being put into prison:

Revelation 20:1: "Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him *for* a thousand years" (vs 1-2).

So, we've already covered about the thousand year reign of God and what's going to happen down through time, *and how that's going to be the great harvest of God* during that one thousand year period. As we have seen, that's going to restore to human beings what it was like from the beginning of the creation with Adam and Eve. ***Satan won't be there!***

Verse 3: "Then he [the angel] cast him into the abyss, and locked him *up*, and sealed *the abyss* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were fulfilled; and after that it is ordained that he be loosed *for* a short time.

So we'll look at that because that's also a mystery. Why did God do that? *We'll answer it here in just a bit!*

Verse 4: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God..."

So it shows that the world doesn't care for us, Satan the devil is after us. But God has resurrected this now and here we all are. And as we found out that that takes place on Pentecost and we know everything that we have to do when we come back to the earth.

"...and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (v 4).

Now that's going to be something! That's what the whole Millennium is all about.

- living God's way
- living in Truth
- living in love

Now here's ***one sentence!***

- How important is the Word of God?
- How powerful is the Word of God?

Verse 5: "But **the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed....**"

Now isn't that quite a statement? it means exactly what it says. *We know in the world*, being deceived by Satan the devil, ***everyone is:***

- ***living in sin***
- ***Satan had blinded them***
- ***they don't understand***
 - Are they lost forever?
 - Are they going to be cast into the Lake of Fire because they were blinded?
 - who let Satan blind them? *God did!*
 - For what purpose? ***That in the end, if they haven't committed the unpardonable sin, they can have a time for salvation!***

Now that's almost an unheard of thing. People say, 'Oh well, they get a second chance.' ***NO!*** *They never had a first chance!*

Verse 7: "Now, when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison; and **he shall go out to deceive the nations** that *are* in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog..." (vs 7-8).

Now, here's a little conundrum we need to solve: Gog and Magog at this point is referring to a geographical area, because as we saw yesterday about Gog and Magog, those who repent will receive salvation!

What this is telling us is there's a place in Gog and Magog that all of those during the Millennium, ***IF*** they don't repent of their sins, they will live and die and be buried in Gog and Magog.

But at the end, there's no time for all of them to die. Just like at the end when Christ returns, there are going to be those in the grave and there are going to be those who are still alive (1-Thess. 4).

So, we have the same thing here. In that last generation, it indicates that there will probably be a lot of people who will not really yield to God. They'll have every opportunity to do so. But then, as we saw, ***IF*** they don't repent, ***THEN*** they are exiled, and the exiled will go to the area of Gog and Magog.

How many people will be there and die and be buried there? It says in Isa. 65 that ***the sinner will die a hundred years old***. So, there's going to be those in Gog and Magog right at the end of the Millennium that are still alive that haven't had a chance to live a hundred years and die in their sins.

This is why Satan is loosed out of his prison to bring them to think that they can conquer Jerusalem and take over the world.

What is this going to do? Remember, this will be their first death for those who are still alive. That's what Satan's going to bring down in this great army.

The Millennium has ended, and now there's this period where there's going to be a reinstitution of deception and war by Satan the devil for the purpose of giving all of those who have not repented, but have committed the unpardonable sin, but are still alive. ***They must die the first death, because all the wicked must die the second death!*** So, that's what this is for.

Verse 9: "Then *I saw* them go up upon the breadth of the earth and encircle the camp of the saints, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them." *Their first death!*

Now, *they will be resurrected for their second death*, and as we will see, ***ALL*** of the wicked who have committed the unpardonable sin will all be burned up completely! Now, that's quite a thing to understand!

Verse 10: "And the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *had been cast...* [because that was at the beginning of the Millennium] ...and they, *Satan and the demons*, shall be tormented day and night into the ages of eternity."

Now, as we saw yesterday, that ***they will go out into the darkest blackness forever!*** So, after the Lake of Fire consumes the whole earth in preparation for the new heaven and new earth, then Satan and the demons are going to be put out there in the universe ***someplace where it's the blackest darkness forever. And that's Satan's ultimate fate!***

Verse 11—*Here is the beginning of the fulfillment of The Last Great Day*: "Then I saw a great white Throne and the One Who was sitting on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and no place was found for them."

All the people that have not committed the unpardonable sin! We'll see that in a little bit:

Verse 12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God; and *the books* were opened..."

The first time that the knowledge of God is open to their understanding! This is their second life, that is true, ***but their first life for salvation!***

Now, think about what that's going to be like. Consider this,

- all of those who died in war, down through history

- all of those who died from whatever means
 - ✓ natural death
 - ✓ plague
 - ✓ childbirth death
 - ✓ sickness and disease
 - ✓ all of those things

God isn't going to waste a single human life!

Now, this will be their *second physical life for the first opportunity for salvation!* We'll look at it here in a little bit.

"...and another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life...*" (v 12).

Now, this means that they have an opportunity to have their names written in the Book of Life:

- ***IF*** they repent
- ***IF*** they grow
- ***IF*** they change
- ***IF*** they use the time of this second life in a way that will lead to salvation

"...And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works" (v 12).

- Isn't that what God has done for us?
- Didn't He say all the way through with the Seven Churches: 'I know your works'?
- How about these that died in the oceans, in shipwrecks, in wars!

Verse 13: "And the sea gave up the dead *that were* in it, and death and *the* grave gave up the dead *that were* in them; and they were judged individually, according to their works.... [in the final analysis, when this is over]: ...And death and *the* grave were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire" (vs 13-15).

So let's take a look at that, and let's see how that's going to be. Let's see where this is mentioned in relationship to the Feast of Tabernacles, and see something here that tells us why God is going to do it. ***IF*** God has put them in such a situation that:

1. He didn't call them
2. they had no opportunity to repent

It was also a time for most of them, or a great deal of them, before Christ even came to be *the Sacrifice for the sin of the world!*

John 7 is during the Feast of Tabernacles, and Jesus was there. Now, let's look and see what it says here, and let's see if we can have some more understanding of what God is doing when we read

this.

John 7:37: “Now, in the last day, the Great Day of the Feast...” *the 8th day*, because it talks about the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles. Yet, there’s one more day, and that’s the **day for the great salvation for all who have never been called!**

“...Jesus stood and called out, saying, ‘If anyone thirsts... [think about this statement] ...let him come to Me and drink. The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water’” (vs 37-38).

Now, that’s interesting. Look at what it’s talking about. *Anyone!* That’s why we have the Last Great Day, and they have a second opportunity for life. We’ll see that again, ***and an opportunity for salvation!*** They didn’t have it in their first life.

So, if God rejected them because Jesus hadn’t come, that would encompass such a large number of human beings, it would be almost unbelievable. So, here it is, *anyone!* So, that means God must provide the opportunity for salvation, because:

- God is the One Who calls us today
- God is the One Who opens up our minds
- God is the One Who gives His understanding of His Word

Well, all of those people never had a chance, but they will be given their first opportunity, ***but it will require a second physical life as we will see!***

Verse 39: “But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, which those who believed in Him would soon receive; for *the* Holy Spirit was not yet *given* because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

We have the account of Lazarus, the one who died; his sisters were Mary and Martha, and word came to Jesus, as we find in John 11, that Lazarus was sick and that he was sickness unto death. Well, Jesus knew that he died, and he deliberately did not run back to heal Lazarus. Now, Lazarus was a disciple, but Lazarus had not been baptized to receive the Holy Spirit, *so he died before he had an opportunity for salvation!*

So what happened? *Jesus waited for four days before He came back*, and Mary and Martha met him out there, and they said, ‘Oh, Lord, if you’d have been here, he wouldn’t have died. And Jesus said, **‘I’m the Way, the Life, and the Resurrection!’**

So everyone was crying and weeping because Lazarus had died, and he’d been buried, and he was in there four days. So, everyone went out to the tomb, and then Jesus stood there, and He said, ‘Lazarus,

come forth, **‘resurrected from the dead by the voice of Christ!’**

After four days, and even Mary said to him, ‘O Lord, by now he stinks!’ **Well, she didn’t know the power of God!** So, Lazarus comes out, he’s walking out, and he’s taking off what was on his head, and what was wrapped up around his arms, and his legs, and everything, and he was back to a physical life. **A second physical life for an opportunity for salvation!** Right there with Lazarus is a #1 proof that **IF** a person has not committed the unpardonable sin, but lives and dies, that they ***will be resurrected*** for an opportunity for salvation. Now, that’s quite a thing there!

Matt. 12—this is interesting. Before the book of Revelation was written, and let’s look at it this way, the book of Matthew was the first one written. Revelation was the last one written.

All the other apostles had died. So, from that time that this was written until Revelation was written, there would be no way that they could understand what is being taught here by Jesus in:

Matthew 12:23: “And the multitudes were all amazed, and said, ‘Is this the Son of David?’ But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, ‘This *Man* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, prince of the demons’” (vs 23-24).

So, that was quite a thing that he was doing. See, but the Pharisees, they didn’t accept it.

Verse 25: “But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said to them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.’” *That’s exactly what we see today in the world! Living proof!*

Remember this: ***The Word of God is always true!*** And what it says about these things, ***this is true!*** It cannot stand, referring to *Satan’s kingdom*. Satan’s kingdom stands for a long time until Christ returns.

The angel puts him into prison, and after the thousand years he’s let out, and then he is sent off into the blackest darkness forever with all the demons.

But notice what he says here; v 26: “And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself.... [that is true because Satan can cause demons to move from one person to another] ...How then shall his kingdom stand?”

So, Jesus is talking about the ultimate end of it. But isn’t it interesting He says that Satan has a kingdom, and what is the kingdom? *The whole world!* Isn’t that what Satan offered Jesus in the temptation

in Matt. 4 and Luke 4? That if Jesus would bow down and worship him [Satan], the whole world would be His [Christ's]? Amazing!

Verse 27: “And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? On account of this, they shall be your judges. But **IF** I, by the Spirit of God, cast out demons, **THEN the Kingdom of God has come upon you**” (vs 27-28). *Very interesting statement, isn't it?*

Verse 29: “Or how is anyone able to enter into the house of a strong *man* and plunder his goods, if he does not first bind the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”

- What do we find in Rev. 20?
- Who's the strong man in this case? *Satan!*
- How's he bound? *He's bound and cast into the abyss!*
- For how long? *A thousand years!*

Then after a short war, ***then into the ages of eternity and the blackest darkness forever!*** So, here it is right here. It tells us about it.

Verse 30: “The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters. Because of this, I say to you...” (vs 30-31).

Now listen very carefully; here's where we understand the difference! Also, it's interesting after Jesus talks about binding Satan:

Verse 31: “Because of this, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men **except the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit; that shall not be forgiven to men.**”

Why? **Because IF you have the Holy Spirit of God** because you repented and received the Holy Spirit of God, **and THEN you absolutely reject it, you're rejecting God the Father and that is the unpardonable sin,** because He is the One Who sends the Holy Spirit! ***This is directly against the Father!***

Verse 32: “And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; **but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age nor in the coming age.**”

So that's down through everything, see, down through all time, down through the Plan of God. Now let's look at this just a little bit more: ***In the coming age.*** Now there are two coming ages:

1. the Millennium
2. the Last Great Day, The White Throne Judgment

During the Millennium, everyone will have an opportunity for salvation. If they reject it, they'll be exiled to, Gog and Magog, and die and be buried. ***IF*** they're still alive when the thousand years is up, Satan will be out, will go deceive them, and bring them against Jerusalem to war.

They won't be forgiven in this age or in the coming age, which coming age doesn't make any difference!

Verse 33: “Either make the tree good and the fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for a tree is known by its fruit.” *That's a way of saying:*

- How is your life?
- What are you producing?

Verse 34: “Offspring of vipers, how are you able to speak good things, being evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings out good things; and the wicked man out of the wicked treasure brings out wicked things” (vs 34-35).

True! Absolutely true! Down through time, you see it over and over and over again. Here in America and the modern nations of Israel, ***Satan is out there!*** We have a little reprieve right now, because God is getting things lined up for the final things for the last part of the prophecies in the book of Daniel.

Verse 36: “But I say to you, for every idle word that men may speak, they shall be held accountable in *the* Day of Judgment.”

Everyone's going to have to come before God and give an account for himself. That's why there's repentance. And think about the model prayer in Matt. 6. After acknowledging God the Father, what do we say? *Forgive us our sins!* So, we can have them forgiven, therefore, we don't have to worry about it.

Verse 37^[transcriber's correction]: “For by your words you shall be justified...”

- ***IF*** you're repenting, you'll be justified
- ***IF*** you're doing what is good, you'll be justified
- ***IF*** you're loving God, you'll be justified
- ***IF*** you're loving the brethren, you'll be justified

“...and by your words you shall be condemned” (v 37).

Verse 38: “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, ‘Master, we desire to see

a sign from You.” *Everyone wants a sign!*

Well, Jesus wasn’t going to play magician for them. *No!*

Verse 39: “And He answered *and* said to them, ‘A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet’—*and they didn’t believe it!*

Verse 40: “For just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, in like manner the Son of man shall be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. *The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment...*” (vs 40-41).

Notice, stand up! That means ***resurrected to stand in the judgment!*** That’s what we read. Judgment was given to the saints, and Christ is the One Who is leading them.

“...stand up in the judgment with... [that means together with] ... this generation and shall condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah *is here*” (v 41).

Doesn’t this tell us that there will be a second physical life for those of Nineveh? Now you look at Nineveh repenting because of the preaching of Jonah.

- Were they converted unto eternal life? *No, because Christ had not come!*
- Did they change their way and God forgive them and give them extended time before Nineveh was invaded? *Yes, He did!*

He gave them 120 years!

So, this is a good example of people who have not committed the unpardonable sin, who live their lives, who die, who are buried, but they come back to life for a second physical life for a first opportunity for salvation. *So, we have the ones from Nineveh!*

Now hundreds of years later; v 42: “The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”

Now, that’s something, isn’t it? Now, let’s look at how this is going to be. We have to properly put the Scriptures together. So, let’s go ahead and we’ll take a break, and then we’ll come back and we will look at how this is going to happen, because this is going to be the greatest thing ever. You think about the multitudes and multitudes and multitudes of

people who have been on the earth, and they all died without the knowledge of what salvation is about.

God turned them over to Satan the devil to be blinded. God has to undo this for them. That’s why Satan is removed before beginning of the second resurrection.

The people, when they’re resurrected, will live for a hundred years, just like it says there in Isa. 65 that we have already covered, that the infant shall not die after a few days, but live out a whole life, and the sinner who lives to be a hundred, BOOM!

Now in this case, they’re going to face the Lake of Fire. So, that’s quite a thing. Now I explained this to one man here recently, and he says, ‘WOW, God is super merciful, isn’t He? *Yes, indeed!*

- ***IF*** His mercy endures forever, it covers this time, as well
- ***IF*** God turns them over to Satan the devil, without an opportunity for salvation

THEN God

- in all righteousness
- in all fairness
- in all goodness
- in all everything like that

He’s going to bring them to a second physical life, as we will see, and they will have an opportunity for salvation!

(break @49:47)

Let’s see how God is going to work this out. And only God can do this, ***because His Plan is so great:***

- a great mystery to the whole world
- a great mystery even to many of those who were first converted in the Church

because the book of Revelation wasn’t written until about 98^{AD}, and they didn’t have that one sentence about the dead being raised.

Well, they have an indication of it here, but we have to put all of the other Scriptures together to get the full story.

The Jews say that Ezek. 37 is a prophecy of those who came to the Holy Land after the Holocaust. We will see that that can’t be true, because the ones who came to the area of Palestine after the Holocaust in 1948—and there were a lot of Jews there before that—*had never died*. The ones who were killed in the Holocaust were still in their grave. So, it can’t picture the Jews coming out of the Holocaust. That is a ridiculous interpretation.

Ezekiel 37:1: “The hand of the LORD was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of a valley, **and it was full of bones**.... [keep that in mind] ... And He made me walk among them all around....” (vs 1-2).

So, God said, ‘Ezekiel, walk around here and see what you think of it.’ Well, when you see all of those bones, you think: Oh man, there’s a lot of people who have died, right?

“...And behold, very many *were* in the open valley. And lo, **they were very dry**.... [showing that they had died a long time ago] ... And He said to me...” (vs 2-3).

Now, this is an interesting question. God wanted to know what Ezekiel thought.

Verse 3: “And He said to me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’”

When you’re looking at all of those dead bones everywhere, as far as the horizon can see!

“...And I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, You know.’ [I don’t know, You know] ... Again He said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, “O dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD”’” (vs 3-4).

Now that’s quite an interesting statement, isn’t it? All of those bones, **they’re going to hear the Word of God!** How can dry bones hear the Word of God?

1. nothing’s impossible for God
2. God has a plan that He’s going to carry out

Verse 5: “Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, **and you shall live.**’”

Now, this is an interesting thing indeed, because many times God tells you the conclusion before He tells you how He’s going to get to that conclusion. So you can anticipate what He’s doing. That’s what He’s done here.

Verse 6: “And I will **lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you**... [this coming back to life is *a resurrection to flesh, not spirit*] ... and cover you with skin, **and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I am the LORD.**”

Now, that last sentence is an interesting statement, **because when you know the Lord, that means that you’re converted!**

So this is *shall*, future tense, **the first opportunity for eternal life in a second physical life!**

Verse 7: “So, I prophesied as I was

commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And behold, a shaking! And the bones came together, a bone to its bone. And as I watched, behold the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them above. But *there was* no breath in them” (vs 7-8).

So here, all of these bones now transformed into receiving flesh; all the intestines, and the mind, the head, everything else, **but there’s no breath in them!**

Just like Adam was when he was first formed before God breathed into him **the breath of life!** So, here they are.

Verse 9: “And He said to me, ‘Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, “Thus says the Lord GOD... [God can do anything He wants! Listen carefully]: ... ‘**Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain that they may live!**’”’” (v 9). *Second physical life!*

Now, that’s quite a thing! We know in the New Testament it says: **to the Jew first and the Israelite first, and then to the Gentiles!** So we know that this is going to happen not only to the Jews and to the Israelites, but it’s going to happen to all of those in the world who died on timely death.

- Didn’t God cut them off from knowledge and understanding of what He was doing? *Yes!*
- Did He not turn them over to Satan, the devil? *Yes!*

Well, that’s a terrible thing to happen to anyone, don’t you think? Well, God is going to redeem them from it, but He has to do it in **a second physical life!**

Verse 10: “So, I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, **an exceedingly great army.**”

Doesn’t that go with Rev. 20 where there was no place found for them, so many of them? *Yes!*

Now listen, God identifies them; v 11: “And He said to me, ‘Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel....**’”

Why is that? **Because now, at this time before the return of Christ, many are called, but few are chosen!** So, these are the ones that were not chosen. They may have heard about Christ after Christ had come, but all of those who lived and died before He came, knew nothing about it. All of the nations of the world didn’t know anything about it. They had their gods, Satan deceived them, they had their idols, their temples, and everything like that, and they lived and they died, and they had their wars, and

all of that, everything went on. "...an exceedingly great army" (v 10).

Verse 11: "And He said to me, '**Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel...**' *Even though they had God Who:*

- led them
- blessed them
- gave them everything that they had
- gave them His Word
- sent Christ to come
- gave us the New Testament

but they were all blinded!

So, here God is going to change that. The whole house of Israel, down through time and every generation.

"...Behold, they say, 'Our bones *are* dried and our hope is lost; we ourselves are completely cut off.'" *That was true in their first life!*

Now then, notice what he says here. Let's really understand this:

Verse 12: "Therefore, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, O My people, **I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves**, and will bring you into the land of Israel.'

- to live hundred years (Isa. 65)
- to give them all an opportunity for salvation'

Now that is an amazing thing, and God will do it for all of the nations!

So, you talk about *the least shall become the greatest*. This *least* talked about day *shall become the greatest of all!* More people will be converted and come into eternal life in this one hundred year period than any time down through all the history of everything that will happen up to that point.

Verse 13: "And you shall know that *I am* the LORD when I have opened your graves, O My people, and have brought you up out of your graves."

Now, then God shows the whole purpose of it, because the Holy Spirit was not given to people, in a way it's going to be given here, at any time in the whole history of the world. The only ones who received the Spirit of God in this age, this six thousand or more years, are

- the patriarchs
- the prophets
- some of the kings
- and when Christ came

- all of those who repented, were baptized, *and they were the few*

Many are called, but few were chosen! But God hasn't left out those who were not chosen at this time before Jesus' first coming, and second coming, but He's going to remember every single one of them.

Verse 14: " And I shall put My Spirit in you..."

Is that not conversion? Here they came back to life already, which means that they received back to themselves—in their new body—the spirit of man. They knew who they were and what they were and everything like that, *because the spirit of man has all of that recorded on it, and when a person dies that goes back to God!*

Verse 14: "'And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. And you shall know that I the LORD have spoken it and have done it,' says the LORD."

Now, that's quite a thing, indeed! So, that's what's going to happen. That's what it means there, back in Rev. 20, ***that the rest of the dead are raised and come before the Throne of God, and that all who repent will be given eternal life!*** But they have to live a hundred years:

- to show that this is deep conversion
- to show that they desire eternal life

just like it says there in Isa 65!

So, let's just review that for just a bit so that we know and understand that, yes, that's what's going to happen, since during the Millennium God will give them a hundred years to live.

That's what He's going to do in the second resurrection, to a physical life for all of those who never had the opportunity for salvation.

Isaiah 65:17: "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth..."

Isn't that what God is going to do in preparation for that second resurrection at the end of the thousand years? Yes! It'll be a new heaven and a new earth. It'll have to be, because how many people will be there?

- they've got to have water
- they've got to have food
- they've got to be able to live

It's going to be a hundred years. Think about what God is going to do to remake the earth at that time when they're resurrected. He's going to remake it for

the very purpose of giving them an opportunity to live a hundred years and receive salvation.

“...And the former things will not be remembered, nor come to mind.... [they will be able to put all of that of their first physical life aside] ...But be glad and rejoice forever *in that* which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.... [ultimately, that’s what it’s going to be] ...I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and I will joy in My people...” (vs 17-19).

- Didn’t we read that God is going to give them a second physical life?
- Won’t God joy in those people, and all the nations?

Listen, there are trillions and trillions of galaxies out there, and we don’t have the faintest clue as to what God is going to do. But God is going to have *some kind of great, awesome, unbelievable plan for all of those who will become spirit beings and live forever!*

What a thing that’s going to be! We’ll see part of that when we come back to the book of Revelation in just a bit.

Verse 20: “There will not be an infant who lives but a few days, nor an old man that has not filled his days...”

So they’re all going to live a hundred years, regardless of how old they were when they died.

“...for the child will die a hundred years old...” (v 20). *They will have already died in Adam!* They will be changed to spirit beings! Amazing!

“...but the sinner *who is* a hundred years old shall be accursed” (v 20).

They’ll be thrown into the Lake of Fire, as it says there in Rev. 20, ***which is the second death!*** Now, in order to die twice, you have to live twice,

Verse 22: “They will not build, and another live *in them*; they will not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree *are so will be* the days of My people, and ***My elect*** will long enjoy the work of their hands.”

That’s going to be the theme during the Millennium, so there’ll be ten segments of a hundred years, and then the one hundred-year period for the second resurrection.

Now let’s come back to the book of Revelation and see how God is going to bring all of this about. This is going to be something! ***The greatest mystery of God understood!***

Now the world—the leader, scientist, theologians, and all of those who claim to know God—they don’t know it! They have partial knowledge of God, but their minds are closed and they’re blinded. by Satan the devil.

Revelation 20:12: “And I saw the dead... [Isn’t that what Ezekiel saw? *Yes, indeed!*] ... small and great, standing before God; and *the* books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*.... [this is their ***first opportunity*** for salvation ***in a second physical life***] ...And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works.” *Just like us today!*

Verse 13: “And the sea gave up the dead *that were* in it, and death and *the* grave gave up the dead *that were* in them; and they were judged individually, according to their works.”

These are the works during the 100-year period. Their first works were that they live, they sinned, they died, ***but they didn’t commit the unpardonable sin.***

For those who commit the unpardonable sin, here’s their fate; here you have all of those who committed the unpardonable sin. They’ll be raised to stand alongside all of those who ended the 100-year period and were converted. So all of them all together:

Verse 14: “And death and *the* grave were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.”

In order to have a second death, you have to live twice! That’s how this becomes ***the great mystery that the world doesn’t understand***, even though they’ve got the Bible in their hands. Isn’t that amazing? You know, it really is!

Verse 15: “And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire.”

Then here is ***God’s great plan*** coming together. Boy, this is something! This is one of my favorite parts in the Bible. When you get discouraged down or depressed and you need to be inspired, come to Rev. 21 & 22 and just read it. Maybe even get on your knees and read it that way. Think about the destiny that God has called us to and what we’re going to be doing. It’s beyond anything we can imagine!

That’s why Paul said as we started at the beginning that ***man has not heard, he hasn’t seen, nor has he understood the things that God has prepared for those who love Him!***

God has revealed them through His Spirit. ***IF*** we understand this, that is spiritual understanding

that comes from God! Think how precious that this knowledge is compared to what's going on in the world. Amazing!

Revelation 21:1: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea."

We need the oceans today to modify the temperature to bring us the wind, the rain, and all of that sort of thing. Won't be needed because we'll be spirit beings.

Verse 2: "And I, John, saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

That was quite a thing that John was able to see. John was given visions of things that only spattering parts of it were given to the Prophets of old. But he saw it, full bloom, ***everything!***

Verse 3: "And I heard a great voice from heaven say, 'Behold, the Tabernacle of God... [the dwelling place of God] ...*is* with men... [men and women made perfect, spirit beings] ...and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people; and God Himself shall be with them *and be* their God."

Now think about this. What a great thing this is going to be! Being a spirit being in the Kingdom of God:

- knowing we're going to live forever
- knowing that we're going to be a New Jerusalem
- knowing that God has been preparing these things for us and all of the saints down through time

What a thing this is going to be!

Verse 4: "And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and *there* shall not be any more death..."

- we'll be spirit beings
- we'll have a spirit body
- we'll have a spirit mind

"...or sorrow, or crying; neither shall *there* be any more pain... [all of us have suffered a lot of pain from time to time, some more than others] ...because the former things have passed away" (v 4).

- whole new heaven
- whole new earth
 - ✓ we have our spirit bodies
 - ✓ we have our spirit minds
 - ✓ we have our spirit names
 - ✓ we have all the spiritual clothes

- ✓ we have strength
- ✓ we have glory
- ✓ we have understanding
- ✓ we have love with God the Father and Jesus Christ

and all the saints together!

Verse 5: "And He Who sits on the Throne said, 'Behold, **I make all things new.**' Then He said to me, '**Write...**'"

That's what God told John all the way through the book of Revelation, ***write!***

"...for these words are true and faithful"
(v 5). ***Think about that! God has given His guarantee that:***

- this is absolutely sure
- it's going to happen
- it's going to come to pass

Now all of us who are senior citizens, our day in the flesh is coming to an end, but we have this promise:

- all of those who are alive until the return of Christ have this promise
- all of those who are converted during the Millennium have this promise
- all of those who were converted during the 100-year period, *The Great White Throne Judgment*, have this promise

Verse 6: "And He said to me, 'It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End....'"

Quite a statement! We'll really understand that at that time.

"...To the one who thirsts, I will give freely of the fountain of the Water of Life. The one who overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son" (vs 6-7) ***Son or daughter, you belong to God!***

However, here's a warning, so that we keep the good things in mind and strive after that and not get bogged down in the problems and difficulties of human nature and living in this world.

Verse 8: "But *the* cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars..."

No more lies! No more two-faced hypocrites!
Think about what that's going to do to politics like it is today. ***Never happen again!***

"...shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (v 8).

Verse 9: “And one of the seven angels that had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, ‘Come here, *and* I will show you the Bride, the Lamb’s wife.’”

That’s not showing the Bride *but where the Bride will live! In New Jerusalem!* Now, that’s quite a thing to understand. Not everybody’s going to live in New Jerusalem. We need to understand that. ***Only those in the first resurrection!***

Verse 10: “And he carried me away in *the* Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. And her radiance *was* like a most precious stone, as crystal-clear *as* jasper stone” (vs 10-11).

Then it talks about the city; quite a city indeed! Only ***God can do this!***

Verse 12: “And *the city* also had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and inscribed on *the gates* were *the* names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.... [forever] ...On *the east were* three gates; on *the north were* three gates; on *the south were* three gates; on *the west were* three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and written on them *were the* names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (vs 12-14).

What a marvelous thing that that is! Then he talks about:

- how great that is
- how big that it is
- how spectacular that it is
- the stones, the gold, the streets

Verse 22: “And I saw no temple in it; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city has no need of the sun, or of the moon...” (vs 22-23).

It doesn’t say they won’t be there, but just had no need for it, because God is still going to keep time with the sun and moon and the universe and so forth,

“...that they should shine in it; because the glory of God enlightens it, and the Light of it *is* the Lamb. And the nations that are saved...” (vs 23-24).

- all of those through the Millennium
- all of those through the Great White Throne Judgment

They will not be living in the city; they won’t be living on the earth, because we have a New Heaven and a New Earth, and the Holy City Jerusalem is just

one big part of one section of the earth. All the nations will be living in their spirit realm wherever they are on the earth.

Verse 24: “And the nations that are saved shall walk in its light; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor into it.”

Now, I don’t know what that means. I don’t know what kind of things that are going on that there will be glory and honor that they’ll bring to it, but that’s going to be something! They’ll bring it into New Jerusalem.

Verse 25: “And its gates shall never be shut by day; for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it” (vs 25-26).

So, the whole world’s going to be filled with nations of spirit beings. So that’s way beyond anything that we really can comprehend at this time. I mean, it’s all we can do to take care of our lives day to day right now.

Verse 27: “And nothing that defiles shall ever enter into it, nor shall *anyone* who practices *an* abomination or *devises* a lie; but *only* those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”

So that’s quite a thing, Now let’s finish off by going through Rev. 22, because this also leads us into understanding some things, but also opens up more things that we won’t be able to understand until we’re there to see it, to do it and to experience it!

Revelation 22:1: “Then he showed me a pure river of *the* Water of Life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the Throne of God and of the Lamb”—***two thrones!***

I don’t know what that means, the River/Water of Life:

Is that *a river of spirit* coming to all of us that we participate in all the time? ***Very interesting indeed!***

Verse 2: “*And* in the middle of *the* street, and on this side and that side of the river, *was the* Tree of Life, producing twelve *manner of* fruits, each month yielding its fruit; and the leaves of the tree *are* for *the* healing of the nations.”

Keeping them spiritually continuing in everything that is done! Now, notice, that’s quite a thing.

- What’s that going to be like?
- A Tree of Life on each side of the river?
- The fruit is produced every month?
- How are we going to use that?

- What is that going to be for?

It's going to be for the nations and all the spirit beings. That's going to be a fantastic thing, indeed!

Verse 3: "And there shall be no more curse; and the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him."

- How's that going to work serving God?
- Are we going to work?
- Will we work with the apostles?
- Will we work with the twelve sons of Israel?

Verse 4: "And they shall see His face; and His name *is* in their foreheads."

Quite a thing! When you look back and see what's going to happen on this earth pretty soon, that the Mark of the Beast is going to be in the forehead of people. That's the mark of Satan the devil. So, that's a counterfeit of what this is. How is that going to work? *We don't know!*

Verse 5: "And there shall be no night there; for they have no need of a lamp or *the* light of *the* sun, because *the* Lord God enlightens them; and they shall reign into the ages of eternity." *On out into eternity!*

What is that going to be like? *That's going to be amazing, indeed!*

Verse 6: "And he [the angel] said to me, 'These words *are* faithful and true...'"

- right there in the Word of God
- right there telling us it's going to happen
- right there so we can have faith and belief and trust in God

and look to Him and for the eternal salvation that is coming!

"...and *the* Lord God of the Holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things that must shortly come to pass" (v 6).

Verse 7: "**Behold, I am coming quickly!**" *That's Christ's saying He's coming quickly.*

It doesn't matter the length of time because however long it is, however long our lives are, it's very short indeed! So He'll be coming quickly!

And all who have died into faith when that resurrection takes place, they'll be raised to spirit beings and then they will understand 'coming quickly.'

"...Blessed *is* the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book" (v 7).

- keeps them properly
- believes them
- loves God
- serves Him
- looks forward to it
- understands these words as much as possible

Verse 8: "Now I, John, *was* the one who saw and heard these things.... [quite a summary, everything that he saw and heard] ...And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who *was* showing me these things. But he said to me, 'See *that you do not do this!*....'" (vs 8-9).

We're not to worship angels at any time! All of our worship goes to God. And all of this is spirit being in New Jerusalem.

"...For I am a fellow servant of yours, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God" (v 9).

That's why you've heard us say many, many times, what is the most important thing of all? **The Truth, the Truth, the Truth, nothing but the Truth, and:**

- the Word of God
- the Spirit of God

because this is why we are here!

This is why we are doing what we are doing. This is what God expects us to do, and He will:

- give us of His Spirit
- give us of eternal life
- give us of everything far beyond our wildest imaginations

There's no way we can imagine what God will do in the realm of His spiritual blessing and eternal life for us. Quite a thing! ***Worship God!***

Verse 10: "And he [the angel] said to me, 'Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book because the time is near.' Let the one who is unrighteous be unrighteous still; and let the one who is filthy be filthy still; and let the one who is righteous be righteous still; and let the one who is Holy be Holy still. 'And behold, I [Christ] am coming quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each one according as his work shall be'" (vs 10-12).

That's why we have the works of faith. They go hand in hand and lead to eternal life.

Verse 13: “I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Blessed...” (vs 13-14).

- think about this as we leave the Feast of Tabernacles
- think about what God is going to do
- think about all the blessings that God is going to give us

Remember this:

Verse 14: “Blessed are those who keep His Commandments, that they may have the right to eat of the Tree of Life, and may enter by the gates into the city.”

A wonderful thing, isn’t it? This is what God is promising us, and then He also gives us another warning:

- against the evil of the world
- against the practices of Satan the devil

that we’re still going to have to face until these things become a reality!

Verse 15: “But excluded are dogs, and sorcerers, and fornicators, and murderers, and idolaters, and everyone who loves and devises a lie.”

He says that twice. ***Don’t devise a lie! Don’t live in a fairy tale of men’s stupidity and Satan’s inspiration!***

Verse 16: “I, Jesus, sent My angel to testify these things to you in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and Morning Star.’ And the Spirit and the Bride... [that’s Christ and the Bride] ...say, ‘**Come.**’....” (vs 16-17). That’s what we do. We tell them, *come*.

- come to *repentance*
- . come to *the Truth*
- . come to *the Word of God*
- . use the *Word of God*

“...And let the one who hears say, ‘**Come.**’....” (v 17). ***That’s what God wants!***

“...And let the one who thirsts **come**; and let the one who desires partake of the water of life freely.... [then He says this; quite a way to end] ...For I jointly testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book...” (vs 17-18)

And we’ve covered all of it, going through it during these fall festival days that we’ve gone through!

“...*that* if anyone adds to these things, God shall add to him the plagues that are written in this

book. And if anyone takes away from the words of *the* book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from *the* Book of Life, and from the Holy City, and from the things that are written in this book” (vs 18-19) ***Quite a thing, isn’t it?***

- all of the blessings
- all of the glory
- all of the warnings
- all of the things that we need to do

Now we have gone through the whole cycle of all the Sabbaths this year, and all the Holy Days and Feasts, and here we are, right here. Let’s read the last verse, because this is going to be true.

Verse 20: “He Who testifies these things says, ‘**Surely, I am coming quickly.**’.... [the John says]: ...**Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen**” (vs 20-21).

That’s the meaning of the Last Great Day, ***the great mystery of God,***

- which the world does not know
- which the world cannot know

Here we are, we’re ready to depart and go back to our homes. So, the one who brings the closing prayer, bring the prayer ***of promise and hope, protection and glory for everything. And we commit ourselves to you in Jesus’ name. Amen!***

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