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These notes are **not a theological review** of The Millennium, but I hope and pray it will be **a practical encouragement to our discipleship** and give us **some helpful biblical understanding and insights.**

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### Part 1

#### A. Introduction

##### The Millennium

###### Key Passage: Revelation 20:1-8

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*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**. But the rest of the dead did not live again until **the thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him **a thousand years**.*

*Now when **the thousand years** have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.'*

Notice that '**thousand years**' is mentioned **6 times** – a problem for the post-millennialists and for amillennialists who want to deny the reality of Yeshua's 1,000 year rule upon the earth.

It is preceded by **the Lord's Return**.

##### The Lord Returns

###### Key Passage: Revelation 19:11-16

*'Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **He judges and makes war**. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with **a robe dipped in blood**, and His name is called The Word of God. And **the armies in heaven**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, **followed Him on white horses**. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.'*

###### Notice in this passage:

- **In Judgement and to Make War – after the 'comma' of Isaiah 61:2**

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, **and the day of vengeance of our God**;" Isaiah 61:1-2*

- **His Names**

As mentioned in Revelation Chapters 1-3 and 17:14

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|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| ○ Faithful and True   | ) | There is  |
| ○ A Name No One Knows | ) | no doubt  |
| ○ The Word of God     | ) | as to Who |

- King of Kings and Lord of Lords ) this is!

- **A Robe Dipped in Blood** – a reference to *Isaiah 63:1-3*

*‘Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? – “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.’*

*Isaiah 63:1-3*

- It seems the Lord has a prior appointment before descending to the Mount of Olives – in Bozrah (the name means sheepfold)...modern day Petra
- It relates to Yeshua’s saving of the remnant of Israel (context of *Isaiah 63*)

- **With the Armies of Heaven - The Angels and The Saints**

*‘...so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.’*

*1 Thessalonians 3:13*

*‘Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”’*

*Jude 1:14-15*

- **The Day of Vengeance**

*‘For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.’*

*Isaiah 63:4*

- **The Coming World Leader (Anti-Christ) and The False Prophet** cast into the Lake of Fire
- **Satan Bound in the bottomless pit** (Greek: *abussos* meaning abyss) – then, at the end of the 1,000 years, also cast into the Lake of Fire
- **The Year (1000 Years of the Millennium) of the Redeemed** (*Isaiah 63:4*)
  - **For Israel** – Israel is restored to her land and to her God
  - **For His Saints** – the song of the redeemed in *Revelation 5:8-9*

## **B. What Will It Be Like in the Millennium?**

- **Coming With The King**

- **We Shall Return to the Earth** (I’ll Be Back!)
  - Many scriptures make it clear – we (His saints) will return with Him  
*Revelation 19:14; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Jude 1:14-15*
  - So I have to ask, if you’re going to be ready...How’s your horse riding?
- **Yeshua will rule and reign - with a rod of iron** – there will be some ‘subduing to be done’ - and we will be involved in this *Psalms 2:8-9; Rev. 2:27*
- **Where will you live?** many scholars (e.g. **A. Fruchtenbaum**) suggest:
  - **The New Jerusalem** – two ‘decendings’ in *Revelation 21 & 22*
    - One set of references are clearly in the millennium - There are nations (not so after the millennium) - Entry is barred to some (with angels at the gates) - Leaves for the healing of the nations
    - Other references are clearly to be post-millennial
  - **The multi-dimensional New Jerusalem** – a 1,400 mile cube with walls and gates emanating light in which there are streets and a river

- **The Devastated Earth**

Raptured saints have been in heaven with their Lord, but on earth....

- **The Seal Judgements**                      *Revelation 6:1-17: 8:1-5*
  - War & conquest
  - Peace take from the Earth
  - Famine and Scarcity
  - **Death by sword and hunger of ¼ of the earth**
  - The Cry of the Martyrs
  - **Cosmic Disturbances and Terror on Earth**
  - Silence for ½ an Hour and Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings and an Earthquake
- **The Trumpet Judgements**      *Revelation 8:6-20, 9:1-21, 11:15-19*
  - Hail and Fire with Blood and ⅓ of trees burned up and all the grass
  - Mountain of Fire cast into the Sea and ⅓ of the Sea Turned to Blood and ⅓ of Sea Creatures Die and ⅓ of Ships Destroyed
  - Wormwood Star falls from Heaven and ⅓ of the Waters became Bitter, Killing Men who drank it
  - **Darkness in ⅓ of the Heavens**, affecting day and night
  - Torment of the locusts from the bottomless pit
  - **Death brought by the four (demonic) angels released from the Euphrates - affecting ⅓ of mankind**
  - The Cry of Heaven and Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings, an Earthquake and Great Hail
- **These 2 judgements alone have affected ½ of the earth and mankind** - so there is tremendous destruction..., and then...
- **They are followed by the Bowl Judgements**                      *Revelation 16:1-21*
  - Loathsome Sores
  - Sea Turned to Blood and All Sea Creatures Die
  - Waters Turned to Blood
  - Men Scorched with Great Heat
  - Darkness and Pain poured out on the kingdom of the beast
  - Demonic spirits released to gather the earth to battle
  - The Voice from Heaven and Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings, a great Earthquake and Great Hail, and the Earth Shaken to its Core
- **The Earth to which we return will be such as we have never seen nor experienced**
- **The Deceived Mankind**
  - **Survivors of Mankind**
    - Will be **less than half of the pre-tribulation population**
    - Will be **those who were deceived by the Anti-Christ**
    - Will have **taken the mark of the beast**
    - Some will have **rebelled at the end and fought against the Rider on the White Horse**
    - **Will have been deceived - deceived people are not grateful for being shown to have been deceived – often there is denial**  
(e.g. Euro politicians in denial about migrants)
    - Yet scripture tells us that **every eye shall see Messiah and every knee will bow and every tongue confess**                      – *Luke 21:27; Revelation 1:7; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-11*

- Note: **Tribulation Saints (martyred)** - and will return with us

*Revelation 7:13-15; 13:7*

- **Satan Bound**

- **For the 1,000 Years of the Millennium**

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*Revelation 20:1-3*

- **Locked away in a Sealed 'Prison'** – what this means...

- **No demonic deception** (nations were deceived in the tribulation)
      - **No demonic temptations**
      - **No satanic wiles or fiery darts**

- **After this (1,000 years) released for a little while**

- **Israel Restored** – many scriptures...*Ezekiel 37:15-28, Isaiah 60:19-22*

- **New Topography** *Zechariah 14:4, 8, 10; Ezekiel 47:1-12*

- **Reunited as a Nation** - Israel & Judah Reunited *Jer. 3:18 Ezek. 37:15-28*

- **David as King** – Davidic Covenant Fulfilled *2 Samuel 7:12-16; Ezekiel 34:23-24*

- **Spiritual Restoration** – New Covenant Fulfilled *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-32*

- **At Peace in the Land** – Land Covenant Fulfilled *Deut. 30:1-10; Am. 9:14-15*

- **Covenant Land Boundaries Established** – with a holy district in the midst *Ezekiel 47:13-48:29*

- **Temple Worship, Feasts & Sacrifices re-established** *Ezekiel 40-43; Ezekiel 45:18-46:15*

- **The Rule Of The King – From Jerusalem**

- **Yeshua ruling over Israel** – with David as Prince *Micah 4:6-8*

- **Yeshua ruling the nations** *Micah 4:1-3*

- **1,000 Years of Restoration, Fruitfulness & Peace – we will see more of this later** *Isaiah 2:2-4, 9:7, 11:6-9, 65:20-23; Amos 9:11-15*

- **How It Will End**

- **Satan Released...Nations Deceived...War**

*'Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.'*

*Revelation 20:7-9*

- **Revolt against Yeshua** ending with the final defeat of evil and with Satan vanquished
      - The Millennium - the most wicked dispensation...rebellion at the end - despite the 1,000 years of the rule of Yeshua, Satan bound, Peace, Fruitfulness, etc. (Bruce K. Waltke)

- **Satan Cast into the Lake of Fire**

*'The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.'*

*Revelation 20:10*

- **The final judgement of Satan and his rebellion**

- **Notice** the Beast & The False Prophet have been there for 1,000 years...a clear indication that there is, for evil doers and unbelievers, **eternal punishment...not annihilation**

- **The Great White Throne Judgement**

*‘Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, **from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. **And the dead were judged** according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. **And they were judged, each one according to his works.** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.’*  
*Revelation 20: 11-15*

- Heaven and Earth flee away – gone!
- The Dead (spiritually unregenerate) are Judged (by their works!)

- **New Heaven & A New Earth**

*‘Now I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, **for the former things have passed away.**”*  
*Revelation 21: 1-4*

- The old ones will not do – so much for saving the planet!

- **All Things Made New**

*‘Then He who sat on the throne said, “**Behold, I make all things new.**” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”*  
*Revelation 21: 5*

## Are You Ready?

Having looked at what the Millennium will be like – the bad and the good

**Are You Ready?**

You may think – “Well it’s going to happen anyway, so why do I need to be ready?”

But the way we live now as disciples of the Lord will be important when we get there!

So...**Are You Ready?**

See Parts 2 and 3 for an exploration of '**Are You Ready?**'

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### Part 2

The way we live now as disciples of the Lord will be important when we get there!

So...[Are You Ready?](#)

Firstly...

### C. Are You Ready For Glory?

#### 1. We will be Glorified

##### a. Destined for Glory

###### ○ We will be with Lord in Glory

*'For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then **you also will appear with Him in glory.**'* Colossians 3:3-4

- This will happen for us at the Rapture (when He appears)
- Or at our death – absent from the body, present with the Lord

*'And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, **today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"* Luke 23:43

###### ○ We will be glorified!

*'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,** for we shall see Him as He is.'* 1 John 3:2

- We will be like Yeshua is – as He is now in His risen, ascended and glorified body
- Not only are we destined for God's Glorious Presence – but will we ourselves be like Yeshua – in a glorified body

##### b. It is Certain

- It Doesn't Depend on Us – through faith and by grace
- There is a 'Golden Chain of Redemption'

*'For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, **these He also glorified.**'* Romans 8:29-30

###### ▪ The Golden Chain of Redemption

###### ➤ Predestined to be 'Conformed to His Image'

- Not just here on earth – where we are being sanctified (made holy)
- Through His blood Hebrews 13:12
- By the washing of water by the word Ephesians 5:26
- But also in the Eternal – we shall be like Him

###### ➤ Foreknown – Predestined – Called – Justified – Glorified

- Foreknowledge - all at God's initiative and will
  - Does Not Depend on Us – He Does It
- Predestined – foreordained Ephesians 1:5, 11
  - ...God knows the end from the beginning, for He is outside of time

- **Called** – called out, called forth, chosen - through the gospel...to glory, to holiness, to fellowship with Him  
*1 Thessalonians 2:12, 4: 14, 1 Peter 2:9*
  - **Justified** – by faith, made and declared righteous (declared innocent)...by the blood of Yeshua  
*Romans 5:1, 9*
  - **Glorified** – made and esteemed glorious, honoured, magnified ...that the Son and the Father may be glorified  
*John 13:31-32, 17:10*
  - **No break in this chain**
- The ‘missing link’ of Sanctification is missing because it is **conditional** – it depends on our co-operation with the work of the Holy Spirit in us – but **this only affects our eternal reward not our eternal destiny**

### c. We Can Live in Full Assurance

*‘Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart **in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and **so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**’*  
*Hebrews 10:19-25*

- **We are not meant to live in uncertainty - of our salvation, or of our eternal destiny**
- **Certainty of Salvation - God has done it all...it is finished!**
- **Sure of our Destiny - we will be with Yeshua in His millennial rule – but what we will do depends upon our faithfulness now**

## 2. Glorified – What Does It Mean?

### a. The Glory of the Father

- **The Weight of His Glory** - (Hebrew: *kabod*) meaning weight - Unable to stand or to perform ritual service in the presence of His glory and awestruck at the holiness of His glory  
*2 Chronicles 5:13-14, 7:1-3*
- **The Awesome Holiness of His Glory**  
*Isaiah 6:1-4*  
Isaiah sees the Lord on His throne in all His glory...and is undone

### b. The Glory of the Son

#### ▪ The Radiance of His Glory

*‘Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was **transfigured** before them. **His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.**’*  
*Matthew 17:1-2*

- **Transfigured** (Greek: *metamorphoo*) changed / transformed
- **Face shining like the sun**
- **Clothes white as light**

#### ▪ The Grace and Truth of His Glory

*‘And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.**’*  
*John 1:14*

#### **Grace and Truth are the mark of the Glory of The Son**

- **The Disciples Saw His Glory** – His grace and truth



- Glory 'contained' in flesh
- Glory revealing Grace – the Lamb of God
- Glory revealing Truth – the Word of God

- **Yeshua Reveals the Father's Glory**

*'So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.'* John 13:31-32

- Now...at the time of His imminent crucifixion
- The Father will glorify Himself in the Son
- We too are to reveal the Father's glory, by being transformed into His Son's image

**c. The Risen Glorified Yeshua**

- **In Bodily Form**

*'Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.'* Luke 24:36-39

- **Not a Spirit** (disembodied)
- **Flesh and Bone** - interestingly Yeshua does not say 'flesh & blood' (Pauls says flesh and blood shall not inherit)
- **Incorruptible** 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- **Recognisable**

- **Multidimensional**

*'Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.'* John 20:19-20

- Entered the room when the doors were shut
- Yet in bodily form – bearing the nail-prints
- Recognisable
- Glory is Multidimensional, like the New Jerusalem

**A recognisable, yet multidimensional, body is the mark of the risen and ascended and glorified Messiah**

**d. We shall be Like Him (Yeshua)**

*'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.'* 1 John 3:2

- **Risen & Ascended – Incorruptible and Immortal**
- **In Bodily Form – Flesh & Bone; not a Spirit**
- **Recognisable – we will be recognisable too**
- **Multidimensional – hence our access to our home in the New Jerusalem**

**e. Creation Awaits the Revelation of the Glory in the 'Sons of God'**

*'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.'* Romans 8:18-21

- **What Paul speaks of - is Fulfilled in the Millennium**

- **Glory to be 'Revealed in Us'** – sons of God (Hebrew: *bene HaElohim*)... that is direct creations of God (Born Again)
- **Creation's Bondage will be Released** – restoration and renewal
- **Glorious Liberty** - Creation no longer subject to the curse
  - Under the rule and reign of Yeshua

### So...Are You Ready?

#### 3. Preparing for Glory – what should we be doing now?

##### a. The Veil of Moses

*'Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that **Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.** So when Aaron and all **the children of Israel saw Moses**, behold, the skin of his face shone, and **they were afraid to come near him.***

*But **whenever Moses went in before the Lord** to speak with Him, **he would take the veil off** until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. And **whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses**, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then **Moses would put the veil on his face** again, until he went in to speak with Him.'* Exodus 34:29-30, 34-35

- **He had been with the Lord – and revealed God's glory**
- **His shining face** – caused Aaron etc. to fear, hence the veil
- **The veil was removed in the Holy Place** – spend time in God's presence

##### b. Our Unveiled Faces

*'Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech – unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless **when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But **we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.***

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Paul gives us an insight into preparing for glory:

- **Glory - showing that we have been with the Lord**
  - Spending time with the Lord
  - Worship & Adoration
  - In the Holy Place we Receiving Instruction (Moses...Torah)
  - Contrast - Israel (veil remains)
  - Yeshua's disciples (unveiled)

But note, still the 'glory' pertains (belongs) to Israel Romans 9:4

- **Unveiled Faces**
  - Open...not hiding – honest with the Lord
  - Beholding the Glory of God
  - In Liberty – by grace and mercy, not law-keeping

##### c. Being Changed (Transformed...Transfigured)

*'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.'* Romans 12:1-2

- Change – a continual process – living sacrifices
- Change – by dwelling in His presence and by His in-dwelling presence

- Change – **renewal of our minds (our thinking)**
- Change – **into His likeness...**from one degree of glory to another
- Change – **by the Spirit of the Lord** (*Ruach HaKodesh*)
  - **The Fruit of the Spirit** – how much evidence?
  - **The Gifts of the Spirit (Charisma)** – how much grace?
  - **Holiness** is the mark of the Spirit in our lives

**d. Giving Glory to God**

*'For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.'*  
*Romans 11:36*

- It is God's glory – we, like Yeshua, are to reveal the Father's glory
- Revealing God's glory by our lives (words and deeds)
- The Revelation of God's glory impacts unbelievers - their lives, their thinking and their spirit

**Get Ready NOW** - Live NOW revealing the Father's Glory

**D. Are You Ready For The Marriage?**

**1. We are Betrothed to the Bridegroom**

*For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have **betrothed** you to one husband, that I may present you as **a chaste virgin to Christ.***

*2 Corinthians 11:2*

- a. **Betrothal – Not like 'Engagement' more like our 'Marriage' - in our services:**
  - **Betrothal & Marriage** ('Will you have'/'Do you take' ...this woman)
  - **We are Betrothed Now** – so we should act like it
- b. **Spiritual – It Happened at our Spiritual Birth**
  - **We died – Dead to the Law...so we can be married to Yeshua – Dead to the World...raised to a new life in Yeshua** *Romans 7:1-6*
  - **Betrothed...a Chaste Virgin** - *sometimes difficult for men to relate to this* – pure and devoted to the bridegroom, not going after another
- c. **Yeshua is our Bridegroom**
  - **John the Immerser refers to Yeshua as the Bridegroom** *John 3:28-29*
  - **Yeshua refers to Himself as the Bridegroom**  
*Matthew 9:15; Mark 2:19; Luke 5:34*
  - **The Bridegroom Loves the Betrothed** *Ephesians 5:25*
  - **Note** - the whole body (the true church) is the betrothed – so we must love each other...and be one

*Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*  
*1 Peter 1:22-23*

- **Note – Israel is the Lord's (Yehovah's) wife** – Israel and the Church have different origins and different futures. But we will be 'one new man in the eternal kingdom': see *Isaiah 54:6, 62:4-5; Hosea 2:16-20*, etc.

**2. The Marriage Supper is Coming Soon**

- a. **The Bridegroom will Come Suddenly for His Betrothed** *Matthew 25:6*
  - Yeshua's parable of the wise and foolish virgins is instructive
  - The betrothed had better be ready!
- b. **Marriage – is the Consummation of the Betrothal**
  - Example of the Jewish wedding custom

- The time when the bridegroom and the betrothed **become one**
- The time when the bridegroom and the betrothed **live together**
- **Thereafter – always one and always together**

### c. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

*‘And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**” And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”’* Revelation 19:6-9

- **It happens in heaven - after the rapture - before Yeshua’s return to rule & reign – when He returns we come with him as His bride**

**His wife made herself ready – So...Are You Ready?**

## 3. Preparing for our Marriage – what should we be doing now?

**Key Passage: Ephesians 5:25-28**

### a. The Washing of Water by the Word

*‘Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might **sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,***’  
Ephesians 5:25-26

- **The Bridegroom Sanctifies and Cleanses the Betrothed - by the Washing of Water (Ruach HaKodesh) - by the Word (Scripture)**
- **Get Washed – Stay Clean**

### b. Purity – No Imperfections – a beautiful bride

*‘That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having **spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**’* Ephesians 5: 27

- **Without Spot – unstained, spots can go deep – we need deep cleansing for our spots, even though we’ve been justified through Yeshua’s blood**
- **No Wrinkles – no surface imperfections that mar the appearance – no lifestyle habits that defile**
- **Holy – set apart – not ‘playing around’ ...dedicated to Yeshua, pure**
- **Without Blemish – blameless and faultless**

All these are the work of the Bridegroom – it is He who does this by the Holy Spirit and by His Word – we have to co-operate in this process (sanctification)

### c. Preparing to be completely One with Him

*‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh.**’ This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church’*  
Ephesians 5:31-32

- **One – United, no longer separate - our earthly marriages are a physical representation of a spiritual truth fulfilled in the millennium**
- **Arrayed in fine linen – garments of righteousness**

*‘And to her it was granted to be **arrayed in fine linen,** clean and bright, for the fine linen is **the righteous acts of the saints.**’* Revelation 19:8

- **Our righteous acts have an eternal impact – an encouragement to be dedicated in righteous acts**

### d. When He Returns (We Come With Him) – To Battle

*‘And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.’* Revelation 19:14

- **Note - the fine linen white and clean** – as of the bride, decorated through our righteous acts – so live righteously
- **Note - the white horses** – we are like the Bridegroom, He rides...we ride, He rules & reigns...we rule & reign
- **A Warrior Husband with a Warrior Bride** – but He does all the fighting
- **In This Life we are in a Spiritual Battle**
  - **Preparation for the Millennium**
  - **Learn how to fight** 2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:12
  - **Put on the armour** Ephesians 6:13-18

**e. A New Home**

*“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, **“Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, **and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.** Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.’* Revelation 21:9-11

- **John is shown the Bride – and He sees a City**
- **The City has the Glory of God** – the bride has the bridegroom’s glory
- **Adorned with Light** – the bridegroom adorns the bride
- **Live Now as ‘not of this world’**

*I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they **are not of the world**, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*** John 17:14-16

- **We are not of this world – just like Yeshua**
- **Living now as not belonging to this world, its agendas. Its preoccupations, its attractions**
- **Live now as belonging to the Bridegroom...betrothed**

***For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*** Philippians 3:20

- **Our citizenship is in heaven**
- **Note the reference to being like Yeshua...glorified**

**Get Ready NOW** - Live NOW as a betrothed chaste virgin - for whom the Bridegroom is coming soon! ... and Suddenly!

## ARE YOU READY? Notes for SYMF Website What Will It Be Like in the Millennium?

### Part 3

The way we live now as disciples of the Lord will be important when we get there!  
So...[Are You Ready?](#)

Having looked at Being Ready for Glory and Being Ready for Marriage, now thirdly...

### E. Are You Ready to Rule and Reign?

#### 1. We Will Rule & Reign

##### a. A Restoration of the Adamic Role – ruling and reigning whilst in relationship (submitted) to God, like Adam *Genesis 1:26-31*

- **Restoration** – the millennial rule of the Lord is about restoring the earth and all its inhabitants into the original intended relationship
- **Relationship** – our authority is delegated by the Lord and we are to be in submission to Him, His will and His ways

##### b. Overcomers will Rule (Power over the Nations)

*‘And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him **I will give power over the nations** - ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ - as I also have received from My Father;’ *Revelation 2:26-27**

- **Delegated power** – men under authority (like the centurion)
- **Ruling the nations** – a rule ‘with a rod of iron’...the nations (having been in rebellion) will need to be brought into submission to the Lord

##### c. The Song of the 24 Elders

*‘And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have **redeemed us** to God by Your blood **out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation**, and have **made us kings and priests** to our God; and **we shall reign on the earth.**”’ *Revelation 5:9-10**

- **Identifies them as ‘the redeemed’** (by Yeshua’s blood) - **saints**
- **Out of every Tribe, Tongue, People and Nation** – from all humanity
- **Made to be ‘Kings and Priests’**
  - **A role of ruling (Kings)**
  - **A role of worship and intercession (Priests)**
  - **‘To our God’** – for Him, for His benefit and glory

- **We Shall Reign On The Earth** – our millennial role, prophesied in Daniel

*‘Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’*

*Daniel 7:27*

##### d. We will also Judge

- **Given Authority** – judgement committed to them (us)

*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and **judgment was committed to them...***

*Revelation 20:4*

- **Judging the World, and Angels (fallen)**

Do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

## 2. Yeshua's Kingdom Rule

Without going into detail – but in summary: (a good matter for personal study)

### a. His Government

'Of the **increase** of His government and peace **there will be no end**, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, **even forever**. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.'

Isaiah 9:7

- **Increasing and Without End**
- **There will be Government, Peace, Order and Justice** - forever

### b. Peace on Earth

'He shall **judge between the nations**, and **rebuke many people**; 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.'

Isaiah 2:4

- **Peace – it comes though:**
  - **Judging between nations** – e.g. border disputes
  - **Rebuking people / nations** – discipline
- **Disarmament** – weapons will be done away with and the war & strategy manuals discarded

### c. Creation - at Peace and in Order

'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**'

Isaiah 11:6-9

- **End of Strife between Species...and at One with Man** – as it was in the Garden of Eden
- **Knowledge of the Lord is the key to this** – His character and His ways – as prophesied also by Habakkuk Habakkuk 2:14
- **Creation has been yearning for this moment** - for 6,000 years...since the fall all has been futility and decay. In the millennium there will be a restoration of created order, as it was intended to be

'For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole **creation groans and labours with birth pangs** together until now.'

Romans 8:19-22

### d. Longevity

'No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.'

Isaiah 65:20

- **Restoration of lifespan as in the early days (Genesis)** – as it was in the Garden of Eden

### e. Fruitfulness & Prosperity – Labour not in Vain...Especially for Israel

'They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the

days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.**  
*Isaiah 65:21-23 (see also Amos 9:13-15)*

- Restoration of fruitfulness and prosperity as before the fall – as it was in the Garden of Eden

f. **Israel Restored – Physically and Spiritually** [Isaiah 36:22-32 Fulfilled](#)

**God's covenants with Israel Fulfilled – Davidic, Land, New**

- Under David's restored rule

**“David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.”**  
*Ezekiel 37:24-25*

- A fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant – Millennial fulfilment

- Salvation and Peace for Judah & Israel under Yeshua's kingly rule

**“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days **Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely**; now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”**

*Jeremiah 23:5-6*

- A fulfilment of the Land Covenant – Millennial fulfilment

g. **Israel the Centre of the Earth – Exalted...physically, politically and spiritually**

**‘Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of **the Lord's house** shall be established on the top of the mountains, **and shall be exalted** above the hills; and **all nations shall flow to it.**’**  
*Isaiah 2:2*

- Israel no longer subject to 'The Times of the Gentiles' - but under Yeshua's rule it is the centre of world focus

h. **The Knowledge of the Lord**

- Law goes out from Zion

**‘Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.’**  
*Isaiah 2:3*

- We sing “The law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” – Millennial fulfilment

- The Earth Filled with the Knowledge of the Lord

**‘...for the **earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord** as the waters cover the sea.’**  
*Isaiah 11:9*

- Teaching the law of the Lord and Spreading Knowledge of Him and His Word is part of the Role of the Saints (then...and now)

i. **Worship Restored**

- Feasts of the Lord Restored – one of which is Shabbat

**‘And it shall come to pass that **from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,**’ says the Lord.**  
*Isaiah 66:23*

- Worship in Jerusalem – before Me (He is in Jerusalem)

**‘And it shall come to pass that **everyone who is left of all the nations** which came against Jerusalem **shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.** And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.’**  
*Zechariah 14:16-17*

- Those who are left in the nations – devastation of the tribulation



- An annual pilgrimage of all nations
- Some will not go up– and will suffer

### So...Are You Ready?

#### 3. Preparing to Rule & Reign – what should we be doing now?

##### a. Faithfulness Now

***‘He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?’** Luke 16:10-11*

- **Faithfulness Now is Preparation for ruling and reigning in the Millennium**
- **Prove yourself faithful in small things**
- **Despise not the day of small things** *Zechariah 4:10*

##### b. Rewards of Faithfulness

***‘His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; **you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your lord.’*** *Matthew 25:23*

- **Few Things** – despise not the few things God entrusts to you
- **Prove you can be Trusted – with what the Lord gives you**
  - Stewardship e.g. Pastors & Elders
  - Truth e.g. Teachers
  - Riches e.g. Wealthy Saints
  - Power & Authority e.g. Rulers
- **Faithful Servants will rule over many things**

##### c. Service of the King

- **Yeshua is the Servant King** – as prophesied by Isaiah (*Isaiah 42:1-4*) and as recorded by Paul (*Philippians 2:7*)
- **His Example is Our Pattern**

***‘Yet it shall not be so among you; **but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.** And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’*** *Matthew 21:26-28*

- **Yeshua’s Service and Humility led to His Exaltation** *Philippians 2:5-11*
  - **Service and Humility are the mark of greatness in the Kingdom of God**, not the wielding of power and the domination of others (as in the world)
- **Earthly Service of the King now will be Rewarded**

***‘And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord **you will receive the reward of the inheritance;** for you serve the Lord Christ.’*** *Colossians 3:23-24*

- **The Lord’s kingdom and kingly rule filling the whole earth will require quite a large and godly civil service!**

- **The Millennium - Fulfilment of Our Prayer...**SO BEGIN NOW!****

***‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**’*** *Matthew 6:9-10*

- **We pray for the coming of God’s Kingdom now, but...**
- **The Millennium will be a fulfilment of our prayers**
- **In Heaven, how is God’s will done?**

- **Perfectly (in all holiness), Completely (in every aspect), Obediently (in submission to the Lord)**

### **Get Ready NOW - Live in faithful service to the Lord NOW**

Having looked at Being Ready for Glory, for Marriage and for Ruling & Reigning, now fourthly...

## **F. Are You Ready for Restoration**

### **1. Restoration is the Theme of the Millennium**

#### **a. The Millennial Rule of the Lord is about Restoration**

- **Restoring the earth to its original intended perfection** – the end of the curse *Genesis 1:11-13, 20-25; Rev. 22:3*
- **Restoring earth's inhabitants into the original intended relationship with the Lord and each other** *Psalm 8: 4-8, 95:6-7*

#### **b. Ruling with a Rod of Iron** – the work of restoration will need to be enforced, mankind will not change its ways overnight *Psalm 2:8-9*

- **Nations will have been in rebellion against the Lord** *Psalm 2:1-3*
- **Some Nations and man-made Institutions will have to be smashed like clay pots** *Psalm 2:4-5, 9*
- **Some will need to be shepherded** *Psalm 2:10-12*

### **2. What needs to be Restored?**

#### **a. Restoration of Israel Physically**

- **Reunited as One Nation** *Jeremiah 3:18; Ezekiel 37:15-23*
- **In the Land God intended for them (gave them)** *Genesis 15:18-21; Isaiah 43:5-6; Ezek. 47:13-48:20, 48:23-27*
- **Dwelling in Peace** *Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Isaiah 32:18, 60:18; Hosea 14:5-7; Amos 9:14-15; Micah 4:4-5, 5:4-5a; Zechariah 3:10; 14:11*

#### **b. Restoration of Israel Spiritually**

- **The New Covenant Fulfilled** *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 11:19-20, 36:24-32*
- **Temple Worship Restored** *Isaiah 56:7, 66:20-23; Malachi 3:3-4; Jeremiah 33:17-18; Ezekiel 40:5-43:27, 45:13-46:24*
- **Anointed with the Ruach HaKodesh** *Isaiah 32:15, 44:3; Ezekiel 36:24-29, 39:29; Joel 2:28-29*

#### **c. Restoration of Israel's Place – Foremost among the Nations**

- **Israel Exalted Above the Gentiles** *Isaiah 14:1-2, 49:22-23, 60:14-17, 61:5-9*
- **Jerusalem made the World's Capital** *Jeremiah 3:17; Ezekiel 48:30-35; Joel 3:16-17; Micah 4:1-2, 6-8; Zechariah 8:2-3*

#### **d. Restoration of the Feasts of the Lord**

- **Passover (Pesach) and Tabernacles (Sukkot)** *Ezekiel 45:18-25; Zechariah 14:16-21*
- **Shabbat & the Jewish Calendar** *Isaiah 2:2-4, 66:23*
- **The Millennium itself is a Shabbat** *Hebrews 4:1-11; Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8*

#### **e. Restoration of Nations**

- **Specific Prophecies concerning other Nations**

- E.g.: Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Philistia, Moab, Damascus, Ethiopia, Edom, Arabia, the cities of Tyre and Damascus, the Ammonites, Kedar, Hazor, and Zidon
- Nations will have been in rebellion against the Lord

- **The Leaves of the Trees**

*‘In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**’*  
*Revelation 22:2*

- **Nations need healing internally** – from the effects of their sin
- **Nations need healing externally** – in their relationships with each other and with Israel
- **People in the nations generally will need healing** *Ezekiel 47:12*

**f. Restoration of Righteousness and Justice**

- **Righteousness and Justice are the mark of Yeshua’s Rule**  
*Isaiah 9:7, 11:3-5, 42:1-4; Jeremiah 23:5*
- **During the Tribulation there was no righteousness or justice -only submission to the unholy trinity (Satan, The Coming World Leader [Anti-Christ], and the False Prophet)**
- **Many ‘wrongs’ will need to be ‘righted after the Tribulation**

**g. Restoration of Peace**

- **An End to War and Weaponry** *Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:2-3; Zechariah 9:10*
  - There will be a need for nations to be rebuked
- **Men will dwell in Peace with each other** *Isaiah 32:17-18; Micah 4:4*

**h. Restoration of Creation**

- **Restoration of Land**
  - **Israel’s Borders** *Ezekiel 48:1-20; Amos 9:14-15*
  - **New Topography** *Zechariah 14:4, 8-10*
  - **National Boundaries** – there will probably be a need for some re-establishing of nations in their ‘God-given land and reversing of human conquests
- **Restoration of the Waters** *Ezekiel 47:1-12*
- **Restoration of Agriculture** *Isaiah 27:6, 35:1-2, 35:6-7; Amos 9:13; Zechariah 14:8*
- **Restoration of the Animal Kingdom** *Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:9; Ezekiel 34:25*

**i. Restoration of Worship**

- **Every eye will see Yeshua’s Return**

*“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**”*  
*Luke 21:25-27*

- **The Worship of the One True God** – worship of the Lord re-established after the complete idolatry of the tribulation. See:- *Isaiah 11:9; Jer. 31:34; Micah 4:5; Habakkuk 2:14; Psalm 22:27, 67:1-2, 72:19, 86:9, 98:1-3; Zechariah 14:8-9 Revelation 11:15, 15:4*
- **Mortal Men will need Salvation**

- **All the Saints will be with the Lord** – either at the rapture or through martyrdom in the tribulation
- **Those who survive the Tribulation and Armageddon will be unregenerate** – they will need to repent and believe in Yeshua
- **Hence there will still be a Need for Evangelism**, and the preaching of salvation and teaching of His ways
- **All will Acknowledge the Lordship of Yeshua – even if only at the final judgement**

*‘Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that **every tongue should confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.’* *Philippians 2:9-11*

**Recap:**

- **All these restorations are beginning now, pre-millennium, and are part of the progressive coming of God’s Kingdom**
- **We are called to be part, now, of bringing in the Kingdom of (from) Heaven**

**So...Are You Ready?**

**3. A Life of Restoration – what should we be doing now?**

**a. Reconciliation is Our Ministry**

*‘Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself** through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, **we are ambassadors** for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: **we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.**’* *2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

- **Man’s Principal Need is to be restored into relationship with God;** that is to be reconciled to Him through His Son
- **We have this ‘Ministry’** – we are all called to be witnesses, in the anointing of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:8)
  - **We ourselves have been restored**
  - **We are to be God’s ambassadors in His work of restoration (reconciliation) – be witnesses**
  - **Restoration is for all of God’s creation, but especially mankind** (but we are not ‘Greenpeace’)

**b. Restoration of His People**

*‘I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. **Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!**’* *Romans 11:11-12*

- **Israel’s Physical and Spiritual Restoration is a principal aspect of the Millennium** *Ezekiel 36:24-27*
- **Replacement Theology is the Greatest Tragedy and the Gravest Heresy in the gentile church today**
  - **Offensive to God** (calls him a liar and covenant breaker)
  - **Leads to Anti-Semitism**
  - **Can lead to Apostasy**

*‘**Do not boast against the branches.** But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.’* *Romans 11:18*

- **Being Prepared for the Millennium means that today we should:**
  - **Take the Gospel to the Jewish People** – provoke them to jealousy *Romans 11:13-15*
  - **Love and Respect Israel and the Jewish people** – they are beloved *Romans 11:28-29*
  - **Support their Return to the Land** – the Lord’s banner to the nations *Isaiah 49:22*

**c. Love Righteousness and Justice**

*‘He has shown you, O man, what is good; and **what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?**’ Micah 6:8*

- **Loving Righteousness and Justice**
  - **Loving, and Doing, Righteousness is a mark of the Lord’s Disciples** – because it mirrors His character *Psalms 45: 6-7*
  - **Acting Justly** – not out of selfishness or pride
  - **Loving Mercy** – remember that we have received great mercy
  - **Beautiful Attitudes** – lead to great blessing *Matthew 5: 3-10*
  - **Humility is the mark of Greatness and Spiritual Maturity** – and the quality the Lord honours with great reward

- **The Example of the Lord**

*‘So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, **“Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that **you should do as I have done to you.** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**’* *John 13:12-17*

- **The Example of Paul**

*‘To me, **who am less than the least of all the saints**, this grace was given, that I should **preach** among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to **make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ’ *Ephesians 3:8**

**Get Ready NOW: Restoration is our ministry NOW – a part of the progressive coming of God’s Kingdom – and a preparation for service in the Millennium**

Finally, we have to say...

**G. The Best Is Yet To Be!**

**1. The Millennium will be Even Better than Today!**

- a. **The Lord Ruling & Reigning**
- b. **Satan Bound**
- c. **Married to the Lord**
- d. **Restoration & Blessing**

**2. The New Jerusalem (the Eternal City) will be Even Better than the Millennium!**

*‘Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, **“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people.***

***God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.***” Revelation 21:1-4

- a. Eternity in the Presence of The Father’s and The Son**
- b. Satan Destroyed**
- c. A New Heaven and a New Earth**
- d. One New Man – Jew and Gentile together**

So let us **Get Ready** for the Millennium and the New Jerusalem!