

The Glory of the Kingdom

(Day 4—FOT)

*The LORD shall give all nations rest from sorrow, fear and bondage,
and we shall teach all people that “this is the way walk in it”*

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Greeting, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles, Day 4! This means that we are halfway through the one thousand year period or the Millennium, which means we’re 500 years into actively fulfilling and carrying out God’s plan of salvation for the whole world.

In Matt. 24 it tells us that this Gospel shall be preached as a witness to *all nations* in the world. Of course, that’s before the coming of Christ!

What we’re going to focus on today is that the magnitude of the work of the Millennium is going to be really awesome indeed! Think about the whole world and all the people that will be on the earth at that time. After 500 years of peace and prosperity and the knowledge of God, just think what that’s going to be like compared to 500 years of the nations under their own control under Satan the devil.

- that’s why the Family of God
- that’s why we have to be spirit beings

We’ve covered some of Isa. 25 before, but we’ll add on, because everything in the Bible is done ‘here a little, there a little,’ especially in the Prophets, and exceptionally so in the book of Isaiah. ‘Here a little, there a little, precept upon precept,’ and we put it together. Of course, the book of Isaiah has more to do with the Millennium and the Kingdom of God ruling the earth than any other book in the Bible.

Isaiah 25:1: “O LORD, You *are* my God...” That’s what everyone is going to say during the Millennium. No other false gods or false teachings. If they pop up we will see how we’re going to handle those.

“...I will exalt You, I will praise Your name; for You have done wonderful *things*...” (v 1). Think about what it’s going to be like during the Millennium. We covered that during the first three days.

“...*Your* counsels of old *are* faithfulness and truth” (v 1).

Verse 6: “And in **this mountain**... [of the Kingdom of God] ...the LORD of hosts shall make a feast of fat things for **all** the people, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of refined

wines on the lees. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering, which covers **all** people, and **the veil that is woven over all nations**” (vs 6-7)—*this is Satan’s deception*, having them all wrapped up in *his* way. God is going to destroy it!

Verse 8: “He will destroy death forever...” That won’t happen until the Lake of Fire takes place and the second death occurs.

“...and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from **all** faces. And He shall take away from **all** the earth the rebuke of His people, for the LORD has spoken it” (v 8).

Think about this for a minute: *When God says something, it’s as good as done!*

Verse 9: “And one shall say in that day, ‘Lo, *this is* our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us....’”—*constant salvation all though the Millennium*; that is going to be really something to behold, and we will have an active part in it.

Just think of it, as kings, priests, teachers and administrators controlling every aspect of the Government of God. We’re going to be the ones implementing these things. That’s why it’s so important that we grow, change and overcome, so that we will be able to fulfill what God wants us to do.

I think we’re going to find that there are going to be so many more teachings that the knowledge covers the earth, the Word of God. That’s more than just the Bible! I will be anxious to see what that’s going to be like.

Verse 9: “And one shall say in that day, ‘Lo, *this is* our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us. *This is* the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.’”

Isaiah 26:1: “In that day... [this is going to be an important time] ...this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: ‘We have a strong city... [spiritual Jerusalem and the great tabernacle that will be there] ...He sets up salvation *as our* walls and banks. Open the gates, so that the righteous nation shall enter in, **one that is faithfully keeping Truth**” (vs 1-2).

I don’t know what kind of ceremonies and processions and things that we’re going to have, but

let me tell you, *it's going to be marvelous, indeed!*

Psalm 118:19 “Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; **the righteous shall enter through it**” (vs 19-20). *That's the gate for us! The gate of salvation or the gate for the sons of God!*

Isaiah 26:3: “You will keep *him* in perfect peace, whose mind *is* stayed on You; because he trusts in You.”

Sidebar: a little clue for us on this. Whenever troubles and difficulties come along, keep your mind stayed or fixed on God and His Word; *He'll see you through it!* You have to work at it, **the way that God wants** you to work at it. Here's how to do it:

Verse 4: “Trust in the LORD forever; for God the LORD *is* the everlasting Rock.” That's something to consider and contemplate.

We are this righteous nation of kings and priests that are going to rule the world!

1-Peter 2:4: “To Whom coming...”—Christ! This is how we grow, change and overcome and develop the character that we need.

“...*as to* a living Stone, rejected indeed by men, **but chosen by God, and precious**” (v 4). Same way with us! We're going to be rejected by the world, but we're chosen by God! **So:**

- What difference does it make if the world rejects us?
- What does that matter?
- What's the world going to come to?

Verse 5: “You also, as living stones, are being built up *as* a spiritual house...” We belong to the house of God, the Church of the Living God, and we are being built up, prepared and taught. *We learn, grow and overcome!*

“...—a Holy priesthood—...” (v 5).

Go back to Exo. 19. Israel was given the opportunity to be a priesthood for God, for the whole world! *They failed!* Now then, the Church—spiritual Israel, and all of the patriarchs, prophets and faithful kings and so forth—will all be in the Kingdom of God.

We are being built up as that spiritual house, a Holy priesthood, “...to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (v 5).

Those are spiritual sacrifices of work and things like prayers, songs, all part of it.

Let's look at an interesting Scripture, because many of the scribes, Pharisees and leaders of Jerusalem during the days of Jesus understood that it was time for the Messiah to come. Their idea was that the Messiah would come, He would be a human being—which He was—and that He would join with them and set up a government to expel the Romans and begin ruling the world from Jerusalem.

They didn't accept Jesus the way that He was. Matt. 21 is one of the confrontations that He had with them, and we just read that the Stone that the builders built was rejected.

Matthew 21:42: “Jesus said to them, ‘**Have you never read in the Scriptures...**?’”

Stop and think about that for a minute. What's one of the greatest difficulties that ministers and teachers have? *After a while they think they know the Bible well enough, and they don't need to continue to read and study!* That's just the opposite of what it needs to be. Yes, you need to continue to study, to pray, to grow, because that's the only way that you're going to be able to teach the brethren. If not, what happens? *You start to become lukewarm!* When that happens guess what pops in? *Satan's got a good sounding false doctrine!*

That's exactly what it is here, v 42: “Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures “*The Stone that the builders rejected, this has become the Head of the corner. This was from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes*?”’”

Quite a thing! Notice that Jesus gives this warning to them, and let's take it as a warning to us as well:

Verse 43: “Because of this, I say to you, the Kingdom of God shall be taken from you...” They expected to receive the Kingdom of God and that the Messiah would world with them and they would rule the world!

“...and it shall be given to a nation *that produces the fruits of it*” (v 43). That's why we must grow, overcome, produce the fruits and be developing the character of God. *We are that nation, not yet formed, but when the resurrection takes place that the whole nation. The first resurrection will be a one-time event and there will be those who serve and rule with Christ. I want you to compare how you stand with God.*

Let's see what Jesus said, and think about the promises, what we're going to become. Peter said that ‘***we are going to receive the Divine nature.***’ Won't it be nice to get rid of all the human nature? *The Divine nature!* Think of what a blessing that will be! Think about all of those of the nation of

the first resurrection. *The Divine nature!*

John 10:22: “Now it was winter, and the Feast of Dedication was taking place at Jerusalem. And Jesus was walking in the temple in Solomon’s porch. Then the Jews encircled Him and said to Him, ‘How long are You going to hold us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered them, ‘I have told you, but you do not believe. The works that I am doing in My Father’s name, these bear witness of Me. But you do not believe because **you are not of My sheep**, as I said to you” (vs 22-26).

That was one of the greatest affronts that Jesus could have said to the scribes, Pharisees and priests, “...**you are not of My sheep**...” What did He say of them? ***You are of your father the devil*** (John 9:44_[transcriber’s correction])!

Stop and think about how corrupt that became because they left the Scriptures of God and were trusting in their own traditions instead of the Word of God. ***You are of your father the devil! You have nothing to do with God, yet, they were the priests, scribes and Pharisees.***

Verse 27: “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one shall take them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one has the power to seize *them* from My Father’s hand. I and the Father are one” (vs 27-30).

Verse 31: “Then the Jews again picked up stones so that they might stone Him. Jesus answered them, ‘Many good works I have showed you from My Father. For which of them are you about to stone Me?’ The Jews answered Him, saying, ‘We will not stone You for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a man, are making Yourself God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Is it not written in **your** law...’” (vs 31-34).

They weren’t reading the Bible at all! That’s exactly what happens with most religionists today.

“...I said, ‘You are **gods**?...’” (v 34)—‘*theoi*,’ which is the plural ‘*theos*’—god.

- Didn’t the Apostle John says that *we will see Christ as He is because we will be like Him? Yes!*
- Didn’t Paul write that our bodies will be transformed like His glorious body? *Yes!*

Verse 35: “If He called them gods, to whom the Word of God came’ (and the Scriptures cannot be broken).” *Think about that for a minute!*

Sidebar for all of you clay-manipulators: Shall the clay say to the one who is making it, ‘What are you doing? What are you making?’ *We have a better idea, we have this tradition and this law!* The Protestants and the Catholics say they have a better day to worship on, Sunday. Shall the clay say to the maker, ‘What are you making?’

Can’t be! Men can never tell God what to do? Men, being imperfect and having human nature, can never devise anything that is worthwhile ***to replace the work of a perfect God!*** If they could, they would be God Himself instead of God being God. If that’s hard for you to take, read and study the whole book of Job and see that, although he did everything in the letter of the Law that God required, Job thought that he was as righteous or more righteous than God. *That is one of the most blasphemous thoughts that anybody could have!*

God dealt with Job and showed him that ‘unless you can deck yourself with glory and majesty and rebuke all of those who are evil, and have all the attributes of God, then I will tell you that you can save yourself.’

Job repented! What did he say? ***Now I know that no thought can be withheld from You!*** This is why we need conversion and the Spirit of God. You are gods!

Verse 35: “If He called them gods, to whom the Word of God came’ (and the Scriptures cannot be broken), ‘*why* do you say *of Him* Whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, “You are blaspheming,” because I said, “I am *the* Son of God”?’” (vs 35-36).

- What are we going to be? *We’re going to be the sons and daughters of God!*
- To do what? *To rule the world!*

That’s why we’re here; that’s why we keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This goes back to Psa. 82. Aside from the book of Isaiah, the book of Psalms has many, many thing concerning the kingdom and so forth.

Psa. 67_[transcriber’s correction]—think about the words; they’re very important and they’re living and spiritual. They apply to us.

Psalms 67:1: “May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Selah.... [stop and think upon that] ..So that Your way may be known on earth...” (vs 1-2). That’s going to be our job:

- to make it known
- to bring the grace
- to bring the knowledge

- to bring the Truth

“...Your salvation among all nations. Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You” (vs 2-3). *Fantastic!*

Brethren, think about how marvelous this is going to be during the Millennium.

Verse 4: “O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You shall judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.”

Think about what it’s going to be like. Get yourself a nice globe and look at it, and think about all the people that are here. Even God in His love provides everything for physical life. Even to the just and the unjust, and even to the evil ones. They’re given a space of time. What are you going to do with it? So, God sustains everything! God is so much greater than we have thought or anticipated.

Let’s see if we, through this Feast of Tabernacles, get a greater perspective of God and have more understanding with a deeper comprehension of His Word.

Verse 5: “Let the people praise You, O God; let *all* the people praise You.”

Think about this: the Sabbath starts in the area of New Zealand where the International Dateline is. The reason it is there is because you cannot have a day happen in the middle of a Continent, so it happens in the middle of the ocean where nobody is. Here comes the Sabbath and it starts out with them all worshipping God and keeping the Sabbath. Think about the earth turning on its axis. It takes one day—24 hours—and then it comes around and everyone is praising God.

Think about it as it’s coming up from the earth, coming up to the throne of God through Jesus Christ, through all the sons and daughters of God. What a fantastic thing that is going to be!

Verse 6: “The earth shall yield its increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him” (vs 6-7).

This is quite a Psalm and that’s what it’s going to be like. We’re going to be the ones causing it to happen. Think about the worst trial that you’re going through. We’re all going to have them. How is that compared to what God is going to do:

- to us
- for us
- through us

Think on that for a minute! This is what it’s going to

be like:

- no more war
- no more gangs
- no more killings
- no more Satan the devil

*And add in everything that we’re doing here with all these Scriptures! **We** are the ones who are going to bring it about, coupled with all of those who have been faithful through all the ages!*

Psalm 72:7: “In His days the righteous shall flourish and abundance of peace until the moon be no more.... [the moon is always going to be there] ...He shall also have the rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him, and His enemies shall lick the dust.... [let’s put it this way, they shall become dust] ...The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before Him; all nations shall serve Him” (vs 7-11). *That’s us worshipping God!*

Think about what that’s going to be like; right to Christ directly, and to God the Father Who will be in heaven above! Think about that! That is going to be awesome, indeed!

Verse 16: “May there be an abundance of grain in the earth upon the top of the mountains; may its fruit wave like Lebanon, and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure forever; His name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in Him; **all nations** shall call Him blessed” (vs 16-17).

I want emphasize *all nations* so that we get the scope of how great and worldwide this rule is for *all people!*

Verse 18: “Blessed is the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious name forever; and **all the earth** is filled with His glory! Amen and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended” (vs 18-20).

God gave David the understanding of what it’s going to be like in the Millennium, and Jesus is going to sit on the throne of David! Think about that! This is awesome, indeed!

There’s a lot in Isaiah; it’s tremendous! If we can kind of get a grasp of how evil that the world is today, and then compare that with Isa. 43, and compare that with the Protestants, ‘Heaven is going to be such a lovely place.’ Well, all the problems are on the earth, and you have to come back down here

and cure the problems!

We have a glorious work to do, and after the Millennium is over, there's the whole universe ahead of us. That's an awesome thing, indeed!

Isaiah 43:1: But now, thus says the LORD Who created you, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, O Israel..."

- Who forms us in the womb? *God does!*
- Who created you? *God did!*
- Who's going re-create you and give you a spirit body and mind, and all the glory that goes with that? *God!*

When we read these things, think about that and plug it into here, because that applies!

"...‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; you *are* Mine. When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle on you” (vs 1-3).

That's the blessing of God all during the Millennium, but also showing the protection that He gives to us.

Verse 4: "Since you are precious in My sight, you have been honored, and **I have loved you**... "Never forget the love of God, because all of this is being done because God is love. We are to love Him and He loves us. We are to love each other, and we are to prepare to love the people of the world, to help them and teach them.

Verse 5: "Fear not; for I *am* with you. I will bring your seed from the East, and gather you from the West." This is the return of Israel out of captivity, and to go into their lands again.

Verse 6: "I will say to the North, 'Give up'; and to the South, 'Do not keep back'; **bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth**." We're going to re-establish all nations where they need to be, and teach them the way of God.

Verse 7: "*Even* everyone who is called by My name; for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, *I have* made him." Isn't that something?

Verse 8: "Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. Let **all the nations** be brought together, and let the people be gathered; who among them can declare this and show us the former things?..." (vs 8-9).

Everything is going to be compared to what

it was before. That's going to be virtually no comparison at all. Let's see how God is going to bring Israel back, and *all nations*. Read the book of Revelation and how the earth is going to be so utterly destroyed! We have to get it all in great shape and in order. Everyone is going to rejoice! Just think what it's going to be like! I've often wondered what it is going to be like for a nice little city.

- How many church areas will there be there?
- How are we going to run the schools?
probably right in the church buildings
- Why not have that together just in one place?

You don't have to have church over here and school over there. We will have everything we need with the Word of God, and to be doing the things that are fantastic and serving God, teaching the people.

Jeremiah 31:1: "'At that time,' says the LORD, 'I will be the God of **all** the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.'" That's *all 12 tribes*; then *all the nations* of the world. Just like it is in the Bible, to Israel first, then to the Gentiles. What do we have in Rev. 7 with the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude? *To Israel and then to the nations!*

Verse 2: "Thus says the LORD, 'The people *who were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I will go to give him rest.'.... [the Millennium] ...The LORD has appeared to me from afar, *saying*, 'Yea, **I have loved you**...'” (vs 2-3). *Think about this when you get down and almost out because of difficulties!*

"...**with an everlasting love**... [that's what's going to make all of this work] ...therefore, with loving kindness I have drawn you” (v 3). *Everyone is going to have a part in it*, so God declares what He's going to do.

- Who is going to do the work? *The people!*
- Who is going to supervise it? *We will!*

Verse 4: "Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel. You shall again put on your drums, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things. For there shall be a day *that* the watchmen on Mount Ephraim shall cry, 'Arise and let us go up to Zion to the LORD our God!'" (vs 4-6).

I can't help but think about all the singing that's going to go on. Look at all the stupid music that there is today. Can you think about how bad it is. Maybe a lot of you can't think about it, because you turn it off; *that's a good thing!* That has

destroyed the minds of an awful lot of young people.

Verse 7: “For thus says the LORD, ‘Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, “O LORD, save Your people, the remnant of Israel.” Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the corners of the earth...” (vs 7-8).

It says in another place, even if you are out in heaven He’s going to get you there (Deut. 30). Think about how many millions have died in the oceans.

“...and with *them* the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; a great company shall return there. They shall come with weeping, and with prayers I will lead them....” (vs 8-9).

The first thing Israel is going to do is repent and weep for joy for the relief that God finally has fulfilled His will.

“...I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way; they shall not stumble in it, for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* My firstborn” (v 9).

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Let’s see how it’s going to be. We’re going to be able to teach them, but here’s one thing that’s going to be really true. If they start deviating too far, we’ll let them know. There won’t be any secret plan of rebellion in a dark little room someplace, which shall not be exposed and exterminated.

Isaiah 30:18: “And therefore, will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you. 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. 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. And though the LORD gives you the bread of adversity... [at this time] ...and the water of affliction... [before the Millennium starts] ...yet, your teachers shall not be removed into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers” (vs 18-20).

We are going to be the teachers, the rulers, the governor and the administrators, because the whole situation of men cutoff from God has proved to be one great gigantic lesson. When men reject God and put themselves under the control and authority of Satan the devil, they don’t know how to rule themselves or know what really is right, wrong,

true and good. All you have to do to understand that is just read world history; get *Langer’s Encyclopedia of World History* and it’s war after war and rebellion after rebellion. There’s slaying, killing, intrigue, lying and cheating and all of these things. *No more!*

“...but your eyes shall see your teachers” (v 20). We’ll be just like Christ if we have to, if there’s something going on that needs to be changed. We can even walk through a door and say, ‘What are you doing here?’

Verse 21: “And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘**This is the way...**’”

- the way of the Lord
- the way of Truth
- the way of love
- the way of understanding

So, if they start going too far: they’re not doing self-correction, they’re not governing themselves the way they ought to...

Remember, for us today that has to be the same for us! Think about it for a minute. ***We’re to let the Spirit of God, the Word of God, rule in our lives!*** That’s what we do today so that we, during the Millennium, will be able to help them to learn that lesson.

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.” That’s what you would say is instantaneous correction.

Just think about how much trouble people get themselves into, because they don’t have anything like that today. It’s going to be an amazing time, and we are going to be the ones who are bringing it to pass! When you study the book of Isaiah, you’ll see exactly what it is:

- a lot of things about the Millennium
- some things about the battles and fights at the end-time
- some things concerning the wars and battles right there
- then the section where King Hezekiah and Isaiah, and the invasion of the Syrians to try and take Jerusalem
- how God intervened mightily to save them

The book of Isaiah, we might say, is the premier prophetic book for the Kingdom of God!

Isaiah 12:1: “And in that day you shall say, ‘I will give thanks to You O LORD; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You do comfort me. Behold, God *is* my

salvation...” (vs 1-2). *Think about that!*

- Can any man save himself? *No!*
- How can something only equal to a man save a man *spiritually speaking?*

No! You have to have God; greater than we are to save us! That’s what we’re going to be for the people in the Millennium. We’ll be there to teach them. We’re not going to be off in a corner anywhere; we’re going to be right there. Think about it! We won’t have to worry about getting tired or worn out, any of those things.

“...I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation” (v 2). That’s going to be the mantra of the whole Millennium. The whole Millennium is to bring literally *millions* into the Kingdom of God. You might ask why we’re going to need millions. Well, eventually, God is going to bring us out into the universe. We still don’t know how vast and how awesome that that is.

We can look at some pictures and be awe-inspired by looking at them, that is absolutely true. But what is it going to be like to be a spirit being and go out into the universe? What is God’s plan going to be for that? *I’m getting ahead of myself!*

Verse 3: “And with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation”—talking about the Holy Spirit. Water represents *Spirit*. Wells *bringing God’s Holy Spirit in abundance!*

Verse 4: “And in that day you shall say, ‘Praise the LORD! Call upon His name; declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD; for He has done gloriously...” (vs 4-5).

Think about the glorious things that God is going to do. All people will see it and we’re going to help bring it to pass.

“...this *is* known in **all the earth**” (v 5). That’s what I want to emphasize all through this:

- all the earth
- all nations
- all people

All worshipping and serving God!

Verse 6: “Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion; for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst.”

Isaiah 14:1: “For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land; and the stranger shall be joined with them, and they shall cling to the house of Jacob. And

the people shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids. And they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors. And it shall come to pass in the day that **the LORD shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard bondage**, which was imposed on you. You shall take up this song against the king of Babylon...” (vs 1-4).

Then it blends into the type of Satan the devil, who is the actual king of Babylon, King of Babylon the Great, as we know in the New Testament. We need to understand how great this is.

Isaiah 33:5: “The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high. He has filled Zion *with* justice and righteousness. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of your times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure” (vs 5-6). *Think about how that’s going to be!*

Now let’s think about little children growing up and how they’re going to be taught the right way and how they’re going to be watched over. We’re going to be teaching the parents *how*. It’s going to be a wonderful thing, indeed!

Verse 5: “And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of your times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure.”

Verse 20: “Look upon Zion, the city of our Holy gatherings...” What’s it going to be like to keep the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium? *That’s going to be quite a thing!* Every nation is going to send their representatives to Jerusalem. All people can’t come to Jerusalem and be there. We know that they’re going to have to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech.14).

Think about what that is going to be like to keep the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium, which pictures the fulfilling of the Millennium, and the working of the great plan of God! That’s going to be something!

“...your eyes shall see Jerusalem a **quiet home, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down...**” (v 20). I might show tomorrow that the temple in Ezek. 40 onward is not the temple of the Millennium.

“...not one of its stakes shall ever be removed, nor shall any of its cords be broken. But there the glorious LORD *will be* to us a place of broad rivers *and* streams, in which no galley with oars shall go, nor shall a mighty ship pass by it, for the LORD *is* our Judge, the LORD *is* our Lawgiver, the LORD *is* our King; He will save us” (vs 20-22).

Salvation to *the whole world*, and God is going to do it through His sons and daughters who are now the spirit beings ruling the world. This is going to be something, brethren! I want you to understand, and let's see if we can understand even more of this.

Fully a quarter of the whole landmass of the world is given over to deserts. Then you take all that are given over to the vast jungles, and then look at the world and see how 7.5-billion people live on very little land. Think about what it's going to be like during the Millennium when *all* will be productive, and when the climate will be made just right and will be made to produce everything. *When there will no longer be:*

- the curse
- Satan the devil
- gangs
- marauding armies

I saw a special on the Sahara Desert, and out somewhere in the middle of the Sahara Desert is an abandon ship. How did it get there? *The Sahara Desert was not always a desert!*

Isaiah 35:1: "The wilderness and the desert shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Namibia is one of the driest countries in the whole world. It rains there once in about every ten years; one of the hottest places on earth. But when it rains, it rains lots of rain and all of the dormant seed blossom and bloom. Insects, frogs and fish! When I saw that I was thinking of this Scripture right here. What is it going to be like with the deserts blooming. That's going to be something!

Verse 2: "It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even *with* joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD *and* the majesty of our God. Make the weak hands strong and make the feeble knees sure. Say to those of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come... [talking about the return of Christ; He is going to come]: ...*with* vengeance, with the full recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened... [spiritually and physically] ...and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness waters shall break out, and streams in the desert" (vs 2-6)—*and we are going to be a part of that!*

Men think that they're going to bring it all

together with their coming new world order and everything like that, but that's going to be most colossal failure in the whole history of the world! They are going to end up fighting against God, so God can bring this to the world! *He and He alone can do it!*

Verse 7: "And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land shall become springs of water in the home of jackals, in its lair, it shall be a place for the reed and rush. And a highway shall be there..." (vs 7-8)—a way to go! Great salvation to *all* people!

That's different from what it is today. Jesus said, '*Enter in at the narrow gate, for straight is the way and difficult is the way that leads to life! But broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many go in that gate!*' It's going to be completely reversed during the Millennium.

Verse 8: "And a highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it. But it will be for him who walks in that way, but fools, shall not err *in it.*" There will still be people who will reject. As hard as that may seem, because God is not going to take away free moral agency,

Verse 9: "No lion shall be there, nor *any* beast of prey shall go up on it, they shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (vs 9-10).

That's going to be something, and that can only come about with the Family of God, all of us serving and helping and bringing it about. God's plan is so great and magnificent that He has all of this right there in His Word! It's quite a magnificent thing, indeed, to understand it!

This time is going to be so productive, because of the blessing of God. We will have the land Sabbath every seven years, and we will have the Jubilee every fifty years, and that's how we're going to countdown time going down through the Millennium.

- no more famine
- no more starvation
- no more pestilence
- no more earthquakes

None of that will be there! You talk about productive! It's going to be just overflowing with so many things.

Amos 9:13: "'Behold, the days come,' says

the LORD...” When God says it’s going to happen, it’ll happen!

“...‘that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed. And the mountains will drop sweet wine, and all the hills will flow with it’” (v 13).

That’s the way it’s going to be, because God says, v 14: “‘And I will bring back the exiles of My people Israel, and they shall build the cities, which are desolate, and they shall live *in* them. And they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine. They shall also make gardens and eat their fruit. And I will plant them in their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them,’ says the LORD your God” (vs 14-15).

Hab. 2:14—this ties in with Isa. 10. Here’s why all of these things will occur. This is what is missing with the people today, and everything that people have today. ***They don’t know have the knowledge of God!*** What they do have of the knowledge of God is quite distorted and are lies.

Habakkuk 2:14: “**For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.**”

Think about that the next time you look at a globe. Think about all the water that is there, and everything that’s been going on. God is going to change all of this in a magnificent way! It’s amazing how much is in the Bible, and it’s amazing how when we go over these things we learn more. That’s why you study, *study*, ***study***, and every time you do you bring the knowledge of what you have learned into what you have studied before. Everything just kind of opens up greatly.

Psalms 113:1: “O praise the LORD! Give praise to the LORD, O you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.”

We’re going to be teaching the people and we’ll be directing that. But all of us who are servants of the Lord will also have our worship of God together, and it looks like here *separate from the people*. I can’t imagine that. And all of us are going to be able to sing and the ‘joyful noise’ will in tune!

Verse 2: “Blessed is the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its going down, the LORD’S name is to be praised. **The LORD is high above all nations**, and His glory above the heavens” (vs 2-4). *We’re going to bring this to the world!*

Verse 5: “Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high, Who looks down low upon the heavens and upon the earth? He raises up the poor

out of the dust...” (vs 5-7)—*bringing them salvation!*

Here is the shortest Psalm in all the Bible, and then we will look at some of the benefits, where it talks about ***the Lord reigns!*** Isn’t it amazing that people want to know what God is going to do? *They want to find out without studying the Word of God, the Bible!* The Bible tells us what God is going to do. What is the #1 key to find out? ***Sabbath and Holy Days!*** That’s why *none of them* understand. They can glean parts here and there, but it’s like looking at a puzzle that’s missing 80% of the pieces. They get a little picture and it looks pretty good to them, but they don’t know what to do with it.

Psalm 117:1: “O praise the LORD, **all you nations**; praise Him, **all people**, for His merciful kindness is great toward us; and **the Truth of the LORD endures forever**. Praise the LORD!” (vs 1-2).

God is *a God of Truth* and it’s impossible for Him to lie! No lie comes out of the Truth unless you twist it and turn it. When God says that He’s going to do something:

- He will do it
- it will come to pass
- it will be done

Isn’t that what we are to pray? *Yes!*

- Your will be done, not our will
- Your Truth, not our ideas
- Your righteousness, not our traditions

There are several Psalms here that says, *the Lord reigns!* That means He’s ruling and the Kingdom of God is on the earth. This is a prophecy of what’s going to happen:

Psalm 97:1: “**The LORD reigns**; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are all around Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne” (vs 1-2). I wonder what His throne is going to be like in Jerusalem?

Verse 10: “You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous ones, and praise His Holy name” (vs 10-12). *We’re going to have a lot of new songs to sing!*

Psalm 98:1: “O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things... [by reigning and ruling with the saints who are the sons and daughters of God] ...His right hand and His Holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD

has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of **the nations**” (vs 1-2). *They don't know it now!*

Verse 3: “He has remembered His steadfast love and His faithfulness toward the house of Israel; **all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God**”—and we are going to bring it!

Verse 4: “Make a joyful noise to the LORD, **all the earth**... [doesn't leave out anybody] ...break forth, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre, and the voice of a psalm. With silver trumpets and sound of a ram's horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it, the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the mountains sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He shall judge the world and the people with equity” (vs 4-9). *Fantastic and magnificent!*

Psalms 99:1: “**The LORD reigns**; let the people tremble. He sits between the cherubim; let the earth quake. The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people. Let them praise Your name as great and awesome; Holy is He” (vs 1-3).

That's nothing like we have today! What's it going to be **when we are together worshipping and praising God!**

Psa. 100 is another short Psalm that is going to tell the account of what things are going to be like.

Psalms 100:1: “Shout for joy to the LORD, **all the earth**.... [that's going to be something] ...Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His...” (vs 1-3).

Apply that to physical people and to those who are born again into the Kingdom of God, spiritual people: **us!** He's the only One Who can make it happen.

“...we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving... [Psa. 118] ...and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him and bless His name, **for the LORD is good; His steadfast love is everlasting; and His faithfulness endures to all generations**” (vs 3-5).

What a mighty, mighty picture of what the Millennium is going to be like. Isn't that magnificent? Think about that in relationship to what the Protestants and Catholics say about the Old Testament.

‘It's all been fulfilled, you don't need it' is

what the Protestants say. The Catholics say, ‘That's the old law.’

My, how willingly blinded have they made themselves and have come under the power of Satan the devil! Amazing! **We're going to bring them out from it!**

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