

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
PART SEVEN

As I have previously written, more than three years ago the Lord gave me a project to work on concerning the Millennium. While that project still remains a "work in progress," I have been given instructions concerning its use. One such "guide-line" is that I am to make "believers" with the project. That is, to write of the reality of the Millennium so as to bring to light "down to earth" believable facts based on prophetic scriptures concerning the literal one-thousand year reign of Christ on the earth. Saints of God, believe me, the Millennium is real. And the more you learn about it, the less mysterious and the more real it becomes. Knowledge strips away mystery.

Among those who accept the millennial reign as a literal future reality, there are several opinions concerning the timing of events that immediately precede the Millennium. The positions taken by bible students on these subjects are usually based on the relationship of the rapture of the Church to the seven-year tribulation period. Although my position is pre-millennial, I leave to you your opinion as to the timing of Christ's return to begin His millennial reign. All opinions will be reconciled at the Rapture. And that event will be so interesting, the "I told you so's" will be forgotten in the excitement of the blessings that follow. That event, however, will be an eye-opener for those who will be "taken" and for those who will be left behind and will destroy the doubt of many.

The fact that *He is coming* and that *He will literally rule and reign on the earth for one-thousand years* is the main purpose of this series of letters. Of *that fact* I am certain. And I am just as certain that this is one of the most exciting times for believers to be alive since the first Pentecost after the resurrection of our Lord because we could be only the flick of an eyelid plus seven years away from the Millennium. The admonition of Jesus confirming this (the Rapture prior to the seven-year Tribulation) is two-fold: (1) "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is

coming,"¹ and (2) "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."² Make your reservations today. The price of the ticket: knowing Jesus as Lord, total commitment to Him and faithful obedience – a sure-pay investment!

Characteristics of the Millennial Kingdom (continued)

11. One language. Around the year of 638 B.C. the prophet Zephaniah wrote these words prophetic of the millennial kingdom, "For then I will *restore* to the peoples a *pure language*, that they all may call on the name of the Lord to serve Him of one accord."³ The common or *pure* language that we will speak during the Millennium will be nothing new. The book of Genesis records a similar historical occurrence. "Now the whole earth had one language and one speech," is written of Babel.⁴ Then pride (the same thing that caused Satan's downfall) turned the people to themselves, to make a name for themselves and God confounded their language and scattered them abroad from Babel over the face of all the earth. Notice Zephaniah wrote that a pure language would be *restored* during the Millennium. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary gives this definition of *restore*: "to give back; to return; to reestablish; to put back into existence." This leads me to believe the common language we will be speaking will be that which was spoken before God confounded man's language at ancient Babel. The ability to speak this common language will be imparted supernaturally. It appears that God will simply undo what He did at Babel. A commonality of language already obviously exists in the spiritual among spirit beings, i.e., God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, all classes of

¹Matthew 24:42; 25:13.

²Mark 13:32.

³Zephaniah 3:8.

⁴See Genesis 11:1-9.

angels including Satan, the fallen angels and demons.⁵ Another supernatural language phenomenon is presently in existence between man and the spirit world since the spirit world (including Satan and his demons) *understands* every language spoken by man over the earth. God hears, understands and responds to man's cry whether spoken in German, French, Italian, Chinese or English, for example.

Satan and his demons also have this commonality of understanding all languages. For example, I know of a situation where a man (a deliverance minister who only spoke and understood English) was attending a conference in an European country. While there he was asked to minister to a newly converted German woman, a former prostitute, full of demons and who only spoke and understood German. With the help of an interpreter he began the deliverance. While experiencing difficulty with one demon, the minister spoke to the demon and demanded to know his name. And the demon responded in perfect English. From that moment the deliverance session continued in English without the interpreter.

I believe the only thing left for God to do at the beginning of the Millennium is to reverse what He did at Babel: *restore* the pure language *to man* as it was originally.

12. Natural population increase.

Scripture. "Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before Me; and I will punish all who oppress them."⁶ "Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel."⁷ "I will whistle for them and gather them, for I will redeem them; and they shall increase as they once

⁵An example of communication among the Godhead: "Then God said, 'Let *Us* make man in Our image.'" An example of communication of angels with man and angels with Satan (fallen angel): Gabriel had no trouble communicating with Daniel (Daniel 8:16; 9:21), neither did Michael have any difficulty communicating with Satan (Jude 6).

⁶Jeremiah 30:20.

⁷Ezekiel 47:21, 22.

increased."⁸

Comment. Those born during the Millennium will be born with the Adamic sin nature and salvation therefore will be required. The living believers who enter the Millennium will have children who will marry, the same as today, but there will be many differences. The population will soar. Here are some of the reasons about which I have previously written: (1) the absence of him who comes to steal, kill and destroy (with disease and illnesses of all types), (2) the literal Presence of God through His Son on the earth, (3) the healing of all deformities at the inception of the millennium, (4) the elimination of sickness and perhaps death, except as a penal measure in dealing with overt sin, under Jesus Christ, the healer, as King, and (5) universal holiness, joy, peace and full employment with all the needs of man being met in abundance.

13. Freedom from oppression.

Scripture. "It shall come to pass in the day the Lord gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: 'How the oppressor has ceased, The golden city ceased! The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers; he who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted and no one hinders.'"⁹

"I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house."¹⁰ "As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope, even today I declare that I will restore double to you."¹¹

Comment. Social reformers of the ages will realize all of their dreams. All the scriptures condemning the showing of favoritism, injustice and partiality because of bribery, social or financial standing, sex, ethnic origin, race or religious preference,

⁸Zechariah 10:8.

⁹Isaiah 14:3-6.

¹⁰Isaiah 42:6, 7.

¹¹Zechariah 9:11, 12.

will become reality. On the other hand, nations that have persecuted the Jews, God's chosen people, will be subservient to the nation of Israel, as overseen and mandated by the Jewish Messiah who will reign with absolute authority as King over the earth.

14. **Unified worship.**

Scripture. "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath."¹²

"Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, your God Reigns! Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together, for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."¹³

"For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. I will set a sign among them, and those among them who escape I will send to the nations; to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. 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."¹⁴

Comment.

The world has seen nothing like the *unified worship* that will be ushered into existence by the Millennium. But the millennial kingdom will also have a predominant political aspect. As a matter of fact, it will be principally a *political kingdom*. Walvoord confirms this with these words, "Opponents of a literal view of the Millennium often try to equate it with a spiritual kingdom of God ruling in the hearts of believers today. It is true that the millennial kingdom will also have its spiritual aspect, just as life in the Church in the present age has a spiritual aspect. But this is not adequate to explain all the many scriptures that teach that the millennial kingdom will be basically a *political kingdom*."

"One of the most important facts relating to the millennial kingdom is Christ in His deity sitting on the throne of David as King of kings and Lord of lords. His royal sovereignty, His personal presence in the world, and His activities in governing righteously reveal a spiritual climate different from anything before it. All this is aided by the fact that Satan and the demonic world will be rendered inactive and the only evil that will remain in the world will be the sin nature of mankind. In fact, the millennial kingdom will demonstrate that even in ideal situations *people will still rebel against God*."¹⁵

This is confirmed by the apostle John with these words, "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."¹⁶ Here is proof again, for the last time, that Satan will target anyone or anything that glorifies God – in this case the saints of God and His beloved City, the capitol of the world at the time this battle occurs. The size of the armies engaged in this, *the last war battle fought on the*

¹²Isaiah 45:22, 23.

¹³Isaiah 52:1, 7-10.

¹⁴Isaiah 66:18-20, 23.

¹⁵John F. Walvoord, END TIMES, Word Publishing, Nashville, TN., pp. 201, 202.

¹⁶Revelation 20:7, 8.

earth is massive, and fire from God destroys them. After this total destruction of the armies of the world for the second time, Satan is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone for ever and ever.¹⁷ An interesting thing about the world-wide unification of millennial worship is that this will originate at Jerusalem where many will go to be taught God's ways. And I believe this will include both *political and religious leaders who will go for political and religious instruction*. Isaiah seems to confirm this with these words, "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."¹⁸ And I believe that I may be in this group going for instruction since, as I have previously written, I have been told that I will be a Gentile representative to the nation of Israel during the Millennium.

15. Temple Worship. *Unified worship* during the Millennium will bring about some far-reaching and dramatic changes in concept, form and substance compared to the worship of twenty-first century Gentile Christians today. There are some real surprises in store for us. These coming changes will affect everyone who enters the Millennium and will be particularly surprising to most believers today who are not acquainted with Jewish tradition. All of these changes will center around Temple worship. If you are not acquainted with Jewish tradition concerning Temple worship, I suggest that you read carefully this letter (and the one to follow) including the referenced footnotes. Now is the time for you to become familiar with **the way you will worship, glorify and honor God during the Millennium as designed and desired by God Himself from the beginning**. To help with this understanding, here is a brief overview of the events leading up to millennial Temple worship.

The Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt occurred about 1446¹⁹ B.C. At the beginning of the

wilderness experience, God commanded Moses to build a Sanctuary (Tabernacle) patterned after the Heavenly Temple.²⁰ The Ark was constructed by Moses and Bezalel, installed in the Tabernacle and the Shekinah Glory filled the Holy of Holies. The first Temple was completed by Solomon in 960 B.C. The Ark was transferred into the Temple and the Shekinah Glory again filled the Holy of Holies. An idol defiled the Sanctuary²¹ and the Shekinah Glory departed from the Holy of Holies.²² This Temple was destroyed in 586 B.C. The second Temple, built by Zerubbabel²³ about 515 B.C. and later enlarged by Herod,²⁴ carried the Roman insignia of an eagle which defiled the Sanctuary. There is no record of the Shekinah Glory filling the Holy of Holies of this Temple. According to one Jewish tradition, the Ark was hidden in one of its secret chambers. This Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans as Jesus prophesied.²⁵ An Islamic shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the Temple Mount, defiled the present site of the Holy of Holies. Some orthodox Jews claim the Ark is still buried beneath the site. But note that the Temple site **has been miraculously preserved through history**. I believe there can be no question but that God has done this in preparation for the future rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Israel was established as a Jewish state in 1948 and the Temple mount was returned to Jewish control in the six-day war of 1967. Jews then began preparation to rebuild the Temple. Those *preparations* will continue until the beginning of the first half of the Tribulation when Israel will enter into a covenant with the Antichrist clearing the way to rebuild the third Temple. At the midpoint of the Tribulation, the Temple will be desecrated by the Antichrist and the sacrifices will cease.²⁶

. . . . more about millennial Temple worship next time, the Lord willing.

main reason the dates are used, however, is to establish the *approximate* times of these occurrences in order to understand their relative historical importance.

¹⁷See Revelation 20:10.

¹⁸Isaiah 2:3.

¹⁹The bible chronology quoted in this paragraph is sourced from **Randal Price**, THE COMING LAST DAYS TEMPLE, Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, Oregon, p. 61. I have found a variance of as many as sixteen years between the dates used in this letter and those used by other bible chronologiers on the same specific events. The

²⁰See Exodus 25:40; Psalm 11:4; Revelation 11:19.

²¹2 Kings 21:7; Ezekiel 8d:5-17.

²²Ezekiel 11.

²³See Ezra 6:13-15.

²⁴See John 2:20.

²⁵See Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21.

²⁶See Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:4.