

Mystery of the Millennium Part 12

For many years, at least for me, large tracts of the Old Testament, while interesting to read, simply just seemed all disconnected and distant. Perhaps because of the focus on doctrine that was in place and believing the same thing and to a large degree possibly just playing church. And a greater understanding of what was written just didn't happen.

It does indeed matter what lens we look through when we read the scriptures. If one screens the words of the bible through some predetermined bias of course it affects what and how we view passages.

If you are of the mind that you are a New Covenant person only and that the Old Testament is done away and obsolete; a person who would read, as an example Jeremiah 10 and we'll read that, it just would have no relevance in their life. I'll read that, in Jeremiah 10:

¹ Hear the word which Yahovah speaks to you, O house of Israel. ² Thus says the Lord: "Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them. ³ For the customs of the peoples are futile; for one cuts a tree from the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. ⁴ They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers so that it will not topple. ⁵ They are upright, like a palm tree, and they cannot speak; they must be carried, because they cannot go by themselves. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, nor can they do any good."

It's a complete and total waste of time. Do not learn the way of the Gentiles. But if you are of the persuasion that none of that applies to you because you are under the New Covenant, those words are basically meaningless.

And you see the same thing exactly in Isaiah 56, verses 1 – 8. If one is of the disposition that they're a new covenant person, none of this means anything at all. But in Isaiah 56 it says:

¹ Thus says Yahovah: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. ² Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." ³ Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to Yahovah speak, saying, "Yahovah has utterly separated me from His people"; nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says Yahovah: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, ⁵ even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶ Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to Yahovah, to serve Him, and to love the name of Yahovah, to be His servants—everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant— ⁷ even them I will bring to My holy mountain, (And we have talked about that recently) and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

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Well, that doesn't apply either, because that's, even though that would appear to be salvational, I'm under the new covenant and those words are simply discarded.

I talked with a very fine fellow one day and he said, "You know there is no devil, and it wouldn't matter what you show me in the scriptures. I have had people try and show me in the scriptures, ah, where there is a devil and just show me, I challenge you." Well the point is you could point out all the scriptures on the devil in the bible and the mindset of that individual would be, I just don't believe what it says, just like people don't believe this, they don't believe Jeremiah 10. They just simply don't believe it, and wouldn't believe it under any circumstance, even though II Tim 3:16 tells us, "All scripture is given for Instruction" and so it's just simply discarded.

And when we have that theological bias in any space, it effectively cancels out what other passages are saying. The merging of the Millennium and the kingdom of God for us did exactly the same thing, and hence the reason for this Mystery of the Millennium part 12 message.

Yes we could read through the passages in the Old Testament but there was no place to put them, at least that was my perspective. God does seem to be in the process of correcting that problem. As passages and puzzle pieces and those of you who have been following this series, I hope you see that, are falling into place faster than the ability to cope with them or so it seems to me.

It's like one has been working on a jigsaw puzzle for 30 years with little success and then a huge number of puzzle pieces all fall into place. And the old reality is replaced by a new one. And much more of the picture that we've been working on becomes recognizable. It takes some time to process and it's one that is ongoing, we're continuing to learn as God appears to be showing us more.

Now that the fallacy of the millennium and the kingdom of God as one and the same has been dispelled, what puzzle pieces have begun to fall into place where understanding was darkened or hidden completely? What would you say, what comes to mind for you? I would like to give some that have come clear to me; I am sure there are countless others and I'm sure all of you who have been following this series have scriptures that, "Oh, well maybe that goes there." And so rather than look at doctrine as it were, which was a focus in the past, you had to believe this or you had to believe that.

Let's look at passages that paint us a picture, to fill in the frame if we will, each adding color to the overall picture. And let's see what we can actually begin to see. On our map, which I hope you have made and made references to, we have the time of the intervention of God on the left hand margin and on the right hand margin we have the actual onset of the condition that we call the "millennium." And putting that on paper has been a way to see they are indeed not the same thing. And so we want to keep that map thing in mind.

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If we understand that the millennium and the kingdom of God are not the same thing then we should be able to find a few puzzle pieces, and maybe quite a few puzzle pieces, where we can find scriptures that all of a sudden that just didn't have a place before; we read them and understood what it was saying but we didn't have a place to put them.

I would like to start with that if we can go to Psalm 48; if we go to Psalm 48 and we will just walk through this and while we are reading it think about where could this possibly go on our map?

¹ Great is Yahovah, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. ² Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. ³ God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.

So God is there, He's in His palace, He's in Zion and He's known to the world as her refuge. There is safety with God dwelling in your midst and the world knows it. Okay, so has God returned and established Himself? Yes! And do the other nations know it? Indeed they do!

⁴ For behold, the kings assembled, (These are earthly kings that have come) they passed by together. ⁵ They saw it,

They heard about it, but they saw it; the reestablished righteous and holy nation that God has talked about forever, it seems. It's real and it's right there.

⁵ They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, (They didn't like what they saw) they hastened away. ⁶ Fear took hold of them there, and pain, as of a woman in birth pangs, ⁷ as when You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

So you have people coming and seeing this and they are greatly disturbed about that. Well I thought there was a big fight a long time ago and everything was coming up tulips and roses. Ah, no, no that's not the case!

⁸ As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of Yahovah of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah ⁹ We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, in the midst of Your temple.

Is He there at this time? Yes! Are the nations happy about it? Maybe not so much!

¹⁰ According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. ¹¹ Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Your judgments.

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God is back, the judgments are in place, the remnant or the end time generations of people of Judah are there and they are pretty happy about the whole arrangement, they are.

¹²Walk about Zion, and go all around her. Count her towers; ¹³mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following.

You go home and you tell folks about this.

¹⁴For this is God, our God forever and ever; (The kingdom that will be set up and will never go away) He will be our guide even to death.

Well, how about that, we have finally got a place to put that scripture. That puzzle piece just fell in place like Jack the Bear now that we understand that the kingdom of God and the millennium are not the same thing.

Well let's go and have a look at Psalm 2 and see whether or not we can have some confirmation of that. Well, let's see what it has to say.

¹Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahovah and against His Anointed, saying, ³“Let us break their bonds in pieces

Yes, there are two Beings. One's name is Yahovah, that is God the Father and the Anointed is Christ

and cast away their cords from us.”

So are the nations real happy about this nation telling them how this should work? Well, I, I, thought there was a big fight and then everything was tulips and roses. Well, apparently not! They don't want to have any part of it. This is another picture, another description, if you will, of the conditions that exist between point A (1) and point B (2) on our map. What's God's reaction to these guys plotting and scheming?

⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; Yahovah shall hold them in derision. ⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶“Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

Is Christ there in Jerusalem ruling? It would seem, that's what kings do.

⁷“I will declare the decree: Yahovah has said to Me, (Well, who's me?) ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, (The Father, Yahovah, speaking to the Son, Christ) I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve

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Yahovah (God first) with fear, and rejoice with trembling.¹²Kiss the Son, (Christ is there too) lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, (Don't trifle with Him) when His wrath is kindled but a little. (You better toe the line; well I thought everything was wonderful. Ah, maybe not so much) Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

So there is a great king established; it would be Christ as well in Zion. They are both there! Well, who also would be there with God the Father and Christ? Well let's take a look and see if we can find an answer to that. This is in the kingdom of God, but not in the millennium. Psalm 24:

¹ The earth is Yahovah's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. ²For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters. ³Who may ascend into the hill of Yahovah? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵He shall receive blessing from Yahovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face. Selah ⁷Lift up your (gates), O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? Yahovah strong and mighty, Yahovah mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰Who is (Remember we talked about is and are) Who is this King of glory? Yahovah of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

No mistaking who that is. And who did we understand that He brings with Him? The saints! We can see that in the text. Now we have a place where we, we've got these pieces, we've always had these pieces, but we didn't know or I didn't know, I can't speak for you folks, but I didn't know what to do with them. I didn't know how to place them.

Well, let's go on to Psalm 46. It seems David had a very thorough grasp of the events that would occur when the kingdom was set up and he spoke about it a lot. We are only going to look at a very small amount of them today and you can find many others yourself. It doesn't take too long to run through the book of Psalms and say, "Well now that we know what this is all about, hey, that means that."

Well let's look at Psalms 46 and read that and just see what it says:

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. ⁴There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

Is God the Father there? Oops!

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⁵God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. ⁶The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. ⁷Yahovah of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hmm! And the nations are still raging? Does that sound like they have been fully subjected to God and His ways?

⁸Come, behold the works of Yahovah, who has made desolations in the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. ¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God; I will be (Will be, not am) I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Well, how about that! We've got a place to put that now.

Going on in Psalm 47:

¹ Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! ²For the Lord Most High (That's God the Father, He is the Most High) ... He is a great King over all the earth. ³He will subdue the peoples under us, (all) the nations under our feet. ⁴He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellence of Jacob whom He loves. ⁵God has gone up with a shout, Yahovah with the sound of a trumpet. ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁷For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding. ⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. ⁹The princes of the people have gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

Each one of these passages adds additional color to our view of the whole situation. There's themes here but it's all pointing to conditions and snippets within point A (1) and point B (2) on our map. And we would ask that as we walk through these, take a look at that mental picture. What are you seeing in your mind's eye? Is it the millennium or is it a kingdom of God being resisted by the nations over a period of time? And how long do you think that would be? To go from raging, hating God to loving God! How long has it taken each one of us to make that transformation; and is it complete even yet?

Let's go to Psalm 50:

¹ The Mighty One, God Yahovah, Has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. ³Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. ⁴He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people: ⁵"Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." ⁶Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.

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⁷Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God! ⁸I will not reprove you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are continually before Me. ⁹I will not take a bull from your house, nor goats out of your folds. ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness. ¹³Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. ¹⁵Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” ¹⁶But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, ¹⁷seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you? ¹⁸When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have been a partaker with adulterers. ¹⁹You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. ²⁰You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. ²¹These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you; but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes. ²²Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver: ²³whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright (Pays attention) I will show the salvation of God.”

Again we see these activities and these events happening between point 1 and point 2 on our map. We’ve got a place to put it. Finally, finally!

Well, let’s go on here to Psalm 52. A very short Psalm and when we read it, think it through yourself and say, “Well now, where does that piece actually go now that we have a template to put it?” Well, let’s read Psalm 52:

¹Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually. ²Your tongue devises destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. ³You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness. ⁴You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue. ⁵God shall likewise destroy you forever; (Hmm) He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, and uproot you from the land of the living. ⁶The righteous also shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, ⁷“Here is the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.” ⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. ⁹I will praise You forever, because You have done it; and in the presence of Your saints...

The saints are going to see what happens to the wicked when God actually deals with them. And it is interesting here where it talks about how quickly, I mean they’re just born into lies; they just gravitate toward that right away. And God will indeed sort it out and He will destroy them forever. Well that sounds an awful like to me that will happen, this is a yet future event of course. The wicked are there making their choice; probably a goat. And will they be destroyed at the start of the millennium as we have looked about in MOM 11 and the previous ones.

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Or will they be put in the great white throne judgment itself? I don't know! But it would seem logical that either of those places would be a very likely candidate for that. God is going to destroy them forever; there is only those two events I can find in a large way like that are presented.

If we go to Psalms 58, where would you place this piece of the puzzle? Psalm 58:

¹ Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men? ²No, in heart you work wickedness; You weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth. ³The wicked are estranged from the womb; (It seems that some spirits automatically just go to the dark side) they go astray as soon as they are born, ... (I had never considered that before) ⁴Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; they are like the deaf cobra that stops its ear, ⁵which will not heed the voice of charmers, charming ever so skillfully. ⁶Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord! ⁷Let them flow away as waters which run continually; when he bends his bow, let his arrows be as if cut in pieces. ⁸Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes, like a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun. ⁹Before your pots can feel the burning thorns, He shall take them away as with a whirlwind, as in His living and burning wrath. ¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He (The Righteous) shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked, ¹¹so that men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is God who judges in the earth."

Where would you place that? At least we have a template to consider; I don't ever recall having that before where I could look at it, perhaps you're way ahead of me and had understood this for a long time. I have not.

I do believe we have an idea now where that should go. I was astonished actually how much David wrote about this, he knew this; he looked forward to it actually. It was a big deal for him. Let's go to Psalm 68 and have a look there. And can we see how the fairy tale of the kingdom of God being the same as the millennium has hidden these things from our eyes? These events from point A (1) to point B (2) on our map. Let's read Psalm 68 and see where we go. It says:

¹ Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him. ²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. ³But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to His name; (How do you do that if you don't know what His name is? Ah, You don't!) extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH, and rejoice before Him. ⁵A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. (So is the Father there at this time? Yes!) ⁶God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

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So when God is there, the holy and righteous nation is in place, but not all the world is underneath its jurisdiction. That is not what we have historically understood, but it is all over the place.

⁷O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness, Selah ⁸the earth shook; the heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance,...

Well that's part of the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. There is going to be a change, God is involved.

¹⁰Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

¹¹The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those who proclaimed it: ¹²"Kings of armies flee, they flee,

Well the big battle has already happened, why are they fleeing? I thought everything was tulips and roses. Ah, maybe not!

and she who remains at home divides the spoil. ¹³Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." ¹⁴When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Zalmon. ¹⁵A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; a mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan. ¹⁶Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of many peaks? This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in; yes, Yahovah will dwell in it forever. ¹⁷The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

¹⁸You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, (Well how can there be any more rebellious? Actually there is, lots of them) that the Lord God might dwell there. ¹⁹Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation! Selah

²⁰Our God is the God of salvation; and to the Lord belong escapes from death.

²¹But God will wound the head of His enemies, the hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses. (No it's not going to happen in five minutes) ²²The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, ²³that your foot may crush them in blood, and the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies." ²⁴They have seen Your procession, O Lord, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. ²⁵The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the maidens playing timbrels.

²⁶Bless God in the congregations, The Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

²⁷There is little Benjamin, their leader, the princes of Judah and their company, the princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphtali. ²⁸Your God has commanded your strength; strengthen, O God, what You have done for us. ²⁹Because of Your temple at Jerusalem, kings will bring presents to You.

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³⁰Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples, till everyone submits himself with pieces of silver. (It's going to take some time, but the end is not in doubt) Scatter the peoples who delight in war.

³¹Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

Some are going to understand how this works in a hurry and some are not. And this is after yet God has His presence there.

³²Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah ³³to Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which were of old! Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice. ³⁴Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds. ³⁵O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!

Well, is there any more? Are there any more places where we might see something that would fit? Well, turns out we're not done yet! Psalm 72:

¹ Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son.

² He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

³The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

⁴He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. (Yup, still some oppressors around) ⁵They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. ⁶He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth.

⁷In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more. ⁸He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. ⁹Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust.

Remember Psalm 110; rule in the midst of your enemies. This is after the kingdom of God is established; the millennium is nowhere in sight.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. ¹¹Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. ¹²For He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper.

¹³ He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy. ¹⁴He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; and precious shall be their blood in His sight. ¹⁵And He shall live; and the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He (Speaking of Christ) shall be praised. ¹⁶There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, on the top of the mountains; its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; and those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. ¹⁷His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed. ¹⁸Blessed be Yahovah God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! ¹⁹And blessed be His glorious name forever!

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It's curious that within the Church of God community they see no value or can't understand the value of God's name. It's not salvational to know that. Well, if God reveals His name to us and we reject it, how do you think that would look actually, just in passing?

And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

And that's not all! There's another, probably 10 passages in Psalms where David spoke of this; events that happen. We are beginning to see a picture that is vastly different than the one we had historically understood. Where Christ came down, set up the kingdom, everything come up roses. Do we see that confirmed in the scripture, or do we see an entirely different picture of a kingdom set up that takes a while; possibly decades, to be put fully in place?

And I had mentioned that some time ago even at the start of this Millennial series; and we will spend a little time on here because now that we have a template to actually look at, we would expect that when God returns there is a little bit of cleanup and a little bit of attitude adjustment and scores to be settled and things to be put into place, and indeed we find that in the book of Amos. Now we have a place to put these events.

Let's look at the book of Amos. Amos 1 and we will start in verse 2

²And he said: "Yahovah roars from Zion, and utters His voice from Jerusalem; (Is He back? Yes!) the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers."

³Thus says Yahovah: (He's got some work to do when He returns) "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron.

⁴But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad. ⁵I will also break the gate bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven, and the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden. (Kings have a little problem?) The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir," Says Yahovah.

Is this some of the work to be done after the Father and Christ return? Yes! We have a place for this now.

⁶Thus says Yahovah: "For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they took captive the whole captivity

When Judah goes into captivity; again, these guys are fully on side, fully on board with it. And God remembered.

they took captive the whole captivity to deliver them up to Edom. ⁷But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, which shall devour its palaces. ⁸I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn My hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish," Says Yahovah God.

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⁹Thus says Yahovah: "For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood. ¹⁰But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, which shall devour its palaces."

¹¹Thus says Yahovah: "For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity; His anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever. ¹²But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah."

And we read a little bit of that in Isaiah 63.

¹³Thus says Yahovah: "For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their territory. ¹⁴But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, amid shouting in the day of battle, and a tempest in the day of the whirlwind. ¹⁵Their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together," ...

¹ Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime. ²But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting and trumpet sound. ³And I will cut off the judge from its midst, and slay all its princes with him," ...

⁴Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they have despised the law of Yahovah, and have not kept His commandments. (The day of reckoning has arrived) Their lies lead them astray, lies which their fathers followed. ⁵But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem." (Zechariah 14:1 and 2)

⁶Thus says Yahovah: "For three transgressions of Israel, (And the world does not see the difference between Israel and Judah, but it is singled out here) ... I will not turn away its punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals. ⁷They pant after the dust of the earth which is on the head of the poor, and pervert the way of the humble. A man and his father go in to the same girl, to defile My holy name. ⁸They lie down by every altar on clothes taken in pledge, and drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god. ⁹"Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was as strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath. ¹⁰Also it was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. ¹¹I raised up some of your sons as prophets, and some of your young men as Nazirites. Is it not so, O you children of Israel?" Says Yahovah. ¹²"But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets saying, 'Do not prophesy!' (We don't want to hear it.) ¹³"Behold, I am weighed down by you, as a cart full of sheaves is weighed down.

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¹⁴Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, the strong shall not strengthen his power, nor shall the mighty deliver himself; ¹⁵he shall not stand who handles the bow, the swift of foot shall not escape, nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.

¹⁶The most courageous men of might shall flee naked in that day," ...

Going on:

²"You only have I known (Amos 3:2) of all the families of the earth; therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities." ³Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? ⁴Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing? ⁵Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no trap for it?

Going down to verse 7:

⁷Surely Yahovah does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. ⁸A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy? ⁹"Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say: 'Assemble on the mountains of Samaria; see great tumults in her midst, and the oppressed within her. ¹⁰For they do not know to do right,' Says Yahovah, 'Who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.'" ¹¹Therefore thus says God: "An adversary shall be all around the land; he shall sap your strength from you, and your palaces shall be plundered." ¹²... "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be taken out who dwell in Samaria—in the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch! ¹³Hear and testify against the house of Jacob," Says the Lord God, the God of hosts, ¹⁴"That in the day I punish Israel for their transgressions, I will also visit destruction on the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground. ¹⁵I will destroy the winter house along with the summer house; the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end,"...

We can walk through this and please read the book of Amos in your own time and it will become very clear that these are some of the activities that occur after the Father has returned along with Jesus Christ and before the millennium has ever started.

We now have a place to put these things. Read the whole book of Amos and you will see, well I'll go to Amos 9 and it is quite long but it's showing the complete cleansing of Israel and Judah when God returns.

¹ I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and He said: "Strike the doorposts that the thresholds may shake, and break them on the heads of them all. I will slay the last of them with the sword. He who flees from them shall not get away, and he who escapes from them shall not be delivered. ²"Though they dig into hell, from there My hand shall take them; though they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down; ³and though they hide themselves on top of Carmel, from there I will search and take them;

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though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea, from there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them; ⁴though they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I will command the sword, and it shall slay them. I will set My eyes on them for harm and not for good.” ⁵The Lord God of hosts, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell there mourn; all of it shall swell like the River, and subside like the River of Egypt. ⁶He who builds His layers in the sky, and has founded His strata in the earth; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth—Yahovah is His name. ⁷“Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?” says God. “Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? ⁸“Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,” ...

Their kingdom, Israel's kingdom will be annihilated, because it is not right before God.

⁹“For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. ¹⁰All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, ‘The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.’

There is going to be a serious day of reckoning, we have a place to put that now and it's not millennial.

¹¹“On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; ¹²that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says Yahovah who does this thing. ¹³“Behold, the days are coming,” says Yahovah, “When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. ¹⁴I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them;

So we see the punishment, the correction and the restoration. This is not millennial; this is in the kingdom of God!

they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. ¹⁵ I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,” Says Yahovah your God.