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This is the eighth installment coming up of the Mystery of the Millennium, number eight. And by way of reminder in the Mystery of the Millennium seven we finished the message with multiple scriptures placing another resurrection to spirit life along with the consignment to the lake of fire at point 2 of our timeline, which we affectionately call the Map.

I would like to add four more scriptures for placement on that map for your consideration. These four, in no particular order, are Matthew 3, verses 11 and 12; Luke 3, verses 16 and 17; I Corinthians 15, verses 50 through 58 and I Thessalonians 4, verses 16 through 18.

Matthew 3, verses 11 and 12, and Luke 3, 16 and 17 record essentially the same thing. Now I will read that for you. Matthew 3, verses 11 and 12:

¹¹I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, (John the Baptist speaking) but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

It's curious, while looking at that, that John certainly had knowledge of this to speak it, and that's something I had not considered before.

In I Corinthians 15, in I Corinthians 15, which we would understand to be the resurrection chapter, in verses 15 – 50. I Corinthians 15 and verses 50 through 58 we read:

⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; (So the kingdom of God is for Spirit being place in this case) nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹...I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory ⁵⁵“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

You notice in this passage there isn't a peep, not a single mention of the lake of fire. It simply speaks to a resurrection incident. And I Thessalonians, I Thessalonians 4, verses 16 through 18, we read something similar. It says:

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¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Again there is nothing in here that we see with regards to the lake of fire incident. So accordingly, on our map, we placed Matthew 3, verses 11 and 12 and Luke 3, verses 16 and 17 at the time of Point 2 on our map. And we put I Corinthians 15, and I Thessalonians 4, yes, on the Point 1 on our map.

Notice again, those two passages, 1 Corinthians 15 and Thessalonians say not a single word about the lake of fire and judgment. And we've placed them there according to that understanding.

When we read of events, and we are doing our study, it is important to stop and consider the timing of such events, to see where they actually fit. That clarification has been sorely missing in the past. Little or no follow-through or consideration has been the normal.

One such glaring example is the much touted fable that God the Father cannot be in the presence of sin. And the ripples from that kind of thinking has produced all manner of spawn; and all false! It makes God flee from sinners, painting Him as a wuss and we are told in scripture that all things exists by God's will, that they exist at all. And He can un-exist them with a thought. Afraid of something; you have got to be kidding me!

But it gets worse, this fable. We are told in 1 Corinthians 3; and I point this out just to say, "You know, we have got to stop and think these things through from time to time, of what we have considered or believed in the past.

In I Corinthians 3, verses 16 -17 were told that you and I are the temple of God.

¹⁶Do you not know (In verse 16) that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Well that's a mouth full and we know in the book of John, John 14, verse 23 that not only does the Father live in us, so does Christ. John 14, verse 23 says:

²³Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We (Both of us) will come to him and make Our home with him.

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So God actually has a presence in us, the one who can't dwell with sin, supposedly. And we go to I John 3, verses 18 – 24 for clarification and confirmation. Verse 18:

18My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. (Well who is Him?) 20For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

So is this referring to Christ or is this referring to the father? Next verse:

23And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. (There is no question!)

24Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

If God cannot abide being in the presence of sin and you and I are all sinners, then we do not have God's Holy Spirit. Who exactly would not want us to have God's Holy Spirit and sever that connection? I'll give you a hint; it's not Fluffy the duck.

Lies travel a very long way and we are swimming in a sea of lies in the days we are living in on all fronts. I've never seen anything like it in my life.

Well, wait a minute; isn't this supposed to be a millennial series? Well please be patient, we'll get there.

Turn with me if you will, to Acts 2. Acts 2 and we will take a look at verses 17 - 21. Okay:

17'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, (It doesn't say, "It shall come to pass in the millennium", it says) it shall come to pass in the last days (Says God) that I will pour out of My Spirit (And we know the Holy Spirit comes from the Father) on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. 19I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahovah. 21And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of Yahovah shall be saved.'

So does, for years it was taught that the pouring out of God's Spirit was in the millennium, in Joel 2.

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Well is that the case? And you notice in verse 21

21And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Well don't you think it might not be a bad idea to know what that name actually is, to call on Him? Somehow I don't think, "Hey you", likely just isn't going to cut it.

We have sorted out this order of events that we've seen in past messages in this series. We had it wrong in the past. Okay, let's fix it and move on.

The pouring out of God's Spirit occurs in the last days, not the millennium. And it occurs before the heavenly signs and before the Day of the Lord, whatever that is? I don't ever recall a definition specifically of it. And notice again that salvation is offered before the heavenly signs, which is before the first resurrection and the reason for the innumerable multitudes of Revelation 7.

If we go on to Acts 2, verses 38 and 39, where we read:

38... Peter said to them, (After he had given his sermon) "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Well, Huh! Isn't that interesting?

I had sent out a notification, ah, you know, what does the latter days mean and who is it that calls? And about 95% of the people that kindly responded, and I would thank you so much for doing so, basically felt it was the Father that did the calling.

And the thoughts on this is knowing where everyone was at with this was very helpful. We are not all in the same place. This passage reads the calling is actually a quote from the Old Testament and it is referenced in Joel, where indeed the quote in Acts 2, verses 17 – 21 also came from. Acts 2:39 is referenced in the little book of Joel. Joel 2, Joel 2, verses 28 – 32, and let's read that. Again in Joel 2:28:

28"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. 29And also on My menservants and on My maid servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 32And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord (Well again it would be a decent idea to know who that was, or what that was.) shall be saved. For in Mount Zion

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and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as Yahovah has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

Well the rub comes when the theology is such that with the exception of Psalm 110, which is used many times, all references to Lord in the Old Testament refer to Christ. Well here we have a reference, all caps, is the Being that called and also the Being that pours out His Spirit on all flesh. If the Father is the one who calls, then all caps LORD cannot be Christ. If we are going to be consistent in our view that it is the Father that calls, there simply is no other conclusion.

But it doesn't stop there! A scripture that is familiar to us all in the book of Hebrews, the book of Hebrews, chapter 1, and verses 1 and 2, where we read:

¹ God, (Well who is that?) who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

Well Joel was a prophet, so it was the Father who spoke through Joel. Let's go on to confirm that:

² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

So there is no confusion here if we simply believe what it says. It tells us that it is the Father who spoke through the prophets, so it was the Father that spoke through Joel. That is proven by the reference to the calling. This is not a one off.

We see it in other places in scripture. In Jeremiah 7, Jeremiah 7, we'll look at verses 12 and 13. Jeremiah 7, verses 12 and 13. Reading it here, it says:

¹²“But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

Well, who's talking here?

¹³And now, because you have done all these works,” says Yahovah, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you, but you did not answer,

The one who calls, who is that?

Let's go to Isaiah 65. Book of Isaiah chapter 65, and we will read verses 11 and 12, keeping in mind what our historical understanding is. Well, let's read this:

¹¹“But you are those who forsake Yahovah, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Gad, and who furnish a drink offering for Meni. ¹²Therefore I will number you

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for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear, but did evil before My eyes, and chose (They had their choice, they had their opportunity) (They chose) that in which I do not delight.”

Who is speaking? The one who called, who is that?

Isaiah 66, verses 3 and 4:

³“He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog’s neck; he who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine’s blood; he who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways (And rejected God), and their soul delights in their abominations, ⁴so will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear; but they did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight.”

Who is speaking? Well, the one who called! And who exactly is that? I think; I hope you and I get the point.

Definitions are important. It sure sounds like a lot of personal involvement to me.

There is another phrase that is being bandied about that has not been biblically defined that is very important to our consideration of this millennial thing. And that phrase is, “In the Latter Days.” That exact phrase, according to Bible Hub is used 15 times; none of them in the New Testament. And if you have a Phrase Concordance, and I highly suggest you get one if you don’t have one, it shows 13 times. And it is good to use multiple sources to be as certain as possible you get em all.

There was also the phrase, “In the Last Days”, but surprisingly that only appears five times in the scriptures, four in the New Testament and one in the Old.

Genesis 49:1 is translated both ways, “Last Days” and “The Latter Days”, so we need to at least acknowledge that and I did look it up, it is exactly the same word, just simply, I think it is 319 in the Hebrew. There is simply no other way than to walk through all references to, “In the Latter Days” to see how the bible uses the term contextually, to arrive at some understanding of the term. This is incredibly important to our millennial considerations, as we shall see.

So we just have to take them off the top as they appear in scripture and see what they actually tell us and what kind of inferences that we can have. I did take the time to look up “latter” and also “days” and couldn’t find anything in there that was actually conclusive or useful in some way. You may do so; I suggest you do, to see if there is something in there, ah, that might be more definitive for yourself.

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And again in Genesis 49:1:

¹ And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

In my New King James and in the regular King James it's "the latter days". Same word, 319, you pick. Nothing in this passage, and you read through it, indicates the houses have been reunited, in fact it's the opposite, showing them scattered entities, each with their own respective identifying characteristics. There is nothing here that I can see, that I can see, quote, unquote, "millennial." And please take the time to read through that and see if that is a similar conclusion that you come up to. Because it is important we look at this stuff, see what God is telling us and you know, warm the gray matter up and actually think about it.

Well the next place that phrase is mentioned is Numbers 24, verses 14 - 19 we pick it up here:

¹⁴And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days." ¹⁵So he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, and the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; ¹⁶the utterance of him who hears the words of God, and has the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open:

So it would seem as though he had a rather personal understanding of who was who. Going on in verse 17:

¹⁷"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult. ¹⁸"And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly. ¹⁹Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, and destroy the remains of the city."

Does this sound like a peaceful, tranquil millennium to you? What do you think?

Going on, the next place we see that reference, that phrase is in the little book of Deuteronomy, in Deuteronomy 4, let's go there. Deuteronomy 4, and verses 27-30, Deuteronomy 4, verses 27 – 30 where we read:

²⁷And Yahovah will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you. ²⁸And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. ²⁹But from there you will seek Yahovah your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰When you are in distress, and all these things

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come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to Yahovah your God and obey His voice.

Well, has modern Israel turned to their God at this time? No, they haven't and we know who God is when we read John 20, verse 17, so there really shouldn't be any confusion here that LORD, all caps, is the Father. Christ made it very clear His God and our God were one and the same. Notice, this is a time of turning to God in a condition of captivity. At this latter days, that sound millennial to you?

Deuteronomy 31, Deuteronomy 31 and verses 28 and 29 is the next place that this is referenced in scripture. So let's take a look at that, Deuteronomy 31, verses 28 and 29, where it says:

²⁸Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, (Moses speaking) and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them. ²⁹For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of Yahovah, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."

Well, does that sound millennial to you? In the latter days when Israel is in evil up to their ears? Don't think so!

Well let's go on, Jeremiah 23, Jeremiah 23, verses 19 and 20 is the next place we see this phrase used in the scriptures. Jeremiah 30, Ah, sorry, Jeremiah 23. Jeremiah 23, verses 19-20. Let's read that: Boy, just can't seem to just get the right page here, sorry guys:

¹⁹Behold, a whirlwind of Yahovah has gone forth in fury—a violent whirlwind! It shall fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of Yahovah will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

A serious butt kicking in fury, in the latter days. Does that sound millennial to you?

Let's go on to Jeremiah 30, Jeremiah 30, Jeremiah 30, verses 12 – 24:

¹²For thus says Yahovah: 'Your affliction is incurable, your wound is severe. ¹³There is no one to plead your cause, that you may be bound up; you have no healing medicines. ¹⁴All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquities, because your sins have increased. ¹⁵Why do you cry about your affliction? Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the multitude of your iniquities, because your sins have increased, I have done these things to you. ¹⁶Therefore all

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those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity;

So we see Israel's captivity and then the adversary's go into captivity.

those who plunder you shall become plunder, and all who prey upon you I will make a prey. ¹⁷For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,' says Yahovah, 'Because they called you an outcast saying: "This is Zion; no one seeks her.'" (Going on) ¹⁸"... 'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; the city shall be built upon its own mound, and the palace shall remain according to its own plan. ¹⁹Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving (Restoration of Israel) and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. ²⁰Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before Me; and I will punish all who oppress them. ²¹Their nobles shall be from among them, and their governor shall come from their midst; then I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me; for who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says Yahovah. ²²'You shall be My people, and I will be your God.'" (Who did Jesus Christ say our God was?) ²³Behold, the whirlwind of Yahovah goes forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind; it will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁴The fierce anger of Yahovah will not return until He has done it, and until He has performed the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will consider it.

Ah huh, How about that! A time of restoration, after a great time of trouble, all at the hands of Yahovah. And I think it is important at this time to go back to Acts 3, because it is quite instructional as it fits in perfectly with what we have been looking at. It's a theme throughout this whole thing. It says:

¹⁹Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence (He's here!) of the Lord, (The Father) ²⁰and that He (The Father) may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

It talks about the presence of the Father, do you believe that? So the passage we read in Jeremiah 30, is that the millennium? Do we see Christ ruling there? Or does this passage precede the millennium? Just asking?

Jeremiah 48, Jeremiah 48, I'll read verses 40-47

⁴⁰For thus says Yahovah: "Behold, one shall fly like an eagle, and spread his wings over Moab. ⁴¹Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are surprised; the mighty men's hearts in Moab on that day shall be like the heart of a woman in birth pangs. ⁴²And Moab shall be destroyed as a people, because he exalted himself against Yahovah. ⁴³Fear and the pit and the snare shall be upon you, O inhabitant of Moab," says Yahovah.

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⁴⁴*“He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who gets out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For upon Moab, upon it I will bring the year of their punishment,”*

⁴⁵*“Those who fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of exhaustion. But a fire shall come out of Heshbon, a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the brow of Moab, the crown of the head of the sons of tumult.*

⁴⁶*Woe to you, O Moab! The people of Chemosh perish; for your sons have been taken captive, and your daughters captive. ⁴⁷“Yet I will bring back the captives of Moab in the latter days,” ...*

Does any of that sound like a peaceful tranquil millennial setting to you? Is the latter days equivalent to the millennium, or does it precede that? Does this sound like a time of serious attitude adjustment for the Moabites? It sure does to me.

Jeremiah 49, again we see the expression. Jeremiah 49, verses 35-39, speaking of another people. For I, oops, I'm sorry, I have to pick it up in verse 35:

³⁵*“Thus says Yahovah of hosts: ‘Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the foremost of their might. ³⁶Against Elam I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and scatter them toward all those winds; there shall be no nations where the outcasts of Elam will not go. ³⁷For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies and before those who seek their life. I will bring disaster upon them, my fierce anger,’ says Yahovah; ‘And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.*

³⁸*I will set My throne in Elam, and will destroy from there the king and the princes,’ says Yahovah.*

Does it matter who Yahovah is if we are to understand this?

³⁹*“But it shall come to pass in the latter days: I will bring back the captives of Elam,’ ... ”*

So we see this same thing going on. Does this not sound like fury poured out? Does this not sound like, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool”? Then we see the restoration. Does this sound like something that would need to happen to make Christ's enemies his footstool? Has that happened yet, or is it in the process of happening? I think you know the answer!

In Ezekiel 38, Ezekiel 38, and verses 14-17, let's take a look at that:

¹⁴*“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord God: (Same person) “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it?*

Israel has been restored, they're dwelling safely in the land.

¹⁵ (And) *Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a great army. ¹⁶You will*

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come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days

It does not say, “after the Millennium”, it does not say, “in the millennium”, it says, “It will be in the latter days”:

that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, (Obviously they don't yet) when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

So we see Israel restored, their houses are in place, it's still the latter days and we see a great host of people coming that have not yet been made Christ's footstool. Is this the happy peaceful millennium in place yet? Maybe before makes a lot more sense.

Let's go to Daniel 2. Daniel 2. It's quite helpful to walk through these things one after the other so that we can have some idea of what is it talking about. Daniel 2, verses 27 and 28:

²⁷*Daniel answered in the presence of the king, (He had been commissioned to reveal a dream) ... , “The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers (They're out of the loop, they can't declare it.)...*

²⁸*But there is a God in heaven (It's important who that is) who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days....*

And of course we know the passage as we go through it; but it's very interesting to consider verse 44

⁴⁴*... in the days of these kings the God of heaven (Whoever that happens to be) will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

Is that God the Father or is that Christ? We need to know the answer to that question; and I believe we do, if we are guided by the scriptures

In Daniel, Daniel 10 verse 14. Daniel 10 verse 14; the angel shows up and he says:

¹⁴*... I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days (in the future).”*

So it shows all the way through Daniel 11 and through Daniel 12 the continuation of time. Daniel 12:2 does reference the start of the millennium, but then the text reverts back to, and verses 6-8 if you read that of Daniel 12:

⁶*And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?” (Well he was just kind of blown away by*

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the things he learned) ⁷(And) Then *I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered,*

So he sees a series of events that culminate and the total destruction of God's people. Their power is obliterated! It's still showing us there is no restoration here, that's up until the time they are blotted out.

.... ⁸*Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "..., what shall be the end of these things?"*

So we know from this passage there is going to be a time when God's people will be in very tough, their power, but won't be destroyed totally as a people, but they will have gone through some real rough things.

So the latter days as referenced here is referring to the time of man right up until God's holy people are just done. Know that as one of the parameters, it doesn't stop there but it goes to at least there.

If we go to Hosea 3 verses 4 and 5, Hosea 3, verses 4 and 5:

⁴*For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.* ⁵(and) *Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God (Yahovah) and David their king. They shall fear Yahovah and His goodness in the (millennium, ah, No! That's not what it says) they shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.*

Yah, that's what it says. Israel returns, in light of these other passage, prior to the millennium, not in it.

And now we come to the biggies! The wall of matters! For years, decades, myself included, felt these were millennial scriptures. And we know from previous studies the millennium is a time of Christ's rule, with the Saints. Do we see any of this here?

Let's go to the little book of Micah, Micah 4 and verse 1:

¹*Now it shall come to pass in the latter days (You notice it doesn't say, "In the millennium") that the mountain of Yahovah's house (Presence of God as we read about in Acts 3) shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it.* ²*Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahovah, 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 the law shall go forth, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.*

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Does it matter whether the Lord here is the Father or Christ? It does matter! It matters a great deal!

Now we begin to see what this kingdom of heaven, which is set up by the God of heaven, is all about. For years this was taught as a millennial scripture and it says it is in the latter days. And from what we have seen, the latter days is not a reference to the millennium at all. It is a reference to a period prior to that. There is nothing in Micah 4 that talks about Christ and the Saints ruling; nothing.

And if that isn't enough let's go in to Isaiah 2 and see if we can find some repeatability of this. Isaiah 2, we will pick it up in verse 2:

2...it shall come to pass in the latter days (Same thing) that the mountain of the Yahovah's house (There is no "the" in Hebrew) shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations will flow to it.

3Many people shall come and say, "(well), ... let us go up to the mountain of Yahovah, 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.

4He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Going on:

5O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord. 6For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with eastern ways; they are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they are pleased with the children of foreigners. 7Their land is also full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is also full of horses, and there is no end to their chariots.

8Their land is also full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. 9People bow down, and each man humbles himself; therefore do not forgive them. 10Enter into the (dust), and hide in the dust, from the terror of Yahovah and the glory of His majesty. 11The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,

Speaking of how you get to the condition in the first part of Isaiah 2:2. What's going to have to happen to get them there? Is this part of making Christ's enemies his footstool to eventually arrive at that condition?

... Yahovah alone shall be exalted in that day. 12For the day of the Lord of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up—and it shall be brought low— 13upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan; 14upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up; 15...every high tower, ... every fortified wall; ... ships ...the ...sloops.

17The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; Yahovah alone will be exalted in that day, 18but the idols He shall utterly

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abolish. ¹⁹They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of Yahovah

Does this sound like somebody being made the footstool for Christ by the Father? Let's go on:

and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

²⁰In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver and ... of gold, which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats, ²¹to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of Yahovah and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

It sounds like the beginning of very serious attitude adjustment for mankind. The God of Jacob is not Jesus Christ. Who judges at this time? It's the Father! The God of heaven will indeed set up the kingdom, and He will indeed turn it over to Christ and the Saints. But that time is not yet.

The commission and the prophecy of Psalm 110:1 is not yet completed. It does matter that we define the latter days, because that removes the fog from when the, quote, unquote, "millennium" starts.

I'd like to close with a passage that we just don't get or haven't got, maybe it's time we did get it.

Revelation 11 verses 15-17:

¹⁵Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world (The stone that crashes in on the feet) have become the kingdoms of our Lord (The Father) and of His Christ, (Their both there) and He (The Father) shall reign forever and ever!"

What part of that don't we understand? The kingdom will be set up, the Father has taken his power and He is reigning. Going down:

¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, (The Father) the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Ah, no, no, He's off on Pluto. He can't stand in the presence of sin. Are you kidding me? We simply have to read it for what it says. Why is it that we cannot see the Father here?

The answer might be obvious to those that will but think.