

The Will of God
Part 9
By Boyd Yahn

Hello everyone, this is the Part 9 of The Will of God series and today is March 14th of 2024. We are getting ready for Passover, which for us, will be on the 25th and 26th this year, of March. So, been a bit busy, been a bit preoccupied. So, if this is coming out a little late, you'll know why.

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Ah, here we are, part 9 already of this current series. I never know how long these studies will go, or what additional information might come along from commentary by brothers and sisters along the way. I do appreciate those that take the time to comment, and I wish that more did.

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Because there is so much to be learned from folks that understand different pieces of the puzzle, that sure seem to fit when brought to our attention. I and others felt that Steven Greene's message on the gifts, done on February 17, 2024 and posted on SabbathReflections.org so complemented the Will of God 4 and 5 studies, that it was a must listen for us, though it's only 15 minutes long in the audio, and less if you read the transcript. There were more real things and more real learning in that than one hour plus messages that I've listened to over the years.

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In talking to another brother the other day, he pointed out a scripture that I hadn't even remotely thought of, and it too fit perfectly into the puzzle from my own standpoint. That scripture he pointed out was Exodus 32, verses 30 – 33. And we're going to read that. Exodus 32, verses 30 – 33.

³⁰Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to Yehovah; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."³¹Then Moses returned to Yehovah and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!³²Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

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In the historical understanding, and current understanding in the Church of God, this is Jesus Christ. So, in verse 33.

³³And Yehovah said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book."

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And so, that's really interesting. If that's Christ, we have a cross thread in the Book of Matthew. I'd like to show you that and just show you how these pieces begin to fit and how they begin to make sense.

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In Matthew 12, verses 31 and 32, Christ Himself speaking:

³¹“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³²Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, (And that would be Christ) it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

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As we've come to understand, the Holy Spirit is a title of God the Father. And it's worthwhile looking at that, just as a reminder. And I'll go through that in Acts 13:2.

²As they ministered to God and fasted, the Holy Spirit said,

So, something talked.

“Now separate to Me

Me is first-person singular.

Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I (Also first-person singular) have called them.”

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And we know it is God the Father who calls. So, plug that into Matthew 12, and then reread Exodus 32, verses 30 and 31 and we see it cannot be Christ, it must be God the Father, because this Being, if you sin against Him, you're toast.

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That's not what we were shown in the New Testament, so it can't be Christ, it has to be the Father. The Bible is consistent, because it is not the words of men, rather it is the word of God. I hadn't seen that before. And it was worth the price of the phone call to find out.

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Another conversation brought forth, a gem from Genesis 15. Genesis 15, and verses 1 - 5. And, honestly, I had never even remotely considered it before.

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Let's read that. Genesis 15:1-5.

¹ After these things the word of Yehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."² But Abram said, "Yehovah God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"⁴ And behold, the word of Yehovah came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

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I'd always considered this in terms of the numbers of physical descendants, of course which is vast. However, it goes much, much beyond that, for if we couple that with Daniel 12; Daniel 12 and verses 2 and 3, we see that there's a much deeper dimension of this for us to consider. Because in the glorified situation, of human beings when they are raised immortal and incorruptible, we see a bit of that, of what they actually looked like. Let's read that:

² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

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So, Abraham's multitudinous descendants, when they are glorified spirit beings, will shine like the stars themselves. So, it goes way past the physical, where my thinking had stopped in the past, and I am so appreciative of being shown that. And it pointed out, and it just went click, you know, that thought had never even crossed my mind, and it never stops, this great learning curve. There is a great hunger and thirst for understanding in God's ecclesia.

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And they are tired of endless regurgitation of past "truths", if I might say it that way, to the point that studies and sermons are simply shut off, if it's just the same old, same old. I especially found Bill Bradfords sermon from UCG (United Church of God) called, "The Compact", from the standpoint of him, I enjoyed it because of him defining the Church of God version of the Binity. There was no mistaking it. To communicate effectively, one has to define things clearly so everyone can clearly understand what is being said, and then everyone parses that against which they have come to understand personally.

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I didn't agree with most of what Bill had to say, but I did understand their perspective and the definition from it, and the attitudes from it, very clearly. So, it was a huge win for me; it explained many things to me so I could evaluate it myself against what I believed the scriptures say.

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The idea of two co-existent, co-eternal beings, as was brought out, is simply not biblical. But I have no longer any doubt that that is what is taught, for it was clearly and definitively articulated. I found that most helpful.

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If you will recall in part 8, I blew up on the clock, and couldn't finish all I had intended, so I'd like to pick up on where we left off, for just a brief review. The focus of this study was Yehovah wanting to dwell with His people. And we had to dispense with the fairy tale that Yehovah cannot be in the presence of sin first, so that, you know, it might not have been apparent where I was going, talking about the will of the Father wanting to live amongst His people.

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I would like to have had more time to do it, but I have to limit it to about 52 minutes or so max, on these things to be able to send them out. So, if some of you had trouble joining the dots there, I apologize if it was a problem.

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If you recall, we read Ezekiel 14:11, and we're going to go there now. Ezekiel 14:11, where we learn of Yehovah's will, which is the theme of this series. Yehovah, it seems, doesn't want His people to stay away from Him, to stray from Him. He wants them to be His people and Him their God, not Baal. It seems a reasonable request, when one thinks about it. We'll just read that. Showing His will:

¹¹that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me,

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That's something He desires.

nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions,

They are a rebellious house, they are not obedient to God.

but that they may be My people and I may be their God, "says the LORD God."

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He earnestly desires that.

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So, that get's us into the mood here from the last message and from there; and I read this one in the last message as well, let's go to Zechariah 8; Zechariah 8, and let's just read verses 1 – 8 again, just to get us back on the right space.

¹ Again the word of Yehovah of hosts

So, it's important, who is that?

came, saying, ²“Thus says Yehovah of hosts: ‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous for her.’ ³“Thus says Yehovah:

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Yehovah, Yehovah of hosts; same thing.

‘I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of Yehovah of hosts, the Holy Mountain.’ ⁴“Thus says Yehovah of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age.’ ⁵The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. ⁶“Thus says Yehovah of hosts: ‘If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’ Says Yehovah of hosts. ⁷“Thus says Yehovah of hosts: ‘Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; ⁸I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their God,’

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Remember, Christ always pointed us to His God, who was the Father.

in truth and righteousness.

So, we can see the tone here, but it might not be a bad idea to know who the Lord of hosts is, because He will return to Jerusalem, gather Israel; they will be His people and He will be their God. Well, we don't have to venture very far, we can stay right in the book of Zechariah, and we can see who the Lord of hosts is, with absolute clarity.

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Let's go to Zechariah 13, verses 7 – 9. We'll start there.

⁷“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,”

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So, does Yehovah have a companion? Yes, it says so.

says the LORD of hosts.

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So, here we have the LORD of hosts; has to be the Father, the man who is His Companion has to be Christ.

“Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; then I will turn My hand against the little ones. ⁸And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says Yehovah,

Yehovah, Yehovah of hosts, same thing.

“That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: ⁹I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name,

So, they will know what His name is.

and I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; and each one will say, ‘Yehovah is my God.’”

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So, when you have both of them in the text, then you have to conclude that Yehovah of hosts is God the Father. Well, can we see a further verification of that? Well, let's go to Zechariah 6, verse 12.

¹²Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yehovah of hosts, (Same Being) saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of Yehovah; ¹³Yes, He shall build the temple of Yehovah. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne;...

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So, is Christ going to have a throne? Yes, He is. the Man whose name is the Branch is Christ, and the LORD of hosts, is the Father. When you find both of them spoken of in the same passage, there is no doubt who is who.

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If we go to Zechariah 3, verses 8 – 10, and have a look at that.

⁸Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign; for behold, I am bringing forth My Servant (Christ) the BRANCH. ⁹For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua: upon the

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stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹⁰In that day,' says Yehovah of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.'"

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So, talking about a restoration, but here we have the LORD of hosts on one hand and My Servant, the Branch, on the other. When we see both Beings mentioned in the same text, there is no doubt who is who.

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Hezekiah knew who that was, and we can see an example of that in Isaiah 37; Isaiah 37, verses 15 – 16.

¹⁵Then Hezekiah prayed to Yehovah, saying: (So, we notice.) ¹⁶"O Yehovah of hosts,

Yehovah and Yehovah of hosts is the same, the God of Israel. Who's your God, who is the God of Israel? It's the Father.

... the One who dwells between the cherubim,

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Christ does not dwell between the cherubim; the LORD of hosts does.

You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

So, it's quite definitive here. When we actually look at that, the Bible is consistent. The LORD of hosts is always God the Father in the scriptures. The one whom the ecclesia are in covenant with, and the one who is worshipped and acknowledged from one end of the Bible to the other.

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I just found this little passage here; if you look in Malachi 1, we'll read verses 4 – 6.

⁴Even though Edom has said, "We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places," Thus says Yehovah of hosts: "They may build, but I will throw down; they shall be called the Territory of Wickedness, and the people against whom Yehovah will have indignation forever.

That's not a good place to be.

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⁵Your eyes shall see, and you shall say, 'Yehovah is magnified beyond the border of Israel.' ⁶'A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, (Says so.) where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says Yehovah of hosts to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

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And I want to take it past there, but here we have Yehovah of hosts declaring, "I am the Father." So, if we go on in this theme, let's take a look at Jeremiah 32; Jeremiah 32, and we are going to read verses 36 – 42. Jeremiah 32, verses 36 – 42.

³⁶'Now therefore, thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel,

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And I think we've shown who that is.

concerning this city of which you say, 'It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence':

And we know that actually happened.

³⁷Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath;

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So, describing the condition, and we will see more of that as we go on.

I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. ³⁸They shall be My people, and I will be their God;³⁹then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. ⁴⁰And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

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So, can God the Father put a natural instinctive fear of God in one's heart? Sure can.

⁴¹Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good,

That shows He wants to do this.

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*and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.’
⁴²“For thus says Yehovah: ‘Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this
people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them.*

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So, we see the same thing that Zechariah 8 told us, with some more detail. In verse 37 we see the condition of both the scattering, God was not pleased with Israel, and you also see the same thing, the condition, or how the Father feels when the regathering will take place. Yehovah will ratchet up the heat, because it’s going to take that. It is not His will that it be so, but realistically He knows that is what it will take, which we will see more of as we move along.

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Let’s go to Ezekiel 34; Ezekiel 34, and we are going to read verses 7 – 31. Ezekiel 34, and verses 7 – 31.

⁷“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of Yehovah: ⁸“As I live,” says the LORD God, “surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock” (God’s people) —⁹therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of Yehovah! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD God: “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.”¹¹ ‘For thus says the LORD God: “Indeed I Myself

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It’s very important we know who’s speaking.

I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

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Talking about a restoration.

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¹⁵I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the LORD God. ¹⁶“I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

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So, is God the Father capable of exercising judgement? Sure sounds like it to me.

¹⁷‘And as for you, O My flock, thus says the LORD God: “Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. ¹⁸Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet.” ²⁰‘Therefore thus says the LORD God to them: “Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, ²²therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, Yehovah, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, Yehovah, have spoken. ²⁵“I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

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Speaking of the restoration of Israel.

²⁹I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. ³⁰Thus they shall know that I, Yehovah their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people,” says LORD God.’ ³¹“You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God,” says the Lord GOD.

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This is personal. And it is not Christ involved directly here.

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Although God may use Him as an instrument. I myself will do this. So, there are places where the Father gets it done by Himself.

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Is Israel restored before the millennium ever begins, with Yehovah doing the restoring, or will He do that after, as we've been taught? We need to ask that question. Is Israel restored once, or twice, would be another question to ask?

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Part of the homework assigned in part 8, was to have you consider Ezekiel 28 and verses 24 – 26, so that we might look at that, and consider. If we go to Ezekiel 28, and let's look at verses 24 – 26. Let's see what we can glean from that. Ezekiel 28, verses 24 – 26.

²⁴“And there shall no longer be a pricking brier or a painful thorn for the house of Israel from among all who are around them, who despise them.

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So, Israel has been restored, and the folks around really don't like that action.

... ²⁵“Thus says the Lord God: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.

So, we are looking at a restoration.

²⁶And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely,

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Well, what is going on?

when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them.

So, even after Israel is restored back in the land, the nations around them despise them.

Then they shall know that I am the LORD.”””

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Notice here, that after Israel is restored, the nations around them will despise them. Does that sound millennial to you? Hardly.

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Do we suppose the restoration of all things would require the removal of Israel's persistent and consistent idolatry? Let's see if we can go someplace where we might find out the answer to that. And we find out the answer to that in the little book of Micah. You know, is Israel going to, once they're on the way to restoring, there's some things that have to happen, to begin to put that in place.

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Well, let's read Micah 1, and verses 1 – 7.

¹The word of Yehovah...

We saw that Yehovah and Yehovah of hosts, same thing.

²Hear, all you peoples! Listen, O earth, and all that is in it! Let the Lord God be a witness against you, The Lord from His holy temple. ³For behold, Yehovah is coming out of His place; He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. ⁴The mountains will melt under Him, and the valleys will split like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. ⁵All this is for the transgression of Jacob

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Does this sound like after the 1000 years to you?

and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Are they not Jerusalem? ⁶Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the field, places for planting a vineyard; I will pour down her stones into the valley, and I will uncover her foundations. ⁷All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her pay as a harlot shall be burned with the fire; all her idols I will lay desolate, for she gathered it from the pay of a harlot, and they shall return to the pay of a harlot."

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Well, I thought everything was just peachy during this 1000-year period, and the Father doesn't come back until it's over. Well, that would mean that they are in idolatry up to their ears, in the 1000-year period. That doesn't fit at all.

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So, can we see a further confirmation of that in the little book of Zephaniah? And we are going to read verses 1 – 7. Zephaniah 1, verses 1 – 7. Again, we'll stop, who's talking here.

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¹*The word of Yehovah...*

Okay, no doubt about that.

²*"I will utterly consume everything from the face of the land," Says Yehovah; ³"I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea, and the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. I will cut off man from the face of the land," Says Yehovah. ⁴"I will stretch out My hand against Judah, and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, the names of the idolatrous priests with the pagan priests—⁵Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops; Those who worship and swear oaths by Yehovah, But who also swear by Milcom;*

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This can't be after the 1000 years, it makes no sense.

⁶*Those who have turned back from following Yehovah, and have not sought Yehovah, nor inquired of Him." ⁷Be silent in the presence of the Lord God; For the day of Yehovah is at hand, For the Lord has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.*

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If we go on to verse 14.

¹⁴*The great day of Yehovah is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. ¹⁵That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers. ¹⁷"I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Yehovah; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse." ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Yehovah's wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.*

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Is it God's will to do whatever it takes to bring Israel to Him? It seems as though it is going to get really personal. Do we have further confirmation in the scriptures of God's desire to get Israel back in its rightful place? Does He want to enter into covenant with them? Will they be given an opportunity to do so? What about those who insist on worshipping Baal?

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Well, we are actually told very specifically some of those things for our consideration, and we find that again in the book of Ezekiel. And what's amazing to me is that the remarkable consistency of these events and how they are portrayed, they all speak to the same thing.

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If we go to Ezekiel 20, and verses 32 – 44.

³²*What you have in your mind shall never be,*

So, God is able to read the intentions of the heart and the spirit of people. He knows exactly what they are thinking.

when you say, 'We will be like the Gentiles, like the families in other countries, serving wood and stone.'

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They don't want any part of God.

³³*"As I live," says the Lord God, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out,*

We looked at that earlier.

I will rule over you.

So, God knows that He's going to have to use just as much muscle as necessary, and He is certainly going to, to bring Israel back into line. To restore them to where they rightfully should be.

³⁴*I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.*

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I'm sure He would like it easier than that, but that's just not how it's going to work.

³⁵*And I will bring you*

So, He is going to give them an opportunity,

³⁵*And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. ³⁶Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the*

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wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord God.

This is the Father.

³⁷“I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

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Who are we in covenant with? It's God the Father.

³⁸I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me;

We sin against the Father, we don't sin against Christ.

I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yehovah.

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Gathered, opportunity being offered to them. But, if they will not obey God, what happens?

³⁹“As for you, O house of Israel,” thus says the Lord God: “Go, serve every one of you his idols—and hereafter—if you will not obey Me; but profane My holy name no more with your gifts and your idols. ⁴⁰For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel,” says the Lord God, “there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me; there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things.

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The people that actually go into the land, when Israel is restored, are going to be on God's side, and not team dark. There is going to be a separation there. Not because the Father cannot coexist with sin, but because when you have corruption, all nations fail.

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Martin Armstrong has put some excellent material together; all the world's nations and great empires collapse from the inside by corruption. So, God cannot have corruption. He's going to set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and the only way that happens is the people that are in it are not corrupt.

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We can understand what He is actually talking about here.

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⁴¹I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles. ⁴²Then you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers. ⁴³And there you shall remember your ways and all your doings with which you were defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you have committed.

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This is the mental disposition, the spirit of those who do go into the land. The rest do not go in.

⁴⁴Then you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel," says the Lord God."

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Why is it important that we understand God's will here? You know, there's innumerable, almost, amount of scriptures that actually address what we've been looking at. I've just scratched the surface

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But if we go to Zechariah 14, and let's take a read here, because I think we are going to get some additional color here when we look at this.

³Then Yehovah will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. ⁴And in that day His feet

Yehovah's feet; that's God the Father.

will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. ⁵Then you shall flee through My mountain valley,

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And I'm going to make that

for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.

None of that fits with an after the 1000-year application.

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Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus, Yehovah my God

So, Zechariah's God was God the Father. This is where it gets really interesting.

will come, and all the saints with You.

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Oh, really? How many saints do you suppose? Is it the Father's will to now bring His immortal, incorruptible Sons back with Him to set up the kingdom of God? Where would we go to get some idea of the numbers of Beings that are associated with this? Where would you turn in your Bible to say, well, wait a minute, He's coming back with the saints; is that half a dozen, multiple dozens, how many people, how many Beings are going to come back with the Father to establish the kingdom of God on the earth?

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Well, we actually get an answer in Revelation 7, verses 9 – 14.

⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,

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So, who sits on the throne? It's the Father.

and to the Lamb!"

Christ is there with him, not on the throne, but with Him, sitting at His right hand.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped (The) God,

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It's God the Father that is worshipped here.

¹²saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, (had been in it) and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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Well, how many are there? Well, were told. Multitudes that no one could number. In Revelation 15:2 we see these people standing on the sea of glass before the bowl plagues are even poured out, speaking to when they were resurrected.

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Will there be a nation born at once? Yup, sure will be. And it's going to consist of an innumerable multitude of resurrected spirit beings returning with the Father, and those physical people who choose to see it God's way. It's rather going to be a marvelous thing.

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But, here's another kicker. In Zechariah 14, verses 16 – 21, so after all this commotion goes on, what happens?

¹⁶And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem

So, it's going to be a focal point. God's rulership is not going to be accepted, as we read about in various other passages.

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These folks are going to:

go up from year to year to worship the King, Yehovah of hosts,

We've shown from scripture, Yehovah of hosts, is God the Father; every time.

and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

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So, when the kingdom of God is established on the earth, who is going to be worshipped? It's not Christ, it's God the Father.

¹⁸If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which Yehovah strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

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This is a time when the physical nations will be charged to come and worship God, the God, and punishment will be meted out upon them. Millennial? Nope! Prior to it.

²⁰In that day "HOLINESS TO YEHOVAH" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in Yehovah's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹ Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to Yehovah of hosts.

There will be a recognition of the Father.

Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of Yehovah of hosts.

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So, it's the Father's house that will be established and no unconverted person is going to go there. In this dispensation, Baal, in all of his forms of religious worship, has been worshipped by people on the earth, either knowingly or unknowingly. So, in this time that's simply how it is.

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In the kingdom of God, it will not be Christ that will be worshipped, although He is worthy of it, it will be Yehovah of hosts, God our Father. And so on, throughout the millennium once it starts.

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So, once we begin to understand these names, we have a clearer picture of how this is going to play itself out. Baal, was worshipped in the first 6000 years. There's a transitional period, where people will have to choose between worshipping God and Baal, and then there will be a time when the Spirit of God will completely fill the earth. And of course, the Spirit of Christ will be there as well.

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And the Father will be worshipped, the correct God, the true God alone will be worshipped, He is God. And it will be like that in the kingdom of God and during the millennium, the thousand-year period after the resurrections are done. It's not Christ that will be worshipped.

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Who would have a reason have the Father not return until a thousand years later? Who would want that? And that's traditionally what's been taught. Think about that. And now that you have some of this in mind, you know, one of the other homework assignments was to go to the book of Amos and consider that in light of things that will need to occur before Israel is restored. And we can begin to see the if we push all that out, where the Father is not here for a thousand years, none of that makes any sense.

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If you put them in the right place, and at the right time and understand that in the kingdom of God it's Yehovah that's worshipped and not Christ, things will fall into place in ways you can't imagine. So, that's it for now folks, we will talk again at some point.