# **Glory of the Millennium**

(Day 1-FOT)

The greatest and most historical thing to happen since creation: Jerusalem is going to be the most fantastic place on earth! Fred R. Coulter—September 24, 2018

Greeting, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles!

Keeping the Feast of Tabernacles and all the Holy Days of God are very, very important. We know that because the Bible teaches us in the Old Testament, Lev. 23.

'The Feast and Holy Days of God are something that has already been fulfilled. That's from the Old Covenant, so we don't need it today with the New Covenant' *is the way that the Christianity of this world presents it today!* With their Sunday and holidays, they are *completely blinded* as to what is going to take place in prophecy.

So, let's come back to Lev. 23 and read about the Feast of Tabernacles. We're going to see that this portrays, as the Bible shows, the coming Kingdom of God on this earth, and we're going to be the resurrected saints to come back with Christ from the Sea of Glass and take over the world. *The greatest and most historical thing to happen since creation!* 

Let's get our thinking straight and let's grasp the importance of this. Here is *the seed* of it. All of the Holy Days listed in Lev. 23 are like a seed. The rest of the Bible explains what kind of plant grows from this seed. The seed is not the finished product. *The plant or the tree, and its fruit represents the finished product!* Let's keep that in mind as we go through this Feast of Tabernacles this year.

Leviticus 23:34: "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day *shall be* a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein*." (vs 34-35).

That's why we're here, it's a Holy convocation; it's a time when we all come together as brethren, or there may be smaller groups scattered because of circumstances today, due to age or whatever other circumstances that there may be. We have probably have a hundred other small video sites where the brethren are there few in number. But that's okay, we don't have to worry about the numbers. We have to worry about the quality of what we are doing and what we are learning! This is a Holy Day! When they had the animal sacrifices; v 36: "Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD...." Today, because we don't have a temple on the earth and we don't offer animal sacrifices, we give of our offerings—tithes and offerings—from the increase that we have from our work, occupation or business.

This is how the Gospel is able to be preached, and how we are able to do the things that we do. As you know, every year we send you an accounting for how the money was used:

- for the Church
- Church at Home
- reaching out to new people
- those who are in the Church as well

Then it says, as it comes to the end of the Feast of Tabernacles, and the day that is least mentioned in the Bible, *the eighth day*, becomes another gigantic momentous, historical, eternal thing to take place: *The Last Great Day!* Everybody who wants to know about that, stick around for all eight days.

"...On the eighth day shall be a Holy convocation to you. And you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a solemn assembly. And you shall do no servile work *therein*. These *are* the Feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be Holy convocations to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offerings, everything on its day; besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD" (vs 36-38).

All of these are involved. There is a great principle involved: *where your treasure is, there is where your heart will be!* The treasures that we are seeking are not the things on the earth. But it's the treasure that comes from God, eternal life and what we will be doing and how we will be serving the world. That's what is the important thing. But in order for the Gospel to be preached between now and that time, we also have to, as it is in modern colloquialism, put your money where you mouth is! That will result in:

• blessings from God

• providing the things that are needed for brethren to grow and overcome

so they can qualify to be in the first resurrection and be in the Kingdom of God

• reaching out to new people to help them to come to the knowledge of the Truth

We know that in Deut. 16, that it tells us for the Feast of Tabernacles as well as Unleavened Bread and Pentecost, that we are to *give according to the blessing that the Lord God has given to us!* So, we are to keep that in account and remember that.

## (pause for the offering)

Thank you very much for what you have provided, and we will use it wisely and give you a full accounting at the end of the year.

We know that Trumpets is when we return from the Sea of Glass with Christ, the final Battle of Armageddon takes place, and we know that Satan and the demons have to be put into the abyss. Then we come to Rev.  $20:4_{[transcriber's correction]}$ , and this is the beginning of the Millennium.

Revelation 20:4: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them..."

We are going to judge the world; we are going to rule the world under Christ! Think about that! Rev. 5 tells us that we are going to rule on the earth, not in heaven. **On the earth!** That's where all the troubles are, and they need to be solved.

"...and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those <u>who did not worship the</u> <u>beast</u>..." (v 4).

Remember the serpent in Gen. 3 is a beast. Doesn't Rev. 12 & 13 talk about that ancient serpent Satan the devil? That includes all of those, going clear back who attain to the first resurrection "...**who did not worship the beast**..."

"...or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (v 4).

That's a difficult length of time for us to contemplate with our 'little pea brains' that we have.

Verse 5: "...This *is* the first resurrection." That tells us that if it is the first, *there's got to be more than one!* Otherwise it would say, 'this is *the* resurrection.' Verse 6: "Blessed and Holy" think about what this calls us! At the present time we're blessed and Holy brethren, but we're not spirit beings. At this time it's talking about them being:

Verse 6: "Blessed and Holy... [as spirit beings] ...is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power...."

That's also interesting, too, because this tells us that in the second resurrection that death still has power over those who will not repent and believe!

"...But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (v 6). That's something to really contemplate! The Feast of Tabernacles is where we're going to learn:

- How is God going to do this?
- What are we going to do?
- How we need to prepare for it?

Now let's look at a four minute video, and draw some parallels from it. This is the video that President Donald Trump showed Kim Jung Un at the summit in Singapore. Most people don't realize it, because 'fake news' says, 'This is just off the cuff, Donald Trump doesn't know what he's doing.' They deliberately did not report that Trump had over a hundred experts working on this for months and months before the summit. Think on that!

It's important to understand something here that we can add into it: it appears that there's going to be a good number of year before the return of Christ comes, so there has to be the Gospel preached. There has to be a relative peace in order for that to be done. As I've mentioned many times, the only place in the world that this can be done is in the United States of America. It's the only country in the world where there are enough brethren who are called to participate to make it possible to do the things we need to do than any other country in the world.

So, if President Donald Trump is going to help bring some peace to the world, it's not because he's a miracle man, though God is probably leading him to do many things like He has other leaders in the past, such as King Nebuchadnezzar, King Cyrus and Alexander the Great, those men who had nothing to do with the nation of Israel or the Church of God.

But Donald Trump probably comes from one of the nations of the ten tribes of Israel. What that exactly is, we don't know. So, if he's there to bring peace for a short time, this means we have got to be busy really preaching the Gospel.

I want you to watch this four-minute video and we'll draw some parallels, and we will see what a fantastic thing that it was when he presented this to Kim Jung Un.

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<u>Article and Video</u>: *Trump's Disruptive Innovation: A Film Trailer Starring Kim Jong Un* by <u>Petr Svab</u>

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Among the many details prepared to make the June 12 U.S.–North Korea summit go off without a hitch was a short video apparently designed to instill confidence and excitement in North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, encouraging him to part with the past and usher his country into a new era

The roughly four-minute video, styled in the fashion of blockbuster movie trailers, seems to have been tailored specifically for Kim, hitting upon his life experiences, personality traits, and aspirations.

The format itself is well-suited to Kim, who grew up with his father's massive DVD collection-30,000 titles, according to GQ.

The video starts by ramping up the stakes for Kim, declaring that "there comes a time when only a few are called upon to make a difference."

It acknowledges the longstanding tensions on the Korean Peninsula and all the failed attempts to resolve the conflict, as if history was repeating itself. But then it adds a twist: that history only "seems" to go in circles. While North Korea was stuck in the past, the world has expanded in prosperity.

"The past doesn't have to be the future," the narrator says. "Out of the darkness can come the light, and the light of hope can burn bright."

"What if," the video asks, "a people that share a common and rich heritage can find a common future?", referring to the idea of a reunified Korea, which builds on the historic meeting of North and South state heads earlier this year. But then the stakes are raised even more, presenting Kim with a "special moment in time when a man is presented with one chance that may never be repeated," ending with a scene of a basketball player doing a slam-dunk—Kim is a basketball fan.

"What will he choose? To show vision and leadership? Or not?" the narrator asks.

Suddenly, the tone changes, presenting an ultimatum.

"There can only be two results. One of moving back," the narrator states, showing pictures of dilapidated habitats, empty store shelves, rockets launching, and a fighter jet flying above a flotilla of American aircraft carriers.

"Or one of moving forward," the narrator states.

With decisive music, the video shows a rocket launch footage in reverse followed by an aerial image of the Korean Peninsula at night with the North covered in darkness. Suddenly, the city lights spread to the North, Pyongyang shining just as brightly as Seoul.

"A new world can begin today," the narrator says over an image of massive skyscrapers being constructed in Pyongyang, dwarfing the pyramid-like Ryugyong Hotel, the tallest structure in the isolated country.

"One of friendship, respect, and goodwill," the narrator continues. "Be part of that world."

Then the question comes again: "What if? Can history be changed?"

The video then puts Kim on the world stage, offering him to be the hero of his own movie, one who brings prosperity to his people and the world's respect to himself, striking at both his ego and his sense of nationalism.

"It comes down to a choice," the narrator says. "On this day. In this time. At this moment. The world will be watching, listening, anticipating, hoping."

"The future remains to be written," it concludes.

Notice that it talks about the *one man*. Think about that in relationship to our calling. *The one man, the resurrected Jesus Christ, is the One Who is going* to bring peace to this earth! Remember that Jesus Christ was Creator, Lord God of the Old Testament.

When He came in the flesh He was a builder. It says *carpenter* in the New Testament, but that means builder. He worked with stone and timber and built buildings.

Also, it's very interesting that Trump says that unless you (Kim Jong Un) choose peace, it's going to revolve back to what it was before, *war and destruction!* That's why Trump showed North Korea in two fashions:

- 1. destroyed because Kim does choose peace
- 2. all lit up at night because Kim chose peace and prosperity

Isn't it interesting that in 1-Thess. 5 it says, 'When they say peace and safety, then sudden destruction comes upon them' So, there has to be a time of peace. Let's not be fooled by some of these things that we slow down and don't do what we're supposed to do.

We know that we're resurrected at the seventh trump, covered on Pentecost. We go to the Sea of Glass and we all get familiar with what it's going to be like to have a spirit body and mind, and all the things that are going to be. We are going to have our assignments given to us, but let's look at what the world is actually going to be like when we come down to the earth.

We're going to have one of the greatest challenges ever given because of the condition of the earth. As we saw in Revelation there are five major earthquakes. It talks about the day that God rises 'to shake terribly the earth.' Everything is going to upside down, backward, chaotic, confusion—'tohu and bohu'—*because of the war and the actions of Satan the devil, the beast and the false prophet!* That's why the beast and the false prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire.

Here's what the earth is going to be like. The first part of it is going to literally turn everything upside down on the earth; let's see what the Kingdom of God starts out as. Remember, the book of the Revelation says that *all* the cities fell. That means *all* the buildings, *all* the cities are destroyed.

Isaiah 24:19: "The earth is broken, yea broken down!...."—because of:

- all the earthquakes
- all the wars
- all the plagues
- all the terrible things

"...The earth is crumbling, yea crumbling to pieces! The earth is tottering, yea tottering! Like a drunkard the earth is staggering, yea staggering! And it rocks to and fro like a tree hut! And its transgressions are heavy upon it; and it shall fall and not rise again" (vs 19-20).

That is the end of human society as man has run it under Satan the devil. Satan will be bound and removed. We are going to take over! Look at the challenges that we're going to have.

Verse 21: "And it shall come to pass in that day, the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth."

That's all Satan and the demons, and all the leaders of the world. The leaders of the world don't even know the first thing to do that is right. So, there it is right there!

Verse 22: "And they shall be gathered, *as* prisoners are gathered in a dungeon.... [referring to Satan the devil and the demons] ...And they shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be punished. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun shall be ashamed, for the LORD of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion... [where Christ is going to setup *the new government of the Kingdom of God* of this world] ...in Jerusalem, and gloriously before His elders" (vs 22-23).

Sidebar: What is the Bible? We know that it's the Word of God! What is the major theme throughout the whole Bible? which the Feast of Tabernacles helps explain? To dwell with God! That starts with Adam & Eve, then Israel, the Church and the Kingdom of God on earth to dwell with God! Then on into New Jerusalem, and the new heaven and new earth and God 'dwelling with men and women made perfect.' That's the whole story of the whole Bible. Everything else in between covers the sins:

- of men
- of countries/nations
- of races
- of demons
- of Satan the devil

Isaiah 25:1: "O LORD, You *are* my God; I will exalt You, I will praise Your name; for You have done wonderful *things*... [awesome indeed] ... *Your* counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth." What was the *counsel of old*?

- love Me and keep My commandments
- obey Me and keep the Truth!

• I will be your God and you will be My people And the other half of the story is:

• you will be able to become My very spirit sons/daughters and rule with Me

Amazing!

Verse 3: "Therefore, the strong people glorify You, the city of the terrible nations shall fear You."

We'll see what's going to happen, because there will be many encounters by Christ and the nations that are similar to what Donald Trump did with Kim Jong Un, only his was on a smaller scale

Verse 4: "For You are a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* like a storm *against* the wall. You shall bring down the noise of foreigners, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud. The shouting of the terrifying ones shall be brought low" (vs 4-5). *No more war!* 

Verse 6: "And in this mountain... [the Government of God] ...the LORD of hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the people, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy in this mountain <u>the face of the covering, which covers all people, and the veil that is woven over all nations</u>" (vs 6-7).

Isn't that an amazing verse; strip away all the deception. Remember that it says 'Satan has deceived the whole world' (Rev. 12:9), and 'the whole world worships Satan (Rev. 13). God is going to take away that blindness from them.

Verse 8: "He will destroy death forever... [the ultimate goal] ...and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall take away from all the earth the rebuke of His people, for the LORD has spoken it."

That's an amazing thing! That gives us preview of what the Millennium is going to be like.

Verse 9: "And one shall say in that day, 'Lo, this *is* our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This *is* the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.' For the hand of the LORD shall rest in this mountain..." (vs 9-10)—of Jerusalem.

Isa. 9 is a prophecy concerning Christ as the One Who is going to King over all the earth. This is quite a prophecy because it talks about Him

- as God
- as a man
- as a baby being born

- that He's going to sit on the throne of David
- All in different time-sequences!

Remember that Isa. 28 says that it's 'line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; precept upon precept.' So, we put it all together, and sometimes that happens in a couple of verses. In these verses that we're going to read, we're going to find that's exactly how these verses are put together. We have to take other parts of the Bible and properly put it together so we get the complete picture.

It's like a giant puzzle, and how do you put a thousand piece puzzle together? You start with the borders and the corners, and you fill in as you go. That's how the Bible is put together. The corners and the borders are the laws and commandments of God. If we keep those then we will be able to figure out where the pieces go as God leads us to understand it. Just like Daniel was told that in the end-time *the wise*—those who belong to God—*shall understand, but none of the wicked shall understand!* 

When the Jews read this verse, they couldn't figure it out, because the understood that God is spirit. So, how could this be?

Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders... [but not right away] ...and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God..."

His name is Jesus Christ and also known as Emmanuel, *God with us*. But these things won't take place until He comes back to the earth.

"...The Everlasting Father..." (v 6). He will become an Everlasting Father when people begin to come into the Kingdom of God during the Millennium through Christ and the resurrected saints as the Church. Those who come in will be the children of Christ and the Bride. That's different from the first resurrection where we are the children of the Father and Jerusalem above is the mother of us all!

See how these things fit together? Very interesting indeed!

Verse 7: "Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there shall be* no end... [hasn't even started with peace] ...upon the throne of David, and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth, even forever. <u>The zeal of the LORD of hosts will</u> <u>do this</u>."

That's an amazing Scripture! That tells us that it's going to be the Government of God. We

finished Zech. 14 off on the Feast of Trumpets, but let's see: When does Jesus take over the reigns of government? When He comes back to the earth!

Zechariah 14:2: "For I will gather all nations to battle against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half of the city shall go into exile, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.' And the LORD shall go out and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall split in two, from the east and to the west, and make a very great valley...." (vs 2-4).

We will see about the coming tabernacle that will be there in Jerusalem.

"...And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.... [v 5 (last sentence]: ...And the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with You" (vs 4-5).

Verse 9: "And the LORD shall be King over all the earth..." When it talks about that we're going to reign with Him for a thousand years, as kings and priests, that's all the earth, all the nations and people.

"...in that day there shall be one LORD..." (v 9)—and I'm sure there's going to be one language.

The first thing they're going to do is start keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, but let's see what else is going to happen.

It's also very interesting that the Old Testament has more things by the actual innerworkings of the Kingdom of God coming on this earth, whereas, the New Testament has all of the things necessary so that we qualify to rule and reign with Christ as spirit beings.

Joel 3:16: "The LORD shall also roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth shall shake. But the LORD *will be* the hope of His people and the strength of the children of Israel."

Where does that start? *Rev.* 7 and the 144,000 and then the great innumerable multitude! All of them will be necessary to help bring the Government of God on this earth.

Verse 17: "Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, My Holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be a Holy thing, and no stranger shall pass through her any more. And it shall be, in that day the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow *with* milk, and all

the rivers of Judah shall flow *with* waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Acacias" (vs 17-18).

Isn't that fantastic? Now let's see what else is going to happen. Let's see one of the first things that we're going enforce. We'll start this right away, even before the tabernacle and everything is setup in Jerusalem.

Micah 4:1: "But it shall be in the last days *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths'—for the LORD from Jerusalem" (vs 1-2).

- When they come up, what is Christ going to show them?
- Will He show them what it will be like for their nation?
  - $\checkmark$  from destruction *to prosperity*?
  - ✓ from starvation and disease to health and well-being?
  - ✓ from chaos and confusion, and Satan and the demons to the rule of the sons and daughters of God as kings and priests?

He will set that choice before them! If they don't want to choose it, then He's going to do like He prophesied to those in Zech. 14; like Egypt and the other nations that don't come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. For the nations that have rain, He's going to take it away. For Egypt that doesn't have rain, they're going to have plagues. So, they will soon learn! It talks about that:

Verse 3: "And He shall judge among many people, and will rebuke strong nations afar off..." I think one of the last nations to come under the reign of the Kingdom of God will be like China and India, all the kings of the east.

"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, **neither shall they learn war anymore**" (v 3). Isn't that going to be great? *Yes, indeed!* 

Verse 4: "But they shall sit each one under his *own* vine and under his *own* fig tree; and no one shall make them afraid; <u>for the mouth of the</u> <u>LORD of hosts has spoken</u>."

Remember what Jesus said? Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away!

Many people are told that the temple in Ezek. 40-48 is the Millennial temple. That is not true! If you read it carefully, beginning in Ezek. 40, you will find that Ezekiel is told to measure the current temple in Jerusalem at that time before it was destroyed. Why would that be necessary? *Think about it!* 

The plans originally were given by God to David who drew them out and gave them to Solomon, who gave them to the workers to build the temple according to the specifications that God intended it to be. Since God was getting ready to destroy the temple and send them into exile for 70 years, when they came back, what would they need? *They would need God's instructions on how to build the temple!* That's the temple in Ezek. 40-48.

Then toward the end of Ezekiel, then it gets into the deep river and waters and on out into the ocean. That's a symbolic foretype of the preaching of the Gospel to the whole world, which started at the second temple in Jerusalem (Acts 2).

Now let's see what's going to be in Jerusalem. It's really going to be an amazing thing. It doesn't tell us much about it, but let's read it:

Isaiah 4:5: "And the LORD will create over every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies... [there's going to be a lot of people at Mt. Zion, ruling and reigning with Christ and doing the things that need to be done in Jerusalem, carrying out everything that needs to go on in the whole world.

"...<u>a cloud and smoke by day, and the</u> <u>shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the</u> <u>glory shall be a canopy</u>" (v 5)—a great canopy over Jerusalem! Isn't that going to be something?

Verse 6: "And there shall be a tabernacle..." there's not going to be a temple. What will this tabernacle be like? *We're not told, but if God says it's going to be there, it will be there!* If it's going to be there it's going to be marvelous and glorious indeed!

"...for shade by day from the heat, and for refuge, and for shelter from storm and rain" (v 6).

How big will it be? *We don't know!* So, there are quite a few things that we're not told about this, but let's really understand some of the things we need to know concerning the Millennium. That is very good indeed!

Here we have a prophecy of what Jerusalem

and Zion will be like; Isaiah 62:1:1: "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until its righteousness goes out as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch." *For all people!* That's going to be an amazing thing!

Verse 2: "And the Gentiles will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory... [that will be <u>us</u> as kings and priests] ...and you will be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.... [He's going to rename everything] ...You also will be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You will no more be called Forsaken; nor will your land any more be called Desolate; but you will be called My Delight *is* in Her, and your land, Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married" (vs 2-4).

That means that it will be properly used according to the way that God wants the land used, and that means that they will be able to have ownership and use of the land. No one is going to come in and take it from them.

Verse 5: "For *as* a young man marries a virgin, so will your sons marry you; and *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *so* will your God rejoice over you. I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, every day and every night. They shall never be silent day or night; you who remember the LORD, do not be silent" (vs 5-6).

That's very interesting, too. When you read about the throne of God in Rev. 4, they call 'Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! So, here's a type of it over Jerusalem.

Verse 7: "And give Him [God] no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth." How long is that going to take? *It may take a few years given the disposition of some nations!* 

Verse 8: "The LORD has sworn by His right hand, and by the arm of His strength..."

Now, listen to this pledge. Like we read that they will 'learn war no more,' here's another part of that. God says:

"...'Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of strangers will not drink your wine for which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it and praise the LORD; and they who collected it shall drink it in My Holy courts" (vs 8-9). Isn't that something? The blessing of God!

Verse 10: "Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people. Raise up! Raise up the highway; clear away the stones; lift up a

banner for the people."

What is that going to be like? Jerusalem is going to be the most fantastic place on earth, because that's where Christ is going to dwell! It's going to amazing!

Remember that when the Mt. Olives splits it raises way up, so it's going to be the highest that there is. It's not like it is today. Everything is going to be changed. That's why He has to rename everything.

Verse 11: "Behold, the LORD has sent a message to the end of the earth, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him." And they will call them, **The Holy People**... [that's us; *blessed and Holy is he who has part in the first resurrection*] ...**The Redeemed of the LORD**; and you will be called Sought Out, a city not forsaken" (vs 11-12).

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I want you to really have a better and deeper grasp of what the Feast means and the teachings that come with the Feast of Tabernacles, and for your calling, for you to *realize that God has called us to the greatest calling ever!* 

Just like that short video that Donald Trump showed Kim Jong Un, it is one time! That's our life now, **one time!** There is no second chance for us. But the reward is so great and the things we will do will be so fantastic, and we are going to make this world so great that it's going to put to shame everything that all the nations have done through all of history up to the time of the Millennium.

Think about that! That's why we have been called, and we need to keep our mind focused on that very thing, so that we can fulfill what God wants us to do!

- that's why we pray
- that's why we study
- that's why we learn
- that's why we grow
  - $\checkmark$  in grace and knowledge
  - $\checkmark$  in understanding
  - $\checkmark$  in developing the character of God

So that we can be part of all of this! That is mindboggling!

Let's see what it's going to be like for the people during the Millennium. There are some things they're going to have to learn to do. We will see that they will have every opportunity, but they're going to have some knowledge so great that it is going to be phenomenal!

Isaiah 58:8: "Then shall your light break out as the dawn, and your health shall spring out quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard."

God is going to lead the whole world to salvation! Beyond the Millennium and the second resurrection, there is the new heavens and new earth and New Jerusalem. How great is that going to be?

There's lots to think about and look forward to! Don't let anything hold you back or pull you down or put you in a situation where you doubt what God has said, or you don't believe what God has said. What you need to do is really repent of those things and put yourself in God's hands so it will be like this for you.

Verse 9: "Then you shall call, and the LORD shall answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, "Here I *am*." If you take the yoke away from among you, the pointing of the finger, and speaking malice; and *if* you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in darkness, and your gloom *shall be* as the noonday. And the LORD shall always guide you..." (vs 9-11).

We're going to learn, *learn and learn* for all eternity! An amazing thing that's going to be, brethren!

"...and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make your bones fat; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. And *those who* come of you shall build the old ruins..." (vs 11-12).

That's getting into the next generation. How long is it going to be to take care of rebuilding the cities? "...the old ruins..."—*think about that!* Every city is going to collapse because of the shaking of the earth by God!

"...you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called: The **Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in**" (v 12). Isn't that what we will do? We'll tell them what to  $do! \setminus$  In addition to the Feast of Tabernacles, what is one of the first things they'll do? Sabbath!

That's how it's going to be. We've read these Scriptures, but think about it as at the beginning of the Millennium. How many people of the world have heard of the Sabbath they way we have heard of it? *Very few!* So, here's what we're going to teach them:

Verse 13: "If you turn your foot away from

the Sabbath... [stop doing your own things on the Sabbath] ...*from* doing your own desires on My Holy Day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the Holy of the LORD, honorable; and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor pursuing your own desires, nor speaking *your own* words, then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth... [symbolic of all the blessings from God] ...and feed you with the inheritance of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it" (vs 13-14).

Look at all of these promises that God has given. Think about that and how it's been. That's why it says in:

Verse 12: "And *those who* come of you shall build the old ruins; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called: The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in."

Fantastic! What a marvelous thing that is going to be? *Compare that with the world today!* Think about what we are going to be doing. It's going to be utterly amazing! Isn't it interesting that so much is in Isaiah and the Psalms about the actual Kingdom of God?

Isaiah 60:1: "Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." *They're coming out of the darkest time in the history of the world!* 

Verse 2: "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness *the* people; but the LORD shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising" (vs 2-3).

That is typical of the conversion of the whole world, bringing all the things of God. Amazing!

Verse 4: "Lift up your eyes all around, and see. All of them gather themselves together; they come to you. Your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side." *This is Israel coming out of captivity!* And also for many of the nations that are also scattered.

Verse 5: "Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall throb and swell for joy..." Instead of all the sorrow, anguish, wounds, diseases and sickness, and all of the things that they had to go through before.

"...because the abundance of the sea shall turn to you, the wealth of the Gentiles will come to you" (v 5). That's talking about those who will be

the priests and kings, as well as those who will be working to bring it.

Verse 6: "A host of camels shall cover you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. All of them from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD." What is that going to be like?

- no more Satan the devil
- no more evil going on

If there is evil, as we'll see later on, Isa. 30 says that we tell them that they're going the left and to the right, 'but you stay right on the course of God!' We'll be there to teach them! This is what we're going to teach! This is why we need to learn the Word of God now! But think how much more we're going to learn as spirit beings.

Verse 7: "All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you. They shall come up with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory."

That was what we read in Isa. 4; what's going to happen with that huge tabernacle and the glory of God: all those working there, and all of those bringing the Government of God to the world! What a thing that is going to be! We will be the Government of God: the teachers, the leaders!

Verse 8: "Who *are* these *who* fly like a cloud..." could that be us as we're administering things that we need to do.

- we can walk
- we can fly
- we can be present and appear
- we can turn up our glory
- we can be invisible

Isn't that going to be something? *Yes!* That's why we have to build the character of God now so we'll be able to do it rightly when God makes us His Spirit sons and daughters.

Verse 9: "Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you. And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls..." (vs 9-10).

There's going to be a lot of building going on during the Millennium! Is that why Jesus was a builder? Of course!

"...and their kings shall serve you; for in My

wrath I struck you, but in My grace I had mercy upon you" (v 10).

That's the whole world, not only Israel, but the whole world. There will be Israel *first*, then the rest of the world as they're all brought into the Kingdom of God.

Verse 11: "Therefore, your gates will always be open; they will not be shut day nor night... [talking about Jerusalem] ...that men may bring unto you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession."

- I wonder what that's going to be like?
- I wonder what kind of things we'll be doing to come before God?
- All of line up together and come before Jesus Christ?

Then when the Father comes to the earth, what will that be like?

Verse 12: "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you will perish. Yes, *those* nations will be completely wasted"—*if necessary!* Think about that and carry that over to the end of the Millennium:

- What's going to happen then?
- Will there be those who will not submit? *Yes!*
- What is going to happen to them? We'll talk about that on Day 7!

Verse 13: "The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious."

Again, talking about New Jerusalem with the tabernacle during the Millennium. That has nothing to do with the New Jerusalem that's coming from God the Father in heaven.

Verse 14: "Also, the sons of your afflicters shall come bowing down to you; and all your despisers will bow down at the soles of your feet. And they will call you, 'The city of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.""

Notice the change that's going to come over the whole earth. Think about that! Let's see what God is going to do to human nature to make all of this take place. No longer will there be human carnal nature that is:

- against God
- hostile to Him
- enmity to God

Like it is today! And most people are that way—aren't they? *Yes*, *indeed*!

Ezek. 36—speaking of a time before the return of Christ when God sends Israel out into captivity, which will happen.

Sidebar: Keep your eyes on the UK. They may end up in captivity on their own island. We'll have to wait and see.

Ezekiel 36:20: "And when they came unto the nations where they went, they even profaned My Holy name in that it was said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and they are gone out of His land. But I had pity for My Holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they were exiled. Therefore, say to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My Holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. And the nations shall know that I am the LORD,' says the Lord GOD, 'when I shall be sanctified in you before their very eyes." (vs 20-23).

They're going to see Israel raised up out of captivity, brought back to their land, re-established with God, and they're going to know that it's from God!

Verse 24: "For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries, and will gather you into your own land. And I will sprinkle clean waters upon you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you...." (vs 24-26).

- to take away the hostility that is there today naturally in the carnal mind to be against God
- to have the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)

All of that will be changed! This is going to be something! People are not going to be like they are today, and what a great thing that is going to be.

"...And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh" (v 26).

- salvation
- redemption
- grace
- forgiveness

## Verse 27: "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My ordinances and do *them*."

Today we're doing some of the ordinances of God—aren't we? Statutes and ordinances? *Holy Days! Feasts!* 

Verse 28: "And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And <u>you shall be My</u> <u>people, and I will be your God</u>." All the sons of God will be there:

- to teach
- to train
- to help

in every way

- to rule
- to understand
- to coordinate
- to help the whole Millennium get going

Verse 29: "I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call for the grain, and will increase it, and will lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruits of the tree and the increase of the field, so that you shall never again receive the curse of famine among the nations. And you shall remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. I do not do *this* for your sake,' says the Lord GOD, 'be it known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel"" (vs 29-32)

Verse 33: "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the waste *places* shall be rebuilt. And the wasteland shall be tilled, instead of being desolate before all who pass by. And they shall say, "This land that was desolate has become like <u>the Garden of Eden</u>...."" (vs 33-35)—*the whole world!* Think of that!

It says in another place that God is going to cause the deserts to bloom. What's it going to be like with all the deserts of the world productive? *That is going to be an astonishment beyond belief!* Look at all the waste places that there are on earth. Think about how many more people can live on the earth if every bit of it were productive and livable. That's something!

Verse 36: "And the nations that are left all around you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places and* planted that which was desolate. <u>I the LORD have spoken it, and I will</u> <u>do it.</u>" How will He do it? *Though us!* That's why the calling is so great. Remember, it is one life, one choice for us! Just like Donald Trump told Kim Jong Un, 'You have one chance and this is it!'

Likewise for us with God! The rewards and everything are so fantastic, and everything that God has promised is so marvelous.

Verse 37: "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'I will yet be sought by the house of Israel to act for them. I will increase them with men like a flock. As a Holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her **appointed Feasts**..." (vs 37-38).

How about that? The greatest appointed Feast is the Feast of Tabernacles showing how the Government of God is coming to the whole world! This is astounding! The whole Bible is a magnificent book to tell us:

- Who God is
- where God is
- what we're going to do
- how we can fulfill our destiny through:
  - ✓ repentance
  - ✓ conversion
  - ✓ growing
  - ✓ overcoming
  - $\checkmark$  being faithful to the end

# That is absolutely amazing!

"...<u>And they shall know that I am the</u> <u>LORD</u>" (v 38). That's really an amazing thing to understand!

Isa. 61 is quite a chapter. It talks about:

- the first coming of Christ
- the second coming of Christ
- what things are going to be like during the Millennium
- us directly

Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me because the LORD has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me [Christ] to bind up the brokenhearted... [that can also apply to His second coming] ... to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to preach the acceptable year of the LORD..." (vs 1-2).

The first type of that was His ministry at His first coming, and the anti-type of that is His ministry as King over the earth and all the saints with Him. See how in depth all the Word of God really is. It's a magnificent thing.

"...and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, giving to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; <u>so that they might be called</u> <u>trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD,</u> <u>that He might be glorified</u>" (vs 2-3)—*that's about us*!

- we're to produce
- we're to bring forth

Verse 4: "And they will build the old wastes, they will raise up the desolations of former times. And they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the stranger *will be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. But you shall be called <u>the priests of the LORD</u>..." (vs 4-6)—*that's us (Rev. 20)!* 

"...it will be said of you, **'The ministers of our God'**; you will eat the riches of the Gentiles, and you will boast in their glory" (v 6).

Isn't that an amazing thing? The only way we're going appreciate all of that is because we'll be spirit beings! We won't be corruptible!

Verse 7: "For your shame *you will have* double; instead of dishonor they will rejoice in their portion; therefore, in their own land they will possess double; everlasting joy will be theirs.... [talking about the people, and also about us] ...'For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and <u>I</u> will make an everlasting covenant with them'" (vs 7-8).

When we're up there and there's the marriage covenant with the Lamb and the whole church, there it is right there "...<u>an everlasting covenant</u>..."

Verse 9: "And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all who see them will acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed the LORD has blessed."

They're going to be coming into the Millennium, and we will see how that is going to be.

- What's going to happen?
- When will they be converted?

Verse 10: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul will be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me *with* the robes of salvation..."

We're going to be worshipping God in such a way that we will think that how we were worshipping God in the flesh before was so pitiful juvenile that it's going to be amazing, indeed!

"...He covered me with the robe of righteousness like a bridegroom adorns *himself* with ornaments, and like a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels; for as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden causes that which is sown to grow; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to grow before all the nations" (vs 10-11).

Think of that! *The impact of all the nations!* What I'm trying to do here is expand upon the Bible's narration of salvation and the opportunities to be saved for ourselves, and save the world. To teach multiple millions of people the way of God *so they can enter into the Kingdom of God.* What a fantastic thing that will be!

Isa. 11 will tell us exactly what the world is going to be like, and we are going to be the ones to make it happen. I want you to think about that! <u>We</u> are going to be the ones to make it happen!

Like everything else it starts out with a little seed. How do we become spirit beings? 1-John 3 says that we have the seed of God the Father in us, and that remains in us. Also, we have the Spirit of Christ within us, as well! So, between the two we have the begettal to become the sons and daughters of God. From Christ we have the Spirit of Christ to develop the mind of Christ! *We are the children of the Father through Jesus Christ*!

# Jesus said. 'I'm the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me.'

Isaiah 11:1: "And there shall come forth a shoot out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him... [the first coming of Christ] ... the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor after the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.... that's coming on into the Millennium] ... And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins. and faithfulness the girdle of His reins" (vs 1-5).

The whole environment is going to be changed. Talk about environmentalists in this world, what they plan to do is so absolutely futile, wait until they have an opportunity to see what God is going to do to this earth:

- to beautify it
- to glorify it
- to expand it

Here's what's going to happen. Everything is going to change:

- the nature of the world
- the nature of man
- the nature of the animals

Verse 6: "Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb... [unheard of] ...and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; **and a little child shall lead them**." *I think that's a whole lot better than plastic toys!* 

Verse 7: "And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox."

I don't know how that's going to be! What's going to happen to those big teeth? What's it going to be like to eat grass? *That's amazing!* 

Verse 8: "And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den"—*unthinkable*!

But that's how different the Kingdom of God is going to be, and the world that we're going to bring to them. *The righteousness of God is going to make it all happen*!

Verse 9: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain; for <u>the earth shall be full of</u> <u>the knowledge of the LORD</u>, as the waters cover the sea."

Doesn't that tell us how pitiful the knowledge that we have today is *compared to* what it will be during the Millennium. If that's going to be fore the people there, think of what it's going to be for us. We're going to look upon our time in the Church and in the flesh as kindergarten.

Verse 10: "And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse standing as a banner for the people; to Him the nations shall seek; and His rest shall be glorious." *The whole Feast of Tabernacles fulfilled!* 

- that's why we're here
- these are choices
- this is our destiny
- this is the work that God is going to give us to do

Let's keep the rest of the Feast with joy, understanding, love and thankfulness for everything that God gives us!

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