

ARE YOU READY?

What Will It Be Like in the Millennium?

Part 3

The way we live now as disciples of the Lord will be important when we get there!

So...[Are You Ready?](#)

Having looked at Being Ready for Glory and Being Ready for Marriage, now thirdly...

E. Are You Ready to Rule and Reign?

1. We Will Rule & Reign

- a. A Restoration of the Adamic Role - ruling and reigning whilst in relationship (submitted) to God, like Adam *Genesis 1:26-31*

- **Restoration** - the millennial rule of the Lord is about restoring the earth and all its inhabitants into the original intended relationship
- **Relationship** - our authority is delegated by the Lord and we are to be in submission to Him, His will and His ways

b. Overcomers will Rule (Power over the Nations)

*‘And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him **I will give power over the nations** - ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ - as I also have received from My Father;’* *Revelation 2:26-27*

- **Delegated power** - men under authority (like the centurion)
- **Ruling the nations** - a rule ‘with a rod of iron’...the nations (having been in rebellion) will need to be brought into submission to the Lord

c. The Song of the 24 Elders

*‘And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have **redeemed us** to God by Your blood **out of every***

tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” *Revelation 5:9-10*

- Identifies them as ‘the redeemed’ (by Yeshua’s blood) - saints
- Out of every Tribe, Tongue, People and Nation - from all humanity
- Made to be ‘Kings and Priests’
 - A role of ruling (Kings)
 - A role of worship and intercession (Priests)
 - ‘To our God’ - for Him, for His benefit and glory
- We Shall Reign On The Earth - our millennial role, prophesied in Daniel

‘Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’

Daniel 7:27

d. We will also Judge

- **Given Authority** - judgement committed to them (us)

*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and **judgment was committed to them...***

Revelation 20:4

- **Judging the World, and Angels (fallen)**

*Do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

2. Yeshua’s Kingdom Rule

Without going into detail - but in summary: *(a good matter for personal study)*

a. His Government

*‘Of the **increase** of His government and peace **there will be no end**, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, **even forever**. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.’*

Isaiah 9:7

- **Increasing and Without End**

- There will be **Government, Peace, Order and Justice** - forever

b. Peace on Earth

*'He shall **judge between the nations**, and **rebuke many people**; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'* *Isaiah 2:4*

- **Peace - it comes though:**
 - **Judging between nations** - e.g. border disputes
 - **Rebuking people / nations** - discipline
- **Disarmament** - weapons will be done away with and the war & strategy manuals discarded

c. Creation - at Peace and in Order

*"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**"* *Isaiah 11:6-9*

- **End of Strife between Species...and at One with Man** - as it was in the Garden of Eden
- **Knowledge of the Lord is the key to this** - His character and His ways - as prophesied also by Habakkuk *Habakkuk 2:14*
- **Creation has been yearning for this moment** - for 6,000 years... since the fall all has been futility and decay. In the millennium there will be a restoration of created order, as it was intended to be

*'For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole **creation groans and labours with birth pangs** together until now.'*

Romans 8:19-22

d. Longevity

"No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed." *Isaiah 65:20*

- Restoration of lifespan as in the early days (Genesis) - as it was in the Garden of Eden

e. Fruitfulness & Prosperity - Labour not in Vain...Especially for Israel

*They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble;** for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.’*
Isaiah 65:21-23 (see also Amos 9:13-15)

- Restoration of fruitfulness and prosperity as before the fall - as it was in the Garden of Eden

f. Israel Restored - Physically and Spiritually Isaiah 36:22-32 Fulfilled

God’s covenants with Israel Fulfilled - Davidic, Land, New

- Under David’s restored rule

“David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.” Ezekiel 37:24-25

- A fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant - Millennial fulfilment

- Salvation and Peace for Judah & Israel under Yeshua’s kingly rule

*“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days **Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely;** now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”*
Jeremiah 23:5-6

- A fulfilment of the Land Covenant - Millennial fulfilment

g. Israel the Centre of the Earth - Exalted...physically, politically and spiritually

*‘Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of **the Lord’s house** shall be established on the top of the mountains, **and shall be exalted** above the hills; and **all nations shall flow to it.**’*
Isaiah 2:2

- Israel no longer subject to 'The Times of the Gentiles' - but under Yeshua's rule it is the centre of world focus

h. The Knowledge of the Lord

- Law goes out from Zion

‘Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.’
Isaiah 2:3

- We sing “The law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” - Millennial fulfilment

- The Earth Filled with the Knowledge of the Lord

‘...for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.’
Isaiah 11:9

- Teaching the law of the Lord and Spreading Knowledge of Him and His Word is part of the Role of the Saints (then...and now)

i. Worship Restored

- Feasts of the Lord Restored - one of which is Shabbat

‘And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,’ says the Lord.’
Isaiah 66:23

- Worship in Jerusalem - before Me (He is in Jerusalem)

‘And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And 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.’
Zechariah 14:16-17

- Those who are left in the nations - devastation of the tribulation
- An annual pilgrimage of all nations
- Some will not go up- and will suffer

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3. Preparing to Rule & Reign - what should we be doing now?

a. Faithfulness Now

‘He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?’ Luke 16:10-11

- Faithfulness Now is Preparation for ruling and reigning in the Millennium
- Prove yourself faithful in small things
- Despise not the day of small things *Zechariah 4:10*

b. Rewards of Faithfulness

*'His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; **you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your lord.'* *Matthew 25:23*

- Few Things - despise not the few things God entrusts to you
- Prove you can be Trusted - with what the Lord gives you
 - Stewardship e.g. Pastors & Elders
 - Truth e.g. Teachers
 - Riches e.g. Wealthy Saints
 - Power & Authority e.g. Rulers
- Faithful Servants will rule over many things

c. Service of the King

- Yeshua is the Servant King - as prophesied by Isaiah (*Isaiah 42:1-4*) and as recorded by Paul (*Philippians 2:7*)
- His Example is Our Pattern

*'Yet it shall not be so among you; **but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.** And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'* *Matthew 21:26-28*

- Yeshua's Service and Humility led to His Exaltation *Philippians 2:5-11*
 - Service and Humility are the mark of greatness in the Kingdom of God, not the wielding of power and the domination of others (as in the world)
- Earthly Service of the King now will be Rewarded

*'And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord **you will receive the reward of the inheritance;** for you serve the Lord Christ.'* *Colossians 3:23-24*

- The Lord's kingdom and kingly rule filling the whole earth will require quite a large and godly civil service!

- The Millennium - Fulfilment of Our Prayer...**SO BEGIN NOW!**

*'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**'*
Matthew 6:9-10

- We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom now, but...
- The Millennium will be a fulfilment of our prayers
- In Heaven, how is God's will done?
 - Perfectly (in all holiness), Completely (in every aspect), Obediently (in submission to the Lord)

Get Ready NOW - Live in faithful service to the Lord NOW

Having looked at Being Ready for Glory, for Marriage and for Ruling & Reigning, now fourthly...

F. Are You Ready for Restoration

1. Restoration is the Theme of the Millennium

a. The Millennial Rule of the Lord is about Restoration

- Restoring the earth to its original intended perfection - the end of the curse
Genesis 1:11-13, 20-25; Rev. 22:3
- Restoring earth's inhabitants into the original intended relationship with the Lord and each other
Psalm 8: 4-8, 95:6-7

b. Ruling with a Rod of Iron - the work of restoration will need to be enforced, mankind will not change its ways overnight
Psalm 2:8-9

- Nations will have been in rebellion against the Lord
Psalm 2:1-3

- Some Nations and man-made Institutions will have to be smashed like clay pots *Psalms* 2:4-5, 9
- Some will need to be shepherded *Psalms* 2:10-12

2. What needs to be Restored?

a. Restoration of Israel Physically

- Reunited as One Nation *Jeremiah* 3:18; *Ezekiel* 37:15-23
- In the Land God intended for them (gave them) *Genesis* 15:18-21; *Isaiah* 43:5-6; *Ezek.* 47:13-48:20, 48:23-27
- Dwelling in Peace *Deuteronomy* 30:1-10; *Isaiah* 32:18, 60:18; *Hosea* 14:5-7; *Amos* 9:14-15; *Micah* 4:4-5, 5:4-5a; *Zechariah* 3:10; 14:11

b. Restoration of Israel Spiritually

- The New Covenant Fulfilled *Jeremiah* 31:31-34; *Ezekiel* 11:19-20, 36:24-32
- Temple Worship Restored *Isaiah* 56:7, 66:20-23; *Malachi* 3:3-4; *Jeremiah* 33:17-18; *Ezekiel* 40:5-43:27, 45:13-46:24
- Anointed with the Ruach HaKodesh *Isaiah* 32:15, 44:3; *Ezekiel* 36:24-29, 39:29; *Joel* 2:28-29

c. Restoration of Israel's Place - Foremost among the Nations

- Israel Exalted Above the Gentiles *Isaiah* 14:1-2, 49:22-23, 60:14-17, 61:5-9
- Jerusalem made the World's Capital *Jeremiah* 3:17; *Ezekiel* 48:30-35; *Joel* 3:16-17; *Micah* 4:1-2, 6-8; *Zechariah* 8:2-3

d. Restoration of the Feasts of the Lord

- Passover (Pesach) and Tabernacles (Sukkot) *Ezekiel* 45:18-25; *Zechariah* 14:16-21
- Shabbat & the Jewish Calendar *Isaiah* 2:2-4, 66:23

- The Millennium itself is a Shabbat *Hebrews 4:1-11;*
Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8

e. Restoration of Nations

- Specific Prophecies concerning other Nations
 - E.g.: Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Philistia, Moab, Damascus, Ethiopia, Edom, Arabia, the cities of Tyre and Damascus, the Ammonites, Kedar, Hazor, and Zidon
 - Nations will have been in rebellion against the Lord
- The Leaves of the Trees

*'In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**'*
Revelation 22:2

- Nations need healing internally - from the effects of their sin
- Nations need healing externally - in their relationships with each other and with Israel
- People in the nations generally will need healing
Ezekiel 47:12

f. Restoration of Righteousness and Justice

- Righteousness and Justice are the mark of Yeshua's Rule
Isaiah 9:7, 11:3-5, 42:1-4; Jeremiah 23:5
- During the Tribulation there was no righteousness or justice - only submission to the unholy trinity (Satan, The Coming World Leader [Anti-Christ], and the False Prophet)
- Many 'wrongs' will need to be 'righted after the Tribulation

g. Restoration of Peace

- An End to War and Weaponry
Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18;
Micah 4:2-3; Zechariah 9:10
 - There will be a need for nations to be rebuked
- Men will dwell in Peace with each other *Isaiah 32:17-18;*
Micah 4:4

h. Restoration of Creation

- Restoration of Land

- **Israel's Borders** *Ezekiel 48:1-20; Amos 9:14-15*
- **New Topography** *Zechariah 14:4, 8-10*
- **National Boundaries** - there will probably be a need for some re-establishing of nations in their 'God-given land and reversing of human conquests
- **Restoration of the Waters** *Ezekiel 47:1-12*
- **Restoration of Agriculture** *Isaiah 27:6, 35:1-2, 35:6-7; Amos 9:13; Zechariah 14:8*
- **Restoration of the Animal Kingdom** *Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:9; Ezekiel 34:25*

i. Restoration of Worship

- **Every eye will see Yeshua's Return**

*“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**”*
Luke 21:25-27

- **The Worship of the One True God** - worship of the Lord re-established after the complete idolatry of the tribulation. See: - *Isaiah 11:9; Jer. 31:34; Micah 4:5; Habakkuk 2:14; Psalm 22:27, 67:1-2, 72:19, 86:9, 98:1-3; Zechariah 14:8-9 Revelation 11:15, 15:4*
- **Mortal Men will need Salvation**
 - **All the Saints will be with the Lord** - either at the rapture or through martyrdom in the tribulation
 - **Those who survive the Tribulation and Armageddon will be unregenerate** - they will need to repent and believe in Yeshua
 - **Hence there will still be a Need for Evangelism**, and the preaching of salvation and teaching of His ways
- **All will Acknowledge the Lordship of Yeshua** - even if only at the final judgement

*“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of*

those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that **every tongue should confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' Philippians 2:9-11

Recap:

- All these restorations are beginning now, pre-millennium, and are part of the progressive coming of God's Kingdom
- We are called to be part, now, of bringing in the Kingdom of (from) Heaven

So...Are You Ready?

3. A Life of Restoration - what should we be doing now?

a. Reconciliation is Our Ministry

*'Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself** through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, **we are ambassadors** for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: **we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.**'* 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- Man's Principal Need is to be restored into relationship with God; that is to be reconciled to Him through His Son
- We have this 'Ministry' - we are all called to be witnesses, in the anointing of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:8)
 - We ourselves have been restored
 - We are to be God's ambassadors in His work of restoration (reconciliation) - be witnesses
 - Restoration is for all of God's creation, but especially mankind (but we are not 'Greenpeace')

b. Restoration of His People

*'I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. **Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!**'* Romans 11:11-12

- Israel's Physical and Spiritual Restoration is a principal aspect of the Millennium Ezekiel 36:24-27

- Replacement Theology is the Greatest Tragedy and the Gravest Heresy in the gentile church today
 - Offensive to God (calls him a liar and covenant breaker)
 - Leads to Anti-Semitism
 - Can lead to Apostasy

‘Do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.’ Romans 11:18

- Being Prepared for the Millennium means that today we should:
 - Take the Gospel to the Jewish People - provoke them to jealousy Romans 11:13-15
 - Love and Respect Israel and the Jewish people - they are beloved Romans 11:28-29
 - Support their Return to the Land - the Lord’s banner to the nations Isaiah 49:22

c. Love Righteousness and Justice

‘He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?’ Micah 6:8

- Loving Righteousness and Justice
 - Loving, and Doing, Righteousness is a mark of the Lord’s Disciples - because it mirrors His character Psalm 45: 6-7
 - Acting Justly - not out of selfishness or pride
 - Loving Mercy - remember that we have received great mercy
 - Beautiful Attitudes - lead to great blessing Matthew 5: 3-10
 - Humility is the mark of Greatness and Spiritual Maturity - and the quality the Lord honours with great reward
 - The Example of the Lord

*‘So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, **“Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should***

do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.' John 13:12-17

▪ The Example of Paul

'To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ' Ephesians 3:8

Get Ready NOW: Restoration is our ministry NOW - a part of the progressive coming of God's Kingdom - and a preparation for service in the Millennium

Finally, we have to say...

G. The Best Is Yet To Be!

1. The Millennium will be Even Better than Today!

- a. The Lord Ruling & Reigning
- b. Satan Bound
- c. Married to the Lord
- d. Restoration & Blessing

2. The New Jerusalem (the Eternal City) will be Even Better than the Millennium!

'Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:1-4

- a. Eternity in the Presence of The Father's and The Son
- b. Satan Destroyed

- c. A New Heaven and a New Earth
- d. One New Man - Jew and Gentile together

So let us **Get Ready** for the Millennium and the New Jerusalem!

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