

HEAVEN AND EARTH CONVERGE

SESSION 14 - INTRO TO BIBLE PROPHECY TEACHING SERIES

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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. (Romans 8:19)

Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body (resurrection). (Romans 8:23)

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. (Romans 8:25)

Eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:7)

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. (Galatians 5:5)

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. (Hebrews 9:28)

- A. What we believe about the future deeply affects how we feel and live today. We study the details of Jesus' coming and the millennium because it makes our future hope more real. The more real and detailed the future, the greater the experience of hope. The NT uses phrases like "eagerly waiting" or those who are "looking for" the coming of the Lord (Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:12, 14; 2 Timothy 4:8).

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you....Then comes the end (after 1,000yrs) when He (Jesus) delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He (Jesus) puts an end to all rule and all authority and power (during the 1,000yrs), for He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death (after the 1,000yrs). (1 Corinthians 15:1, 24-26)

- B. The Millennium's purpose is to initiate Jesus' kingship over the earth and disciple the nations under His direct leadership. He will heal and transform the earth in preparation for the Father and heaven to fully join the natural realm (Ephesians 1:10; 1 Cor 15:23-28). During the 1,000 years, Jesus will naturally and progressively transform the earth in partnership with humans. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul's gospel is mostly about the resurrection and the millennial kingdom.

II. JESUS BRINGS HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER IN HIMSELF

That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times (2nd coming) He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him. (Ephesians 1:10)

And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (Colossians 1:20)

He (the Father) may send Jesus...whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets. (Acts 3:20-21)

- A. Jesus, being fully God and fully man, has the ability to bring heaven and earth together. God will connect heaven to earth through Jesus. One Man will be the connect point and the facilitator of this holy convergence. This is the One who was found worthy to take the scroll from the Father to advance His kingdom (Revelation 5).
- B. Jesus' blood has made a way for people, land, and systems to be forgiven, cleansed, and made righteous unto the full union of both realms. Heaven speaks of the New Jerusalem and the spiritual realm qualities and processes. Earth speaks of the land, the natural realm, and natural processes.

III. JESUS' THRONE - THE CONNECT POINT

“Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place (temple) He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the Lord; yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne. (Zechariah 6:12-13)

- A. The New Jerusalem will connect to Jesus' throne in His earthly Jerusalem temple complex. Biblical temples have always been heaven's connect point to the earth. We see the fullness of this principle in Jesus' millennial temple.

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house (earthly temple) 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)

Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer...For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. (Isaiah 56:7)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation. (Psalm 48:1-2)

- B. The OT prophets refer to His millennial temple as the “mountain of the LORD's house” or “My holy mountain.” It will be the highest mountain on the earth.

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain (future earthly temple), and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (Revelation 21:10)

- C. John saw the New Jerusalem descending to the earth. I believe it will rest above the “great and high mountain” where Jesus’ earthly temple will be.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it (the New Jerusalem). (Revelation 22:3)

I heard Him speaking to me from the temple (millennial temple)...He said, “This is the place of My throne...where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.” (Ezekiel 43:6-7)

At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 3:17)

“When the Son of Man comes...He will sit on the throne of His glory.” (Mt. 25:31)

- D. Jesus’ throne will stretch from heaven to earth in a supernatural way. It will be the “throne of His glory.”
- E. In my opinion, there is going to be a pillar of smoke and fire connecting both cities in the same way that Mt. Sinai and Moses’ tabernacle had a pillar reaching to heaven (Isaiah 4:5-6).

IV. HEAVENLY QUALITIES IN JERUSALEM

“Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” (John 1:51)

1. ***Throne*** - Jesus’ throne will be one throne in two locations joined by the Holy Spirit.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge. (Psalm 48:1-3)

2. ***Temple*** - The earthly temple will be the holy of holies of God’s manifest presence on the earth. God will dwell with

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east....Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the ¹²valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. 9 And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. 10 It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will

be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. (Ezekiel 47:1, 8-10)

And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur. (Zechariah 14:8)

3. **River of life** - The river runs through the New Jerusalem and will flow down to Jerusalem's temple. It will flow from Jesus' earthly throne/temple out to the nations.
4. **Tree of life** - The leaves of the heavenly tree will be taken "for the healing of the nations." Supernatural trees will grow by the river of life that flows on the earth from Jesus' throne.

The city (New Jerusalem) had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light. (Revelation 21:23-24)

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. (Isaiah 60:19)

5. **Jesus' light** - The light of Jesus' face fills heaven with supernatural light. That same light will shine on the nations that obey Jesus' leadership. Jesus' light in Jerusalem will put the sun and moon to shame.

(New Jerusalem) The kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (Revelation 21:24-26)

(Earthly Jerusalem) "Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles. And their kings in procession, for the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined." (Isaiah 60:11-12)

6. **Glory from the nations** - Kings will bring their treasures into both cities as acts of worship and submission.

Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones. (Isaiah 54:11-12)

7. **Beautiful architecture** - Earthly Jerusalem shall have the beauty of the New Jerusalem (gems, gold, crystal, etc.)