

In our last podcast, we concluded, through a lot of forensic evidence, that the group of people being discussed in **Revelation 20:4-6** are, and can only be, the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**, the wife of Christ. Then we started with our commercial break. The text in Revelation jumps from this description of the Called and Chosen and Faithful to the end of the 1,000 years. But what happens during those 1,000 years? It is a long time to just skip over. Thankfully, the **Codex** fills in the blanks and we have been addressing the events of this Millennial period. Let's pick back up with the renewal of the world

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The World is Renewed

Let's take a glimpse of what practical life on earth will be like during Jesus' millennial reign.

The Earth

The events unleashed with the seventh bowl of wrath results in a significant reconstruction of the physical earth. There were earthquakes, the mountains were crushed, islands disappeared, cities were split, and huge hailstones pummeled the earth. In so doing, **Yahweh** altered the fundamental construct of the world's eco-system.

Oddly enough, the earth was prepared for His return and prepped for its own healing. In fact, all of creation has been waiting for this time of glorious freedom from death and decay.¹ The impact of these changes will be phenomenal and so dramatic that the picture that is painted for us is like a dream.

- The moon will be as bright as the sun, and the sun will be seven times brighter—like the light of seven days in one! So, it will be when **Yahweh** begins to heal his people and cure the wounds he gave them.²
- The sources of light will no longer shine, yet there will be continuous day! There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light.
- On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter.
- All the land from Geba, north of Judah, to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become one vast plain (indicating that the mountains will indeed be leveled).
- Jerusalem will be raised up in its original place and will be inhabited all the way from the Benjamin Gate over to the site of the old gate, then to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.
- And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed.³
- The wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. The

¹ **Romans 8:19-22**

² **Isaiah 30:26**

³ **Zechariah 14:5-11**

baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.

- Nothing will hurt or destroy in all of God's holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know **Yahweh**.⁴
- The wilderness will become a fertile field, and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops.
- Justice will rule in the wilderness and righteousness in the fertile field. And this righteousness will bring peace, quietness and confidence forever.
- God's people will live in safety, quietly at home. They will be at rest. Even if the forest should be destroyed and the city torn down, **Yahweh** will greatly bless his people. Wherever they plant seed, bountiful crops will spring up. Their cattle and donkeys will graze freely.⁵

There will be a significant alteration to the land and the eco-system, including to the animal kingdom. The sun will not be needed as Jesus will provide us light. The fear of darkness will be removed as His light will continually shine and will replace the light of the moon. Life will be extended, and the earth will be fruitful. This will be an amazing time of peace, rest, safety, and security. God will exalt Jerusalem and Mount Zion, where He will personally dwell, and He will begin to heal all the wounds which His people have suffered.

Mount Zion

Mount Zion was called the city of David, the city of the Great King. Its exact location is questioned by scholars, but **Yahweh** intends on establishing His earthly throne on this mount. Mount Zion is located to the north, or to the northern side, of Jerusalem and it is there that **Yahweh** will dwell, on Mount Zion.⁶ In fact, it is such a special place that those who trust in **Yahweh** are likened to Mount Zion which cannot be moved but abides forever.⁷ Therefore, regarding **Yahweh's** holy mountain, He says:

- The moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed, for **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts) will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and His glory will be before His elders.⁸
- **Yahweh** will remove all proud and arrogant people. There will be no more haughtiness on His holy mountain. Those who are left will be the lowly and humble, for it is they who trust in the name of **Yahweh**.⁹
- Jerusalem will be a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy.
- **Yahweh** will answer prayers before people call to him.
- The sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more. No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be

⁴ *Isaiah 11:6-9*

⁵ *Isaiah 32:14-20*

⁶ *Psalms 48:2; Isaiah 8:18*

⁷ *Psalms 125:1*

⁸ *Isaiah 24:23*

⁹ *Zephaniah 3:11-20*

considered old at one hundred! Only the cursed will die that young!

- People will live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of their own vineyards. Invaders will not take their houses and confiscate their vineyards. For God's people will live as long as trees, and His chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won gains.
- The wolf and the lamb will feed together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. But the snakes will eat dust.
- In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on God's holy mountain.¹⁰
- All who remain in Zion will be a holy people, those who survive the destruction of Jerusalem and are recorded among the living.
- **Yahweh** will wash the filth from beautiful Zion and cleanse Jerusalem of its bloodstains with the hot breath of fiery judgment.
- Then **Yahweh** will provide shade for Mount Zion and all who assemble there. He will provide a canopy of cloud during the day and smoke and flaming fire at night, covering the glorious land. It will be a shelter from daytime heat and a hiding place from storms and rain.¹¹

Isaiah 2:2-4

- The house of **Yahweh** shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of **Yahweh**, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of **Yahweh** from Jerusalem.
- He shall judge between the nations and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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.
- Everyone will live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be nothing to fear.¹²

Israel

The land of Israel is a favorite subject when it comes to scriptures dealing with the millennial period. God has made so many promises about the land; after all, He deems it to be His land. Therefore, He intends on fulfilling each-and-every promise He has ever made concerning the land.

- The land of Judah will be **Yahweh's** special possession in the holy land, and He will once again choose Jerusalem to be his own city.¹³

¹⁰ ***Isaiah 65:18-25***

¹¹ ***Isaiah 4:2-6***

¹² ***Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-4***

¹³ ***Zechariah 2:12***

- There will be streams of water flowing down every mountain and hill.¹⁴
- The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.
- There will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!
- The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon.
- Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland. The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land.
- A great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness (The prophet Isaiah tells us this highway will go from Egypt to Assyria and that Egypt, Assyria, and Israel will be joined in a special alliance and they will all worship **Yahweh**.¹⁵ Many have thought that this Highway of Holiness speaks of a modern-day revival amongst the Muslims from Egypt to Assyria.¹⁶ However, *Isaiah* adds additional detail to clarify that this highway will be established during the millennial period.)
- Therefore, regarding this “Highway of Holiness,” it says that evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God’s ways; fools will never walk there. Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious beasts. There will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will walk on it.
- Those who have been ransomed by **Yahweh** will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.¹⁷
- **Yahweh** will also make a dry path through the gulf of the Red Sea. He will wave his hand over the Euphrates River, sending a mighty wind to divide it into seven streams so it can easily be crossed on foot.
- He will make a highway for the remnant of his people, the remnant coming from Assyria, just as he did for Israel long ago when they returned from Egypt.¹⁸
- In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.
- When people take an oath they will say, ‘As surely as **Yahweh** lives, who brought the people of Israel back to their own land from the land of the north and from all the countries to which he had exiled them.’ Then they will live in their own land.¹⁹
- **Yahweh** will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel.
- Jerusalem will be holy forever, and foreign armies will never conquer her again.
- In that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk. Water will

¹⁴ *Isaiah 30:25*

¹⁵ *Isaiah 19:23*

¹⁶ See *Isaiah 19*

¹⁷ *Isaiah 35*

¹⁸ *Isaiah 11:15-16*

¹⁹ *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

fill the streambeds of Judah, and a fountain will burst forth from **Yahweh's** Temple, watering the arid valley of acacias.

- Egypt will become a wasteland and Edom will become a wilderness, but Judah will be filled with people forever, and Jerusalem will endure through all generations.
- **Yahweh** will pardon the crimes of His people and make His home in Jerusalem with His people.²⁰
- **Yahweh** will restore the fallen house of David and repair its damaged walls and restore its former glory.
- Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations who are called by His name.
- The grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. The terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine!²¹
- Behold, days are coming,' declares **Yahweh**, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. 'In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the **Yahweh Tsidkenu** (the Lord is our righteousness).²²

Egypt

It is interesting that Israel's ancient foe, Egypt, is also specifically addressed in the scriptures. God has a very soft heart for the Egyptian people, and despite their rebellion a remnant of Egyptians will be preserved. They will be treated differently than the people of Edom, the descendants of Esau. The people of Edom (which were in modern day Jordan) will be judged and wiped off the face of the earth because of the merciless way they opposed the nation of Israel. But for Egypt there will be grace.

- Five of Egypt's cities will follow **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies). They will even begin to speak Hebrew, the language of Canaan. One of these cities will be Heliopolis, the "City of the Sun."
- There will be an altar to **Yahweh** in the heart of Egypt, and there will be a monument to **Yahweh** at its border. It will be a sign and a witness that **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies) is worshiped in the land of Egypt.
- **Yahweh** will make himself known to the Egyptians. They will know **Yahweh** and will give their sacrifices and offerings to him. They will make a vow to **Yahweh** and will keep it.
- **Yahweh** will strike Egypt, and then he will bring healing. For the Egyptians will turn to **Yahweh**, and he will listen to their pleas and heal them.²³

The Nations

The blessings are not just reserved for Israel and Egypt, but **Yahweh** speaks graciously over those who

²⁰ **Joel 3:16-21**

²¹ **Amos 9:11-15**

²² **Jeremiah 33:14-17**

²³ **Isaiah 19:16-25**

are saved from the other nations in the world.

- **Yahweh** will purify the speech of all people, so that everyone can worship **Yahweh** together.²⁴
- **Yahweh** will live among His people.
- Many nations will join themselves to **Yahweh** on that day, and they, too, will be His people.²⁵
- The eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unplugged. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!²⁶
- Those who survive the plague of judgment will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King, **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies), and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.
- Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King, **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies), will have no rain.
- Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.
- Then even the harness bells of the horses will be inscribed with these words: "Holy To **Yahweh**." And the cooking pots in the Temple of **Yahweh** will be as sacred as the basins used beside the altar. Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies).
- All who come to worship will be free to use any of these pots to boil their sacrifices. And on that day, there will no longer be traders in the Temple of **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies).²⁷

The Jew

Then there are very specific promises made to the Jews. God elected them as His chosen people, and He will fulfill every word He ever spoke over them. The Jews whose hearts were hardened to **Yahweh** will be judged along with the nations, but there will be a remnant whom He will make holy or set apart to be His very own people.

- **Yahweh** will not destroy all Israel. "For just as good grapes are found among a cluster of bad ones (and someone will say, 'Don't throw them all away—some of those grapes are good!'), so He will not destroy all Israel."
- He has true servants there and He will preserve a remnant of the people of Israel and of Judah to possess the land.²⁸
- The survivors will bring the remnant of **Yahweh's** people back from every nation. They will bring them to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to **Yahweh**.

²⁴ **Zechariah 3:9**

²⁵ **Zechariah 2:8-11**

²⁶ **Isaiah 35:5-6**

²⁷ **Zechariah 14:16-21**

²⁸ **Isaiah 65:8-9**

- They will ride on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says **Yahweh**. "And I will appoint some of them to be my priests and Levites. I, **Yahweh**, have spoken!²⁹
- **Yahweh** will bring His people back again from all the countries where He scattered them in His fury. He will bring them back to Jerusalem and let them live in peace and safety. They will be His people, and He will be their God.
- He will give them one heart and one purpose: to worship **Yahweh** forever, for their own good and for the good of all their descendants.
- **Yahweh** will make an everlasting covenant with them: He will never stop doing good for them. He will put a desire in their hearts to worship Him, and they will never leave Him.
- **Yahweh** will find joy doing good for them and will faithfully and wholeheartedly replant them in this land.³⁰
- **Yahweh** will heal His people of their faithlessness.
- His love will know no bounds, for His anger will be gone forever. He will be to Israel like a refreshing dew from heaven. Israel will blossom like the lily.
- Israel's branches will spread out like beautiful olive trees, as fragrant as the cedars of Lebanon.
- **Yahweh's** people will live under His shade. They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines. They will be as fragrant as the wines of Lebanon.³¹
- **Yahweh** will bring His people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again.
- They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine. They will never again be uprooted from the land.³²
- The remnant of Israel will do no wrong; they will never tell lies or deceive one another. They will eat and sleep in safety, and no one will make them afraid.
- **Yahweh** himself, the King of Israel, will live among His people! At last, their troubles will be over, and they will never again fear disaster.
- **Yahweh** will take delight in His people with gladness. With his love, he will calm all their fears, and He will rejoice over them with joyful songs.
- He will gather those who mourn for the appointed festivals, and they will be disgraced no more.
- He will bring together those who were chased away and give glory and fame to former exiles, wherever they have been mocked and shamed.
- He will give His people a good name, a name of distinction, among all the nations of the earth, as

²⁹ **Isaiah 66:18-21**

³⁰ **Jeremiah 32:36-41**

³¹ **Hosea 14:4-7**

³² **Amos 9:11-15**

He restores their fortunes.³³

- **Yahweh** will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and prayers for mercy, so that, when they look on Him, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.
- There shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.
- **Yahweh** will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more and remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness.
- If anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, 'You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of **Yahweh**.' And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.³⁴

The King

During the 1,000-years, Jesus will reign as king over the entire earth and there will be no other. His monarchy will be the only governmental structure in the world. Righteousness and justice will be known and experienced by all. It will be a time of unparalleled peace and rest amongst the peoples of the world.

- For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies) will make this happen!³⁵
- And **Yahweh** will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one, **Yahweh** —his name alone will be worshiped.³⁶
- The descendant from King David's line will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.
- His name will be **Yahweh Tsidkenu** – 'The Lord Is Our Righteousness.'³⁷
- The righteous descendant from King David's line will do for Israel and Judah all the good things He has promised them. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.³⁸

The Bride—the Wife of Christ

The role of the bondservants of **Yahweh** in the 1,000-year kingdom will be of great importance. They will be His princes and the administrators of His monarchy. And even though they will rule with rods of

³³ **Zephaniah 3:13-20**

³⁴ **Zechariah 12:6-13:3**

³⁵ **Isaiah 9:6-7**

³⁶ **Zechariah 14:9**

³⁷ **Jeremiah 23:5-8**

³⁸ **Jeremiah 33:14-18**

iron, they will be a blessing to the nations as they shepherd the people of the nations through this time.

- Look, a righteous king is coming! And honest princes will rule under him. Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a parched land. Then everyone who has eyes will be able to see the truth, and everyone who has ears will be able to hear it. Even the hotheads will be full of sense and understanding.³⁹
- **Yahweh** will give a spirit of justice to His judges and great courage to their warriors who stand at their gates.⁴⁰
- **They will even judge angels.**⁴¹ *Note:* We are not given the timing of this judgment, but it might be during these 1,000-years since that is when His bondservants are seen on their thrones. Furthermore, it is not clear if they will judge the demonic spirits only or also the angels that were assigned to their care; but either way it is a heady role that is given to, and reserved exclusively for, the wife of Christ.

This 1,000-year period (the “millennial kingdom”) will be an amazing time and something that we can only scarcely imagine. These passages provide just a glimpse, just the surface layer, of the magnificent and incredible destiny of the bondservants of Jesus Christ. These passages reveal how big and loving **Yahweh**, the Lord **our** God, truly is.

*“But as it has caused be written, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who are **now** loving him”.*⁴²

The 7th Feast of Israel

We are still on our commercial break journeying though the millennium. If we were to link this 1,000-year period to the 7-prophetic feasts of Israel, as we did in **Revelation 1**, we are on the seventh or the final annual feast: the **Feast of Tabernacles** also known as the **Festival of Shelters**. That connection is explicitly made, without speculation, in the **Codex**.⁴³

The first four feasts all had their prophetic fulfillment before the events recorded in **Revelation**: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, and Pentecost. Those were associated respectively with Jesus Death, His burial, His resurrection, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the church.

The next three feasts (the Feats of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles) are all prophetically connected with the events described in **Revelation**. Those are associated respectively with the Rapture of the church (the Feast of Trumpets), the Day of the Lord or the time of **Yahweh’s** wrath (the Day of Atonement), and the time that God will tabernacle (or make His home) among His people (the Feast of Tabernacles).

This time of tabernacles literally begins with the rapture since Jesus promised His people that He will

³⁹ **Isaiah 32:1-4**

⁴⁰ **Isaiah 28:5-6**

⁴¹ **1 Corinthians 6:3**

⁴² **1 Corinthians 2:9**

⁴³ **Zechariah 14:16-21**

come for them and that they will never leave His side and will always be where He is.⁴⁴ It is a promise that is realized during the millennial kingdom when Jesus physically lives with His people. And it continues through eternity as the tabernacle of God is among men.⁴⁵

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will pick back up with our Text in **Revelation 20** with what occurs after this millennial period comes to completion.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."

⁴⁴ **John 12:16, 14:3, 18, 28**

⁴⁵ **Revelation 21:3**