The Millennium The Family Reunion of Jesus with Israel

Acts 1:1-9

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Jesus had been alive for 40 days and had been teaching the disciples "things pertaining to the Kingdom."

Then just before He ascended into the clouds of Heaven little did they know that they were asking him their last question on earth. **Did they ask how to organize the Church? No**. Jesus had only mentioned it twice and had not taught any details about the Church yet, it was still a mystery concept unclear in the minds of Jewish believers until Paul taught it in 60 AD 30 years after Jesus ascension. Eph. 3:4-6

The only thing they knew to ask about was what Jesus talked about for the last five weeks.

Acts 1:6 "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

Did Jesus rebuke them or tell them that there would be no kingdom? NO Act 1:7 "And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in his own power, but ye shall receive power... and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

Many Christians are just assuming that once you die that they will be in Heaven forever. I mean it is called **Eternal Life, right?** If you go up in the Rapture you will have only 7 years in heaven. **Then you will spend 1000** years on this same earth. In fact if the Rapture happens before tomorrow morinig, The Millennial Kingdom of Christ could begin in just 7 years by October, 2028.

It's important to live for the Lord now because of the impact it will have on your life for 1000 years.

How will your service to your Lord Jesus now impact your life for 1000 years?

Jesus gave 2 key parables. The first to Jewish disciples in his day and Jews alive in the Tribulation. The second parable is to all believers Jew and Gentile.

Matt. 25:1 "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

If people are not ready to meet the Lord after 7 years of Tribulation signs they sure aren't going to be ready for the Rapture which has never had any signs. His return was imminent to the Apostles.

2nd **parable to all believers** Matt. 25:14-29; 14 "For **the kingdom of heaven is as** a man travelling into a far country, **who** called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, **thou** good and faithful servant: **thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things..."**

What will our lives will be like in the Millennial Reign of Christ?

5 CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE IN THE KINGDOM

Resurrected O.T. Saints – immortals.	Daniel 12:1-3
Resurrected N.T. Saints – immortals	1 Thessalonians 4:13
Resurrected Tribulation Saints – immortals	Revelation 6:9-11: 20:4
Redeemed Tribulation Survivors – mortals	Matthew 25:33-40
Unsaved Millennials – mortals born during	the Millennium Revelation 20:7,8

How will resurrected immortals interact with saved surviving mortals and unsaved mortals?

Conditions in nature within the Kingdom

A transitional period of renewal in nature

A seven month period ... For purifying from the corruption of death

Ezek 39:12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land Humanity will suffer a holocaust in which at least ¾ of the population will die in a 3 & ½ year period.

A seven year period for recycling weaponry to tools and fuel

Eze 39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel_shall go forth, and **shall set on fire and burn the weapons,** ...they shall burn them with fire seven years:

Earth will be a "fixer-upper" Nature will have suffered massive destruction.

- Rev 8:7 the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.
- Rev 8:8 a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: the third part of the sea became blood;
- Rev 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea... died
- Rev 8:11 and many men died of the waters, because they (1/3) were made bitter.
- Rev 16:18 a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake
- Rev 16:19 and the cities of the nations fell Islands & mountains disappear
- Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found

Topographical renewal of Israel

Zech. 14:4 "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 cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

Zech.14:8 "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be."

Aquatic and agricultural renewal of Israel (Dead Sea & Jordan)

Ezek. 47:9 "there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. \"

Peace intra-species - between animals and humans.

Lion & Lamb right? No where does the Bible say that...

Isa 11:6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together..."

Jesus Answer in Acts 1 - I will not restore the Kingdom to Israel at this time.

He did NOT say:

I will **not** be the King of Israel. Or...
I will **not** restore the Kingdom to Israel

My kingdom does **not** belong to Israel but to the church.

There will be **no** literal earthly kingdom but only a spiritual one by faith in me.

He DID say: He will restore a Kingdom to the nation Israel

It is in the Father's timing as to when the Kingdom will be restored.

Let's look at Jesus return. Our Lord Jesus came the 1st time as a meek lowly Lamb. He's coming as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah

This is not the Rapture of the Church as described by Paul in 1 Thess. 4:13-19

1Thess. 4: 16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

At Jesus' 2nd Advent to the earth is what the Angels told the Jewish Disciples to wait for. On the Mount of Olives as Jesus rose upward into the clouds - Act 1:10 "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

That's what Zechariah predicted. Zec. 14:4 "his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem"

They had to have heard Jesus teach about this in the last few weeks. You can't teach for 40 days about the Kingdom and not teach about how it will begin. Acts 1:3 "to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

It begins when we ride with Jesus across the universe on white horses and watch Him destroy the Anti-Christ and the his armies in the Valley of Megiddo at the Battle of Armageddon.

Rev. 19:14 "And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

What did Jesus actually teach them since Revelation had not been written by John yet?

He taught them what the Jewish prophets said about the Kingdom. Prophets like Zechariah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah...

Jesus had already taught them in Matthew 24,25 in answer to their question...

Matt 24:3 "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **His Answer**: 24:21 **For then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Jesus will come to set up His Kingdom after the horrible Great Tribulation.

Jesus will come to set up His Kingdom just after the Demonic Kingdom of the Antichrist Has established a One World Government in which no one can buy or sell without receiving His Mark of the Beast and worship him as God on earth. Millions will be slaughtered. He'll make Hitler and the Nazi's look like amateurs. He will in fact commit a double holocaust on Israel as he tries to make all Jews extinct.

Before Jesus sits on the Throne of David to rule The Kingdom:

The battle of Armageddon is over!

ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED!

Israel's Recognition & Redemption of Jesus as LORD Messiah. Zech. 12:10 "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced Zech. 13:6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends."

The WICKED Rulers & Nations are judged!

The Beast and the FALSE PROPHET are cast into hell!

Satan is cast into the bottomless PIT FOR 1000 YEARS!!

Believers who are unfaithful will enter the Kingdom unrewarded.

2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad."

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

Revelation 4:10 "the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Our faithfulness with what the Master has entrusted to us over a few things now will determine the nature and position of our ruling with Him for 1000 years on this same earth in our immortal bodies.

Sinners will miss heaven because they had no saving faith in the Savior. Saints will miss rewards because of a lack of faithfulness to their Lord.

How is it that people will be saved in the Tribulation and even in the Millennium? Many have preached if you are left behind in the Rapture, you'll have no chance to get saved. True, if you go into the Tribulation having already refused to be saved ... 2 Thess. 2:11,12 "God will send them a strong delusion, that they might believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth."

Scripture is also clear that not only 144,000 Jews will be saved but an innumerable multitude will receive their message and be saved. Revelation 7:1-9

What is the most important thing we as believers in Jesus can do to prepare for Our Home Coming back to earth in the Millennium? What did Jesus tell the disciples to do until the Kingdom comes? Acts 1:8 Pray for the Spirits power to fall before you go up. Tell sinners about Jesus who died like a lamb to save them from hell and take them to Heaven.

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Conditions in nature within the Kingdom

- Will the curse be completely removed or just in Israel and when will it be removed?
- How will this polluted earth be cleansed or renewed?
- How will the topography of Israel & the Earth be different?
- Why will there be a Temple and Sacrifices in the Kingdom?
- Which Jewish Feasts will we observe in the Millennium?

Common mix-ups about what happens in the Millennium and in the New Earth

- **❖** Where Does the Bible say "the Lion lay down with the Lamb"? See if you can find it this afternoon
- ❖ Will there be lost people in the Millennium? If so Can people get saved?
- **A** Can people be sick and will they be healed in the Millennium
- **❖** Can people commit sin, even crimes in the Millennium?

Come Tonight and we'll answer as many of these question from the Bible as possible in 500 years or less.

We will be serving with no limits of our frail mortality, or sin nature, using the gifts of the Spirit that are given now. We will be serving in management of this present earth and will doubtless interact on a daily basis in oversight, training and assistance to the mortals who enter the Millennium and their children. We will be dealing with mortals with their sin nature whether they be saved or unsaved. We will have the privilege of winning the unsaved to Him and discipleship any saved mortals. When I asked a college group what that would be like One young man profoundly summed it up. "We will know just how Jesus felt dealing with mere mortals." We might even say to them, O, ye of little faith."

4So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

6Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.