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VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

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At the start of the Messianic Kingdom Satan, the evil source of all entropy, unrest and sin in the world will be bound for the entire thousand year Kingdom. This will greatly reduce the general angst on the earth. It will not eliminate the sin nature for those in natural bodies but greatly reduce it. Satan is the progenitor of sin, violence, and corruption that has been on the earth since he entered the Garden of Eden. Satan indwelling a serpent beguiled the first man and woman to violate God's Word therefore bringing these wicked concepts into the world.

Revelation 20:1-3

¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season (KJV).

During the Millennium there will be several topographical and physics related changes that begin at the start of the Tribulation and continue to the start of the Messianic Kingdom.

Revelation 6:12-14

¹²And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; ¹³and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. ¹⁴And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places (KJV).

One of these is the acceleration of the speed of light (Isaiah 30:26). In 1677 Olaf Roemer measured the elapsed time between eclipses of Jupiter with its moons, which yielded a finite speed of light. In 1729 James Bradley confirmed Roemer's work. Over the next 300 years, the velocity of light was measured 164 times by 16 different methodologies. The net result of all these measurements is that light is slowing down over time. So we can infer that if light has been slowing down for the last several centuries, then it must have been slowing down since the Fall of man. For example, using the same regression as observed by Roemer we could surmise that light was 10-30% faster during the time

Christ was on the earth (A.D. 33). We can then believe that light was 2 times faster during the time of Solomon (900 B.C.) If we go back further with the same regression to the time of Abraham (2350 B.C.) light could have been 4 times faster than now. Using the same regression and understanding the decay caused by the “Fall”, light could well have been 10 million times as fast at the time of the creation. It is probable that light was able to travel so fast that it was instantaneous at creation and at the origin of the stars and the earth almost at once.

In the Millennial Kingdom God will cause the speed of light to increase. The aspect of this that pertains to the Messianic Kingdom is the resulting increased productivity of the land and crops, the population increase and the longevity of life as it was prior to the Flood.

Isaiah 30:23-26

²³And he will give the rain for thy seed, wherewith thou shalt sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plenteous. In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures; ²⁴the oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat savory provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. ²⁵And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill, brooks and streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. ²⁶Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound (ASV, 1901).

The land will be well watered, produce abundant food and have a seven fold increase in light. All physical infirmities will be healed. Since the speed of light has been significantly faster closer to the creation than it is now, it is apparent that light will increase in speed during this Millennial Kingdom. This will be the reason for the increase in food production and the longevity of life in the Millennium. Again Isaiah received God declaration regarding the changes in the earth that will occur before the Millennial Kingdom

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. ¹⁸But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. ²⁰There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build, and another

inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah (ASV).

God has given us through Isaiah many characteristics of this new era coming on the earth.

1. A New creation of the heavens and the earth. This is actually better translated as newer or renovated.
2. Jerusalem will be significantly changed to accommodate the restructuring of the world government headquarters under King Jesus the Messiah.
3. Life and death in the Millennial Kingdom will be significantly different. Life will be characterized by longevity.
4. Due to the peace and prosperity as well as the acceleration of light in the Kingdom, building and planting will be enabled in abundance (Isaiah 30:23).
5. There will be an absence of war and calamity.
6. The animal kingdom will be at peace with one another and with humans as well.

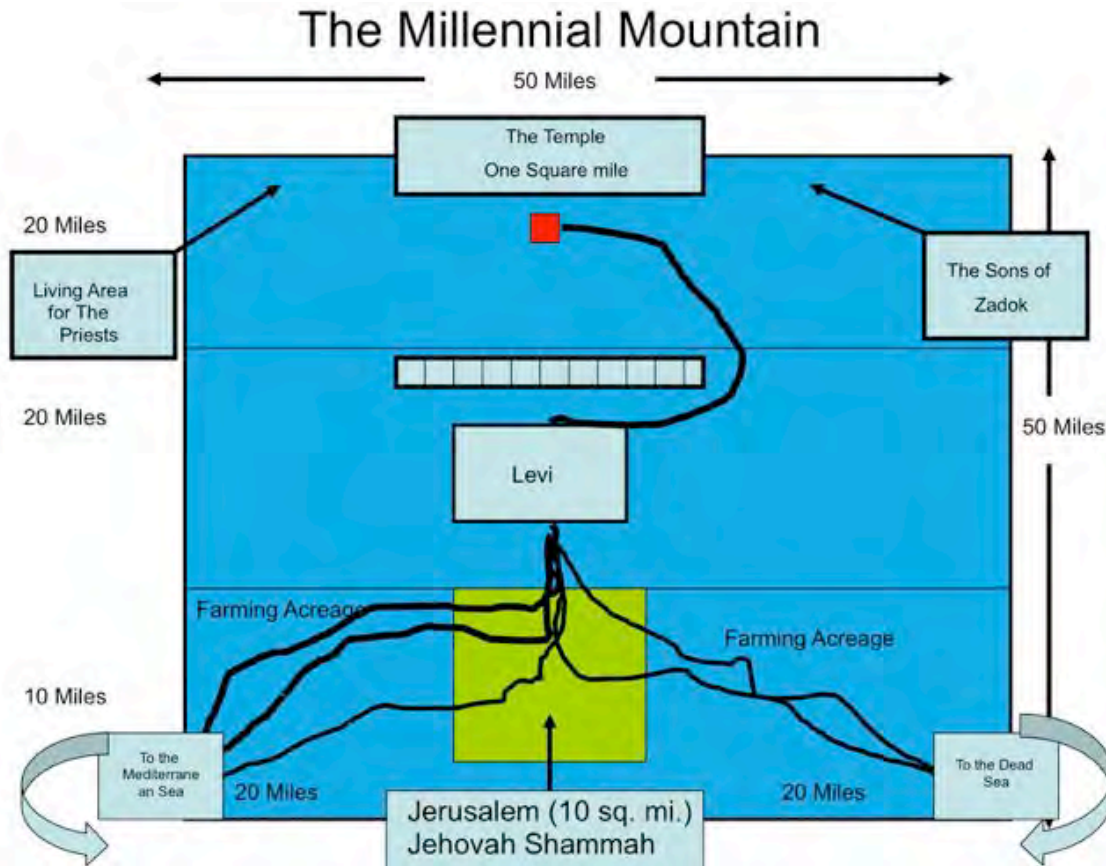
THE RENOVATION

For the entire period of the Messianic Kingdom circumstances will be significantly better than the conditions of this earth which we are presently experiencing. It should not be confused with the genuine and completely new earth and heavens of the Eternal Order which appears following the Messianic Kingdom (Revelation 21-22). There will be a continuation of many of the characteristics and practices of the present earth albeit without the angst of sin as Satan the sin originator is bound for the one-thousand years.

The land of Israel will undergo many topographical alterations as a result of the Tribulation and the inauguration of the New Covenant. The Millennial Mountain upon which the city of Jerusalem and the Temple will sit will be the highest in the earth. However the Mediterranean Sea as well as the Dead Sea will remain for example. The Dead Sea will no longer be void of life as the Millennial River will flow through into it causing it to teem with life as never before.

Zechariah 14:8

And it shall come to pass in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be (ASV, 1901).



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Ezekiel 47:8-10

⁸Then said he unto me, These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea shall the waters go which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed. ⁹And it shall come to pass, that every living creature which swarmeth, in every place whither the rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters are come thither, and the waters of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live whithersoever the river cometh. ¹⁰And it shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand by it: from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many (ASV, 1901).

MILLENNIAL JERUSALEM

Millennial Jerusalem will be discussed at length at the end of this book (Ezekiel 48:30-35). All four sides of the city are described, each will measure ten miles. The gates will all be named after the twelve sons of Jacob. God will change Jerusalem's name to

Jehovah Shammah, which means *Jehovah is there*. Since Jesus the God-Man will have His throne in the city its name Jerusalem which means the city of peace will finally be fulfilled. For this same reason the city will also be called *Jehovah our Righteousness*, according to Jeremiah 33:16.

LONGEVITY OF LIFE

Infant mortality in the Millennium will cease to exist because everyone who is born in the Kingdom will reach a minimum age of one-hundred years. The entire outlook on the length of one's life will alter significantly. People who die at the age of one hundred will be considered as having died young. Because of the Jews being unable to sin as a result of the New Covenant, and many will be there in resurrected bodies, death will be limited to those in natural bodies only. They will be unbelievers, as only they would be considered *accursed*. Death in the Kingdom will be for unbelievers only who are the offspring of those that came into the Kingdom in natural bodies and never accepted the gospel of Christ. The sin nature will continue to exist for those in natural bodies in the Kingdom but will be greatly reduced by the imprisonment of Satan in the Abyss. Those born in natural bodies will have until they reach one-hundred years of age to profess faith in Jesus or they will die as accursed.

INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY OF THE LAND

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The production of the food will be greatly increased because of the watering and increased light speed. The deserts of Israel will be again rich in food and productivity (Isaiah 35:1-2). Large volumes of food will come from the areas on the east and west side of Millennial Jerusalem on the Millennial Mountain. In the southern section of the map of the Millennial Mountain on a previous page the area will be ten miles by fifty miles. In the midst of this section Jerusalem will be located, measuring ten miles by ten miles. On either side of the city will be field areas, each measuring ten by twenty miles, for growing food. These areas will be controlled by the prince, the resurrected David, who will apportion the Land according to each tribe. The city is to cover an area of ten square miles. The areas on either side will also be for grazing land, as well as highly productive farmland (Ezekiel 48:15-18).

WAR WILL BE ABSENT FOR MOST OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

Isaiah 2:1-4

¹*The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*
²*And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.* ³*And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.* ⁴*And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning 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 any more (ASV, 1901).*

With the Messiah on His throne in Jerusalem on the Millennial Mountain the Word of God will be the governing authority in the entire earth with no need for war. Jesus will settle all differences in a peaceful manner and as a result there will no longer be any need to have the implements of war available. So the nations will reform most of their war armaments into tools used for peaceful purposes. When the complete one-thousand year Kingdom is over, Satan will be released from the Abyss. He will be able to convince some of the unsaved Gentiles to conduct an insurrection against Jerusalem. It will be quickly put down by God as they reach the city by fire that He brings down from Heaven (Revelation 20:9).

PEACE WILL REIGN BETWEEN ANIMALS AND HUMANS

Man was given dominion over all living things (Genesis 1:28c). The entire animal kingdom on the earth, in the air, and in the sea was put under the authority of man. The first exercise of this authority was man's naming of the animals (Genesis 2:19-20).

Man was to be a vegetarian (Genesis 1:29-30; 2:16). His relationship to the wildlife was one of coexistence in peace and he was to exercise authority over the animal kingdom. No blood of any kind was to be shed. God brought all the animals to Adam for him to provide names for them. After the Flood The animals were without still fear and docile toward man and each other. They easily propagated and filled the earth. At the command of God Noah sacrificed every clean beast and bird (Genesis 8:20). Up to this sacrifice the animals coexisted with humans in relative peace. After that God put the fear of man within the animal's nature. He includes "*every beast of the earth*", "*every bird of the air*", "*all wherewith the ground teemeth*" (i.e. crawls on the ground), and "*all the fishes of the sea*" (Genesis 9:2). The cattle and the domesticated animals were excluded. They would not have an inner fear of mankind, because one aspect of the Noahic covenant is that they became a food source for man. God gives man dominion over the animal kingdom, and man is required to provide responsible stewardship over the creatures of the earth. This relationship with the animal kingdom will continue until the Great Tribulation when the

animal kingdom will turn on mankind in an adversarial relationship. They will assist the Lord in the destruction of twenty-five percent of the world's human population:

Revelation 6:8

“And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and the beasts of the earth.” (KJV, underlining added)

Following the Great Tribulation comes the seventy-five day interval and then the inauguration of the Messianic Kingdom where the animal-human relationship will revert back to its Edenic state. The knowledge of God will permeate throughout the entire world, causing man and animals alike to all live peaceably together in harmony. The curse will be lifted and peace and harmony will again exist between the animal kingdom and their relationship to humans. The wolf, leopard lion, and bear are mentioned as examples of wild animals that will dwell safely with farm animals (the lamb, goat, calf, cow, and oxen). A little child will be able to safely play with lions, bears, cobras, and vipers (Isaiah 65:25). And on the temple mount of The Millennial Mountain there will be complete tranquility.

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁶And the wolf 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; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea (ASV, 1901).

The only exception to this is the serpent will retain its place following the curse God placed upon it for allowing itself to be used by Satan as a vehicle to enter the Garden of Eden and bring sin into the world. It too though will be harmless.

Isaiah 65:25

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

NEXT MESSAGE: THE PROPHECY AGAINST PART V OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM
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