

## CHAPTER FOUR - PART TWO

### DAY OF THE LORD: THE MESSIANIC ERA

#### *(Continuation of the Prologue)*

Seated on His heavenly throne, Christ Jesus announces:

"Our mission is to bring order out of disorder and to bring peace out of chaos. From the heavens, we will rule over the nations of the earth until all Gentile rule, all authority and power is put down. All enemies will be put down, and war will not exist among the nations any longer. You are kings and priests, and you shall possess power to rule over the nations. Rule over your designated cities and execute true justice, showing mercy and compassion to all. Beginning this day, govern in peace and righteousness. I will dwell on my Holy Mountain Zion in the midst of My people and sit on David's throne, as well as My Own throne with you in My kingdom in the heavens. The twelve tribes of Israel will possess the land of Israel and will also rule over the Gentile nations under your authority."

At that moment all the saints rise and say,

"Blessed be our King, blessed be our Rock, forever and ever! We serve You, we praise You, we glorify You, O Lord! Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns!' "



KINGDOM OF HEAVEN/1000 YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST



The crowd breaks up from the Messiah's announcement and proceeds to their places. As Brave Heart walks over to his section, someone pats him on the back to get his attention. He turns around to see who it is, and to his surprise, is thrilled to meet up with his most favorite group of saints. He recognizes his earthly wife and his friends that were part of his Church on earth. Joy fills his heart and he screams,

"Praise God! How awesome this is!"

He hugs everyone and they begin to converse about their experiences.

On earth, Israel has been restored and is placed as the head of the nations. As promised from the Lord, the borders of the land are divided as an inheritance among the twelve tribes. A portion of the land is set aside for the Lord, the Holy District. The priests reside in the Holy District, with the center being the sanctuary of the Lord. The Holy City contains twelve gates named after the twelve tribes of Israel and the name of the mountain is: THE LORD IS THERE. The Lord will reign on the Holy Mountain and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is called the City of Truth and the remnant of His people shall be blessed. They shall be given the fruit of the vine and the increase of the ground. No longer will they ever bear the curse among the nations, but will be strong and prosperous over them. And Israel will carry God's message to the ends of the earth for one thousand years. They shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth, for they shall feed their flocks with truth.

The Gentiles who survived the Tribulation make up the nations on the earth. Since they still possess the old sin nature, they bear children who also need to be redeemed. Israel's priestly role will be to feed the nations with God's message. At this time, God restores a unified pure language amongst all nations in the worship of Him. And all of God's people come from all nations to worship Him at Mount Zion.

Many nations arrive and say,

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths."

The tabernacle that is called the “Holiest of All” has the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold. Inside the ark of the covenant contains the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above the ark is the cherubim of glory overshadowing the Mercy Seat. And sitting on the Mercy Seat is Christ Jesus, filling the temple with all of His glory! He rules and reigns, executes judgment and righteousness on the earth. The wolf dwells with the lamb, the leopard lies down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion are together; and, a little child leads them. The cow and the bear graze alongside each other, as their young ones lie down together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child plays by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child puts his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy on His holy mountain, for the earth is full of the knowledge of the Lord and all is peaceful.

Back in the kingdom of heaven, Brave Heart delights in his priestly rule over the cities to which he is assigned. In spirit, he travels to earth to oversee the people and to promote righteousness. His responsibility is to govern the cities with justice and peace, to encourage all to keep God's statutes, to exalt the Lord and worship at His footstool.

It never ceases to amaze him as he shares the actual throne with Christ, the riches of glory and splendor of the kingdom. He is now in the place he has always dreamed of. He is ruling and reigning with Christ!

The glory of the Lord needs no tabernacle filled with the golden censor or the ephod, the breastplate, the golden lampstand, table of showbread, the altar of incense or the bronze laver, for the Lord Himself replaces all these things. He alone provides the Light, the cleansing, the sacrifice and the life.

Furthermore, Brave Heart receives the supernatural sustenance that comes from the Manna and the Tree of Life that enables him to function effectively as co-ruler in Christ's kingdom. And the most awesome part of the kingdom is the ability to be with Christ, to have a special intimacy with Him.

...Now the thousand years is finished and God releases Satan, who deceives the nations of the earth once again. And as a result of Satan's deceptive acts, the world's armies gather for battle against God as they had done before. Brave Heart knows that this is God's ultimate plan that will

close out the Messianic Era, to make an end of sin, to finish the transgression, and to seal up vision and prophecy. He will deliver the kingdom to God the Father, after He puts an end to all rule, all authority and all power. Christ must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet and the last enemy to be destroyed is Death, so that God His Father may be all in all.

The nations gather together, with millions and millions of soldiers, and surround outside the city of Jerusalem.

Brave Heart tells the others,

"Why do the nations rage, and the people plot such a vain thing?"

The nations counsel together against the Lord and against His Son, saying,

"Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us."

And the Lord God who sits in the heavens laughs at them and holds them in derision. With the breath of God, fire comes down out of heaven and devours them all. The devil who deceived them is cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever. Then, the earth and the works that are in it are burned up, as the elements melt with fervent heat and all creation is dissolved.

Afterwards, Brave Heart and the other saints enter the throne room of God to witness the Great White Throne Judgment. First, the sea delivers up the dead and then Hades delivers up the rest of the dead. A great multitude is now present before God's throne. God the Father, Christ by His right hand side and all the saints arrayed in white linen are seated. God is ready to commence judgment on the unsaved.



GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT for the unsaved  
LAKE OF FIRE

Books are opened and the dead are judged according to the things which were written in the books; according to their works. Then Death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life are also cast into the lake burning with brimstone forever.

Immediately following, a great noise is heard and the heavens are seen passing away, being on fire, as their elements dissolve. Brave Heart stands watching in amazement as he witnesses this occurrence, saying,

"The end of the Millennium is here, now all things are made new."

*(Prologue to be continued in Chapter four, part three)*

The kingdom of heaven is near; within our reach. The Seventh day, the Third day, will begin the Day of the Lord — the Messianic Era. The Seventh Day is a reference to the Day of Rest, which will begin after 6,000 years from Adam (the first Adam), that which is foreshadowed by the seventh day in **Genesis 2:1-3**. The Third Day is a reference to the Day of Resurrection and will begin following 2,000 years from Pentecost (from Christ's Resurrection; the last Adam), that which is foreshadowed by the third day of creation in **Genesis 1:9, 10** (the waters signifying baptism and resurrection).

Note that Scripture equates *the Day of the Lord* with *the Lord's Day*. Within the context of **Revelation 1:10**, it is clear to see that John's reference to the "Lord's Day" is a reference to the *future* "Day of the Lord." Their meaning is one and the same.

John was not only raptured to heaven but he was transported forward in time to the end of this dispensation where he saw Christ as Judge in the midst of the Church. From this point forward, matters surrounding first the Church and then Israel have to do with judgment and redemption during the Lord's Day, the Day of the Lord. The prophecies recorded in the Old Testament associate the *Day of the Lord* with the Lord's judgment and with redemption (**Joel 2:1-11; Amos 5:16-27; Zephaniah 1:2-18; Zechariah 14:1-15; Malachi 4:1-6**). At the end of 6,000 years of Man's Day, "*the kingdoms of this world*" will become "*the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!*" (**Revelation 11:15**).

The redemption of the inheritance will be completed at this time. The bride will be revealed as Christ's wife. Satan and his angels will no longer hold the scepter of rulership over the earth. Christ the King with His consort queen will finally hold the scepter.

The Day of the Lord, the Messianic Era, is referred to as "*the times of restoration of all things,*" in **Acts 3:19-21**:

*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

*and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,*

*whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*

At present, Christ is acting as High Priest according to the order of Aaron. During the Day of the Lord, a period of one thousand years, there will be a restoration of all things through Christ's work of judging as Priest and King according to the order of Melchizedek (**Hebrews 7:15**). Melchizedek, a type of Christ, was a king-priest in Salem (**Genesis 14:18**). Salem is an older, shorter name for Jerusalem. The word is based on the root from which we get the word, *shalom*, meaning "peace." Christ will administer cleansing and judgment over the nations of the earth until He (along with His bride and God's wife, Israel) has put down all rule, all power and all authority.

*"For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet."*  
**(1 Corinthians 15:25)**

Christ will have a dual reign during this time. Christ's rule from the heavens will include His co-heirs (His bride taken from His body, the Church), who will have power and authority over the nations of the earth. Christ's rule on earth will include Israel (God's wife) who will be at the head of the nations. The kingdom that man was created to rule will consist of two spheres -- an earthly sphere and a heavenly sphere:

### **Earthly Sphere (Israel):**

*For the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously. (Isaiah 24:23)*

### **Heavenly Sphere (Church):**

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



The two spheres of the kingdom can clearly be identified within the Book of **Revelation** chapter **five** concerning the redemption of the inheritance, which had to do with both heavenly and earthly spheres of the kingdom about to exist under Christ, His bride, and Israel over the Gentile nations.

God's perfectly divine plan is revealed using many different forms, i.e., using numbers, types and antitypes, metaphors, and parables. For example, *the number three represents divine perfection and the number seven represents completion.* "Three" reflects the trinity, the third day of Christ's resurrection, and the third one thousand year period from Pentecost -- **the Kingdom Age.** "Seven" reflects the Seventh day of rest, the Sabbath, and the seventh one-thousand year period from Adam --- **the Kingdom Age.**

An example of the redemptive timeline associated with the Seventh Day is recorded in chapter **six** in the Book of **Joshua**, a passage that pertains to the destruction of Jericho:

*Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua: See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.*

*It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."*

**(Joshua 6:1-5)**

*But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!"* **(Joshua 6:15, 16)**

In **Joshua 6:1-26**, the typology has to do with Israel. It has to do with Israel's repentance at the end of the Tribulation and their *faith* in the Lord. The account of Joshua and the destruction of Jericho is a similar picture of what will occur at the end of this age with Israel and the destruction of Gentile world power. Upon Israel's repentance at the end of the Tribulation, Christ will return, gather the whole of Israel, restore them back to their land, and bring down Gentile domination. At this point in time, Israel will gain the city of Jerusalem forever.

By the same analogy, at the end of six thousand years immediately prior to the Tribulation, at the sound of His trumpet and His great shout (**Psalm 47; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17**), God will raise the Church to heaven to be judged. Upon decisions and determinations at the Judgment Seat of Christ, those who had remained *faithful* during their earthly tenure will be chosen as the bride of Christ and will be rewarded with inheriting the kingdom. On the Seventh Day, Israel will inherit the earthly portion of the kingdom, and the bride of Christ will inherit the heavenly portion of the kingdom.

Therefore, it will be our *faith* that will bring about our victory in gaining the kingdom in the age to come, just as it was Israel's *faith* that brought about the fall of Jericho, allowing them their victory in gaining the earthly kingdom. We see this recorded in **Hebrews 11:30**:

*By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.*

On the Seventh Day, after six thousand years from Adam, the Messianic Era will begin. The *rest* in **Hebrews** chapters **three** and **four** is patterned after God's own rest on the seventh day of creation. It is a *rest* associated with entering the kingdom of heaven, which will be awarded to overcomers who have finished their work for God while living on earth. Therefore, this *rest* is not automatic; but is conditional, requiring diligence and *faithful* obedience to God. The truth is that most Christians today, like the Israelites of the past, will not qualify.

*Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years.*

*Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.'*

*So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest.' "*  
**(Hebrews 3:7-11)**

Since the time of Israel's crucifixion of their Messiah and their subsequent setting aside as a nation, the Jewish people today find themselves in an *unbelieving state*. And because Christ's High Priestly ministry is a present work on behalf of *believers* (the Church), the Jewish people cannot presently avail themselves of any cleansing from defilement. They could not go to Christ and receive cleansing, for the Mosaic Law had to be of the Levitical line and Christ is not of this line. Christ is from the tribe of Judah. However, Christ *can* conduct a ministry for Christians during the present dispensation, as Christians are not under the Mosaic Law.

Not until that Day, at Christ's second coming, will Israel experience her national Passover – through applying the blood which was shed 2,000 years ago under the new covenant. Today, Israel has yet to apply the blood, a firm belief in the Lord (as opposed to the first generation Israelites under Moses, though disobedient afterwards, did apply the blood at Passover under the first covenant – though the first covenant failed as it involved works of the flesh. Hence, the reason for Christ's first coming and a new covenant).

But in that future Day, Israel's eyes will be opened; the nation as a whole will experience *the birth from above* (issues surrounding spirit salvation) when they look upon the One Whom "they have pierced." Only then will cleansing occur and Israel be saved. God will put a new spirit in them and they will walk in truth and righteousness. Therefore, Israel today will remain in her present blinded condition until the end of the Tribulation. The nation still remains in unbelief and will not be able to find rest in the Promise Land during the present day. Christ must first terminate His present ministry after the order of Aaron for Christians and return as King-Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Only then can Israel be cleansed and be free to return to her land, within a theocracy.

For the nation of Israel, God's *rest* will be the entrance and inheritance of the earthly land, the Millennial kingdom. For qualified Christians, God's *rest* will be the entrance and inheritance of the heavenly land, the Millennial kingdom. And by understanding the Third Day and the Seventh Day as it relates to the Day of the Lord, we can begin to discern the signs of the times, the end of this age.