

Conditions Existing Within the Millennium

We have been looking at what the conditions of the Kingdom (Millennium) will look like in last week's lesson. We will see more of that this week. Understand, my focus is mostly on the conditions that were expected by Israel as fulfillment of the New Covenant as well as the other three unconditional covenants.

Peace

Isa 2:4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

Zech. 9:10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

There will be a cessation of war through the unification of nations and kingdoms of the world under the King of Kings. During the Tribulation, Satan attempts to mimic this very feature of the Millennium and deceive many into believing they are in the Kingdom. It is a fake peace that fails. This peace in the Millennium will result in great economic prosperity (Isa. 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 32:17-18).

Joy

Isa. 9:3 Thou shalt multiply the nation, Thou shalt increase their gladness; They will be glad in Thy presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Jer 31:13 "Then the virgin shall rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together, For I will turn their mourning into joy, And will comfort them, and give them joy for their sorrow.

Zech. 19:6 "And I shall strengthen the house of Judah, And I shall save the house of Joseph, And I shall bring them back, Because I have had compassion on them; And they will be as though I had not rejected them,

For I am the LORD their God, and I will answer them. 7 “And Ephraim will be like a mighty man, And their heart will be glad as if from wine; Indeed, their children will see it and be glad, Their heart will rejoice in the LORD.

The Kingdom will be characterized by happiness and joy

Holiness

Isa. 60:21 “Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

Ezek. 36:24-31 “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 “And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

28 “And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

29 “Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.

30 “And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

31 “Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

The Millennium will be characterized by holiness and righteousness. It will be manifested through the King and His reign and His subjects.

Glory

Isa. 4:2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.

Isa 35:2 It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, The majesty of our God.

Isa. 40:5 Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

The glory of Christ will be revealed for all to see. It will be visible in His person and His reign as King.

Comfort

Isa. !2:1-2 Then you will say on that day, “I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD; For although Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, And Thou dost comfort me. 2 “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.”

Isa. 30:26 And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted.

The King will personally minister to every need, so there will be a fullness of comfort.

Justice

Isa. 9:7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Jer 23:5 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Injustice will be banished under the King's rule. Christ will administer in perfect justice.

Full Knowledge

Isa. 54:13 And all your sons will be taught of the LORD; And the well-being of your sons will be great.

Hab 2:14 “For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea

There will be a full knowledge and understanding of the Lord and His expectations. This will be represented by an unparalleled teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Instruction

Isa 2:2-3 Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.

3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways, And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isa 32:3-4 Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, And the ears of those who hear will listen. 4 And the mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly

Jer 3:14-15 ‘Return, O faithless sons,’ declares the LORD; ‘For I am a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.’ 15 “Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

There will be great teaching during the Millennium as the knowledge of the Lord is spread. Eyes will be opened, ears will hear as the HS works in the hearts of men. God will send "shepherds after his own heart" (teachers) among His people to feed them with His Word.

The Removal of the Curse

Rom. 8:18-23 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

19* For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

20* For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

21* that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22* For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23* And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Isa. 11:6-9 Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

As part of the fall of man a curse has been placed on "creation". Romans speaks of creation groaning in anticipation of the removal of that curse. The Isaiah passage describes what the conditions will be like after the curse is lifted. It also tells us something of what the conditions in the Garden were before the fall of Adam.

Sickness is Removed

Isa. 33:24 And no resident will say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.

Ezek. 34:16 "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.

Israel was promised national blessings including health under the Law. They were also promised sickness and affliction if they failed to keep the Law (Deut 28). In the Gospels and Acts especially, we Israel full of blind,

sick, leprous, and lame citizens. This is symbolic of Israel's apostasy, their spiritual sickness, and is evidence of God's discipline on them as promised in Deuteronomy 28. With the universal righteousness of the Millennium, God is free to bless Israel and the world with good health. There will be no sickness during the Millennium.

Healing of the Deformed

Micah 4:6-7 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “I will assemble the lame, And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted.

7 “I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcasts a strong nation, And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever.

Zeph. 3:19 “Behold, I am going to deal at that time With all your oppressors, I will save the lame And gather the outcast, And I will turn their shame into praise and renown In all the earth.

God will heal and remove deformities at the beginning of the Millennium.

Protection

Ezek. 34:25-29 “And I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 “And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.

27 “Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28 “And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid.

29 “And I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore

Zech. 9:8 But I will camp around My house because of an army,
Because of him who passes by and returns; And no oppressor will pass
over them anymore,

There will be no more war, and God promises Israel His personal protection. Israel will dwell safe in the land, and with no more war and perfect righteousness and justice prevailing, there will be no need to fear for one's safety.

Freedom from Oppression

Isa 14:3-7 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved,

4 ¶ that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say,
“How the oppressor has ceased, And how fury has ceased!

5 “The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of rulers

6 Which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes,
Which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution.

7 “The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; They break forth into shouts of joy.

Oppression is removed - no social, political, or religious oppression - No more Talibans of this world.

No Premature Death

Isa 65:20 “No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at
the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one
hundred Shall be thought accursed. (NASB)

Isa 65:20 “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. (NIV)

Here is the NRSV version ...

Isa 65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. (NRSV)

Long life will be common as with the patriarchs and before. Adam was designed to live forever in the Garden. Only the "accursed" will die young in the Millennium — those who are taken out under a death penalty. I don't believe there will be any death during the Millennium except in cases of murder or death penalty. If there is no sickness to damage the human body, death will at the least be postponed almost indefinitely.

Repopulation of the Earth

Zech. 10:8 “I will whistle for them to gather them together, For I have redeemed them; And they will be as numerous as they were before

Jer 30:18-22 “Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob And have compassion on his dwelling places; And the city shall be rebuilt on its ruin, And the palace shall stand on its rightful place.

19 ‘And from them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry; And I will multiply them, and they shall not be diminished; I will also honor them, and they shall not be insignificant.

20 ‘Their children also shall be as formerly, And their congregation shall be established before Me; And I will punish all their oppressors ... ’

With no sickness and long life, people will reproduce well into their advanced ages. The Millennium will begin with but a few survivors of the Tribulation and will end with the earth fully repopulated.

Labor

Will they have to work during the Millennium?

Isa. 62:8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, “I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will foreigners drink your new wine, for which you have labored.”

9 But those who garner it will eat it, and praise the LORD; And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.

Isa 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

There will be a perfected economic system under the King. The needs of man will be abundantly provided for by labor in that system. There will be agriculture and industry.

Economic Prosperity

Isa. 30:23 Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork

Micah 4:1 But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and 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;

3 and he will judge between many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off: 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.

4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Jehovah of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For all the peoples walk every one in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God for ever and ever.

There will be great economic prosperity during the Kingdom. That prosperity will be from God and the righteous rule of our Lord.

Increase in Light

Isa 30:26 Moreover 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.

There will be a dramatic increase in light. This increase will probably result in increased productivity on earth.

Unified language

Zeph 3:9 For then will I turn to the peoples of a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent.

Languages were scrambled at the Tower of Babel to thwart Satan's plan to control man. That device is no longer needed. Human discourse will be unlimited by language.

Unified Worship

Zech 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land

Zech. 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

All the world will unite in worship of the King of Kings. There will be no more idols, or cults, or false teachings, and more apostasy.

Presence of God

Ezek. 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the nations shall know that I am Jehovah that sanctifieth Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Zech. 2:10 “Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” declares the LORD.

11 “And many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

12 “And the LORD will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

13 “Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is aroused from His holy habitation.”

God will dwell with man in the form of Christ as the reigning King and will be visibly present.

Fullness of the Spirit

Isa. 59: 19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west And His glory from the rising of the sun, For He will come like a rushing stream, Which the wind of the LORD drives.

20 “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares the LORD.

21 “And as for Me, this is My covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,” says the LORD, “from now and forever.”

Ezek. 36:26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 “And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Divine presence and enablement will be experienced by all who are in submission to God's authority. Like as in the Church Age, the “walking” believer will be Spirit-filled and enabled to have victory over sin.

Perpetual Millennium State

Amos 9:15 “I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them,” Says the LORD your God.

Ezek. 43:7 ¶ And He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the corpses of their kings when they die,

8 by setting their threshold by My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, with only the wall between Me and them. And they have defiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed. So I have consumed them in My anger.

9 “Now let them put away their harlotry and the corpses of their kings far from Me; and I will dwell among them forever.

This pretty well covers what the Kingdom/Millennium will look like. Briefly, it will be a time that resembles the Garden.

Isa 11:6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain ...

Isaiah described the righteous kingdom which the Messiah will set up. The curse will be lifted, peace and harmony will be present, and wild animals will again be tame and harmless to domesticated animals and humans. And on the temple mount (God’s **holy mountain**; cf. 27:13; 56:7; 57:13; 65:11, 25; 66:20) tranquility will prevail.

As you can see this will be a very special and nearly unique time, certainly one with which we have no real frame of reference in our experience. When you consider all the attributes of the Kingdom, it is clear that it very much resembles the Garden of Eden — but with two significant differences: One is that Satan and his fallen angels are locked up and the second is

that those humans in their physical bodies still have their sin natures. Since Satan and his fallen angels cannot influence mankind, only man's sin nature can tempt him. BUT he has the indwelling Holy Spirit and full knowledge of sin to empower him to have victory over sin. Failure to control sin will have immediate judgment and correction under the concept of the iron scepter rule.

It should seem odd to many of you that here we have mankind living under these utopian-like conditions with everything provided, righteousness, prosperity, abundance, safety, and joy, among other things, that man would even consider sinning. Much of what creates temptation will not be there to tempt, and yet ...

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

At the end of the 1,000 years Satan will be released for a little while and will lead a rebellion. You might be thinking since the weapons of war were destroyed 1,000 years before and man has "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" (Isa 2:4) how does this "battle" happen? That word translated "battle" in Rev 20:8 is *polemos* /**pol**-em-os/ and is usually translated "battle" or "war". But it can also be translated a dispute, strife, or quarrel. I am thinking this "battle" might be more like a giant protest and if violent at all, then it is with stones and sharpened sticks. The more important question is why? Why would man do this?

Two words: Iron Scepter. I am suspecting that man is rebelling against being told he MUST behave in a certain way or face discipline, a manifestation of man's own arrogance. Though the earth has been

repopulated and that process started with believers and continued under righteousness and full knowledge with the presence of the Holy Spirit — even with all that and this utopian-like environment, some of those born during this period were not true believers at all and only pretended to go along with the program. But now! But now, they have a leader with Satan released, and Satan takes full advantage of what he knows is pent-up resentment (arrogance) among those who are truly his and leads this rebellion.

Obviously, God was not surprised by any of this and uses this incident to reveal those who are not truly His own.

To the rest of us, we get to realize that even under the most ideal conditions found in the Kingdom, man is still capable of anything, and it is not until man is brought to full glorification and receives his resurrection body is he 100% free of sin with his focus 100% on glorifying his Creator.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Great White Throne Judgment, which is also called the “Last Judgment” and the “Judgment of the Wicked Dead” happens after this rebellion. Only unbelievers are present here to be judged. This will be a final judgment of all those through history that has rejected God and His provisions for redemption. Their names will not be found in the Book of Life, which contains only the names of believers. The second book, the Book of Works is opened and their name is searched. “And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.” Not in the possession of the imputed righteousness of Christ, their works, not sin,

which was judged at the Cross, will be compared to the perfect righteousness of Christ and found lacking. Lake of Fire!

Chapters 21 and 22 of Revelation speaks of the creation of the New Heavens and the New Earth after the first is destroyed by fire, and the Kingdom continues into eternity. But every single person present is in resurrection bodies and shed of their sin natures. ALL that was lost by the First Adam is restored to the Father by the Second Adam.

Key Points From This Study

1. The Mosaic Covenant or Law of Moses was a conditional covenant between God and the whole nation of Israel.
2. It was conditional in that both parties, God and Israel, were obligated under its terms.
3. God promised blessings if Israel met its terms and discipline if they failed to meet its terms.
4. It was a system for managing the nation and demonstrating Israel's unique relationship with God to other nations.
5. It was designed to reveal man's sinful nature—to make the Israelites (and mankind) aware of their sinfulness.
6. God left provisions in the covenant by which the repentant Israelite could find temporary forgiveness for their sins through the Levitical sacrificial system.
7. It was never intended to be a system by which Israelites could find righteousness for salvation.
8. It was designed to point to the fact that man could not save himself through human works but needed of a savior.
9. The covenant was eventually perverted by man into a burdensome system of laws and rules that no one could live by.
10. The promised Messiah and His Kingdom were to be the ultimate fulfillment of what the Law pointed to but could not deliver.
11. The Law was a system of works, but the Kingdom is one of Grace.

And that concludes our study of Israel and the Law of Moses.