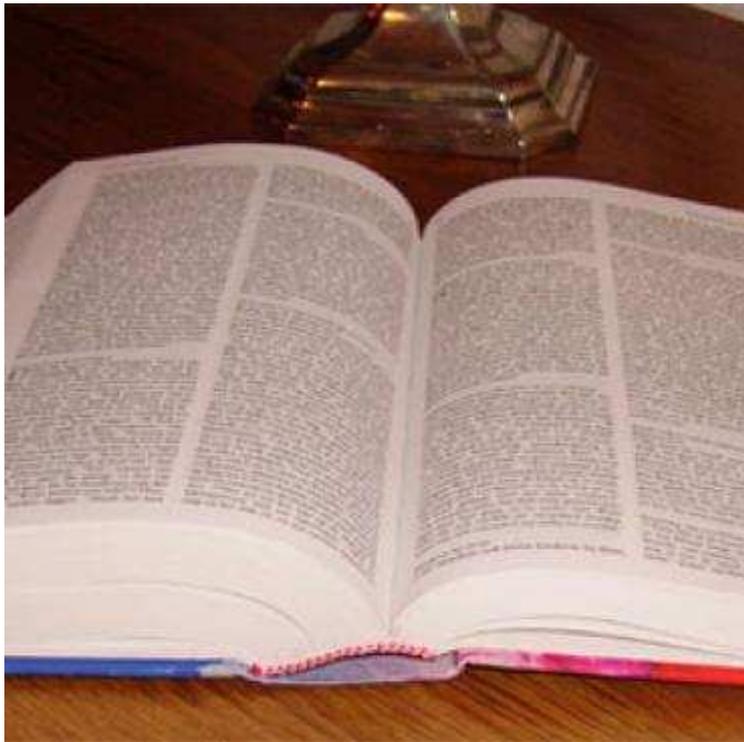


What Scripture teaches about  
**the Millennium of  
King Jesus**



**The porch of  
the New Heaven and  
the New Jerusalem.**

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# 1.

## Who will NOT inhabit the earth, when the Lord is establishing the Millennium?

### *In the Millennium there will be no repenting sinners.*

There often is a wrong idea about this coming feast on earth. Let us look at the subject on the basis of God's Word, then we will have a Scriptural idea of what God has prepared in the Millennium for those who love Him.

Let us first determine that our time of grace will not last forever. This period will be closed. There comes a time that the door of grace will close. God does not give grace to man for ever. We shall first read a few texts, starting with Luke 13:24-28

*"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath **shut to** the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."*

Here one sees that the door of mercy is closed, while there is still life on earth. Thus it is not the ending of earthly life. The earth will continue on, but there comes a time when the Lord says: "Stop, now it is finished!" Then no one will come in anymore. And thus that period will come, when grace unto new repentance will be given no longer, after that He has risen and has closed the door.

Then they will say: *"We have eaten and drunk in Your presence"*. These are the people who come to the congregation, but have not repented; for there are also unrepentant souls in the church. The congregation is not the Body of Christ, but the Body of Christ must be build from it. Therefore there are people in the congregation, who are hangers-on; they listen, but they do not let the Word work in their heart and deep inside them. To them He says: "Go away from Me, I do not know you."

This door that is closed, however, is not the same door as the one in Matthew 25. That is the door to the Marriage, a totally different door, for there it concerns the separation between the wise and the foolish virgins. The wise virgins will go in, for they are prepared, ready. And being prepared for the Marriage means having undergone complete sanctification. They have gone in into the Holy of holies; spotless, without a wrinkle, unblemished is the Bride of Christ! We can read this in Ephesians 5. When the Bride will have gone unto the Marriage, a great revival will follow.

Hence this is not the same door as the one in Luke 13.

When this door is closed, it means this is the absolute end of mercy. Those that are pardoned, who have repented, but are not yet fully sanctified, will be further sanctified in the Great Tribulation. This door of grace is closed at the beginning of the Great Tribulation. This is not clearly seen immediately, but we will notice from the consequences of the Great Tribulation that this is true.

We can also see this on the basis of the image Noah's ark gives. The door of Noah's ark was closed by God just before the great Flood came, prior to the great judgments of God. The Flood is an image of the great judgments of God that will bring destruction over the earth. So also the judgments that follow, the remaining trumpet judgments and vial judgments, will be deadly and destructive. It is a clearing away, just as the people in Noah's time were cleared away. All life was annihilated, only Noah's family remained.

Hence this door of Noah's ark is a typical image of the door of grace. When that was closed, people came to pound on it and said: "Let us in!" But Noah was not able to open the door himself, for God had closed the door. And when God has closed the door, no person can open it anymore. In Amos 8:11-14 we read:

*"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again."*

Pay heed: they shall **not** find it, for the door is closed. There comes a hunger for the spiritual, and they shall not be satisfied. It so often happens, that when something is offered, there is no market for it; but when it is all gone, then they suddenly all ask for it. But then there is nothing anymore; so it is with the Gospel: when the door is closed, they suddenly go and look for it (the Gospel), but they will not find it.

These people swear by the sin of Samaria. The sin is Samaria is disobedience.

Jerobeam, namely, received ten out of the twelve tribes of Israel; the other two tribes remained with the son of Solomon, and those two are Jerusalem, of which God says: *"You must worship in Jerusalem"*. Jerobeam, however, feared that the ten tribes would eventually be added unto the two other tribes. God said: "Do My will and I will bless you as king, and your descendants".

But he (Jerobeam) was disobedient and said: "No, do not go to Jerusalem, but rather go to Bethel". In Bethel he made a holy place with two gold calves, and said: "Here is your god!" This is separation and disobedience to the will of God, which is idolatry. This is Jerobeam's fault.

They also swore by the god of Dan. And what is that god of Dan? In one of the last prophecies about Dan it is said, that Dan is a serpent. This is an indicator of the end time. This serpent, namely, is the antichrist.

Now the manner of Beersheba: this is the road where Hagar heard the voice of God. Thus, Beersheba refers to prophecy, and in this case to the false prophet of the end time.

Here the antichrist and the false prophet are covertly put forward. Thus, these people believe in the antichrist and in the false prophet. Whatever the case, in this period they do not receive grace. This period is marked by the Great Tribulation, wherein is total disobedience, and worship of the god of Dan and the following of the false prophet: the manner of Beersheba.

Let us see what Amos 5:5-6 say about this manner of Beersheba, and the other ways, in order to find out what is meant by it.

*"But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought. Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel."*

Here the Lord says three things.

One should not ground one's faith on Bethel. And by Bethel is meant dreams, for Jacob dreamed there of the ladder that reached into heaven. Therefore one should not ground one's faith on dreams; nor on Gilgal: visions. At Gilgal Joshua received a vision of the Lord. One's religious life should not be determined by visions. Neither on the prophecies indicated by Beersheba where Hagar heard the voice of God. One should seek the Lord, the Word of God; one should live by God Himself, the personal contact with the **living Word** should determine our lives. Not dreams (Bethel), not visions (Gilgal), nor prophecies (Beersheba). If God gives a prophecy, or if God gives a dream, or if God gives a vision, well, praise the Lord. But we should not seek this. One should not ground one's religious life on these three things, which are added, but one's faith should be grounded on the Word and on the faith in a living God.

We have the written Word, which is the Bible, and we have the living Word, which is the Lord Jesus and His Spirit; with Whom we should be in contact. He renews us. The devil can mislead us. He (the devil) could give us dreams too, and visions, and prophecies; false dreams, false visions, and false prophecies. In this way a good many Christians have been misguided because of these things, and have strayed from the truth. Thus, one should ground one's faith on the **Word of God Himself**.

### ***Of the Jews one third will survive the Great Tribulation, and will be prepared for the Millennium.***

Let us go to Jeremiah 30:11

*"For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."*

One sees here that there will be a period of total reckoning for the heathens, namely the Great Tribulation. But then the Lord proceeds with Israel. Do you remember: He shall lift up again the hut of David when the time of the heathens is past. In the Great Tribulation, He will work on the Jews by means of the two witnesses, and cause them to repent. We know that not all will come to repentance; the Lord will save only one-third part, two thirds He will have to destroy. We read this in Zechariah 13:8-9

*"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."*

One-third part of the people of Israel will be saved by the work of the two witnesses; two thirds will remain disobedient and reject the preaching of the two witnesses. Not everyone in Israel will be saved, only they who repent unto the Lord God. For the Pharisees were also from Israel, they too were Jews. But the Lord said that they were children of satan. Satan was their father. Not every Jew is a Jew, but only he who is circumcised in the heart, in other words: whoever turns to God and has received the circumcision of the heart by the mighty Spirit. He (God) must therefore do the work, and one third will be willing to be purified by God, will go unto the road of sanctification.

### ***All unrepentant sinners will receive the mark of the antichrist in the Great Tribulation, and are thus condemned forever.***

During the Great Tribulation all people, all sinners, will be marked by the antichrist with the seal of the antichrist. When one has received this mark, there will be no question anymore of repentance. Again one sees the total closing of the door of grace for all people. Let us look at this on the basis of Revelation 13:16-17.

*"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."*

When one reads this well then one sees that it is written that **all** people will be given this mark, with no exceptions, save, of course, the Christians, but these will therefore be killed, being considered dangerous for the state. So all

people have the mark of the antichrist. (The number of his name is 666; in my opinion it might be a name consisting of 3x6 letters, e.g. "Hitler" [1x6 letters], "Saddam Husayn" [2x6 letters]; hence a name consisting of three names of 6 letters each. I do not know this for certain, but it could be.) So all people will be given the mark of the antichrist and the consequences thereof we see in Revelation 14:9-11.

*"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up **for ever and ever**: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."*

So, we see here that when one has received that mark, one shares the satanic nature. For it not only is a mark, but at the same time the anti Christian nature invades one and takes possession of one. All those who have received the mark of the antichrist on their foreheads or hands, are lost and condemned for all time and eternity. God says that whenever one receives the mark one is lost. No repentance is possible anymore; one is condemned for all eternity.

Therefore, when people say that it is still possible for people to repent during the Millennium, this is, scripturally seen, the greatest nonsense, for all people are already condemned by the mark of the antichrist.

### ***All Christians who will be in the Great Tribulation will be killed by the antichrist.***

What about the Christians that are left; those that will not be part of the Bride, when she is taken up; those that will be killed by the antichrist? Let us read Revelation 13:7 for this.

*"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."*

The saints, without any restriction, will all be overcome by the beast, one after the other. Not all at once, for his government seeks all people who do not have his mark. One thing must be understood clearly: they have satanic eyes and see through one. They know exactly who one is. The whole world will thus be stripped of all Christians. The holocaust of all Christians. Hitler worked a holocaust of 6.5 million Jews, but the antichrist will do this to countless people. For when one reads Revelation 7, it says:

*"Who are they, **the countless ones** who have come out of the Great Tribulation, and were killed?"*

These come from all over the world and are disposed of. Then satan will have his way, he will not leave one stone upon another, and all that are called Christian, shall be annihilated, even the so-called Christians of the great whore will be killed. ("*The great whore*" are all those, that do not only worship Jesus, but accept all teachings, such as islam, buddhism, etc. Most likely this is the New Age in all her glory.) So, all who are called "Christian" will be slaughtered. One sees here that all Christians will be killed in the Great Tribulation. Let us go to Revelation 11:1-2

*"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months."*

So, all forecourt Christians will enter the Great Tribulation anyway. These are the Christians who are not sanctified, who come to church, but do not take the faith so seriously, and do not want to be sanctified. Their faith is only a part of their existence, for the rest they live as worldly men. God's Word names them "foolish", because their life's focus is on this world. They do not seek sanctification, they only seek God's blessings for this world, for their daily actions: for a beautiful home, a good wife, a beautiful car, etc.; everything for this world. They have not invited the healing power of the Holy Spirit. The ones that did accept this healing power (those of the holy place) are to be measured to see if they live up to the measure. And that measure is the "measure of Christ". This can be found in Ephesians 4:13 "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". If one does not live up to this measure, then one will be left behind with the forecourt Christians; with the people who were not sanctified. So, the ones that are partly sanctified will also be left behind. Only the Bride of Christ, who is completely sanctified, is taken up, because they are without spot or wrinkle.

All other believers will be left behind and be trampled down by the antichrist. The "gentiles" will tread on the holy city. All God's people are called the holy city, from "high to low". One also sees here, that the Christians are killed, the forecourt Christians, thus the worldly Christians, and the Christians who are partly sanctified. They will be killed, but, if they have remained faithful to their Lord, their spirits will be preserved in Paradise; their bodies will decay in the grave. And we read in Revelation 7:13-14 that many will suffer this (fate).

*"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came **out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

In verse 9 we can read that their number is countless, coming out of all nations and tribes and peoples and languages. Under the pressure of the Great Tribulation their lives will be sanctified, made white, in the blood of the Lamb. For then (in the Great Tribulation) the Christian will not be accepted anymore; now they still are if they join in a little with the world. The pressure of the circumstances will force them to choose then, and they will be all for the

Lord. Their clothes will be made white by the blood of the Lamb. These then are they who are from the forecourt, and from the holy place, but who do not yet come up to the measure of Christ.

## 2.

### If one wants to belong to the Bride of the Lamb, one must have oneself sanctified 100% by Word and Spirit, otherwise one will find oneself in the Great Tribulation.

One sees here how important it is to enter in **now**, to go all out; it concerns especially **the inner man**. Many Christians do not sin with outward sins, but with the inward ones. In their thoughts, in the meditations of the heart. Just look at Laodicea: "...Thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." They do not know it, but their hearts were long ago invaded by satan, and they do not know it. We must banish satan from our thoughts in and by the power of Jesus. If we don't our mouth will say wrong things. The Lord says in Matthew 12: "One will be judged by **everything** one has said." This is because the source, which is one's heart, is not yet pure. And if one's heart is not yet pure, then please ask the Lord to set a guard for one's mouth that one will not talk gibberish, for that is when one will call judgment and condemnation over oneself. While gossiping about someone else one condemns oneself. Matthew 12:36-37,

*"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."*

After every word from one's mouth, one shall be judged, every idle word, every wrong and sinful word; when speaking and gossiping about someone else, when speaking and judging another. One shall be judged after all these words, if they are not washed by God in the blood of the Lamb; if one has not begged the Lord for forgiveness, and has not laid down everything in order to be delivered from them. As Isaiah said: "Lord, deliver me, I am a sinful person, with sinful lips." The Lord then touched his lips with a fiery coal that his lips should be purified by it. That fiery coal is the power of the Holy Ghost.

James says that our tongue is an unruly evil, no one, no man can control the tongue. God must do it, God must set a guard on our mouth, and burn our mouth with the fiery coals of the Holy Spirit, and purify our hearts. And when our heart is **completely** purified, then only good will proceed from the mouth. If the heart is not yet fully cleansed, ugly and bitter things will come out, and we will be condemned. Did you know that our tongue could bring either life or death? This is written in Proverbs 18:21,

*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*

Many Christians suffer from it. It is a great stumbling block for many Christians. The fruit is death or life. Remember that! One had better think twice or three times before saying something. Stop your tongue and ask the Lord for a guard, for the tongue is not to be controlled.

When one is furious, one is in satan's power; one then says things that will bring a curse on the other, **and on oneself**. And how many Christians do this when they talk about someone else; they may be angry and then say ugly things.

They splurge all kinds of bad things and still think that God will have mercy on them. Dear friends, this is a power, a force in the church, that needs to be controlled. Sanctification of the heart is necessary. How many Christians thus walk in darkness? Even when Spirit-filled. How many born-again children of God aren't there who walk around with a gossiping tongue?

We are only sanctified when the Holy Spirit has conquered our inner man **completely**. Someone who speaks in tongues is not necessarily a person conquered by the Holy Spirit. That person has only begun to submit himself; if that is the case. Some people speak in tongues and yet do not submit themselves to the discipline of the Spirit. One has to submit oneself to the discipline of the Spirit, especially the tongue must be! Our inward man, too, we are to submit to the discipline of the Spirit. As one can see, a great many Christians do not yet come up to the measure of Christ. Even if on the outside they seem very pious; it is the inner man that counts.

Hence the Lord says: "Give Me your heart; keep your heart above all that is to be saved, for from there all things of life go out." It is man's weakest spot, and satan attacks us there. And if he finds only the smallest entrance, and one feeds that: one allows him in the meditations of the heart, then one will be a condemned person; one will be subjected unto the power of satan.

One should then come before the Lord and ask forgiveness, and be covered by the blood of Jesus; one then is back on square one and must start all over again.

Every time one sins, one must start all over. Most people really repent at their deathbed. They remain at the beginning. He cannot glorify His name in them and most Christians live that way; hence. A **countless number** of them will be in the Great Tribulation. They will be sanctified by the pressure of the circumstances. Let us go to Revelation 12:11,

*"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*

These people therefore are on earth, and satan is on earth, in the Great Tribulation. And they have not loved their lives unto the death. In other words: Their death is the end of their lives, killed by the antichrist. For they have

washed their lives in the blood of the Lamb, and their lives remain a testimony of the Word: hence, they are sanctified by the blood and by the word of their testimony. In verse 17 we read:

*"And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make way with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*

He (the dragon) cannot catch the woman, this is the Bride which is taken into the wilderness; and this remnant (those who keep the commandments of God and the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ) is not just anybody. Yet this "remnant of her seed" will be cut down by the antichrist. The bride in the Song of Solomon says: "I have a younger sister who has no breasts"; who is not grown yet; who has not reached spiritual maturity. Therefore one has to come to spiritual maturity in this period in order to be saved, otherwise one will be in the Great Tribulation. Hence this must be taken seriously, we should not play at church, but we must obey the call of the Spirit.

Thus one sees that all people are sinners when the Lord comes, all have the mark of the antichrist and are under the eternal judgment of God. At the Return of Jesus only the Bride in the wilderness, and the remaining, living part of the Jews will live under God's grace.

### ***Events and circumstances at the return of Jesus as King and Judge.***

Malachi 4:1-3,

*"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." (Verses 1 and 2)*

Verse 1 refers to the wicked at the coming of the Lord. Verse 2 refers to those who are with the Lord, in the wilderness; over them that terrific Sun of righteousness shall rise, and then there will be healing; this is healing, perfecting, under His wings. Then the great Word of God and the mighty Spirit will cause them to grow like fattened calves.

*"And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." (Verse 3)*

The bodies of the wicked will then be turned to ashes, burned. How? By the Sun of righteousness. Some have their own idea of the coming of the Lord. They see Him come in a human way, on the clouds. But He will come like a fire, causing the wicked to wince and say: "Let us hide from the face of that great God, Which is coming". They see a great God of fire coming with glory, and He will burn them all. His presence causes their bodies to turn to ashes. Their spirits will be cast in hades, and their bodies will be turned to ashes at the coming of the Lord. You see that there will be absolutely nothing left of the sinners.

Let us go to Revelation 19:15-21,

*"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. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great." (Verses 15-18)*

Everybody's flesh, all flesh, of small and great. The birds (vultures) are thus called to eat their flesh; in other words: they will all be killed.

This will happen through the workings of the seventh trumpet, which will take place at the very last, and will be ended by the battle of Armageddon, namely at the return of Jesus on the clouds. By these judgments, in the Bible called the vial judgments, so many people and animals will be killed, that their bodies will not be buried, but will be eaten by the vultures. This will happen almost to the very last, until His appearance on the clouds. The concept "Armageddon" apparently not only means His return, but also a certain period of time before that; the all-destroying judgments of God, ending with the Return of Jesus.

*"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." (Verse 19)*

This then is Armageddon. Armageddon, therefore, is not a war of nations among each other, but of the nations against God, under the leadership of the antichrist. Some interpreters of Scripture say, that Armageddon is a war of nation against nation, but this then is not true, for all who are still alive at that time, are the antichrist's friends. They all are ruled by the antichrist, and are all called to go to Israel in order to, together, wipe Israel off the map. They are all friends, either of the Far East, or of the West, of the North, or of the South. All are friends of the antichrist, and they will all come and help the antichrist; all these will be killed by the Lord Jesus; turned to ashes.

*"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Verse 20)*

These will not be turned to ashes, but will be cast into hell, **alive**. Satan will only be thrown into this same pool after the Millennium, with his devils and demons; but the antichrist and the false prophet will be first. Whether that pool already exists now, we do not know; some deny it, but in any case hell will exist then. For the unrepentant who die will go to hades; they will be in so-called custody. Just as one is arrested by the police when found guilty and one is held in custody; thereafter comes the judge's verdict, and one will be put in the place where one is to serve one's time. So it will be with sinners. Hades for them is custody. They know, that the verdict will come from the great white throne of God. Only thereafter will they be thrown into hell, eternal hell. But these two (the antichrist and the false prophet) will go there first of all.

*"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." (Verse 21)*

Herewith we have answered the question of who would not inhabit the earth; whether there will still be sinners on earth when Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom. As for the sinners, flesh and blood persons, the earth will be void of these. Then there will be no question anymore of repentance, whereby Israel might become an evangelising nation, which would then bring the people on earth to repentance, and that in heaven there would be saints of all nations. This therefore, is not scriptural, for we will then **all** be on earth. Jesus will then be on earth, after His return, and the resurrected (as we shall see later) will then also be on earth; as well as those who were converted at a point in time; the Bride of the Lamb who was kept in the desert, and the remnant of the Jews who have come to faith and submission to Jesus Christ by the work of the two witnesses.

But Israel will probably have a central place during the great latter-rain revival and before the beginning of the Great Tribulation, which is also called the great Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth) of the Church, namely that chosen part of Israel Scripture calls the 144,000. They will be the great leaders that will be used by the Holy Spirit to evangelize the whole world (Romans 11:12-15), before they "will be taken up unto God and His throne" (Revelation 12:5). The Feast of Tabernacles, namely, is the last feast of harvest in Israel; it will be the last feast of harvest for the Church and it will take place just before the Great Tribulation.

Then the enormous unparalleled latter-rain revival will take place. Then also the 144,000 will take action with the Bride of the Lamb. Probably Morris Cerullo is a forerunner of these 144,000, for he is a Jew and he is being used in a tremendous way to bring many nations unto God. He sometimes led conferences of some 200,000 people. And everywhere in the world revivals take place. But the ones who will take action with the Bride of Christ, will be greater than this Cerullo, for the glory of the Lord will then be seen on earth. Thus, a greater glory. But there is something by which many will be misled. Let us read Zechariah 14:16-19.

I should like to point out that Zechariah 14 is a prophecy that Zechariah saw of the end time. One reads in the beginning, that he saw the Lord descend and stand with His feet on the Mount of Olives (verse 4); and I should like to point out also, that a part of Chapter 14 refers to the Millennium wherein there will be no daytime and no nighttime, but where it will always be day (verses 6-7). In the same chapter, verse 12 refers to the Great Tribulation. where one sees the consequences of atomic powers, the consuming away of the eyes. All this is mentioned in the one chapter at random order. The Feast of Tabernacles, also mentioned here, in verses 16-17, will take place before the Great Tribulation.

*"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain." (Verses 16-17)*

Therefore, whenever one does not take part in the Feast of Tabernacles, one will not receive a blessing from the Holy Spirit. No former rain, nor latter rain, if one does not come to Jerusalem. Spiritually this means that if one does not want sanctification, one will not receive the full blessing of the Spirit.

*"And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles." (Verses 18-19)*

Here, the family of Egypt is used symbolically. Egypt, namely, often is the type for the world, and that world chooses not to come, and will therefore not share in God's blessing of the end time, of the Great Tribulation. Here, in Zechariah, one finds a complete mix-up of different parts of the prophetic events. However, this does not mean that the Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated during the Millennium.

### 3.

## Who then will be the inhabitants of the earth during the Millennium?

Who will inhabit the earth during the Millennium? They will all be children of God, from one end of the earth to the other. Then we shall see Abraham walk; we shall see David walk; then we shall see all God's children from all periods of time, e.g. Wesley, united on earth. But not as common people, we all will have put on our spiritual bodies then.

Let us now look at the resurrection. It is written in 1 Corinthians 15:51-55,

*"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (Verses 51-52)*

The dead of all time, from the very beginning. There are dead that were resurrected at an earlier time, with Jesus; it is written that these were many, but they were by far not all. All righteous dead of all time, will return to earth. These spirits will come here and will be resurrected, and they will receive a **spiritual** body.

*"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (Verse 53)*

So, **everyone** will have put on immortality. All will then be immortal.

*"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (Verses 54-55)*

So there will be a resurrection in the end time. When that will take place, we read in 1 Corinthians 15, namely at the **last trump**; that is with the seventh trumpet, that is to say, at the end of the seventh trumpet (judgment). We will also go to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17,

*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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: 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."*

One sees that it says here: "meet (the Lord) in the air". When we meet some-one it means, that that person comes towards us. Then that person will not take us to his house, but we will take him to our house. Thus, think, we are going towards Him, and will return with Him. We will not go with Him to His dwelling in heaven. And, as we have seen and read in 1 Corinthians 15, with the last trump, the seventh trump. This will be just prior to the coming of the Lord, and then will be the resurrection of all saints of all times who will all come to earth. As Daniel says: "Then the whole of Mount Zion will cover the earth". The earth will then be filled with resurrected people, all with a resurrection body.

Do you know what this means: a resurrection body? We will then have no normal body of flesh and blood, but a spiritual body. Hence we can meet Him **in the air**, for that would not be possible with this mortal body. Flesh and blood cannot inherit Gods Kingdom, nor the Millennium, for this is the Kingdom of God on earth. So, also the Millennium cannot be inherited by flesh and blood. Why? Because all people will then have been wiped out. Everyone there (in the Millennium) will be a resurrected person, who cannot die or sin anymore. Then we all will be brothers. The whole world full of brothers, for a resurrected person knows no gender. One large group. And the Lord says: "They all are like the angels, there will be no marriage". That will be an amazing world, a heaven on earth.

Did you know the temperature will be totally different there? In Isaiah 30:26 it is written that the sun will be seven times as hot as it is now, and the moon as hot as the sun is now. In that heat flesh and blood could not survive. Just note: these are facts of the Word.

## **When does Jesus return on the clouds of heaven?**

In Zechariah 14:1-4 it is written:

*"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee." (Verse 1)*

There will be war, the battle of Armageddon, and the anti-Christians will divide Jerusalem's spoil among each other.

*"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." (Verse 2)*

We see here that half (the remnant) will not be wiped out, for:

*"Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." (Verse 3)*

We see here when the Lord will return. It has been determined precisely. No time is mentioned, but an event is, namely: **when half Jerusalem will have been taken by antichrist**, then the Lord will return.

So: When will the Lord return on the clouds? When the antichrist will have captured half of Jerusalem. This will be the **visible** return. When He comes as the Bridegroom it will be a spiritual, invisible return. Then He comes, as the Bridegroom, to gather His Bride, who is ready, to use her as His body at the time of the great revival. But this will be the return on the clouds, when **everyone** will see Him. The coming as the Bridegroom will not be seen by the people who are not ready. Certainly not by the world, only by those who are ready; they will experience Him in the Holy Spirit. But this is His coming on the clouds, seen by **everyone**; and He will come when half of Jerusalem will have been conquered by the antichrist.

*"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." (Verse 4)*

The Mount of Olives, upon which Jerusalem is built, will be split. Where then will Jerusalem be? It will be in ruins; the Jerusalem we now know, will be simply annihilated, for the Mount of Olives on which it is built, will be split in two. It is sometimes stated that the Lord, when He returns, will enter through a certain gate of Jerusalem, but it will no longer exist; also all of the mortar-and-stone Jerusalem will then be no more, for we shall all be **spiritual** people, and will have no need of houses of mortar and stone.

So one can see that many expectations we have of the Millennium, and the entering in thereof, are all fantasies. But when we let **the Word** soak in well, we shall see another picture; then we will see that the Lord will come in glory; that the Millennium will be established with all Christians, with all saints of all times, here on earth. And all the material things, all flesh and blood, shall be destroyed. For it will be a spiritual Kingdom on earth.

And why a spiritual? Because, when we are resurrected, we shall have a spiritual body. Remember that 2 Thessalonians 1 says that, when that resurrection happens, we shall "see the glory of the Lord with amazement". We will be amazed to see the glory of the Lord in one another. In other words, it will be a totally different person, a totally different creature, a totally different earth. Then the Millennium will be celebrated, a heaven **on earth!**

### ***Events and circumstances at the beginning of the Millennium.***

We know, that it is wonderful when Jesus returns, but only for those that are His, not for others. For, for others, He comes to judge.

Let us look at Revelation 11, which is about the seventh angel, and his last (seventh) trumpet. This trumpet holds the seven last judgments, the final judgments, that will destroy the earth because of the corruption/reviling it is in. As you know this earth will be under the dominion of the antichrist in the end time, and the whole earth will know the pressure of the antichrist to bear his mark. This will be the number of his name on their foreheads or on the right hand. The bible says that if one accepts the mark of the antichrist, one will enter God's eternal damnation.

Revelation 14 says that if one does not bear the seal of the antichrist, namely the number of his name on one's forehead or on one's hand, one will then be excluded from buying or selling: One is not allowed to rent a house, one may not buy clothes, nor food; one is not allowed to do anything if one does not have the mark. One will be completely banned from the antichrist's society. But if one does accept it then one will lose God forever, and in Revelation 14 it is written that one is condemned forever then. So, by refusing the seal of the antichrist, Christians are choosing for death. If one accepts the mark, it will only be for 3,5 years; then the anti-Christian reign will be ended, for then the Lord shall return with great power. But He comes to judge, and to destroy the remaining nations, that will still be alive by that time.

Let us go to Revelation 11:18 and read about the judgment of the seventh angel:

*"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth."*

Thus, the anger of the nations is an anger against God. For the whole nation has become satanic by the mark of the antichrist, for with the mark one also receives the spirit of the antichrist; the satanic spirit will control you, and that spirit **hates** God. He comes therefore to give them their due at His Return. He comes to destroy all that destroy the earth, namely all that will inhabit the anti-Christian realm. Not one anti-Christian person shall live any more. All will die by the power of His presence.

We sometimes look forward with joy to the Return of Jesus, King of kings, on the clouds of glory. It will be wonderful, for His own, not for the enemies, however. Therefore all people who have not the Lord in their hearts, and thus do not belong to the Kingdom of the Son of God's love, are under this damnation. For His coming will mean destruction.

We read in Malachi that their bodies will be turned to ashes by the tremendous heat of His presence. For we serve a God of fire, of glory. His appearance is as a fiery flame, as the glory of the sun in all its strength. We should remember that. Thus, He comes for those who love Him, who are devoted to Him, who have given their lives to Him; to take us up into His Kingdom, to give us a place He has planned for us in eternity, namely in that New Heaven.

Note: our place is not in the old heaven. There is an old heaven, and there will be a new heaven. Even of Jesus, after He rose from the dead, it is written: *"And the Son of God must be taken up into heaven, until..."*; this is temporary, because His position with regard to the things in the old heaven, after His death, is a different one from what it was before. Before (His death) He was only the Son of God, the eternal King, but later on a different situation existed, and a place was prepared for the Bride of Christ, as the Body of the Lord. This body has no place in the old heaven; we may be there, but we are taken up temporarily when we die; then we may be a guest in **the Father's house**.

When I say these things, they might be new for you, yet it is true. What I am trying to explain is, that the souls of all that already died, of all the righteous throughout all ages, of all times, will return to earth to rise bodily here. All that died as God's righteous ones, will receive a new body, a **spiritual** body. This is a completely different body, not one of flesh and blood. And that body will be an eternal one.

The Lord will first renew our spirit, when we come to Him, when we have allowed Him to enter into our deep self; for some do not do that. Some people go to church, and behave like Christians outwardly, but their heart, their deep self is closed unto the Lord. And this is a big trouble, for this is exactly man's weak spot: there the ugly

thoughts of satan, of the devil, will come in through the breach of the old person, and we are lost, even if we look ever so religious on the outside. The inner person is the real person; it should be the part we first submit to the Lord, it is the start, and then our soul, our life, will be changed. And eventually, at the resurrection of the dead, the body also will be changed. Then we will receive a body: spiritual, wonderful, eternal. The Lord says that we will then be "like the angels". A body like that of the angels; for the angels also have a body.

Demons do not have bodies; they are hostile forces, different from the devils.

But the angels, also the fallen ones, have a body; satan also has a body, he cannot enter another body as he has one himself; but a demon has no body and is able to enter/creep into a man's body. Satanic angels cannot do that, they have their own body, a spiritual body; but they can influence one, they can put pressure upon one.

### ***The inhabitants of the Millennium will ALL be RESURRECTED children of God with an eternal resurrected body.***

So, we all will receive a new body, a spiritual body. I should like to first look at this closely. Let us go to 1 Corinthians 15:42-49.

First I should like to say this: Many of us had very wrong ideas/teachings with regard to the Millennium, and with regard to the things to come. And it is time we now see what **the Bible** says about these things that we will not have wrong expectations. For some have very strange expectations of the Millennium: that there would still be converts, and that Israel would go out to bring people to repentance, etc. All these things are ideas that do not correspond with scripture. Let us rather, as children of the end time, open our eyes, and base our outlook on **the Bible**, on what Scripture says, and not on what Prof. Dr. John Something says. A person will always be a human being, and no matter how learned he might be, he could err, but scripture does not.

*"So also is the resurrection of the dead, It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption." (1 Corinthians 15:42)*

The body we will receive is an **incorruptible** body, it will never die, it will never grow old, it will always remain young, and always the same. Just like the angels, we will then have a body that will not pass away; it will not be subject to illness, or whichever decay which took place because of sin. For sin will not exist anymore. So, that body is incorruptible.

*"It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory..." (verse 43 a)*

The second characteristic of this body is, that it is a **glorious** body, a wondrous body, just like that of Jesus'. Did you know that Jesus' glory is an unlimited glory? This glory will reveal itself more as one grows more spiritual, and less if one is less spiritual. There are degrees at the resurrection. For one's spirit will be changed according to the degree one has lived in the sanctification by the power of Jesus. And that body, being spiritual, will then shine forth that greater glory. According to the inner state of the spirit, the body will be more and more glorious.

The Word says: "from glory to glory"; according to one's spiritual growth.

That glory will be revealed more and more. The Lord Himself said: "The righteous shall shine as the sun in the Kingdom of My Father". We shall be sun children in all glory, but the one will have a weaker radiance than another; later on it will be more wondrous, more glorious. This will all be according to the increase of spiritual maturity.

There will be growth, too, in the Millennium. When we die, the spiritual state wherein we have grown, will be revealed. Some will die a murderer, like the one on the cross, who accepted Jesus in the nick of time; they will come in paradise first, the lowest heaven. And I assure you, it is a **heavenly** paradise. But there is also the throne heaven, the glory of God. The ones that first come to paradise, will not be able to come to that (throne heaven) at first; they would not be able to bear it; because of the glory of God, which the bible calls the "shekinah" glory of God; that **unapproachable** white light, that glory of the power of the Majestic God.

It is written: "*He lives in the invisible*". It is unapproachable for those who are not ready for it yet. It also is written: "*Without sanctification one cannot see God in His glory*". We must grow towards that glory, that place where God lives and reigns. It is also our place, we belong there, that is what we are called for. It is God's planning for us to be where He is. For we must be His body. He wants to live in us. We must be a holy place for the Lord. We must be a temple, a body, of His glory, of the fullness of His glory.

It is His intention to make us unto the fullness of the Holy of holies. Again, that is our place, He called us thereunto; but many of us do not know a life sanctification by the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the power of the Word of God. They often die with regret on their lips, with repentance on their lips, because they lived in their wickedness. Then one comes into the lowest heaven. When we have walked with Jesus for a while, and sin, we go back to square one. Every time we sin we go back to square one. Scripture says: "Sin shall not control you". Because we are no longer under the law, but under grace, we must be brought to the point where sin no longer controls us, that we have been freed from it. He is the "Lamb of God, That **takes away** the sin from us". Scripture says: "A child of God cannot sin anymore" by that great sanctifying power of Jesus, for He has finished it all! For 100% He has defeated and destroyed the satanic power for us, and He wants to share this destruction with us. Then it is that we shall increase in glory. But the one is less glorious than the other, at the beginning of the resurrection, because the one will be more spiritually mature than the other. But it will all even out, as we are all called to the full maturity of the Son of God, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; Scripture says: **all!** In one family there might be babies and grown children, but we are all called to be adults!

We shall go on with the description of the resurrection body.

*"...it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power." (Verse 43 b)*

Yes, it is a strong body, it is a wondrous and strong body.

*"It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (Verses 44-49)*

We now may have the earthly image of Adam and Eve, but one day we shall be the image of Jesus in His full glory and power. Do we believe this? Just let us believe what scripture says: "We shall bear the image of the heavenly". This is why Jesus also said: "We shall be as the sun in the Kingdom of the Father".

A spiritual body is different from a mortal body. It can make itself tangible, just like Jesus; when He walked through the walls to the disciples He had His spiritual body. But when He was with them, He materialized, and He said: "Feel me, whether I am a ghost or a spirit". He said: *"I have flesh and bone"*. So, a spiritual body can materialize. Satan, too, can materialize; it already happened several times, that people saw him in the flesh. (In Siam, or somewhere in that area it happened.) Jesus, in His resurrection body, said: "Do you have something to eat? For you see see me as a ghost, give me to eat". They then gave Him fish and honeycombs, and He ate it before their eyes (Luke 24:42-43). One is able, therefore, to eat things of this earth while being in the spiritual body.

A spiritual body is a wondrous body. It can immediately transport itself to another place, in the matter of a moment, and it goes through walls.

In the twinkling of an eye, with the speed of a thought, one can transport oneself to, for instance, Moscow. A spiritual body will make itself understood in the thoughts. The thoughts are expressed, nothing is hidden. One's whole mind is exposed, is to be experienced. One could say, that all will have the same language; for us all will speak Dutch in heaven, for our thoughts are in Dutch. So, we all "speak" the same language there. For the thoughts someone else has, we experience in our own language. In any case, one will receive the thoughts and know what the other is about.

This then is the spiritual body. And in this body all people will return to earth, all saints, all the righteous of all ages. This is the resurrection from the dead.

### ***Further circumstances and events of and on the earth at the beginning of the Millennium.***

There will be a complete different situation on earth. The normal person who lives in flesh and blood, the animals and the plants, that are here now, will no longer exist in the Millennium. For there will be different conditions. It might be well to look at it.

*"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..." (Isaiah 30:26 a)*

Let us realize this, and think on these words. The sun will shine seven times brighter in the Millennium. Seven times! Imagine when it is 30ø here, it would be 210ø there. Could a human of flesh and blood live at 210ø? Impossible! Not a single animal, nor any tree could, they would all be burned in that heat. It might be by this heat that the bodies of the anti-Christians are cremated (Malachi 4:3). Then the return of Jesus Christ on the clouds, in glory, will only kill them (Revelation 19:21).

And the moon shall be as the sun. A totally different situation. As a spiritual person, however, one could live there easily. As a spiritual person one will not need a house of stone; one needs a spiritual house, spiritual circumstances. Whatever the case may be, we shall see the wonderful things the Lord has prepared for those who love Him. We shall see this in Zechariah 14:6-11

*"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light." (Verses 6-7)*

There will be no night anymore, it will always be day. Only, what we call night, will not be as bright. For in daytime the sun will shine seven times brighter than at present, and at night it will be the same as in our present daytime. Hence it will always be light, there will be no more darkness.

*"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. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited." (Verses 8-11)*

Yes, Jerusalem will certainly be inhabited. And one should not think, that the present Jerusalem will be the place of the King. For in Zechariah 14 verse 4 we read that, when He returns in glory, the Mount of Olives shall be split in two. And, as you know, Jerusalem is built on that Mount of Olives.

Therefore, when the Mount of Olives will be cleft, where then will Jerusalem be? It will be in ruins. The way it is now, with the stone gates, etc., it will be no more.

Moreover, in the last days there will be such great, terrible earthquakes that will split apart the earth; there will be enormous forces and the city itself shall be torn apart. We shall have a look at Revelation 11:13. This, too, is about Jerusalem; for it refers to the two witnesses, and the focus will be on Jerusalem.

*"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven."*

Of all the people of Israel only one third will be spared, two thirds will be killed. We can read this in Zechariah 13:8-9,

*"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."*

During the work of the two witnesses, two thirds of the people of Israel will be killed because of the war the antichrist will wage against them in the Armageddon of the end time. Then one third shall remain, and these will be purified. This will be a difficult period. But, because of these tribulations, they shall eventually repent, and accept Jesus as their Messiah. God **has** to judge that Israel because of its stubbornness, in spite of the action of the two witnesses. We read this in Revelation 11:8,

*"And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."*

That then is Jerusalem. Jerusalem, where the Lord was crucified, is here called by God Himself: Sodom and Egypt; evil, worldly. And it is during the great tribulation that Jerusalem is called Sodom and Egypt. One sees in what spiritual state Israel is, even during the great tribulation. How often this is pictured differently, but it will be only at the last moment, when the Lord comes on the clouds of glory, will they say: "My Lord, my God". Only then will they accept Him as their Messiah. How stubborn they are, because they do not want to accept Him. Not even during the great miracle working of the two witnesses, Moses and Elijah, who will return from heaven, and who shall die there (Revelation 11). Moses was already dead, but was raised (Jude verse 9). These two witnesses will work on the people, and eventually one-third part will accept Jesus as the Messiah; the rest will be judged.

Do not think, that Israel will be spared because it is Israel, for the Pharisees were also Israelites, and Jesus said: "The devil is your father". They must repent, for not everyone is a circumcised Jew; they must know the circumcision of the heart. Man's heart must be circumcised by the great power of Jesus' love. When He is allowed to enter into one's heart, one's heart will be circumcised. When one opens one's heart for Jesus, that tremendous, saving power of Jesus will come in. One hundred percent redemption will break through. He completely (100%) defeated satan. Therefore, when one allows Him entrance into one's heart, and one has submitted all to Him, He could heal one 100%; could grant the victory 100%; victory over the powers of satan and over sin. We could hide that inner heart in so-called piety, but it concerns the healing of the heart. This is why the Lord says: "My child, give Me your heart", your inner self. For the heart is the source of all misery, the starting points of life lie there. And when that inner heart is in satan's hands, and he is able to pour out his filthy thoughts, his poisonous ideas in one, then one's whole being will be flooded with satan's rubbish.

Please, give yourself to Jesus; let the healing begin now; let Him enter in as the Healer of your heart. Let Him cleanse you completely, for only when your heart is cleansed, you are cleansed. Let the depth of your whole being be purified by Him, as is also written in Psalm 42: *"...all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me."* Let God's waves come to wash us, to take away all the dark depths of our being. The depths of God's Spirit must come and cleanse us completely of all unrighteousness. And He will do it. He promised, and He fulfilled it on Calvary. It is His plan, His will, He loves us. He wants to do it, but we are to give Him our depths; there must not be a single "private" door for Him. Everything should be open for Jesus. He should be allowed to enter in, and cleanse us completely. Then it is that we are pure within.

Thus, Israel will be spared for one-third part; the remainder will be judged by the tremendous powers of destruction that will take place in the end time.

When Jesus comes as King, He comes to give us a place in the Kingdom; to share the Kingdom with us. But for His enemies, the ones who have not allowed Him entrance into the depths of their hearts, He comes as a Destroyer; for all those that have the mark of the antichrist. The whole world will have received that mark in order to stay alive under the antichrist's reign. Only Israel will have rejected the mark. One might ask: who will then still be left? The Lord said: "When I return, shall I find faith on earth?" He will not, for all Christians will have been killed by the antichrist in the great tribulation. The holocaust of all Christians; even the so-called Christians of that great whore of Revelation 17 will be killed, burned! All Christians, anyone calling himself a Christian, who refused the mark because of being a Christian, will be killed by the antichrist. When one is killed by the antichrist, and one steadfastly remains the Lord's, then one's spirit, the inner person, is saved. The body dies, goes into the grave, but the spirit is saved.

These then will receive a new body at the resurrection. And that happens at the Lord's return.

***The first resurrection of the dead takes place immediately before the start of the Millennium at the return of the Lord Jesus on the clouds.***

Anyone whose name is written in the Book of Life shall be raised in a new body. Let us go to Revelation 20:4,

*"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."*

One sees here what kind of death the Christians will suffer in the great tribulation, namely death by beheading. It is also written, that at the beginning of the Millennium, some will be kings, and will reign. It will be like in a large family. All will be brothers, all resurrected righteous ones. All will have a resurrection body. The earth will then be seven times as hot (Isaiah 30:26), and so they shall live and reign and be ruled. The ones, that are still young, spiritually immature (viz. who entered the Kingdom of God in the nick of time), will then be under the loving dominion of those, that are already mature.

I should also like to point to the fact, that with reference to the Kingdom of Christ during the Millennium, it is written: *"Flesh and blood shall **not** inherit the Kingdom"*.

After the Millennium there will be a new heaven and a new earth. I already told you the difference. There is an old earth and a new earth; an old heaven and a new heaven. There is a great difference. All has become different. We then, as citizens of the new heaven, are meant to reign over the new earth in righteousness and love. The Millennium is to prepare us for that. One might call it a prelude, an introduction.

Others will have been purified in the great tribulation, as mentioned in above quoted verse; and, by this purification, will have received the measure of Christ; the Christ-nature will have developed in them in the brief period of trials in the great tribulation. These people will have matured spiritually in that miserable time, and will be kings together with Christ, in the Millennium. Others, who have not yet matured to that degree, but are mature in a way, will receive a different task, "Be lord over five cities", mayor of five cities, mayor of ten cities. This is written in Luke 19:17 and 19. So, there will be cities in that Kingdom of God, for there are innumerable many people. People of all times will then live all at once on earth. We will then be together with Abraham, with David, with Isaiah, will all people who became holy over the ages. Those that are not yet ready for the position of the throne, will be prepared for it, for we are **all** called to be kings with Jesus. We are not called to merely have a little house in heaven, but we are all called to be kings, priest-kings of Jesus. But we are to grow into that position. We shall not receive the sceptre of the Kingdom if our heart does not beat the same way Jesus' heart does.

*"But ye are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1 Peter 2:9)*

A royal priesthood, or priest-kings, **all**! But, one might ask, whatfore? We shall see later. So, we are all to shine forth the glorious character, the being of God, in eternity. We are, in fact, like a diamond. And God lives in us, and He is the light; when the light is in the diamond, that watch how it glitters, how glorious it is. Keep a diamond in a dark box, and there will be none of that glory. In essence, a diamond is nothing; but with the light in it, it glorifies that light. The same way we should let God live in us, and we must have the purity of a brilliant diamond, for then we could shine forth the light of God gloriously. That is the idea.

We must be holy places, sanctuaries. Holy places, tabernacles of God. And we must be eternal holy places within the Holy of holies, for that is where He dwells. It is God's intention to have us there. And all, who are not there yet, must grow towards that final goal, for we serve a God with a purpose. He has a plan for us; He wants to take us to the final goal of absolute holiness, 100% holiness, 100% purity, 100% perfection, 100% righteousness, 100% glory, 100% power; in short, like Jesus. This then is **God's will** and **His plan**. It is nothing to boast about, it is the calling of all Christians.

We must go forwards on the way God planned for us, and that way leads to a destination; and that destination is this 100% glory and 100% purity of Jesus. Then we shall celebrate the wedding with Him in eternity, form a unity with Him. He as the Head of this spiritual body, and we the members of that body. This godly body will reign over the **new** earth in love and righteousness; over a new creation of God.

It is written that we shall **inherit** the earth. Did you read that well? It says that we shall **inherit** the earth, not inhabit; you are allowed to own it, as kings. The earth is all that is material. There is a heaven and there is an earth. All the stars and planets, etc., they all go together with the earth. Anything material is earth. Those worlds, those glorious worlds God will create, that new earth, we shall **inherit, own** them as God's kings. We shall be sent out for this purpose. This is the beginning of the eternity of that new earth. This is why God created such countless planets; God will create countless places and kingdoms of glory in the universe. He did not create all that for nothing, all those billions of planets and stars. He made this earth to be a breeding place for all those kings, in order to send them, when they will be mature, for the glory of God. Then, as rulers, in the love of God, as priest-kings, we shall proclaim the name of God unto all those places, for we shall lead all those new creations to God. This will happen on the new earth, in the new situation. We will then not rule as men any longer, but as God's children, as God's sons, as gods. In John 10:34 it says: "You are gods". When one has become a son of God, then one is a god (with a small letter g). A "child" of a dog is a dog, a son of a human being is a human, a son of God is a god.

Let us read John 10:34-36,

*"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, **unto whom the word of God came**, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"*

"...*Unto whom the word of God came...*"; the Word of God must work that change in us from a sinful human heart, human child, to a son of God; and the godly nature must be given unto us. "If the Law called them gods". You could

read this also in Psalm 82:6. It is God's intention to make us gods, for it is written that He, Jesus, was at first the only Son of God, but later on He is not the only Son anymore, but the **Firstborn** among **many brothers**. Yes, we will be brothers to Jesus. Again, a son of God is a god; we will be small gods, with a small g, for we are the body of God, and He is the Head.

He is worshipped by the angels, we will not. But we shall reveal the same glory as Jesus does, for we shall be like Him, says 1 John 3:2. Memorize this text: "we shall be like Him", equal to Jesus. And not only in His walk on earth, in that covered state of the flesh, but we shall also be like Him in the glory of the Spirit. And the more mature one is in the spiritual, the more one will be equal to Jesus; like the 144,000, they will be like Him, in His glory, the firstborn of God, the heart of the Bride of Christ, of the Lamb.

Well then, one must remember this well: God has a plan. He wants to lead you to divine glories, to a level of godly glories, wherein one could serve Him as sons. Hence we call Him Father. An angel does not call Him Father, an angel calls Him Lord. And we call Him Father, He will be our Father.

Therefore we face a terrific future, a wonderful future. And don't believe, that as a Christian, one will only have a small house in heaven. God calls us to much more than that. Open your eyes and let Scripture tell you about the wonderful calling God has for you and for me. Hence God says, that we will be "royal priests, priest-kings"! Glory to Jesus!

Let us go to Revelation 20:6,

*"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."*

Priests and kings of the Lord!

The second death will have no power over these resurrected children anymore; death has no power over them anymore. No one who had a part in that first resurrection could ever sin again. Thus, no repentance is necessary any longer! In the Millennium there will be no conversions, neither people to lead to repentance. One does learn that Israel will lead the people to repentance, but there will be no more reformation, for these people are raised from the dead, and will never again be ruled by sin.

### ***What will happen during these thousand years?***

In the Millennium there will be a growth unto maturity. Let us look at Hebrews 11:39-40. Here we see that also people of the Old Covenant will grow unto the fullness of Christ, until the male maturity of Christ will be theirs too.

*"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise..." (Verse 39)*

Thus, they did have faith, but received nothing. They were only believers.

They believed God. Abraham believed God, and is was counted righteous unto him. Nothing else. No earthly reward either. God promised them Palestine, but he received **nothing**. Abraham also looked for the city "that has foundations", but the glory of heaven, all these things he did not receive, but he believed. He is still to receive these perfect conditions.

*"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not **be made perfect**." (Verse 40)*

Thus, in the Millennium, we shall all be instruments of God to bring to maturity those people of the Old Covenant. That is to say, when one oneself has received that fullness from the Lord. The more mature we are, the more we could hand out God's glory. When one has nothing, one could not share either.

When one has no bread, one could not hand out bread; one first must have bread. The new life must be in you, that Christ-life; and in the measure that Christ-life is found in one, one could hand that out to other children of God, who have not yet received it; even to a person like Isaiah. In fact, Isaiah is nothing without God. In fact, Abraham would have been nothing, had God not worked through him. But Abraham, David, etc. acted in faith; but they made no progress in the spiritual, there was no growth.

Hence God says: "The smallest in the Kingdom of God is greater than they". Because the smallest is **born again**, and they were not, they only believed. A whole lot of people of the New Covenant will die like them, in the **faith** only; they have nothing else. The believers of the Old Covenant believed in that wonderful God, and opened themselves to that God, but did not receive the godly nature on earth. There are also many believers of the New Covenant who only repent on their deathbed. They, as it were, just like the believers of the Old Covenant, did not receive any part of the godly nature. They must receive it all in the Millennium.

There we will experience the great action, a great training of the Body of Christ unto perfection. For when the Millennium is past, we shall see that new heaven come into being. John was taken out of his time unto the eternity of God's new heaven. He then sees the Bride of Christ, pure and glorious. All of the Bride of Christ must be brought to maturity in the Millennium. In God's Kingdom there will be growth, also in the Millennium. The whole of the Bride will grow spiritually until maturity is reached, from glory to glory. In this realm everything will be more and more glorious until everyone has become mature sons of God. Then the whole Bride will be ready for her position and task in the new heaven. John saw this in Revelation 21. The whole Bride takes in her position, and her place is from the throne of God unto the new earth.

This is an eternal position, coming down from God's throne unto the new earth. She is to take care of the new earth, rule over it in the love and righteousness of God.

## ***The end of the Millennium and the beginning of the eternity of the new heaven and the new earth.***

Let us go to Revelation 20:5-10,

*"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Verses 5-6)*

All people that do not appear in the Book of Life, they that did not die in the grace of Jesus, and hence were not saved, will not rise, but stay in their graves, and their spirits are stored away in hades, in the realm of the dead. All the spirits of unsaved people will go to the underworld, to hades.

Not to hell, but to the underworld. They will only get to hell after the judgment of the great white throne. The realm of the dead is like a "place of detention"; one is found guilty but has not yet been judged. One is taken into custody for the great judgment, and everyone who comes to the underworld is in custody for the great judgment. Then verse 7 says:

*"And when the thousand years are expired, satan shall be loosed out of his prison."*

Thus, satan will be imprisoned for a thousand years in the depth of the pit; and not only satan, but also all his angels, all his demons, all his power.

The entire satanic crowd will be detained in the depth of the pit. In verse 6 we read, that **after** the Millennium the unrighteous dead will also rise in a spiritual body, equal to satan's. Just like the righteous dead will then rise in a body like that of Jesus'.

*"And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city..." (Verses 8-9 a)*

We must read this well: to what purpose does he (satan) deceive? Not to sin, for they are sinners, but **to war**. What a scare that will be. These people also rise, on the earth.

You see, the earth will be full of saints, which all are in the final state of being the Bride of Christ in the new heaven. The Bride of the Lamb, the New Jerusalem, called "the beloved city" here, will therefore only be ready for her task in the new heaven at the end of the thousand years. We conclude that the New Jerusalem does not yet exist at present. The first "stones" of this city will be formed immediately prior to the Marriage, thus before the great tribulation. Her perfection will only take place at the end of the thousand years.

Suddenly the condemned will stand in the midst of them (the saints), and will attack them.

*"... and the fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Verses 9 b-10)*

Then God will raise the Bride of the Lamb up into the new heaven, and He will cast down fire upon the old earth, while the devil and all his cohorts will be thrown in hell, the lake of fire, for ever. The devil will only now be cast into hell. Before the Millennium started, the false prophet and the antichrist were already cast into hell, and they, as the first people, experienced hell. The devil only experiences this a thousand years later.

As one can read in the following verses all people will be judged, namely those that had no part in the thousand years; because they who were in the Millennium will not be judged again; they already were judged, namely before the Millennium, when Jesus returned. They will be judged according to their **works**. The unsaved ones will be judged ...after the Millennium, for their sins.

All their sins will be made known and they, too, will go to hell, that lake of fire and brimstone, that will burn for all eternity.

"Anyone who will not be found in the Book of Life will be cast in that lake of fire". They will be there eternally. In other words, that lake of fire is the place where satan and all his cohorts, and all his followers, all the unsaved people, will live in for ever. That is their kingdom, under the cruel tyrant, under satan.

One sees what will happen at the end of the Millennium. The people that will be tempted to war are therefore **the resurrected unrighteous dead**, Gog and Magog.

### **4.**

## **The new heaven and the new earth.**

The new heaven is different from the old heaven. Jesus must also be taken up into this old heaven until the resurrection of all things is completed. Then He will take His throne in the new heaven.

For the Bride there will be a place in the heaven too. One can read this in Revelation 21. Here one sees the new heaven and the new earth. How glorious, how wonderful, how spiritual and how holy this will be, for she (the Bride) will enter the fullness and the calling of God. The purpose whereunto God had created man, will be fulfilled in her. She has been prepared by Jesus on the basis of His eternal redemption, and she will reign with Jesus over the new earth eternally. There will, therefore, come a time wherein a new earth will be created by God. Our God is a Creator God, He creates new things, and He continues to do that. This is why there is a plan; and the plan is that He will create out of this mankind, this Adamic mankind, priest-kings, destined to reign over His new creation, His

new earth, in love. Fact is, one will not receive the sceptre, nor the priest clothes after the order of Melchizedek, the clothes with all the adornments that go with one's position, when one's heart does not beat like the heart of Jesus. Only when one has been made such, has grown thereunto, will one receive the priest clothes after the order of Melchizedek, the crown and the sceptre, and one may then share in the great dominion of God's universe, of the new earth wherein a new mankind will dwell and live.

We shall now look at the new earth, over which we may reign, with Jesus as King of kings, and we as those kings; with Jesus as Lord of lords, and we the lords, over which He is the Overlord.

Let us go to Isaiah 65:17-25,

*"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth..." (Verse 17 a)*

It concerns here new heavens and the new earth, and that will only be ...**after** the Millennium; and thus not during the Millennium. It refers here to the new earth, which we may possess as kings. We should speak of new earths, because all the planets of the universe will then be made habitable by God! What worlds, decked with God's glory!

*"... and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create..." (Verses 17 b-18 a)*

What do we have to rejoice in? In the new creation of God, in the new people over whom we may reign, and whom we may lead in love.

*"... for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence and infant of days..." (Verses 18 b-20 a)*

Here is suddenly mentioned an infant, a baby, and as you know, once we have entered eternity, there will be no more marriage. We will be like the angels. We will then no more be men and women, we will **all** be **sons**. The human spirit knows no male or female. One's body and soul do, but in one's spirit one is neither male nor female. And that spirit will come in a new body, an eternal angel body, an eternal glorious body, an eternal spiritual body. But in the new earth there will be again men and women, who will have babies; a new mankind therefore, wherein the sin of Adam does not live, but who, like us, will have a **free will** to choose whether to serve God or not.

*"... nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old..." (Verse 20 b)*

Here is a situation as we have never known. The people of that world will all be exactly 100 years old. They do not die young anymore, all will be 100 years old. And it says that after the 100 years they will **die**. With this "dying" we are to understand a ceasing to live "in the flesh". Thus, there will be a condition as might have been God's intention when He created Adam. That man must live, and if he lives up to the will of God, he will suddenly be changed into an eternal being and he will receive an eternal body and will share the glory of God. Just as what happened to Enoch. For death, the dying off of the body, was never God's intention, but was caused by sin. These people will thus be suddenly changed.

If they will have been devoted to God during the 100 years, they will be added unto the family of God. If they have not obeyed God, but followed their own will, they will be added unto the condemned. A **personal** judgment will then come over them, for satan will not be there anymore. These people will not be tempted either. They have a will of their own, they can choose for God or against Him, to obey or not. On the basis thereof they will be judged after 100 years.

*"...but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 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. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." (Verses 20 c-25)*

These conditions will thus be in the **new earth**, and not in the Millennium, as many think. In the new earth the lion will eat straw, and there will be other animals, but they will not hurt each other any longer. A totally different earth, for this earth became this way because of satan, by the actions of satan. But on the new earth satan has no power anymore, but the people will be judged by God personally. Over this nation we will reign, as sons of God, as spiritual sons of God. They may see us, for we could materialize. The resurrection person can hide himself, make himself invisible, but he can also materialize.

Scripture teaches totally different things from what we are used to hear; things that might be very different from what we have been taught. My arguments might be rather revolutionary for you, very different from what you thought yourselves; yet, I have done nothing else but convey what **Scripture** says; not what some learned theologian **thinks** will happen. Let us therefore know and understand more about the end time, for much is written about the things of the Millennium and of the times thereafter. Let us know what God is planning to do with us, and meet, with joy and faith, the things He has prepared for those who love Him.

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## Epilogue

***"...but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."***

**Philippians 3:13b-14**

If we only believe that we are saved and go to heaven, but have no idea of what will be waiting for us in heaven, then we cannot look forward to it with joy and hope for it.

We can only greatly hope for what lies before us, when we know what it is. We can only hunt with all our might for the white, if we know what that white involves.

This is why I can fully recommend this biblestudy. It gives us a clear vision of what is to happen. You might not be fully agreeable to what it says, and you might see things differently, yet I think, that anyone who reads this will have a clearer and more complete idea of what is to happen; in the Millennium as well as in the new heaven and the new earth.

It also, although a biblestudy, is easily readable and it is not necessary to look up bible verses, as these are mentioned in the text, in a small letter.

I do hope that you will be as blessed when reading this as I was when typing this bible study.

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