

## Tribulation, Wrath and After – Part 2

### Part 2: The Millennium, The Eighth Day, Conclusion.

#### The Millennium

Have you ever asked the question, why have a millennium? Why doesn't YHWH just create the new heavens and earth promised for the 'Eighth Day' at the end of this age? YHWH purged the earth of unrighteousness once before via a flood, saving one righteous family and all that has happened is for sin to flourish again. Has YHWH not learnt any lesson? I ask that question with all reverence. Revelation chapter 20 tells us that the state of things at the end of the millennium will necessitate YHWH's wrath yet again, so why bother with a millennium? Why not rid Himself of the problem and go straight into the 'Eighth Day'?

The answer maybe twofold. Firstly, it is the millennium through which YHWH will fulfil the covenant promise He made to the patriarchs, because Israel failed in their part of the bargain by not remaining faithful,

*"Then I said to them, 'Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am YHWH your Elohim. But they rebelled against Me and would not obey Me. They did not all cast away the abominations which were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, 'I will pour out My fury on them and fulfil My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.' (Ezek.20:7).*

Neither did they exterminate all the inhabitants of the Land as commanded (Judges chapters 1 – 4), thus the covenant was never entirely fulfilled. Then, to Ezekiel we must add the unfulfilled prophecy in Jeremiah,

*"Return backsliding children," says YHWH, "For I am your master. I will take one from a city, two from a family and bring them to Tziyon. I will give you shepherds after My own heart, and they will feed you with knowledge and understanding. (Jer.3:14-15).*

Secondly, it is in the millennium that the 'Bride of Mashiach' will become whole. Only then can the wedding of the Lamb progress in the 'Eighth Day' It is my understanding that the Bride of Mashiach will replace the fallen messengers who rebelled with HaSatan. When YHWH created the heavenly host, it was the perfect number (all YHWH's works are perfect) however, HaSatan took away a third of the heavenly host thus, the heavens became imperfect. I believe that the 'Bride of Mashiach' is to replace the fallen messengers and return the heavenly host to its perfect number.

When it comes to the millennium we need to consider,

1. The Earth after wrath
2. Life in the Millennium,

#### The Earth after wrath

Let us repeat a few verses from part 1,

*"See, the day of YHWH is coming, fierce, with wrath and heat of displeasure, to lay the earth waste, and destroy its sinners from it". (Isa.13:9).*

*"I will completely sweep away **all** from the face of the earth," declares YHWH, "I will sweep away **humans and animals**, the **birds** in the air, and the **fish** in the sea, also the wicked and what makes them stumble, I will wipe humanity from the face of the earth," declares YHWH. (Zep.1:2-3).*

*Therefore, a curse shall consume the earth, and those who dwell in it be punished. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth shall be burned, and few men shall be left. (Isa.24:6).*

As we have said the earth's surface will undergo a complete transformation,

*But the day of YHWH will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of Elohim, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (2Pet.3:10-12).*

*I looked at the earth, and saw it was formless and empty. And the heavens, they had no light. I looked at the mountains, and saw they shook, and all the hills were swaying. I looked, and saw there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. I looked, and saw the garden land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of YHWH, by His burning displeasure. For thus said YHWH, "All the earth shall be a ruin, but I shall not make a complete end. (Jer.4:23-27).*

*"For look, I am creating a renewed\* heavens and a renewed\* earth, and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to heart." (Isa.65:17).*

\*In this verse YHWH is not talking of a new earth but a 'repaired' earth. The new earth will come later, at the end of the 'Seventh Day.' Also Mashiach describes a regenerated not new earth (Matt.19:28).

It is clear from the verses following verse 17 of chapter 65 in Isaiah, that YHWH is referring to the end of the 'Sixth Day' and not the 'Seventh Day.' Most translations of Isa. 65:17 have 'new' not 'renewed' earth, but this makes little sense unless YHWH intends creating two new earths: one at the end of the 'Sixth Day' and another at the end of the 'Seventh Day,' I don't believe this to be the case. 'New' is the translation of the Hebrew *Chadash* which can mean new, but its root meaning is to renew or repair causative: to rebuild. This is more in line with the book of Enoch where YHWH talks of a changed (not new) earth. Considering these facts, possibly a more accurate description would be a 'rejuvenated earth.'

What is clear is that the world as we know it today will cease to exist and will not be remembered. Humanity will, except for very few, be totally wiped out. The ultimate effect of YHWH's wrath will be to take the whole of creation together with His remnant of humanity back to the beginning. All modern creation will disappear; no modern-day structures, no glass facades, no motorised vehicles of any type (cars, planes, or ships), no concrete or asphaltic roads, none of the modern-day materials will exist, all will be razed. For YHWH to say the world of today will not be remembered, means that all mankind's technical innovations will be reversed and completely disappear without trace. As stated in the above passage from 2Peter, the earth's surface itself will undergo a total transformation: this is the power of our Elohim. YHWH will re-create and return the earth and life to how it was in the beginning. As it says in Isa.65:17, those surviving will have no memory of the former life or world. But even more, as we will see the topography of the earth's surface will be completely changed. I believe the millennium will see two quite different atmospheres on the earth: the situation within the Land and that outside the Land.

### ***The Situation within the Land***

YHWH is going to erase all of man's innovation and take creation back to the start, to how it was before sin entered and before the corruption introduced by the fallen messengers, Enoch's Watchers. We know from Genesis that in the beginning there existed two creations: the garden of Eden and the rest of the earth. From my

understanding of Scripture and what is said in the apocrypha, I believe YHWH will re-create this situation and the millennial Land will become a new 'Eden.'

Before we examine what is said about creation after wrath, there is a point to note and that is, the term Tziyon in the Scriptures is not always singular. The term Tziyon is used to describe; the temple mount (Ps.2:6), the city of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) (Ps.87:2-3) and the Land itself (Isa.4:3, 10:24, Jer.31:12). Each usage must be defined by context. Another anomaly is with the expression Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) because YHWH uses this name in terms of both the city and the Land.

1. In the millennium, the Land will be blessed,

*From there (the city) I proceeded to the middle of the earth (the rest of the land of Israel) and beheld a happy and fertile spot which contained branches continually sprouting from the trees which were planted in it. There I saw a holy mountain and underneath it water on the eastern side which flowed towards the south. (En.25 abstract).*

*As you come (into the Land) the mountains and hills will burst into song and all the trees in the countryside will clap their hands. Cypresses will grow in place of thorns; myrtles will grow instead of briars. This will bring fame to YHWH as an eternal, imperishable sign (Isa.55:12-13)*

*You will no longer be spoken of as 'Azuvah' (abandoned) or your Land be spoken of as 'Sh'mamah' (desolate); rather you will be called 'Heftzivah' (my delight is in her) and your Land Be'ulah' (married). (Isa.62:4).*

Isaiah chapter 62 is one instance where YHWH refers to the whole Land as Tziyon. A further indication of a blessing over the Land is provided in Ezekiel,

*And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit and the earth yield her increase (Ezek.34:27).*

Ezekiel also describes how YHWH will provide the food via, 1) crops planted in the Land, 2) fish in the sea and 3) the trees along the banks of the river flowing from His throne in Yerushalayim,

*As the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he made me pass over into water, water to the ankles. And he measured one thousand and made me pass over into water, water to the knees. And he measured one thousand and made me pass over, water to the loins. And he measured one thousand, a stream that I was unable to pass over, for the water had risen, water to swim, a stream that is not passed over. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" And he led me and brought me back to the bank of the stream. When I returned, then look, along the bank of the stream were very many trees on one side and the other. And he said to me, "These waters are flowing toward the eastern country, and go down into the Aravah, and enter the sea (Dead Sea), being made to flow into the sea, and the waters shall be healed. And it shall be that every swarming creature, wherever the stream goes, shall live. And there shall be very many fish, for these waters shall go there, and they are healed. And wherever the stream flows all shall live. And it shall be that fishermen stand along it, from Ein-Gedi to Ein-Eglayim, being places for spreading their nets. Their fish is to be of the same kind as the fish of the Great Sea, very many. Its swamps and marshes shall not be healed; they shall be given over to salt. And by the bank of the stream, on both sides grow all kinds of trees used for food, whose leaves do not wither, and fruit do not fail. They bear fruit every month because their water flows from the Holy place. And their fruit shall be for food, and their leaves for healing." (Ezek.47:3-12).*

The stream in Ezekiel's vision is not identical to the river John saw in Rev.22:1-2),

- I. Ezekiel's river flows from the temple, whereas the river of life in Revelation flows from YHWH's throne. Enoch tells us that for the millennium, YHWH will himself carve His throne from one of the seven new mountains surrounding the new city.
- II. Ezekiel's river gets deeper along its length. There is no similar comment concerning the river in Revelation.
- III. Verse 47:7 talks of an abundance of trees lining both banks of the river and verse 12 states these trees will be of various species providing all manner of fruits. Revelation refers to a single tree of life bearing twelve different fruits, one for each month of the year.
- IV. Verse 47:11 says there were miry places and marshes that were not healed. Whereas Rev. 22:3 says there no longer shall be any curse, hence the two visions are for different times.

The only commonality between the two visions is both waters are for healing and both are life giving.

The book of Baruch states that even the air in the Land will have a fragrance,

*Four winds shall go forth from before Me to bring every morning the fragrance of aromatic fruits and at the close of the day clouds distilling the dew of health. (Bar.29:7).*

2. The Land will be secure and safe,

*"My people will live in a peaceful place, in secure neighbourhoods and tranquil dwellings. (Isa.32:18).*

*Violence shall no more be heard in your land, wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. (Isa.60:18).*

3. No blood will be spilled in the Land and there will be a peace throughout the animal kingdom,

*And a wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a leopard lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child leads them. And cow and bear shall feed, their young ones lie down together, and a lion eat straw like an ox. And the nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the adder's den. They do no evil nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of YHWH as the waters cover the sea. (Isa.11:6-9).*

*"Wolf and lamb feed together, a lion eats straw as an ox, and dust is the snake's food. They shall do no evil, nor destroy in all My holy mountain," said YHWH. (Isa.65:25).*

*And it shall come to pass, when He has brought low everything that is in the world and has **sat down** in peace for the age **on the throne of His kingdom**, that joy shall then be revealed, and rest shall appear. And then healing shall descend in dew, and disease shall withdraw, and anxiety and anguish and lamentation pass from amongst men, and gladness proceed through the whole earth. And no one shall again die untimely, nor shall any adversity suddenly befall. **And judgments**, and revilings, and contentions, and revenges, **and blood**, and passions, and envy, and hatred, and whatsoever things are like these shall go into condemnation when they are removed. (2Bar.73:1-4).*

4. The 'Tree of Life' will be situated in the Land (Gan Eden)

In chapter 24, in his vision of the Land Enoch records the following,

*.... among these there was a tree of an unceasing smell: nor of those which were in Eden was there one of all the fragrant trees which smelt like this. Its leaf, its flower and its bark never withered, and its fruit was beautiful. Its fruit resembled the cluster of the palm. I exclaimed*

*behold! This tree is goodly in aspect, pleasing in its leaf and the sight of its fruit is delightful to the eye. Then Miyka'el one of the holy and glorious messengers who were with me answered and said, "Enoch why do you enquire respecting the odour of this tree? Are you inquisitive to know it? (Enoch 24:3-6).*

*And that tree of an agreeable smell, not one of carnal odour, there shall be no power to touch until the **period** of the great judgement. When all shall be punished and consumed forever, this shall be bestowed on the righteous and humble. The fruit of the tree shall be given to the elect. For towards the north life shall be planted in the holy place, towards the habitation of the Everlasting King. Then shall they greatly rejoice and exalt in the Holy One. The sweet odour shall enter into their bones, **and they shall live a long life on the earth as your forefathers have lived**: neither in their days shall sorrow, distress, trouble and punishment afflict them. (En.24:9-10)*

It is my understanding the tree of life will be situated in the millennial city. We must remember that Enoch is seeing all this before-hand and I believe the term 'great judgement' is a reference to the out-pouring of YHWH's wrath at the end of the 'Sixth Day.' Hence it says, 'period of great judgement inferring a time span as opposed to standing before Mashiach in His court of judgement at the end of the 'Seventh Day.'

5. It will be a blessed life in the Land

The chosen living in the Land it will have a physical, not a spiritual body but it will be a rejuvenated body,

*"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you from all the countries and return you to your own soil. **Then I will sprinkle clean water on you and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My spirit inside you and cause you to live by My laws, respect My rulings and obey them,**" (Ezek36:24-27).*

*Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, **and will cleanse them**: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim (Ezek.37:23).*

*"I will greatly rejoice in YHWH, my soul shall be joyful in my Elohim; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, **he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels," (Isa.61:10).*

*"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days," says YHWH, "**I will put my Torah** in their inner parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people." (Jer.31:33).*

Note it is YHWH's **water**, it is YHWH's **Spirit**, it is YHWH's **robe**, and it is YHWH's **Torah**. But it will also be a blessed life,

*Then **(when in the Land)** shall they greatly rejoice and exult in the Holy One. The sweet odour shall enter into their bones, **and they shall live a long life on the earth as your forefathers have lived**; neither in their days shall sorrow, distress, trouble and punishment afflict them. (En.24:10).*

Only those who have lived a Torah (Law) observant life will YHWH place in the Land and they will enjoy the blessing YHWH promised for obedience to His commands,

*You are to observe YHWH your Elohim and He will bless your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you. In your Land your women will not miscarry or be barren and you will live out the full span of your lives. (Exod.23:25-26).*

#### 6. The millennial city Yerushalayim (Jerusalem)

YHWH separates Yerushalayim from the rest of the Land. Speaking of Yerushalayim in Isaiah YHWH says, "I have engraved you on the palms of My hands, your walls are always before Me." (Isa.49:16). Note! YHWH says engraved not merely written or tattooed. In the book of Enoch, we are told that YHWH will site His throne atop one of the seven mountains of Yerushalayim (see below). YHWH's presence/glory will be in, around and above Yerushalayim: this radiance will be visible beyond the Land and of a brilliance that will be greater than the sun,

*"Arise, shine Yerushalayim for your light has come, the glory of YHWH has risen over you. For although darkness covers the earth and thick darkness the peoples; on you YHWH will rise; over you will be seen His glory. Nations will go toward your light and kings toward your shining splendour. (Isa.60:1-3).*

*"No more will the sun be your light by day nor will moonlight shine upon you, instead YHWH will be your light forever and your Elohim your glory. No longer will your sun go down; your moon will no longer wane for YHWH will be your light forever. (Isa.60:19-20).*

The whole of Yerushalayim will be holy; a set apart city, it will be YHWH's sanctuary and no unrighteousness will be found within its walls,

*In righteousness you will be established....., (Isa.54:14)*

*Yerushalayim the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean will enter you no more, (Isa.52:1).*

*Thus says YHWH Elohim, "No son of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart nor uncircumcised in the flesh, is to enter My sanctuary, (Ezek.44:9).*

*Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city, (Rev.22:14).*

*And there shall by no means enter into it whatever is unclean, neither anyone doing abomination and falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev.21:27).*

#### 7. The Topography of the City will Be Changed,

When Enoch was taken up from earth, he was shown a completely different millennial Yerushalayim (Jerusalem),

*I went from there to another place a saw a mountain of fire and flashing both by day and night. I proceeded towards it and perceived seven splendid mountains which were all different from each other. The stones were brilliant and beautiful, all were brilliant and splendid to behold and beautiful was their surface. Three were towards the east and strengthened by being placed one upon another and three were towards the south, strengthened in a similar manner.....*

*And the seventh mountain was in the midst of them. In length they resembled the seat of a throne and odoriferous trees surrounded them....*

The messenger then explains to Enoch what these mountains represent,

*The mountain which you behold, the extent of whose head resembled the seat of YHWH, will be the seat on which shall sit the Holy and Great Yahuwah of glory, the everlasting King **when He shall come and descend to visit the earth.*** (En.24)

This last passage from Enoch is of particular interest because it shows that Mashiach will not be permanently resident in the Land throughout the millennium but will traverse between the heavenly throne and earth. This passage correlates with Ya'akov's dream in which he saw the heavenly host coming and going between heaven and earth (Gen.28:12).

It is clear from Enoch that it is not man that builds a place for YHWH (**no millennial temple**)<sup>1</sup>, He will create His own throne on one of the seven mountains of Yerushalayim, I believe it is this newly formed mountain that is referred to in Zephaniah,

*"In that day you shall not be put to shame for any of your deeds in which you have transgressed against Me, for then I shall remove from your midst your proud exulting ones, and you shall no more be haughty in My holy mountain.* (Zeph.3:11).

### **The Situation outside the Land**

We are told little of the situation outside the Land except that there will be sin and uncleanness,

*No more is an infant from there going to live but a few days, nor an old man who does not complete his days, for the youth dies one hundred years old, but the sinner **(outside the Land)** being one hundred years old shall be lightly esteemed.* (Isa.65:20).

The early part of this verse relates to life in the Land whereas the latter part refers to the inhabitants outside the Land because those inside the Land are promised longevity equalling the life of the trees. To the above we can add another verse from Isaiah

*And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against Me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be abhorrent to all flesh.* (Isa.66:24).

That HaSatan can amass an army (Rev.20:7-10) for a final assault against the elect in the Land is confirmation unrighteousness will be present outside the Land.

### **The Eighth Day**

The outpouring of YHWH's wrath at the end of the millennium is described in Revelation 20. We are told that HaSatan is released from the abyss and allowed to gather an army for a last attempt at annihilating believers, who at this time, are living in the Land,

*And when the thousand years have ended, Satan shall be released from his prison, and he shall go out to lead the nations astray which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog,*

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<sup>1</sup> The contention of a millennial temple is discussed in two separate articles 'Does YHWH Require a Future Temple Building?' and 'Does the New Testament Support a Future Temple Building?' which can be found on the website [www.undertorah.com](http://www.undertorah.com) under End Time articles.

*and Magog, to gather them together for battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. And they came up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the set-apart ones and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of the heaven and consumed them. And the devil, who led them astray, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet are. And they shall be tortured day and night forever and ever. (Rev.20:7-10).*

YHWH will release HaSatan from the abyss and he gathers an army from the nations, but YHWH prevents any invasion of the Land by raining down His fire. However, this passage does confirm the presence of unrighteousness in the millennium. This proves there will exist two different lifestyles in the millennium; the one inside the Land and the one outside the Land. Unrighteousness will only exist outside the Land. But therein is an anomaly, if the purpose of YHWH's wrath at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> Day is to remove all the unrighteous from creation, how does it spawn again? I propose that these unrighteous people will be the descendants of all those who, through repentance, survived YHWH's wrath and qualified for life outside the Land in the millennium. Enoch tells us that there will be those who come to repentance through wrath but will not live with YHWH – not live in the Land,

*In the day of trouble, evil shall be heaped upon sinners; but the righteous shall triumph in the name of YHWH Tzva'ot. Others shall be made to see, that they must repent, and forsake the works of their hands and that glory awaits them not in the presence of YHWH, (not in the Land), yet that by His name they may be saved. YHWH Tzva'ot will have compassion on them. For great is His mercy, and righteousness is in His judgement and in the presence of His glory; nor in His judgement shall iniquity stand, he who repents not before Him, shall perish. (En.49:2-3).*

Could it be, only those who survived YHWH's wrath i.e., the first generation of those living outside the Land will live a righteous, Torah observant lifestyle, under the guidance of the priestly nation living in the Land? Remember Isaiah chapter 2 tells us that the Torah will go out from Yerushalayim (Jerusalem). As this first generation dies off their descendants possibly fall away and reject Torah. Then, as the centuries pass unrighteousness spawns unrighteousness with each subsequent generation. With this scenario it will not be difficult after 1000 years for HaSatan to build an army for one final act of rebellion.

This final confrontation between HaSatan and YHWH is the penultimate event before the end of the seventh Day, all that remains is for the second resurrection to take place,

*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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (1Cor.15:52-53).*

\* Remember that throughout the millennium, Mashiach shall be traversing between the Heavens and earth. This passage refers to His final visit to earth at the end of the millennium.

Contrary to Church teaching the above passage refers to an event that happens at the end of the millennium immediately before the start of the 'Eighth Day. What is described is Mashiach collecting His bride which will have continued to grow in the Land throughout the millennium.

## **Conclusion**

There are many views about why YHWH wanted an earthly creation, was it merely for His own satisfaction? Was it because He wanted something outside of His heavenly realm? We don't know the answer but there could be another very credible reason. Was it to replace the heavenly host that rebelled against Him with HaSatan? Is this

why ultimately humans will receive spiritual bodies (1Cor.15:50-53)? Having experienced the rebellion of some of the heavenly host is our earthly existence merely a trial of testing to establish souls worthy of a heavenly existence?

I have often compared this life to a school programme where students must put in a continuous effort for a whole year merely to prepare them for the end of year exam. Our walk of faith is a continuous effort, and the coming tribulation will be our final test. Mashiach has prophesied that in the end times *“the love of many will grow cold,”* the tribulation will prove too hard to bear for some. As with a school education if the application is lacking, failure is the result.

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