

Panorama Bible Study

The Plan of the Ages, Study 11

THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM

FROM THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST TO THE NEW JERUSALEM

1. Before starting this study, I would like to look at Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia, for it is a **POWERFUL explanation** of the **PURPOSE** of the **OLD TESTAMENT** in being both **PATTERN** and **PREDICTIVE PROPHECY**. He illustrates "**Scripture interpreting Scripture**" in Galatians. It seems that after Paul preached Jesus Christ and Him alone for salvation, the Galatians were beginning to **slip away from the GRACE** in Jesus Christ (***GRACE is the Spirit of the Law that gets to the HEART of the sin problem***) and had begun the "**WORKS**" mentality again (*the **Letter of the Law***), thinking that **human effort** can produce the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**. They were becoming **LEGALISTIC** again! Paul is **SHOCKED...**

*"I marvel that ye are so **SOON REMOVED** from Him that called you into the **GRACE of Christ** unto **ANOTHER gospel**: Which is **NOT ANOTHER**; but there be some that trouble you, and would **PERVERT** the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an **ANGEL from heaven**, preach any **OTHER gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him **BE ACCURSED**. As we said before, so say I now again, If **ANY MAN** preach any **OTHER gospel** unto you than that ye have received, let him be **ACCURSED**. (Galatians 1:6-9)...for if **RIGHTEOUSNESS** come by the **LAW**, then **CHRIST is dead IN VAIN**. (Galatians 2:21)...Receive ye the **SPIRIT** by the **WORKS** of the **LAW**, or by the **HEARING of FAITH**?" (Galatians 3:2)...But that **NO MAN is JUSTIFIED** by the **LAW** in the sight of God, it is **EVIDENT**: for, **THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**." (Galatians 3:11)*

2. Paul further explains in Chapter 3 that the **LAW** became a **CURSE** to us because we could **NOT** attain righteousness by attempting to obey it—our problem was **IN OUR NATURE—the HEART** of man!!! **BUT...**Jesus "**REDEEMED us from the CURSE of the LAW**, being **MADE a CURSE** for us: for it is written, **CURSED is EVERY ONE that HANGETH upon a TREE**." (Galatians 3:13)

Paul goes back to how **Abraham became RIGHTEOUS** in God's eyes: He **BELIEVED** in the **PROMISE!!!** (Galatians 3:18)

3. Paul then asks the “64 million-dollar” question, *“Wherefore then serveth the **LAW?**”* (*Galatians 3:19*) In other words, he is saying if our ancestor **Abraham was RIGHTEOUS** because he **believed in the PROMISE** and **Abraham’s FAITH** happened **hundreds of years BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN**, then...

QUESTION: WHY WAS THE LAW GIVEN?

ANSWER: (See Galatians 3:19) _____

4. Paul plainly tells us that *“the **LAW** was our **SCHOOLMASTER** to **BRING US** unto **CHRIST**, that we might be **JUSTIFIED** by **FAITH**. But after that **FAITH** is **COME**, we are **NO LONGER UNDER** a **SCHOOLMASTER**. For ye are all the **CHILDREN** of **GOD** by **FAITH** in **CHRIST JESUS.**”* (*Galatians 3:24-26*)
5. Keep in mind that the **BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** is called **THE PROMISE** of the **FATHER**. The Bible says the **HOLY GHOST** is **given** to those who **OBEY God!** (*Acts 5:32*) It is the **OBEDIENCE** of **REPENTANCE** and then **RECEIVING** the **GIFT** of **FAITH** for the **REMISSION** of **SINS**.

*“For **BY GRACE** are ye **SAVED** through **FAITH**; and that **NOT** of yourselves: it is the **GIFT** of God...”* (*Ephesians 2:8*)

6. Paul further explains what happens with the **BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**:

*“For as many of you as have been **BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST** have **PUT ON CHRIST**. There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is **neither bond nor free**, there is **neither MALE nor FEMALE**; for ye are **ALL ONE** in **CHRIST JESUS**. And if ye be **CHRIST’S**, then ye are **ABRAHAM’S SEED**, and **HEIRS** according to the **PROMISE.**”* (*Galatians 3:27-29*)

7. Next, with the illumination by the Holy Spirit of all the **PATTERNS**, the **TYPES** and **SHADOWS** of the Old Testament, Paul begins to clearly show the **SYMBOLISM** behind the **characters in the life of ABRAHAM** and how these **PATTERNS** are **PROPHETIC** of the **WORK OF SALVATION** in our lives. He tells us that in the life of Abraham, there were **2 SONS**, **ONE** the **offspring** of a **BOND (SLAVE) woman** and the **OTHER SON** the **offspring** of **ABRAHAM’S WIFE**, the **FREEWOMAN**.

*“But HE (Ishmael) who was **OF the BONDWOMAN** was **born after the FLESH**; but HE of the **FREEWOMAN** was **by PROMISE**. Which things are an **ALLEGORY**: for **THESE** are the **TWO COVENANTS**; the **one** from the **MOUNT SINAI**, (the Law) which gendereth to **BONDAGE**, which is **AGAR** (Hagar). For this **AGAR is MOUNT SINAI** in Arabia, and answereth to **JERUSALEM** which **NOW IS**, and is **in bondage** with her children. But **JERUSALEM** which **IS ABOVE** is **FREE**, which is the **MOTHER** of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou **BARREN** that **BEAREST NOT**; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the **DESOLATE** hath **MANY MORE CHILDREN** than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, **as ISAAC WAS**, are the **CHILDREN** of **PROMISE**. But as then **he** (Ishmael) that was **born after the flesh PERSECUTED** him (Isaac) that was **born after the Spirit**, even so **it is now**. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **CAST OUT** the **bondwoman** and **her son**: for the **son of the bondwoman (THE LAW)** shall **NOT** be **HEIR** with the **son of the freewoman (FAITH, JESUS, the PROMISE)**. So then, brethren, **WE** are **NOT** children of the **bondwoman (the Law)**, but of the **FREE (Faith)**.” (Galatians 4:23-31)*

8. Paul says that the **2 covenants** were represented by these **2 women** and **their offspring**, just as the **2 covenants** were represented by **2 trees** in the **Garden of Eden** so very long ago. (*The **Tree of Life** being the **Covenant of the Spirit of Life (GRACE)** in **Jesus Christ** on **Calvary’s TREE**, and the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil** being the **Covenant of the Letter of the Law.**) Like Eve’s action in **SELF-DETERMINATION** and, therefore, **REBELLION** against the Word of God in eating of The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, Abraham’s union with Hagar in producing Ishmael demonstrates a **failed attempt** by **FALLEN HUMAN NATURE/EFFORT (self-will)** to **reproduce** the **SPIRITUAL**. Both of these **PATTERNS** show us what happens when we think we can **ESTABLISH** our **OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS**. We **CANNOT “DO”** enough to become righteous! (*I mean, **REALLY!** Think about it! How much **GOOD WORKS** would be **ENOUGH???!!!**!*) The problem is that the **“SEED”** within us **reproduces “after its own kind,”** a principle God established in the Book of Genesis. Jesus further reiterated it during His ministry when He said...*

*“That which is **BORN** of the **FLESH** is **FLESH**; and that which is **BORN** of the **SPIRIT** is **SPIRIT**.” (John 3:6)*

As represented by the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, Abraham’s union with his wife, Sarah, represents the **New Covenant of LIFE**, for the union **miraculously** created a son, **ISAAC**. The birth was **GOD INITIATED** and **SUPERNATURAL**. As represented by the Tree of Life in the Garden, out of **ISAAC’S** lineage, **NOT ISHMAEL’S**, would eventually come **THE PRINCE OF LIFE, JESUS CHRIST**, who is our **TRUE, Spirit of the Law, PROMISED COVENANT**.

9. This message of the **GOOD NEWS** of the **GOSPEL OF REDEMPTION** in Jesus Christ, **alone**, has now been proclaimed in various parts of the world for **over 2000 YEARS**. Before Jesus went to the cross, He left us with these words:

*“And this **GOSPEL** of the kingdom shall be **preached** in **ALL THE WORLD** for a **witness** unto **ALL nations**; and then shall the **END come**.” (Matthew 24:14)*

10. As we look at the various views of **ESCHATOLOGY** (*theology about the **END TIMES***), we should keep in mind the **“CALENDARS”** of **God’s time table** in dealing with humanity as revealed in His Word. Remember, in the very beginning, in **Genesis Chapter 1**, God establishes the use of **“SEVEN”** as in a **“WEEK.”** We noticed in Genesis that the **SEVENTH DAY** indicated a **CONCEPT** of **ETERNAL REST**, for in **that “DAY”** God **RESTED** from His work. (*Note: It didn’t say God “got up the next morning” on the 8th day and started working again!!!*) The Book of Hebrews showed us that this was a **symbol** of the **SABBATH** and our **ETERNAL REST** from our **FUTILE LABORS** to try to become righteous. **JESUS CHRIST** and His **FINISHED WORK** (*just as **ELOHIM FINISHED** His Work on the 7th day in Genesis*) is our **SABBATH REST!!!**
11. The use of **“WEEKS”** (*meaning “SEVENS”*) is further developed in the Book of Daniel and is used **PROPHETICALLY** to **foretell the EXACT NUMBER of YEARS** which will **pass** from the **time** the Old Testament **JEWs** in **BABYLONIAN EXILE** are **released** by **KING CYRUS** of **PERSIA** to rebuild the Temple **TILL** the time their **MESSIAH** comes to **CUT COVENANT** with **ALL PEOPLE**. Daniel was shown by God that...
- “SEVENTY WEEKS are determined upon thy people...” (Daniel 9:24)*
12. Daniel was further shown that the **MESSIAH** would be **“CUT-OFF”** (*means **COVENANTED***) in the **69th WEEK**. Incredibly, and just as God showed Daniel, from the time the decree was made to rebuild the temple till the time when Jesus struggled to carry the cross up the Via Dolorosa, was **69 times 7** or **483 YEARS!!!** Our God is always **ON TIME!!!**
13. As we look at the various views on the 2nd Coming of Christ, keep in mind that the Crucifixion of Christ (*when He cut covenant upon the Cross*), **FULFILLED the 69th WEEK** of the prophecy of God’s Calendar and we are left with **THE 70th WEEK**.

- 14.** The other “Calendar” of God that we should keep in mind is the calendar of God’s meticulously specified **FEASTS** which Israel was **COMMANDED** to observe under the **Law of Moses**. God is **FULFILLING these FEASTS PERFECTLY**—even the **EXACT DAY** and **TIME of DAY**.
- a. Leviticus 23:4, 5 and Exodus 12:1-4. For example, as we saw in the previous study, God has **FULFILLED** the **PASSOVER FEAST** (*Pesach, pronounced pā, śäk*) in **JESUS CHRIST**, our **Passover Lamb** nailed upon the “doorpost” of a Cross at the **SAME TIME OF DAY** the **morning sacrifice** was offered at the temple and He remained on the cross **for 6 hours** (*the number of **FALLEN man***) until the time of the **EVENING SACRIFICE** during the Feast of the Passover.
 - b. Leviticus 23:6-8 and Exodus 12:15-20 The **FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD** (*Hag Hamatzot, pronounced häg, hä, mät, zoot*) was held in conjunction with the Passover Feast. **Leaven** symbolizes **SIN** in the Bible. It was **omitted** from the bread when the Hebrews were suddenly **FREED** from **EGYPTIAN BONDAGE**. **Jesus** was not only **BORN in Bethlehem**, which means **HOUSE OF BREAD**, but He declared Himself to be the **fulfillment** of the **OLD TESTAMENT MANNA**, for He said He is the **LIVING BREAD**, that is, **UNLEAVENED and SINLESS**, which came down from Heaven. In a **DAY’S time**, **Jesus SUDDENLY FREED** us from **SIN’S BONDAGE!!!**
 - c. Leviticus 23:9-14 The **FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS** (*Yom HaBikkurim, pronounced yom, hä, bee, koo, reem*) was **FULFILLED** by **Jesus** upon His **RESURRECTION** from the dead. In the Old Testament, this sacrifice was **HEAVED**, which means it was **RAISED UP** in the air and waved!!! This **feast** occurred on the **THIRD DAY!!!** This is why **Jesus REPEATEDLY** told His disciples that on the **THIRD DAY He would RISE** from the **DEAD!** He was telling them that **HE WAS FULFILLING the THIRD DAY FIRSTFRUITS!!!** He would be the **FIRST** of a **NEW CREATION** of **humanity** which could be **RAISED to NEWNESS of LIFE in HIM!!!**
 - d. Leviticus 23:15-22 The **FEAST OF WEEKS** (*Shavuot, pronounced SHä'vōō, ōt*) or **PENTECOST** (*indicating 50 days after Passover*) was **PERFECTLY FULFILLED** on that very feast day when the **HOLY SPIRIT was POURED OUT** upon the 120 believers in the upper room at **precisely the time** the **morning sacrifice** was being offered in the Temple—9 AM. It was a feast signaling “**HARVEST TIME.**” We have been

given the Holy Ghost to work as **LABORERS** in *“fields that are white unto harvest.”* This feast occurred **7 SABBATHS** from the **Passover Feast**, so God is continuing to use the **PATTERN of the “7 SEVENS.”** Remember, the **LAW of MOSES** had been given on Mt. Sinai on this date **1500 YEARS PRIOR**. Now, through the **INDWELLING CHRIST** and **by His SPIRIT**, God **WRITES THE LAW** upon our **HEARTS** at the **FEAST OF PENTECOST**.

It is interesting that the **mentioned FEASTS** are **SPRING-TIME FEASTS**. There are **3 FEASTS** left on **God’s CALENDAR** and they are **AUTUMN-TIME FEASTS**. Some scholars believe that these **three** are **ALL FUTURISTIC**—yet to be fulfilled. Other scholars believe that these **3** have already been **fulfilled** in a **completely SPIRITUAL WAY**. There are still others who believe **ELEMENTS** of the **3 FEASTS** have been **SPIRITUALLY FULFILLED** in the **individual believer** with a **COMPLETE, worldwide SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL FULFILLMENT** still to come.

- e. Leviticus 23:23-25 The **FEAST OF TRUMPETS** (*Rosh HaShanah, pronounced rōSH (h)ə'SHōnā*) was very significant in that it was observed in the **7TH MONTH** on the **1st day**, so this is the **SABBATICAL MONTH**. It corresponds to our September/October time period. Whereas the **FEAST OF PASSOVER** began the **RELIGIOUS NEW YEAR**, the **FEAST OF TRUMPETS** heralded the **CIVIL NEW YEAR**. There were **10 DAYS OF REPENTANCE** associated with **this FEAST**—a **DAY** for **each** of the **10 COMMANDMENTS of THE LAW** (*the STANDARD of RIGHTEOUSNESS*)! The **SHOFAR** (*Ram’s horn to remind them of the ram provided to Abraham by God in the place of the sacrifice of Isaac*) is blown to **SIGNAL** the beginning of this feast and is blown throughout the feast for 100 times!!! It is a **TIME** of introspection and **JUDGMENT**—a warning that the **HIGH HOLY DAY of THE DAY OF ATONEMENT** is **COMING!!!** Jewish tradition teaches that **GOD opens the BOOK of LIFE** during **this FEAST** and writes the **individual’s name** in the **BOOK** for **another year**. Since **Jesus** was given **AUTHORITY** to **JUDGE SIN** (*John 5:24-27*), some scholars teach that this **FEAST** has been fulfilled by Jesus in the **individual BELIEVER’S** life **ALREADY** and fulfills the “Book of Life” as it relates to the individual in Revelation 20:12; **BUT...**that also in **REVELATION**, the **TRUMPETS** sounding there are the completed fulfillment of the **FUTURE JUDGMENT** upon the **WHOLE EARTH** to **ERADICATE SIN/EVIL** in preparation for the “New Heavens and New Earth.”
- f. Leviticus 23:26-32 **THE DAY OF ATONEMENT** (*Yom Kippur, pronounced 'yôm ki'pōōr*), the **MOST SOLEMN HOLY DAY** of the year, was the year-long, anticipated culmination of the office of **The High Priest**, when He took **THE BLOOD** of the

BULLOCK *first* for the sins of the priesthood into **THE MOST HOLY PLACE** and offered it upon the **MERCY SEAT of The ARK OF THE COVENANT** and **THEN** took the **BLOOD** of **one** of the **two GOATS**, offering it upon the **MERCY SEAT** for the **SINS of the people**, sprinkling it **SEVEN times (PERFECT NUMBER)** before the **ARK of the COVENANT**. Again, there is the **individual FULFILLMENT** for the **believer NOW**, for **Jesus** has entered **The TRUE MOST HOLY PLACE, HEAVEN itself**, with **His OWN BLOOD** to **ATONE** for our sins. We can now **BOLDLY** approach the **THRONE of GRACE, THE TRUE ARK OF THE COVENANT**, in **HEAVEN**, to obtain help in the time of need. But, for the world, Revelation points to that **FINAL “DAY”** of the **RETURN of CHRIST** to **ATONE FOR THE WHOLE EARTH**. Since it is called a **“DAY,”** some scholars think the ultimate fulfillment for the world is the **MILLENIAL REIGN of CHRIST**, for the scriptures say that **“ONE DAY with the LORD is as a THOUSAND YEARS.”** Remember, **ATONEMENT** means **AT- One –Ment**, or being **ONE** with **CHRIST** in **PERFECT RECONCILIATION**.

- g. Leviticus 23:33-43 **THE FEAST OF BOOTHS OR TABERNACLES** (*Sukkot, pronounced **sōō'kōt***) was to commemorate the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness following the exodus from Egyptian bondage and how **JEHOVAH** was faithfully **DWELLING** or **TABERNACLING** among them—**NEVER LEAVING THEM**, a **visible PILLAR of FIRE** by night and **PILLAR of CLOUD** by day. The Jewish people celebrated this feast by building their individual, **temporary BOOTHS** or **TABERNACLES** of branches. This **FEAST** is **fulfilled** in the **individual believer** because **Jesus came and DWELT** (means **“TABERNACLED”**) among us during His earthly ministry. Because of the **OUTPOURING** of the **SPIRIT** on the **Day of PENTECOST, JESUS TABERNACLES WITHIN US**, the **BELIEVERS, HIS CHURCH, HIS BRIDE** on planet earth!!! The **Tabernacle of MOSES** is **fulfilled** in that **JESUS** will **NEVER LEAVE** us or **FORSAKE** us. However, the **COMPLETE FULFILLMENT of JESUS REIGNING** upon the whole earth is still to come, as the Book of Revelation, 21:3 declares...

“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the **TABERNACLE OF GOD** is **WITH MEN**, and He will **DWELL** with them, and they shall be **His people**, and **God Himself** shall be **WITH them**, and be **THEIR God.**”

REMEMBER: When you read the Book of Revelation, think about the symbolisms as associated with these last 3 FEASTS.

15. As we take a look at the **FOUR** different views of the **2nd Coming of Christ**, we must remember the **Prophet Daniel's calendar** and the **70th WEEK**.

VIEW ONE: HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM (*See attachments*) is the belief that the **2nd Coming of Christ** will occur **AFTER** a time when the world has experienced **Great Tribulation** and **BEFORE** the **THOUSAND YEAR REIGN of Christ**. This view teaches that the **TRUE, NEW TESTAMENT ISRAEL** is now the "**NATION**" called the **CHURCH**, which is made up of **MANY NATIONS**. Since **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM** teaches that **ALL believers** are **SPIRITUAL ISRAEL**, there is **no need** to teach the **GAP PERIOD** between **Daniel's 69th and 70th WEEK** in order for the **GENTILES** to come into the Kingdom. In **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM**, there is **NO RAPTURE** or "catching away" of the **Church** (*i.e., The Bride of Christ*) to Heaven to spare her the tribulation upon earth prior to the **2nd Coming**. It is significant that **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM** (*no RAPTURE*) has been the historical belief of earliest Christianity and has lasted for many centuries. It is worth our closest scrutiny and attention to note that "**THE RAPTURE**" teaching was **NOT** in the teaching of the **early church fathers**. **THE RAPTURE** was popularized by **John Nelson Darby**, as recent as the **EARLY 1800's**. Darby was the Anglo-Irish Christian writer who founded "The Exclusive Brethren" movement. The **RAPTURE** teaching, which is **ESSENTIAL** to the **next view**, **DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM**, really caught fire throughout most mainline denominational churches **LESS THAN 200 YEARS AGO** and was popularized by the **SCOFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE** published in **1909**. **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM** also teaches that the **THOUSAND-YEAR REIGN of Christ** is a **LITERAL, PHYSICAL REIGN**. **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM** seems to have been the **earliest view** of the **END TIMES** by church fathers such as **JUSTIN MARTYR, IRENAEUS, and PAPIAS**, who was a disciple of the **Apostle JOHN**.

VIEW TWO: DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM (*See attachments*) is the belief held by Dr. Eade, illustrator of the Panorama Bible Study, and held by most churches in mainline Christianity today. The belief in **THE RAPTURE** (*whether pre-tribulation rapture, mid-tribulation rapture, or post-tribulation rapture*) is the **key feature** of this teaching that **separates** it from the **other THREE VIEWS**. Again, keep in mind that **THE RAPTURE** teaching was **not known** until it was introduced by **John Nelson Darby** in the **1800's**, further promulgated by the *Scofield Bible*, and recently popularized by the "**LEFT BEHIND**" series of films produced by Tim LaHaye. The teaching of **THE GAP PERIOD** between **Daniel's 69th week and the 70th week** is **NEEDED** in this teaching to explain the **times of the GENTILES** as a **separate group** and the **subsequent RAPTURE** of the **Church**, in order for the **70th WEEK** to begin, *i.e.*, the time of "**Jacob's TROUBLE**," the **7**

years of **TRIBULATION** to bring **PHYSICAL ISRAEL** as a **NATION** to the knowledge of the True Messiah. **DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM** also teaches that the **THOUSAND-YEAR REIGN** of Christ is a **LITERAL, PHYSICAL REIGN**, after which comes the **FINAL JUDGMENT**.

VIEW THREE: AMILLENNIALISM (*See attachments*) is the belief that the “**THOUSAND YEAR REIGN**” is **NOT numerical—NOT A literal, physical reign**, but is a **CONCEPT** illustrating that Jesus began reigning in the hearts of the believers when the Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost and He continues to reign in His Church of true believers today. Like the **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM** teaching, there is **NO RAPTURE** in the **AMILLENNIALISM VIEW**. Also, like the **HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM** teaching, the **AMILLENNIALISM VIEW** teaches that the **New Covenant TRUE ISRAEL** is **SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, THE CHURCH** and that, therefore, there is **NO GAP between Daniel’s 69th and 70th WEEK** for a separate group called “**GENTILES**” to come into the Kingdom. The **AMILLENNIALISM VIEW** teaches that **Christ** will ultimately **physically return**, defeating evil, reigning over the earth, and **judging** the saved and unsaved. It is interesting to note that the **Great Protestant REFORMERS, Martin Luther and John Calvin**, held to the **AMILLENNIALISM VIEW**.

VIEW FOUR: POSTMILLENNIALISM (*See attachments*) is the view that the **Millennial Reign** is **NOT NUMERICAL**, but is a **CONCEPT** of a **long period of time** wherein **Christ is SPIRITUALLY** reigning over the **earth THROUGH** the hearts and lives of the believers, His Church. **POSTMILLENNIALISM** teaches that most of the world will be won to Christ during this time period and **Satan** will be **POWERLESS**. There is **NO NEED** for a **GAP PERIOD** in this view because this view, too, sees **TRUE ISRAEL** as the **CHURCH**. **POSTMILLENNIALISM** views the world as **IMPROVING and converting to Christ**, with possibly a time of **TRIBULATION** just prior to the **PHYSICAL 2nd Coming of Christ**. In this view, the **physical 2nd Coming of Christ** will coincide with the **final conflict** between good and evil and the **FINAL JUDGMENT**. The “Prince of Preachers,” **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**, held to the **POSTMILLENNIALISM** view.

See a Personal Note to the Ladies on the Next Page!

Please know I love you and appreciate you soooooo much! I have been blessed and truly honored to get to study God's precious Word with you! Your devotion has been nothing less than inspiring and I know you have brought a smile to the Face of our Beloved Master, The Lord Jesus! It is my sincere prayer that He has drawn you even closer to His bosom, as He did the beloved disciple, John, over 2000 years ago. May the study have been graciously used by Him so that, this Christmas, you view Him in His Incarnation in new, unexpected, and GLORIOUS ways!

AMEN, SISTAS and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

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