Rev236 - Israel & The Millennium - Isaiah 9:6-7

It's <u>April of 2024</u> - & it's <u>The Most Incredible</u> <u>Time</u> to be <u>Supporting</u> <u>Israel</u> that <u>I've seen</u> in my <u>45 years</u> of <u>Following Jesus</u>

What is going on in Israel right now is Absolutely GOD-SIZED

& <u>What</u> is <u>going on</u> in the <u>World</u> <u>AGAINST Israel</u> right <u>now</u> is <u>absolutely</u> <u>SATAN-SIZED</u>

<u>God's PROTECTION</u> of <u>Israel</u> in these <u>past weeks</u> <u>Has</u> been <u>Super-Miraculous</u>

- & <u>so much</u> of the <u>world's HATE</u> of <u>Israel</u> <u>Has</u> been <u>Super-Satanic</u>
- & <u>So</u> that <u>makes</u> a <u>Perfect Time</u> <u>For us</u> to <u>talk about</u> - <u>ISRAEL and the MILLENIUM</u>

Let's Pray

<u>We</u> will <u>talk MORE</u> about <u>OUR ROLE</u> in the <u>Millenium</u> - <u>NEXT WEEK</u>

But **today** - **Especially** in **light** of **what's happening** in **Israel** right now

It is CRITICAL that we talk about ISRAEL & the MILLENIUM

My prayer Today - is that you would see - TWO things

- # 1) The Millenium is about Jesus Christ <u>RULING & REIGNING</u> on this Earth - for 1,000 years
- # 2) The Millenium is about God <u>Absolutely FULFILLING</u> <u>ALL</u> of his Covenant Promises - to ISRAEL

So - Let's start - By DEFINING the Word - MILLENNIUM

(*if you're saying to yourself, <u>Milli-Vanilli</u> What? . . .)*

<u>MILLENNIUM</u>: A 1,000 year period when Jesus Christ will Reign on this Earth. It occurs just after the 2nd coming. In fulfillment of God's promises, the redeemed nation of Israel will return to the promised land, where they, and all Gentile believers, will experience the personal presence of Jesus Christ in a real, restored Jerusalem. From Jerusalem, Jesus will rule the earth with all his saints, in perfect justice and righteousness. While Satan is bound and removed for this period of time.

THAT is the Millenium in a NUTSHELL

& <u>Since</u> we are <u>talking today</u> about <u>ISRAEL'S PLACE</u> in the <u>Millenium</u>

We are going to be reading Mostly O.T. Vs's About the Millennium today & **If you** have **ever** been **exposed** to **ANY church** or **doctrine** that **says** - the **NT church** has **REPLACED Israel**

I hope you will see today - That the Bible clearly, completely, & 100% REFUTES - that Unbiblical Doctrine

God's <u>Covenant Promises to Israel</u> Will <u>ALWAYS</u> remain - <u>God's Covenant Promises to Israel</u>

& <u>WE</u> are <u>Eternally BLESSED</u> to be <u>GRAFTED IN</u> <u>As Partakers</u> of those <u>Covenant Promises</u>

So - Let's just address this foundational Truth About ISRAEL & the Millenium first

Romans 11:28–29 (NLT)

28 Many of the people of Israel are now enemies of the Good News, and this benefits you Gentiles. Yet they are still the people he loves because he chose their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 29 <u>For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn</u>.

Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

19 God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, <u>so he</u> <u>does not change his mind</u>. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

<u>God</u> - & <u>His Word</u> - Are <u>very SERIOUS</u> about <u>the fact</u> that <u>God</u> <u>AND</u> his <u>Covenant Promises</u> - <u>WILL NEVER CHANGE</u>

& that is GREAT NEWS for US - AND for Israel

<u>AND</u> - <u>we</u> are <u>SEEING</u> God's <u>Covenant Promise</u> with <u>Israel</u> Being <u>PROVEN</u> right <u>now</u>

<u>Right</u> before <u>our eyes</u> - in <u>April 2024</u> In this <u>current war</u> between <u>ISRAEL</u> & <u>IRAN</u> (& <u>Iran's Proxies</u>)

The <u>Liberal</u>, <u>Anti Semitic Media</u> <u>Refuse</u> to <u>acknowledge</u> how <u>Miraculous</u> it was

that over 300 simultaneous Air Attacks on Israel

Were Completely THWARTED - IN the AIR With ZERO Israeli deaths

But <u>WE KNOW</u> - <u>God was Involved</u> & <u>God</u> will <u>Always Be Involved</u> in the <u>Nation of Israel</u>

So - <u>There</u> are <u>THREE Covenants</u> God has <u>made</u> with <u>Israel</u> that will <u>ALL</u> be - <u>Ultimately Fulfilled</u> in the <u>Millennium</u>

The <u>Abrahamic</u> Covenant The <u>Davidic</u> Covenant The <u>New</u> Covenant

<u>Some Aspects</u> of <u>each</u> of these <u>3 Covenants</u> have been <u>Partially Fulfilled</u>

But in the Millennium

they will be Completely & Forever Fulfilled

<u>& Here is</u> the <u>GOOD NEWS</u> We (as **Gentile Believers**) will be "*PARTAKERS*"

of <u>God FULFILLING</u> - <u>ALL</u> of his <u>*Earthly Promises*</u> in the <u>Millennium</u>

We will be FOREVER BLESSED - to be "Grafted-In" to the Covenants - God has made with Israel

So - <u>Let's LOOK</u> at these <u>THREE Covenants</u> <u>that</u> will <u>ALL</u> be - <u>Ultimately Fulfilled</u> - in the <u>Millenium</u>

#1) The Abrahamic Covenant

In <u>God's Covenant</u> with <u>Abraham</u> - <u>God Promised</u> to <u>Abraham</u> & his <u>Descendants</u>

the <u>ENTIRE</u> <u>Land</u> of <u>CANAAN</u> as an <u>Everlasting Possession</u>

<u>One count</u> shows <u>this Covenant Promise</u> from God is <u>referred</u> to <u>39 TIMES</u> in the Bible

The **Problem** is - **Neither Abraham** - Nor his **Descendants EVER Possessed** the **Entire Promised Land**

But The GOOD NEWS is - THEY WILL Because God ALWAYS MAKES GOOD on His Promises

In <u>Gen Ch 15</u> is a <u>DRAMATIC</u> <u>One-Sided Covenant</u> between <u>God & Abraham</u>

Genesis 15:7-8 (NLT)

7 Then the Lord told [Abraham], "I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans <u>to give you this land as your</u> <u>possession</u>." 8 But Abram (Abraham) replied, "O Sovereign Lord, <u>how can I be</u> sure that I will actually possess it?"

Then - What follows is an incredible Covenant Ceremony

Where <u>Animals</u> are <u>CUT in HALF</u> - & the <u>parties</u> to the <u>Covenant</u> - <u>Pass thru</u> the <u>cut in half animals</u> -

Symbolizing the Taking of an OATH that says

May I Be <u>CUT IN HALF</u> - like these animals if I ever break this Covenant

Now - it's <u>one thing</u> for <u>MAN</u> to <u>do this</u> to <u>make</u> this <u>Dramatic</u> <u>"Covenant Commitment"</u>

But <u>here</u> in <u>Gen 15</u> - <u>GOD</u> is the <u>ONLY ONE</u> that <u>passes</u> thru the <u>animals</u> - that <u>have</u> been <u>cut in half</u>

God <u>KNOCKS</u> <u>Abraham</u> <u>OUT</u> & <u>God makes</u> this - <u>A One-Sided Covenant</u> Genesis 15:17-20 (NLT)

17 After the sun went down and darkness fell, Abram saw a smoking firepot and a flaming torch pass between the halves of the carcasses. (that's God)

18 So <u>the Lord made a covenant with Abram</u> that day and said, "<u>I</u> <u>have given this land to your descendants</u>, all the way from the <u>border of Egypt</u> to the great <u>Euphrates River</u>—

19 the land now occupied by the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, 20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,

This "*Land Covenant*" in <u>Gen 15</u> Includes SOME - or <u>ALL</u> of the <u>following places</u>

<u>PARTS of</u> - <u>Lebanon</u> - <u>Jordan</u> - <u>Syria</u> - <u>Iraq</u> & <u>Turkey</u> - & <u>ALL</u> of - <u>Israel</u> - incldg <u>Gaza</u> & the <u>West Bank</u>

THAT is the Land that God has Unconditionally Promised to Abraham & his Descendants

& <u>THAT</u> is the <u>Land</u> that <u>Israel</u> will <u>OCCUPY</u> <u>IN THE MILLENNIUM !!</u>

& they will Occupy it - IN ABSOLUTE PEACE

<u>Starting</u> in <u>Gen 13:15</u> <u>God</u> says - <u>He</u> is <u>giving this land</u>

to ABRAHAM and His Descendants As a Permanent Possession <u>Then</u> - In <u>Gen 26:3</u> <u>God</u> says - He is <u>giving this land</u>

to <u>ISAAC</u> (Abraham's Son) & <u>to</u> his <u>Descendants</u> <u>Just As He Promised to Abraham</u>

<u>Then</u> - In <u>Gen 28:13</u> <u>God</u> says - He is <u>giving this land</u>

to <u>JACOB</u> (*Abraham's Grandson*) & his <u>Descendants</u> (& <u>his descendants</u> are the <u>12 tribes</u> of Israel)

& then - LOOK at the POWER of

Genesis 28:15 (NLT)

15 What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. <u>I will not leave</u> you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you." [repeat]

The problem is The Descendants of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob

Have NEVER Possessed the Entire Land - God Promised them

But . . . THEY WILL !!

THEY WILL

Because God is The Ultimate Promise Keeper

<u>God CANNOT</u> "<u>VACATE</u>" a <u>Covenant Promise</u> Or he <u>CANNOT BE GOD</u>

& He <u>CANNOT REPLACE</u> the <u>Recipient</u> of a <u>Covenant Promise</u>

Especially when <u>he says</u> (as <u>he</u> does here in <u>V.15</u>)

I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you

The <u>Descendants</u> of <u>Abraham</u>, <u>Isaac</u>, & <u>Jacob</u> WILL absolutely <u>Possess</u> the <u>Entire Land</u> - God <u>Promised</u> them

They will possess ALL of it - In the MILLENNIUM

- EITHER in their <u>Resurrected bodies</u> OR by <u>entering</u> the <u>Millennium</u> <u>ALIVE</u>
- & <u>Either way</u> they <u>will enter</u> the <u>Millenium</u> the <u>SAME way</u> that <u>you & I will</u>

BY putting their Faith in Jesus AS their Savior & Lord

& <u>some</u> would <u>say</u> - Yeah, but Israel Rebelled against God so didn't he replace them - with US ??

1st of all - you might be thinking WAY too HIGHLY of yourself

<u>& 2nd of all - Listen to Jeremiah 31:36-37 (NLT)</u>

36 "I am as likely to reject my people Israel as I am to abolish the laws of nature!"

37 This is what the Lord says: "Just as the heavens cannot be measured and the foundations of the earth cannot be explored, so I will not consider casting them away for the evil they have done. I, the Lord, have spoken!

God KEEPS His PROMISES !!!

Even Tho Many of God's Promises to Israel Will NOT be Ultimately Fulfilled

UNTIL THE MILLENNIUM !!

2) The Davidic Covenant

The **Abrahamic Covenant** was about **THE LAND**

The **Davidic Covenant** is about a *KING* - & a *KINGDOM*

2 Samuel 7:9-16 (NLT)

9 (the Lord says to David) . . . Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth!

10 And <u>I will provide a homeland</u> (a kingdom) <u>for my people Israel</u>, planting them <u>in a secure place</u> where they <u>will never be</u> <u>disturbed</u>. <u>Evil nations won't oppress them</u> as they've done in the

past,

11 . . . "Furthermore, the Lord declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings!

12 . . . I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. 13 . . . And I will secure his royal throne forever.

16 Your house (your Dynasty) and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.' "

TWO Questions here:

#1) <u>WHO</u> is (ultimately) the <u>KING Referred to here ?</u>

<u>This</u> is <u>King Jesus</u> - the <u>Lion of the Tribe of Judah</u> (<u>direct</u> from the <u>line</u> of <u>David</u>)

#2) WHEN will this KINGDOM (ultimately) Come to Pass ?

Ultimately this Kingdom will come to pass - in The MILLENNIUM

& This is the SAME KING - AND the SAME KINGDOM

That are Prophesied in the Most Famous Christmas Verse

<u>Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)</u>

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. <u>The government will rest on his shoulders</u>. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 <u>His government and its peace will never end</u>. <u>He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity</u>. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

<u>The Government</u> will <u>Rest</u> upon the <u>Shoulders</u> of <u>Jesus Christ</u> - <u>DURING</u> the <u>Millennium</u>

- & His <u>PEACE</u> will <u>never end</u> <u>FROM</u> the <u>Millenium</u> - <u>thru Eternity</u>
- & <u>He</u> will <u>Rule FROM</u> the <u>Throne</u> of <u>David</u> <u>FROM</u> the <u>Millennium</u> <u>- thru Eternity</u>

So - We've looked at the Abrahamic Covenant - & Davidic Covenant

& Finally #3) The New Covenant

Listen Carefully to - Jeremiah 31:33-34 (NLT)

33 "But this is <u>the new covenant</u> I will make with the people of Israel after those days," says the Lord. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. <u>I will be</u> <u>their God, and they will be my people</u>.

34 And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already," says the Lord. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

The <u>NEW COVENANT</u> is about <u>Salvation & Restored Relationship</u>

between God & the Nation of Israel

& <u>THIS COVENANT</u> - of <u>Salvation</u> & <u>Restored Relationship</u> <u>Is</u> the <u>Covenant</u> - that <u>WE</u> are <u>PARTAKERS OF</u>

<u>& AGAIN - in Ezekiel 36:24–28 (NLT)</u>

26 (the Lord says to Israel) **And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.**

27 And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

28 "And <u>you will live in Israel</u>, the land I gave your ancestors long ago. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

Guys - THIS - will ULTIMATELY Be Fulfilled in the MILLENNIUM

& WE Get to be PART of IT !!

<u>We (all believers)</u> <u>Will Be There</u> - <u>with them</u> <u>which</u> we will <u>See Next Week</u>

If you belong to God today

If you have <u>truly surrendered</u> your <u>life</u> to Him & <u>become</u> His <u>Son</u> or <u>Daughter</u>

Then you are a PARTAKER of these Covenant Promises

<u>Especially</u> the <u>NEW COVENANT</u> of <u>Salvation</u> & <u>Restored Relationship</u> with <u>God</u>

& <u>God</u> will <u>NOT Abandon YOU</u> <u>Just like</u> He will <u>NOT Abandon Israel</u>

Romans 8:39 (NLT)

39 . . . nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

That goes for YOU - & That goes for ISRAEL

<u>Guys - Jesus Christ</u> will <u>Rule & Reign</u> <u>ON THIS EARTH</u> - in <u>Perfect Righteousness</u>

For 1,000 YEARS - *in the Millenium*

& <u>Then on</u> into <u>Eternity</u> in the <u>New Heavens</u> and <u>New Earth</u>

With ALL THOSE who have put their Faith in Him

The Majority of Israel has NOT YET Recognized Jesus - as their TRUE MESSIAH & KING

Have YOU Recognized your TRUE MESSIAH Yet ?

Have you **RECOGNIZED Jesus Christ** as **YOUR Personal Savior** - & **YOUR Personal King**

Have you asked him to make You PART of His Eternal Family?

<u>lf you haven't - you CAN today</u>

Let's Pray