

Appendix: Characteristics of the Millennial Temple/Kingdom

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q Introduction

The Temple is seen as real and literal in the Messianic Millennial Kingdom by more prophets than just Ezekiel.

Jeremiah (Jer. 33:15-18)

Haggai (Hag. 2:7-9), GLORY!

Zechariah (Zech. 6:12-15; 14:16-21)

What reason could there be for sacrifice during the millennial reign?

How about in keeping of the feast of tabernacles?

q Reasons for having the Temple

The Meeting Place of God

Before sin entered the world, the Lord met with Adam in the Garden. There was no separation, God met and talked to man directly. After the fall the world changed drastically as Eden, that unique place where God dwelt with man was placed off limits (**Gen. 3:24**). A physical separation occurred and the special relationship between God and man was broken.

Some 2,500 years later, God directed Moses to build a temporary structure in the form of the tabernacle. The word tabernacle means "a hut," "tent," or "a dwelling place,".

The Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God (**Ex. 40:34-35**). The details of which are said to be patterned after that of heaven (**Heb. 8:5**). The Tabernacle is called the "Tent of Meeting" (Num. 4:25) and the "Tent of the Testimony" (**Num. 9:15**), both descriptions of the special place where God communes with man.

It is during their sojourn in the desert with the Tabernacle that God separated Himself from man by means of the curtain of the Holy of Holies and a great cloud which contained His glory, the Shechinah Glory. This great cloud directed Israel through her time of judgment wondering in the desert.

The Temple of the Lord

Once Israel was in the land, the temporary dwelling place of God was replaced with a permanent structure, although King David built a tabernacle for God to dwell in, because he had shed blood he was not allowed to build the Temple of the Lord (**1 Chr. 28:3**). Instead, his son Solomon would build it in all its glory. And at its completion the Ark of the Testimony was transferred from the Tabernacle to the Temple and the Shechinah Glory filled the house of the LORD.

q The Glory of the LORD filling the TEMPLE

Ex 40:34-38

Lev 9:23-24

1 Kings 8:10-11

2 Chr 5:13-14, 7:1-4

After Solomon's dedication of the Temple, the Lord appeared to him and the Lord Himself consecrated the Temple and promised to put His name there forever (**1 Kgs. 9:3**). But He promised that their continued kingship and possession of the land was dependent upon their obedience.

As a consequence of the great sin of the nation, the Shechinah Glory departed Solomon's Temple from the Cherubim on the top of the Ark, over the threshold of the house of God, through the East Gate and finally over the Mount of Olives never to be seen again (Ezek. 9:3; 10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23).

The GLORY of the Lord Departing the Temple

Ezekiel 10:1-1 8 ... God's Glory departing the Temple

.v1-3 ... Cleaning the area around the temple with FIRE.

.v18.. The glory departed the temple.

Ezekiel 11:1-2 3 ... God's Glory departing the Nation

.v1-1 1 ... Cleansing the path...

.v2 3 ... God's Glory departing the Land

- q The Shekinah glory now moves from the east gate (**Ez 10:4, 19**) to the Mount of Olives (the mountain which is on the east side of the city), altogether abandoning the temple mount. So it was from it that Jesus ascended to heaven from this mount (**Acts 1:12**); and from it He predicted the events leading up to the last days as well as His return (**Matt 24:3, 29-30**)

). It is also to be the scene of His return in person to deliver His people (**Zech 14:4**), when *H e shall come by the same way as H e went, the way of the eas***Ez 43:2**).

Solomon's Temple was destroyed in 586 BC and rebuilt ONCE after the Babylonian Exiles returned to the land. This temple was destroyed in 70 AD

q The Millennial Temple's Makeup

Ezekiel's prophecy of the Temple (Ezek. 40-48) can be dated to about 25 years after their captivity making him about 55 years old. He is a priest and God gives him this last prophecy of the book in order to describe to the people proper worship in their national restoration in the Messianic Kingdom.

The Tabernacle of David

I s r a e l R e s t o r e d &

Amos 9:11

*The 'tabernacle of David' is not just a mention to His house (**2 Sam 7:16**) but to the TENT he erected for the Ark of the Covenant, **2 Sam 6:16-17** which later became the TEMPLE, **1 Kings 1:39, 6:1-3, 8:11***

This TEMPLE will be rebuilt TWICE after 70AD.

2 Thes 2:4, Rev 11:1-3

*And AGAIN after the tribulation. **Ezek 40-44**...*

I s a ~~Judgment~~ *comes from this tabernacle, during the timeframe with ISRAEL is an outcast in MOAB.*

Acts 15:16-17 T.h.i.s t.a.b.e.r.n.a.c.l.e i.s a.l.s.o m.e.n.t.i.o.n.e.d b.y

Hosea 3:5, Jer 30:8-10

*This tabernacle will be the center of worship (**Ez 37:27**) and will signify **Ex th a 40:34-38**)*

Ez 34:20-24, Ez 37:25-28

The Glory of God RETURNING to the Temple

Ezek 43:2

Ezek 43 is a vision of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ & His entrance into the millennial temple.

The SUN of Righteousness enters from the EAST as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

Hence he common saying, Go WEST, young man, go WEST.

And the common practice in many cemeteries is to face the bodies or tombstones eastward in anticipation of the Lord's Second Coming.

Mal 4:1-3

The SUN of righteousness is obviously the Son of God and His glorious return to earth in His fiery chariot of destruction ...

Ps 68:1-24, Isa 63:1-6, Joel 2:1-11, Hab 3:3,12, Rev 19:11-21

Physical Characteristics

There is a vast difference between the Temple described by Ezekiel and that of the other Temples.

The vast size of the Millennial Temple has led some to interpret the Temple spiritually since the current physical landscape cannot hold the structures. However, God's work during the Great Tribulation provides ample descriptions of physical changes to the earth and the Temple proper will sit higher than any structure around.

That currently is not the case, so the mountains surrounding the temple mount will be split (**Zech. 13:4**) and the Temple mount will rise (**Zech. 14:10**).

Physical Size

One the greatest differences of the Millennial Temple to the previous temples is the vast size increase. The First Temple was grand at double the dimensions of the Tabernacle and triple the height, it measured 60x20x30 cubits high which converts to feet as about 90x30x45 ft and about 3,500 sq. ft.

The Millennial Temple's dimensions are given in royal cubits (Ez 40:5, 21 inches compared to 18 inches for a standard cubit). The use of the royal cubit as opposed to a standard cubit is probably due to the fact that at the time of the prophecy they were in captivity in Babylon which is what they would understand and serves to further remove the Millennial Temple from its predecessors.

One of the problems for many who seek to interpret Ez ekiel's vision of the Temple literally is the problem of the immense size of the building (compared to the sizes of the First and Second Temples). According to Ezekiel's text, the millennial city of Jerusalem and the Temple will together encompass a 2,500 square-mile area. The portion reserved for the priests and Levites is some 50 miles, while the Temple courts will be one mile square.

These dimensions are larger than those of the modern State of Israel." (Dr Randall Price, The Temple and Bible Prophecy, p. 531).

The Physical Presence of God

The Tabernacle housed the Ark of the Covenant and the physical presence of the Lord. The transference of the Ark and the presence of the Lord to the First Temple are recorded in Scripture in **1 Kings. 8:10-11, and 2 Chron. 5:13-14; 7:1-3**. But with the sin of the nation the presence of the Lord left the temple (**Ezek. 9 & 10**).

The return of the exiles from the Babylonian captivity saw the rebuilding of the Temple but it lacked five things: (1) the Ark of the Covenant; (2) the sacred fire; (3) the Shechinah Glory; (4) the Holy Spirit; and (5) the Urim and Thummin.

Absent from Ezekiel's Temple is the Ark of the Covenant because the Lord Himself will be there (**Jer. 3:16**). But the Millennial Temple will see the **return** of the Shechinah Glory. In the same path that the Shechinah Glory left the temple, His presence will return, namely, departing the Holy of Holies to the Inner Court to the Eastern Gate and finally eastward over the Mount of Olives. So it will be that the Lord Himself will return from the east *through the East Gate through the Inner Court to the Holy of Holies...*

Ezekiel 43:1-5

The Millennial River

Another unique aspect of the Millennial Temple is the river which originates at the Temple, splits, with one branch flowing to the eastern sea (Mediterranean) and the other branch flowing to the Dead Sea (**Ezek. 47**). The water from this river will heal the waters of the sea and the Dead Sea will become alive with a bounty of fish (**Ezek. 47:8-9**). The Millennial river is truly unique in that its origin is from the Temple and its nature is true healing. *See Habakkuk 2:14*

Temple Service

The differences between the Mosaic and Ezekiel's Temple service are notable. In fact the difference in the sacrifices were so great that the rabbis did not accept Ezekiel into the Hebrew Canon for some time. These differences are noted as follows:

Priests. (1) Levites, with the exception of the sons of Zadok cannot be priests but can serve as ministers. They cannot serve in the inner court, but can oversee the general operation of the Temple (**Ezek. 44:10-14**). Only the sons of Zadok stood firm to the divinely instituted sanctuary in Jerusalem at the time of Absalom's revolt. The millennial kingdom is about REWARDS.

The Prince (Ezek. 45). (1) The prince will have a place in the holy city (Jerusalem). (2) The prince will give burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings at the feasts, New Moons, Sabbaths and appointed seasons (45:17).

The Prince is not the Messiah, but is from the nation of Israel and has sons (46:16). Most attribute the Prince to resurrected David or one from his line. Ez 34:24, 37:25

Observed Days (Ezek 45). Besides the daily, weekly (Sabbath) and monthly (New Moon) service, the Mosaic Law observed seven feasts including, Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles. While Ezekiel prescribes four feasts along with the daily, weekly and monthly services (45:18-20): New Year (Trumpets), Passover, Unleavened Bread (45:21-24), Tabernacles (45:25).

Orientation of the Altar. The Mosaic altar had a north-south orientation, while Ezekiel's altar faces east. The reason for this might be so the priests will be able to face in the direction of the Messiah who will be enthroned in the Temple.

Consecration of the altar. There is no Ark of the Covenant, no Pot of Manna, no Aaron's rod to bud, no Tables of the Law, no Cherubim, no Mercy-Seat, no Golden Candlestick, no Shew-bread, no Veil, no unapproachable Holy of Holies where the High Priest alone might enter, nor is there any High Priest to offer atonement to take away sin, or to make intercession for the people. There are none of these. The Levites have passed away as a sacred order.

CONCLUSION:

Just like in the OT, when the tabernacle transitioned through tribulation and Second coming, the 'tabernacle of David' will transition into the Millennial Temple and be filled with the Glory of the Lord (**Ez 43:4-5 & Ez 44:4**), following that the WORLD will begin to be filled with the KNOWLEDGE that God's Glory resides in Israel (**Heb 2:14**) ('... as the water **Ezek 47:1-9** over the sea'. See

Did you know that God is building His tabernacle now, and that one day it too will transition into the Temple of God?

Not just the SHADOW of the heave

Eph 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; (20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (21) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (22) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

You see, only a particular part of the temple is built for a habitation of God through the Spirit. God only dwelt in the most Holy place and when the temple was complete, He filled the house of God with His Glory.

When the last person is added into this body/temple, this house will be complete and He will fill it with His Glory.

Col 1:26-27 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: (27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Appendix: Israel and the Land

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A. Israel and the Land

The pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundational Doctrine of the Bible, if the Book is believed literally. When the Bible is interpreted as figurative, or historic; false doctrines will creep into the church.

1. False Doctrines:

Amillennialism (Greek: a- "no" + millennialism) is the view in Christian eschatology which states that Christ is presently reigning through the Church, and that the "1000 years" of **Revelation 20:1-6** is a metaphorical reference to the present church age which will culminate in Christ's return. It stands in contrast to premillennialism, which states that Christ will return prior to a literal 1000-year earthly reign; and postmillennialism, which states that Christ's return will follow 1000 years golden age ushered in by the church.

Postmillennialism takes the thousand-year time span to be a figurative period. Some believe it began at Jesus' resurrection and will continue until His return. Others hold that it will gradually come about as mankind brings the peaceful kingdom to fruition. After an indefinite amount of time, Jesus will return and battle against Satan and his forces. Right after will be all the judgments and resurrections.

Premillennialism

kingdom, and that the millennial kingdom is a literal 1000-year reign of Christ on earth in the land that was promised to Abraham, Issacs, and Jacob.

There are two things that must be clearly understood to interpret the Scriptures which deal with end-times events:

1. The proper method of interpreting Scripture (is it literal or figurative; historic or
2. Understanding the distinction between Israel (the Jews) and the church (the body of all believers in Jesus Christ)).

2. Mysteries Of God:

God has required us to *study to show ourselves approved* unto Him. He has placed mysteries in front of us, to help us grown into a knowledge of him as we study them out.

1Co 4:1-2: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. (2) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

The ministers of Christ are entrusted with seven major mysteries of God, making us stewards of His secrets. A mystery may be difficult to explain because it is mysterious, but we are still to believe and teach it. When these mysteries are not faithfully

THE SEVEN MAJOR MYSTERIES ARE:

- I. The Rapture & The New Body: **1 Cor 15:51-58**
- II. The New Birth & the Body of Christ. **Eph 5:30-33**
- III. The Indwelling of Christ in the Body of the Saint. **Col 1:27**
- IV. The Growth of Worldwide Iniquity and the Antichrist. **2 Thes 2:7**
- V. The Mystery of Godliness. Is the life of God manifested in YOUR life? **1 Tim 3:16**
- VI. Mystery Babylon, Romanism/New Age. Satan works in mysteries, and we are to understand how he works. **Rev 17:5**
- VII. Blindness & Restoration of Israel. The greatest doctrine in the Bible is the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the restoration of the nation of Israel is coupled the Lord's glorious return to Earth. This mystery is the temporary blindness of Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles is brought in; for all Israel will be saved when the Jewish Remnant seeks the LORD prior to the tribulation, will be forgiven, and then delivered out of the wrath to come. **Rom 11:25-27**

Israel can be none other than the literal twelve tribes of Jacob, the biological descendants of Abraham and Isaac.

TO THE HEBREWS: Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Jas 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

In the book of Revelation, the 144,000 sealed servants will be Jewish men **Rev 14:1,4** from all twelve tribes of Israel and they will be the evangelists to the Gentile nations during this time of suffering. A tenth (14,400) will remain in Israel as martyrs. **Is 6:13**

- They are NOT the true
- They are NOT the Remnant
- They are NOT the Jews
- They are NOT the Gentiles

Isa 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

All twelve tribes of Israel are accounted for. Because of their apostasy Dan and Ephraim have been replaced by Levi and Joseph. God has not forgotten His people (Rom 11:2), and He has not replaced them. **Gen 49:17; 2 Kings 10:20-29; Jer 7:15; Hosea 4:17**

THE RESTORATION AND THE NEW COVENANT:

New Covenant: *Jer 30:3; 30:22; 31:8; 31:15-16; 31:31-37; 33:14-26; Eze 37:1-38; Amos 9:9-15*

Jer 30:3. The House of Israel and the House of Judah (two sticks Eze 37:16) will return to the LAND and possess it forever.

This means that British Imperialism is not Biblical.

" THE ARCHBISHOP SAID THESE WORDS: OUR G
EVER MINDFUL OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL OF GOD AS THE RULE FOR THE WHOLE LIFE
AND GOVERNMENT OF CHRISTIAN PRINCES, WE PRESENT YOU WITH THIS BOOK, THE MOST
VALUABLE THING THIS WORLD AFFORDS. THE MODERATOR OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
THEN CONTINUED: HERE IS WISDOM; THIS IS THE ROYAL LAW (JAMES 2:8); THESE ARE THE
LIVELY ORACLES OF GOD (ROM 3:2; HEB 5:1

SINCE 1972 THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS BEEN IN STATE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ILLEGALITY IN
RESPECT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. THE POSITION CAN BE LIKENED TO A SHADOW OF
ECLIPSE THAT HAS PASSED OVER THE SUN BLOCKING OUT THE LIGHT THAT ONCE
ILLUMINATED THE EARTH. THE THRONE OF DAVID IS CONFIRMED AS
SYMBOLIZED AS BEING LIKE THE SUN AND MOON, WHEREAS IN MATTHEW 24: 29 WE ARE
TOLD THAT JUST BEFORE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN, WHEN HIS LIGHT SHALL
SUDDENLY STRIKE THE EARTH LIKE LIGHTNING, THE SUN AND THE MOON WILL NOT BE
GIVING FORTH THEIR LIGHT.

THE PICTURE IS ONE WHERE THE STARS ARE FALLING FROM HEAVEN AND THE VERY POWERS
OF HEAVEN ARE BEING SHAKEN. I WANT TO SUGGEST TO YOU THAT ESSENTIALLY THIS IS A
SYMBOL OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD UPON EARTH. IT MAY BE THAT
GREAT COSMIC THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN SPACE, BUT AS IN HEAVEN SO ON EARTH WE ARE
SEEING THE THRONE OF THE LORD BEING CHALLENGED BY A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THAT
HAS ITS ORIGINS IN THE WILL OF MAN RATHER THAN THE WILL OF GOD. A SYSTEM THAT
EMANATES FROM ANCIENT BABYLON, VIA ROME, TO THE ATHEISTIC FRENCH REVOLUTION.

...WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT THE SUN, MOON AND
THE THRONE WILL ENDURE WHATEVER THE POLITICAL PRESSURES AND THE REVOLUTIONARY
AND CONSPIRATORIAL SCHEMES DO TO UNDERMINE THE THRONE OF THE LORD UPON
EARTH. THE PROPHET JEREMIAH CONFIRMED THE WORDS OF NATHAN WHERE WE READ IN
JEREMIAH 33:19-21: " THUS SAITH THE LORD: IF YOU
AND MY COVENANT OF THE NIGHT, THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE DAY AND NIGHT IN THEIR
SEASON: THEN MAY ALSO MY COVENANT BE BROKEN WITH DAVID MY SERVANT, THAT HE
SHOULD NOT HAVE A SON TO REIGN UPON HIS THRONE; AND WITH THE LEVITES, THE
PRIESTS, MY MINISTERS.

" IS THE BRITISH THRONE

... THE BRITISH ROYAL LINE CAME TO GERMANY
GEORGE I OF ENGLAND, ALTHOUGH SPEAKING GERMAN, WAS THE SON OF PRINCESS SOPHIA,
WHO WAS THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF JAMES I OF ENGLAND (VI OF SCOTLAND). PRINCESS
SOPHIA'S HUSBAND WAS THE ELECTOR OF HANO
DIRECT MALE SUCCESSION FROM THE EMPRESS MAUD, DAUGHTER OF HENRY II OF
ENGLAND.

IN THIS WAY THE ROYAL LINE OF DAVID REMAINED INTACT, FROM KING DAVID IN

**PALESTINE, VIA IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II TODAY. THE
AS OPPOSED TO THE COUNTERFEIT THRONE IN THE VATICAN
AT ROME**

They (*The House of Israel and the House of Judah*)

land safely. The scattered/dispersed of Israel will be physically gathered into the land, as their flesh literally returns to their dried dead bones. ***Jer 30:22; Jer 31:8-1; Eze 36:28***

Eze 37:1-6 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, (2) And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. (3) And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. (4) Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. (5) Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: (6) And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

the nation of Israel, through the Birth of the Lord Jesus. ***Jer 31:15-16; Mat 2:16-18***

The Jews are Deported from Ramah to Babylon in Chains

Jer 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

Nebuchadnezzar established his headquarters on the plain of Hamath, at Riblah (***Jer 39:5***) far in the north, and from there he sat as commander in chief. He gave his generals orders and they took Jerusalem.

It was in Ramah that the Jewish captives were assembled in chains, among whom was Jeremiah himself. ***Jer 39:8-12; 40:1***

Jer 40:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

In Ramah, many were slaughtered including those who, from weakness, age, or poverty, were not believed worthwhile to transport to Babylon, thus fulfilling part of the prophecy:

Mat 2:16-18 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and

in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. (17) Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, (18) In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not

Three distinct deportations are mentioned in Scripture:

Jer 24:14 (10,000 persons) and **25:11, 2 Chron 36:20, Jer 52:28-30** (4,600 persons), and **Dan 1:3**.

The House of Israel and the House of Judah will one day enter a new covenant and be restored into the Promised Land; the existence of the Nation of Israel is the greatest scientific proof of the accuracy of the Scriptures. **Jer 31:31-37**

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

The future restoration of the House of David is directly connected to the future fulfillment of the Abrahamic Land Grant (**Hos 3:5**). Fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant is yet future and pertains to the House of Israel and Judah (**Jer 33: 14,17**). Christ will rule from the literal throne of David, located in Israel on Mt Zion. **Jer 33:11,14-26**

Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The dry bones, **Eze 37:1-38**, represent the future resurrection of the redeemed (**Eze 37:11**) out of all the house of Israel and the house of Judah. The dead, having never received the promises will be resurrected and brought into the land of Israel (**Eze 37:12**). The two sticks represent the two division of Israel (Judah and Israel) and will one day be united (**Eze 37:16-17**) (**Eze 37:21**).

God has sifted the nation today, there are more Jews in New York than in Israel. In Amos, God has a problem with Israel because they have disobeyed and so He has them sifted among the nations and all the sinners will die. **Amos 9:9-15**

Yet at some future day, the Day of the LORD, God will restore the nation and they will NO MORE be plucked out of THEIR LAND. **Amos 9:14-15; Jer 24:6-7**

Jer 24:6-7 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. (7) And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

Amo 9:14-15 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. (15) And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

3. What is a Covenant?

COVENANT, noun [L, to come; a coming together; a meeting or agreement of minds.]

1. A mutual consent or agreement of two or more persons, to do or to forbear some act or thing; a contract; stipulation. A covenant is created by deed in writing, sealed and executed; or it may be implied in the contract.

2. A writing containing the terms of agreement or contract between parties; or the clause of agreement in a deed containing the covenant

4. What is a Testament?

TEST'AMENT, noun [latin testamentum, from testor, to make a will.]

1. A solemn authentic instrument in writing, by which a person declares his will as to the disposal of his estate and effects after his death. This is otherwise called a will. A testament to be valid, must be made when the testator is of sound mind, and it must be subscribed, witnessed and published in such manner as the law prescribes.

The New Covenant (*Jer_31:31; Heb_8:8; Heb_8:13; Heb_12:24*) and the New Testament (*Mat_26:28; Mar_14:24; Luk_22:20; 1Co_11:25; 2Co_3:6; Heb_9:15*) are not the same; one was made possible by the other, but that does not mean they both were addressed to the same group of people or even have the same conditions.

The New Testament is what brings the redemption of transgressions (*Heb 9:15*); the new (*Heb 8:1-7*).

5. Who Is Israel?

The descendants of Abraham, then Isaac, and then Jacob = National Israel

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Spiritual Israel = Mythological

You and I are of the spiritual seed of Abraham by faith (*Gal 3:29*)

you are of the seed of Jacob; Ishmael is also of the seed of Abraham, and they possess the fullest extent of the promised land today.

a) What Covenants concerning Israel are there?

There are three possibilities for the fulfillment of the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenant.

1. God has not fulfilled His promise to Israel or David.
2. God has fulfilled His promise for the land grant, and thus the New Covenant
 - a. Under Joshua or possibly
 - b. Under Solomon
3. The promise only had a partial fulfillment.

of the spiritual side tend to dismiss ANY reasoning of a literal fulfillment; those who hold to a literal fulfillment ABHOR the idea of a spiritual side. Truth can be found when we accept the fact that there is BOTH; a literal kingdom AND a spiritual one.

Many would dismiss Israel as being only spiritual in nature, labeling all the Gentiles within the body of Christ into what is deemed "*Spiritual Israel*". This comes to us in books or doctrine through the titles of amillennialism, postmillennialism, British

To define Israel and the Land, and to properly establish if the Old Testament prophecies regarding Israel have been fulfilled; we must define (with the Bible) who consists of Israel and what are the boundaries God established for the Promised Land.

6. Concerning The Land:

The land covenant only had a partial fulfillment; the covenant was made in two parts, a smaller section and a larger section, the full extent of which has ****NEVER**** been occupied by Israel (or by Abraham).

Gen 13:14-17 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: (15) For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. (16) And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. (17) Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee

land; a land that Abraham could see and one that he could walk in. Its borders were determined by what Abraham could see **Gen 13:15** and by him walking the length and breadth of it **Gen 13:16**. Also note this land was directly given to Abraham and to his seed.

On a side note, **Genesis 12:1** states that God HAD SAID to Abraham he would inherit this land, before he left Haran with his family; he was to leave his country, his family, and his father, yet Abram brought his father and Lot. It was not until his Father died (**Gen 11:32**), and Lot left for Sodom (**Gen 13:14**) that was this promise reinstated.

Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

just where Abraham could walk and what he could see, this time the borders are given seed, not Abraham himself.

Gen 17:7-8 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. (8) And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

AND to his seed for an everlasting possession.

which consists of modern-day Palestine as this is where Abraham was (**Gen. 13:12**) when he looked and walked around. **Genesis 13** was obviously fulfilled as Abraham was literally there, and he lived in the land, as did his seed; however, Israel is not in the

(Gen 17:8).

In Genesis 15 then, we see that God also gave Israel a larger inheritance which stretches over Saudi Arabia and Iraq to the Euphrates. The land covenant made here was past tense, God GAVE it to Abraham AND to his seed; but never has there been a time in history where Israel has obtained it all OR dwelt in ALL of the land. Therefore, we must conclude that God has put this possession in His own power. i.e. He gave it to them (Abraham AND his seed) AND He will put them in it at some future point.

AND to Jacob. Abraham had a LOT of sons; therefore, he has a LOT of seed. The promises made to him are to be fulfilled through the seed of Isaac AND then also through the seed of Jacob.

Isaac:

Gen 26:1-

and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; (4) And I will make thy

seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (5) Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Jacob:

Gen 28:1-4 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto

thou mayest be a multitude of people; (4) And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

Rom 9:6-13 (6) Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: (7) Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are

but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. (9) For this is the word of

Isaac was the promised HEIR and the seed through which God will fulfill his promises.

father Isaac; (11) (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) (12) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. (13) As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Because God has mercy on whom He will have mercy; He choose Jacob and His seed as the heir to the promises made to the seed of Abraham (not Esau).

a) Concerning the Belief of the Complete Fulfillment Under Joshua:

Jos 21:43-45 (43) And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. (44) And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. (45) There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

As far as a complete fulfillment goes, I have THREE Biblical dilemmas.

(1) I see NO record of Abraham (or his seed) being resurrected to live in this land

In the land of Canaan (the SMALLER portion of land promised).

Jos 21:2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

(3), There is a rest yet to come pertaining to the LARGER portion of land. See the notes on the New Covenant above.

Heb 4:3-5 (3) For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (4) For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. (5) And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

b) Concerning the Belief of the Complete Fulfillment Under Solomon:

2Ch 9:26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

only reached unto the border or Egypt.

There must of a future rest, for the people of Israel, in the land stretching from the Euphrates to the Nile, where (1) there is still death (2) Abraham and HIS seed live there promises made to Abraham and to his seed.

c) Concerning the Partial and Complete Fulfillment of the Promises Made to the Seed Of Jacob.

Act 7:4-5 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. (5) And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

Stephen reminded us that Abraham dwelt in the land of Canaan, but most importantly;
so much as to set his foot on
promised to give the land to Abraham for a possession and to his seed after him.

as of yet

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen

them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

promises.

Mat 8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

We must conclude that in order for this covenant regarding land to become an *everlasting possession* **(Eze 37:1-14)**, Abraham himself **(Acts 7:5)** will be placed in it, and the borders of which will extend from the Nile to the Euphrates river - +/- 1,000 Miles **(Gen 15:18)**.

Mat 22:31-32 (31) But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, (32) I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

He is the God of the living.