#### **BBS 60-61** The Millennium Parts 1 & 2

#### Stages of Restoration of the Earth BBS 60 Part 1

- 1 Jesus deals with the satanic trinity specifically with Satan himself Rev 20:1-3 This passage is hard for Amillennialists – Satan must be locked up now! Satan is not bound at moment! 2 Cor 4:4; 1 John 5:19 Satan and demons will not be able to deceive or control for 1,000 years. See 'prince of Persia': Dan 10:13,20
- 2 Jesus removes all the unbelievers from the earth (BBS 26) Eze 20:33-38; Mal 3:2-3; Matt 3:9-11;25:41 Jesus 'hisses' or whistles for the Jews. He sits in judgement and removes the unbelievers, including any Jew. v38 Only believers are on the earth as the Millennium starts. Joel 2:28-32 is fulfilled at last. Spirit poured out on all flesh as all are believers. Believers in Millennium will have tremendous spirituality. However, their children have to decide themselves.
- 3 **Jesus pushes death back** Death is going to be defeated in four distinct stages:
  - *i* The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead a 'finger' of death's grip was opened at the Resurrection
  - *ii* **The Rapture of The Church** the raising of 'the dead in Christ', 'who through Jesus sleep' 1 Thess 4:14-16
  - *iii* The First Resurrection *a*) Tribulational Martyrs *b*) Old Testament Saints Rev 20:4; Job 19:25-7; Isa 26:19-21
- *iv* Second Resurrection: unbelievers are raised at end of the Millennium death is now totally defeated 4 Jesus relaxes the curse on the earth – perfect environment established; creation no longer rebels; fall reversed Rom 8:18-22; Is 35:1-2 desert blossoms; fruitfulness Is 51:3;11:6-9 animal kingdom changed Amos 9:13-15
- Lifespan rises to 1,000 yrs. Isaiah is book on Millennium. Is 65:20 Capital punishment re-established so some die 'early'. 5 The geography of Israel and Jerusalem are changed
- Zech 14:8-10 'living waters' = 'springs of water', 'former sea' = Dead Sea, 'hinder sea' = Mediterranean. A channel is established from Azal on the coast, past Jerusalem and right through the split Mount of Olives to the Dead Sea and then on to the Red Sea. Fresh water flows from Jerusalem, which becomes a major port. The Lord turns Israel into a plain and builds the Millennial Temple at Jerusalem on the only hill/mountain in Israel. Ezekiel chaps 40-48 Isa 2:2-3

#### The Type of Society That Jesus Establishes BBS 61 Part 2

## A What Happens to The Church During The Millennium?

There are three main scriptures that cover this:

**1 Rev 3:14-22 Overcomers** — Letters to Churches AD 96, addressed to the eldership, not the congregation, **All believers are overcomers!** 1Jn5:4-5 We will reign for eternity. 2 2 Tim 2:11-13 Rewards — we will be rewarded in line with our works. Our rulership depends on this. If we suffer we will reign. Nothing to do with losing salvation. We can't!

**Ruling and Judging** — the royal rulership, our part to play

1 Jesus The Church 2 (The Royal Family) OT Saints and 3 Tribulational Saints 4 Human Princes Ordinary 5

**The Millennial Order on Earth** — there will be a Prince over each nation. We will all have responsibility for, and jurisdiction over, a particular area and King David will rule over Israel. Eze 45:9; 46:2

## **B** How Are The People Governed?

Mic 4:1-3a; Isa 2:2-3; Zech 8:22-23

The society in the Millennium is a re-established Theocracy. Jesus rules directly on earth. The Jewish nation will teach the Word of God. v1 The 'people shall flow' (Strong's H5102) to Jerusalem. Like a spring welling up the people will want to come. v3a 'Judge between the peoples' — not final judgement, but of 'normal' crimes and sins.

## Jesus is Head of State

3 Lk 22:29-30

As an act of loyalty to Jesus as head of state, once a year all the nations who survive the Battle of Armageddon will go up to Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles. Penalty — if no loyalty is shown then that nation will not have rain. However, Egypt don't need rain because of Nile irrigation, so their penalty will be plagues v18-19.

Feasts, Offerings and Sacrifices in The Millennium Ezekiel chaps 40-48 *Read them all!!* Ezekiel describes the Millennial City, the Temple, laws, worship, feasts, sacrifices and offerings. Animals are not killed for food, as vegetarianism is re-established for all people (and animals?). However there are sacrifices for burnt and sin offerings – looking back to the Cross. This is a main means of evangelism in the Millennium.

## Laws, Crime and Punishment – Jesus Administers Justice

Idolatry is the worst crime in the Millennium and carries the death penalty, as in a theocracy it is treason. 'Cut off the names of the idols' — not publicly to mention your alternative beliefs. False prophets prophesying in the name of a false God will be put to death by their parents. v5 Lying to deceive. v6 Tattoos – a sign of idolatry, then lying saying that marks are discipline marks. Garments removed to reveal idolatrous tattoos, before putting to death.

## **Peace and Prosperity on The Earth – Perfect Environment**

'Beat their swords into ploughshares' — no war in Millennium. Pacifists and UN use this out of context and forget the opposite verse: Joel 3:9-10. The only time of universal peace is here when Jesus reigns from Jerusalem. Ex 15:3 'The Lord is a man of war'. Beware false preaching on pacifism. CND symbol is a broken cross, an old witchcraft symbol. Man is **not** inherently good, but has a sin nature. Mic 4:4-5 All will have their own property, believers and unbelievers. Rev 20:3, 7-10

# Satan is Released at the End – Why?

v3 After 1,000 years bound, v7 Satan is released. v8 He deceives the nations — Gog & Magog: 'multitudes'. They join forces with Satan, rebel against God and surround Jerusalem v9 Instant judgement brings Millennium to an end. A VITAL TRUTH: Why is he released? For God to deal with TWO MAIN LIES (or heresies) in our society:

- 1 If everyone saw the Lord or His power they would be saved Here not all are saved and multitudes (possibly the majority!) rebel. Compare this with the parable of the rich man and Lazarus: Luke 16:27-31
- 2 People are evil because of their environment No, man is evil because of what's inside him. It's all **because of the Fall**. We must preach that man is fallen — he needs to believe and be born again.

The Millennium is neither our future nor our hope — the Eternal State is our hope and future!



Zech 13:2-7

Zech 14:16-19

Mic 4:3b-5