

Parson to Person

ROMANS 15 PART 7

“Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: ‘For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.’ And again he says: ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!’ And again: ‘Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!’ And again, Isaiah says: ‘There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope.’ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:8–13 NKJV).

Last week we addressed the fact that Preterism (derived from the Latin word “praeter” meaning “past”) is the belief that a great majority of end-time prophecies have already been fulfilled and are therefore history. We learned that many persons deny God’s continuing covenant with Israel, that there is a distinction between Israel and the Church, and that there will be a 7-year Tribulation as well as

a future literal Millennial Kingdom. Some even deny a literal New Heaven and New Earth. We also learned that Futurists hold to a distinctly different view. We see these things as yet to come and assign the Rapture, the 7-year Tribulation, the Second Coming of Jesus, the total restoration of Israel, a literal 1000-year reign of Christ upon the earth, and the New Heaven and New Earth as intended—in the future.

As a continuing part of our series in Israelology and the New Covenant, it was suggested that I show a few items that prove the futurist views regarding the climactic fulfillment of the New Covenant. We know that the New Covenant was inaugurated at the “Last Supper” but that there is much more to come.

Last week we covered the following:

- 1) Revelation of Jesus as Messiah to Israel
- 2) Old Testament Saints Resurrected
- 3) Jesus Physically Reigning in Jerusalem as King
- 4) Everyone will Know the Lord
- 5) Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on “All” Flesh

This week we will examine points 6-10.

- 6) Promised Land restored and occupied.**

Genesis 15:18 (NKJV) “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates.’”

Ezekiel 11:17 (NKJV) “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.”””

7) Temple rebuilt.

Zechariah 6:12–13 (NKJV) “Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name *is* the BRANCH! from His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD; Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”””

8) Sacrifices reinstated.

Ezekiel 46:2–7 (NKJV) “The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall

worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening. Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrance to this gateway before the LORD on the Sabbaths and the New Moons. The burnt offering that the prince offers to the LORD on the Sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish; and the grain offering *shall be one* ephah for a ram, and the grain offering for the lambs, as much as he wants to give, as well as a hin of oil with every ephah. On the day of the New Moon *it shall be* a young bull without blemish, six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish. He shall prepare a grain offering of an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah.”

9) Natural life altered.

Joel 2:21–27 (NKJV) “Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done marvelous things! Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the open pastures are springing up, and the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their strength. Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He has given you the former rain

faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you—the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.”

Isaiah 65:25 (NKJV) “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,’ Says the LORD.”

10) Social life altered.

Daniel 7:14 (NKJV) “Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.”

With all this in mind I could not resist adding just one more reference.

Psalm 2 (NKJV) “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, ‘Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.’ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: ‘Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.’ ‘I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, “You *are* My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations *for* Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.””

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *in* the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.”

One should not miss that the blessed are all those who put their trust in Jesus! If you have not done so, do so—Today!

I love you all,
Pastor Paul