

Parson to Person

1 Corinthians 15

(The Resurrection) – Part 16

(The Second Coming and Millennial Age)

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“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen” (Revelation 1:7).

I have pointed out that the Second Coming of Jesus is a visible physical return of Jesus to this planet. His “coming” is a judgment on the unbelieving world, a rescue of the people of Israel, and a fulfillment of the promises He has made to them. Moreover, a careful examination of Scripture reveals that this will be the time of the great “Battle of Armageddon” delineated in Ezekiel, Matthew and Revelation. It is also the time when Jesus will judge the nations who have come out against Israel. Following the judgment Jesus will fulfill His manifold promise to establish the people into the then restored land of promise, make Israel the head of the nations, and finally bring to pass all the blessings and promises of the New Covenant.

The Millennial Kingdom (aka The Kingdom) is marked with many distinct attributes that have never been granted Israel as the result of their continuous rebellions against the Lord. However, God has promised to bring the people of Israel to repentance and manifest His promised blessings—for His own sake and for the sake of His Holy Name. God indeed is the only genuine and authentic “promise keeper.”

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you

went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."

'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. Like a

flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD” ’ ” (Ezekiel 36:22–38).

God does this for His name’s sake—not for Israel, but for His own name.

Several points of interest will be examined in the next part of our series.

During the future millennium:

1. Christ will physically reign on the earth.
2. We will reign with Him.
3. Mortal and immortal will dwell together.
4. Satan will be bound.
5. Mortals will procreate.
6. Natural life will be altered.
7. Social life will be altered.

Let’s have fun as we take this lengthy “rabbit trail” from the present study of 1 Corinthians. I think it will be worth the investment.

I love you all,
Pastor Paul