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A Survey of the Millennial Kingdom

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1. Definition

The Millennium is the "pre-glorified" portion of the God's Eternal Earthly Kingdom. and ushered in by God's handiwork through His holy angels (Shekinah) and the 144K The righteous dead of Israel are resurrected and the Millennial Kingdom endures for 1000 years. Israel is setup as the priestly nation administrating over the Gentile Nations.

This session is but a mere peek into this glorious topic. There is a plethora of topics not covered in this very brief discussion.

2. Relationship to Israel's Unconditional Covenants

Within Israel's history there exist four (4) unconditional covenants all of which are Jehovah's promises to the nation of Israel. These covenants are briefly discussed.

2.1. The Abrahamic Covenant

The Abrahamic Covenant is God's promise to righteous Abram, stating that he (Abram [later to called AbrahAM]) will be the father of a great nation and a blessing among nations (Gen 12:1-3):

- 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Throughout Abraham's life, God continued to add information concerning the Abrahamic Covenant. These embellishments are found in Gen 12:6,7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-14; 22:15-18. Upon an accounting of these passages and a comparison of the remaining three covenants, it is clear that the Abrahamic Covenant is the Super-Set of God's Unconditional Covenants made with Israel. In other words, the Abrahamic Covenant includes the other three.

Related passages are Isa 10:21,22; 19:25; 43:1; 65:8,9; Jer 30:22; 32:38; Ez 34:24,30,31; Mic 7:19,20; Zech 13:9; Mal 3:16-18.

The following graphic illustrates the relationship of the Abrahamic covenant with the remaining three.

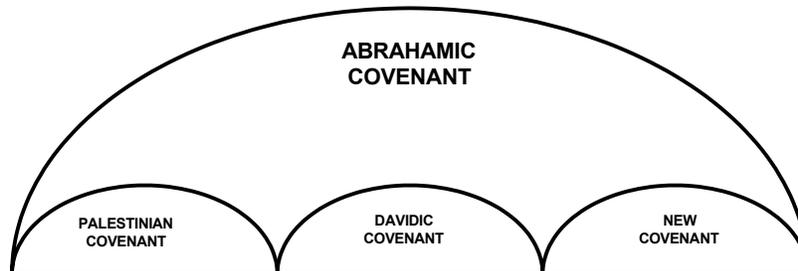


Figure 1. *The Unconditional Covenants of Jehovah*

2.2. The Davidic Covenant

The Davidic Covenant is God's promise to Israel of an eternal throne, whereby Israel shall administrate the Gentile nations. The Davidic Covenant is articulated to David in 2 Sam 7:12-16:

- 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
- 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:
- 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.
- 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

We shall see later that David will be God's earthly-human Israeli King throughout the Millennial Kingdom, while Messiah is seated upon His Father's throne in heaven.

Related passages are Isa 11:1-2; 55:3,11; Jer 23:5-8; 33:20-26; Ez 34:23-25; 27:23-24; Hos 3:5; Mic 4:7-8.

2.3. The Palestinian Covenant

The Palestinian Covenant is God's promise to the Nation that the Land originally promised to Abraham and his seed will be secured and their hope will come to fruition. It is interesting to point out that it is in Moses' "Second" Law that provides the detailed written affirmation of the security of the Land, just before Israel is about to enter into the Land under Joshua (Deut 30:1-10).

- 1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,
- 2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;
- 3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.
- 4 If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:
- 5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.
- 6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.
- 7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.
- 8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.
- 9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:
- 10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Related passages are Isa 11:11,12; 65:9; Ez 16:60-63; 36:28-29; 39:28; Hos 1:10-2:1; Mic 2:12; Zech 10:6.

2.4. The New Covenant

The New Covenant is God's Covenant with Israel promising National-Regeneration. Namely, when the Millennium arrives, the Jewish Question will be answered. The question being "who of Israel is to be saved?"

- **Elect Jews of Antiquity (EJA).** The Elect Jews of Antiquity (e.g., Abraham, Moses, and Peter) are resurrected after ITG and directed into the Millennial Kingdom. They enter into their long awaited hope and righteously rule over the Gentile Nations.
- **Jewish Tribulation Saints (JTS).** Israel's Tribulation Saints along with the EJA will be resurrected into the Millennial kingdom and take upon themselves the hope to which they have been redeemed by the blood of their Messiah.
- **The 144,000 of Israel's Third Generation's (144K).** The 144K are God's human instrument who being lead by Shekinah secure Abraham's promised land, destroy the future nephilim, and setup the Millennium. Because they possess the seal of the Father, they do not die, can not be killed as they clean our the Land in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom.
- **Elect Jews of Israel's Third Generation Diaspora (3GD).** These are Jews who are living outside the Land during the Third Generation and survive the future holocaust. They are brought back to the Land via aid from the righteous Gentile Nations.
- **Jews Born During the Millennium (JBM).** These are Jews who are conceived and born during the Millennial Kingdom. All who is born of Jewish stock is regenerated from the womb. In this sense, Jeremiah is a type of Millennium-born Jew.

The defining passage for the New Covenant is found in Jer 31:31-34.

- 31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
- 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
- 33 But this *shall* be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Related passages are:

Micah 7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Isa 11:11-13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

See also Ez 11:18-2; 16:60-63; 37:26; Rom 11:26-29.

3. Relationship to Israel's Third Generation

Israel's Third Generation has been thoroughly dealt with in past TGF outlines. What is provided here is a summary of those outlines.

The eschatological history of Israel is characterized by three "Generations", each of which are specifically called out in Scripture. Important to this survey, the Third Generation is that generation of Israelites, which sees AntiChrist, FalseProphet, the Great Tribulation, Daniel's 70th Week, the ministry of the Two Witnesses, and the "Terminating" Ministry of God's 144 Thousand Jewish Priests.

It is the Ministry of the 144K, as they are lead by Shekinah throughout the Land, that is God's human instrument ushering in the Millennial Kingdom. The Ministry of the 144K corresponds to the last 3.5 years of Daniel's 70th Week, whereby they in uncompromising terms take back the Land promised to Abraham (Israel), restore the Throne of David, and setup the Millennial Kingdom.

Israel's Third Generation is God's preparatory time for national regeneration, and evidenced throughout the Millennial and Eternal Kingdoms.

4. Relationship to the Day of the Lord

While the topic of the Day of the Lord (DOL) is yet another one that deserves much more attention, here it will be briefly discussed with respect to the Millennial Kingdom. The DOL is a topic rich in Old and New Testament discussion and concern. It has various names throughout the Scriptures, namely, "day of the Lord", "the day", "that day", "the great day", etc.

To summarize, the "Day of the Lord (Jehovah)" is that period of time in which God deals with Israel, as he refines her to be His earth ruling nation and priestly nation for the entire Gentile world. It also includes the time when Israel's hope comes to fruition.

A "general" reference to the DOL is found in Isa 2:12-21.

12 For the **day of the LORD** of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

It is the time when Jehovah shakes the "trees" of Israel and rids the nation of evil and despair. The nation shall be sifted like wheat, and the entire earth system shall be reconfigured in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom. Also in Isa 13:6-13,

6 Howl ye; for the **day of the LORD** *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.

9 Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
 11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.
 12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.
 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Additional passages are Ez 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1,11,31; 3:14; Amos 5:18(2),20; Ob 15; Zeph 1:7,14(2); Zech 14:1; Mal 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1 Thes 5:2; 2 Thes 2:2; 2 Pet 3:10. A concordance can be utilized to trace down the other phrases used for the DOL, such as, "the day", "that day", and "the great day".

An examination of these passages shows that the time included in the term DOL, starts with the Rapture and continues through eternity. Given this fact, the Millennium is contained within the DOL and is one of many parts of the DOL. We see that the Millennium is contained in the DOL in such passages as Joel 2:21-27:

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.
 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.
 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.
 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.
 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.
 27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

So during the Millennial phase of the DOL, Israel is restored and lives righteously in the Land. God restores the Land and it produces "massively".

The following figure illustrates the Day of the Lord.

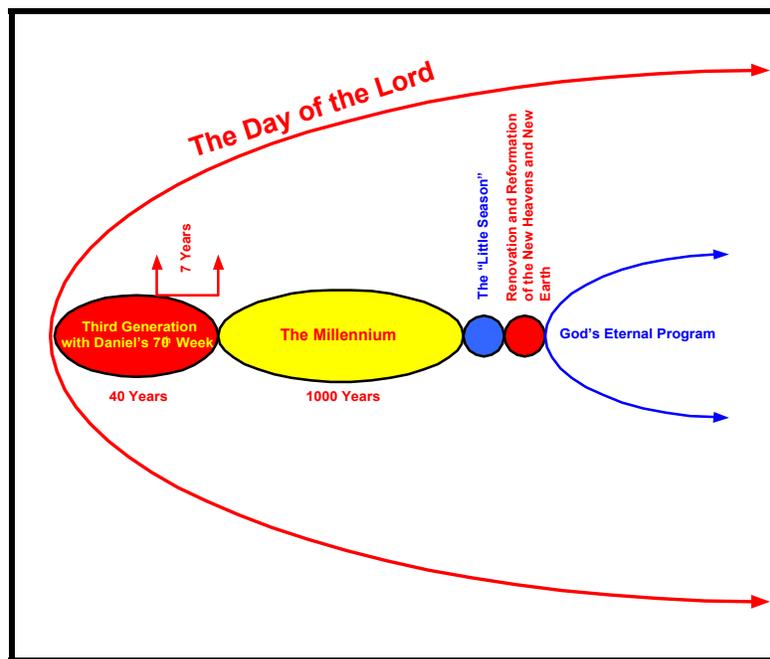


Figure 2. *The Day of the Lord*

The DOL comprises:

- Israel's Third Generation
- Millennium
- The "Little Season"
- Renovation of the Heavens and Earth by Fire
- Great White Throne Judgment
- The Eternal Kingdom

5. Duration of the Millennium

God had chosen to reveal His ways in a sequential fashion, slowly over time, revealing His intentions, means, and ends to righteous men. The time when the "lion lies down with the lamb" is discussed throughout the OT, but no time frame for this period was ever discussed.

Not until the Apostle John is given the final Jewish Prophecy is it that we find out how long the period known as the Millennium is to be.

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound **him a thousand years**,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till **the thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ **a thousand years**.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him **a thousand years**.

Thus, the Millennial Kingdom shall be a literal 1000 years in duration, whence Israel shall administrate the entire Abrahamic-Land, act as the priestly-nation on behalf of the Gentiles, and the time of Satan's "tartarizing".

6. Israel's Land During the Millennium

The Land that Israel shall enjoy throughout the Millennium is precisely that Land promised to Abraham. TGF has also covered this topic in detail elsewhere, but the following graphic illustrates the parcel of Land in which Israel shall reside.

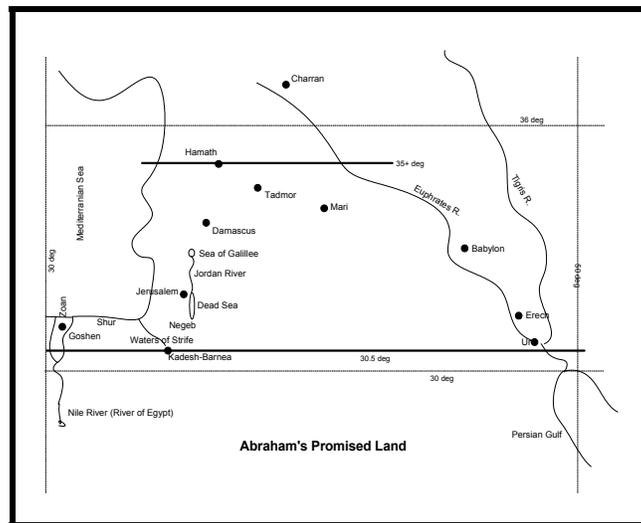


Figure 3. *Israel's Promised Millennial Land*

As the figure above illustrates the Land of Israel will take in a large piece of real estate, ranging in the north up to the Hamath area, in the south almost to the northern tip of the Persian Gulf, in the west the Nile River along the Mediterranean Sea, and in the east the Euphrates River. Since the Islamic countries today have rejected Paul's Gospel, it is no wonder that they are upset regarding an organized Israeli presence in the Middle East. If they were converted to Christ via Paul's Gospel they would see that the presence of Israel has no prophetic significance within the Body Age. As will become evident when we discuss the "environment" of the Millennium, the Land Abraham saw, no doubt will be "morphed" to be equated with the "Garden of Eden" as was the case "before the Flood".

7. The Environment of the Millennium

To be supplied at a later date.

8. Israel's National Resurrection

As intimated under the section on the New Covenant above, the entire nation of Israel will enter into the Millennium. This necessitates the resurrection of the "sleeping elect" (e.g., David, Ezekiel, Daniel, 2 Witnesses, etc.) - we have seen the passage of God's promise of national regeneration in Jer 31. However, in Ez 37 one of the most remarkable prophetic passages is provided as a beautiful figure of speech representing the national resurrection of Israel.

1 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.
 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.
 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.
 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
 11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
 12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.
 13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,
 14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

The regenerate Israelites of Antiquity along with the Tribulation Saints are resurrected out of Hades (Paradise = Abraham's Bosom = Luke 16). As they make their way up from the depths, they are given non-glorified bodies to live out their lives in the Millennial Kingdom. David, the twelve (12) apostles, an dEzekiel will be among those resurrected (more on these gentlemen later).

Also, the Third Generation Diaspora make their way back to the Promised Land via help from the Righteous Gentiles as stated in Isa 60:8,9.

8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

9. The Setting Up of the Millennial Kingdom

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9.1. The Days of Daniel 12

9.2. Ezekiel's Millennial Temple

10. Israel's Millennial Government

The Millennial Kingdom is Israel's earthly expression of God's Triune nature. There is one unified Nation and its government is seen in three distinct branches. The Executive, the Legislative, and the Priestly branches.

10.1. The Executive Branch (EB)

King David, who as we have seen above is resurrected into the Millennial Kingdom, heads up the EB. He sits upon the Son's Throne (see Rev 3:21), as Israel's King, executing over the affairs of Israel.

Jeremiah 30:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, **and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.**

Isaiah 34:23 And **I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David;** he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
 24 And I the LORD will be their God, **and my servant David a prince among them;** I the LORD have spoken *it*.

Isaiah 37:24 And **David my servant *shall be king over them;*** and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, ***even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be their prince for ever.***

Hosea 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, **and David their king;** and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

10.2. The Legislative Branch (LB)

The LB comprises the twelve (12) apostles, legislating over Israel's Law. We see a foreshadow of this activity in the book of Acts, particularly the great Jerusalem Council of Acts 15. The Apostles' names of authority are written on the very foundation of New Jerusalem (this of course is after the Millennium). The Lord himself explicitly tells the Apostles of their great positions and responsibilities.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, **ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

Luke 18:29 **And I appoint unto you a kingdom**, as my Father hath appointed unto me;
30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and **sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

10.3. The Priestly Branch (PB).

Ezekiel and the sons of Zadok head up the Priestly Branch. Ezekiel acts as the Segan, the Chief Priest (not High Priest), and is given headship over the priestly line of the sons of Zadok.

Eze 43:18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, ...

The details of the Millennial Temple and Priesthood are provided in Ezekiel 40-48, outlining additional activities that Ezekiel is to oversee. Moreover, David the chief of the Executive Branch is to provide responsibility within the Priestly Branch as well, thus providing a sort of "checks and balances" within the Millennial Government. David offers sacrifices to Jehovah on behalf of Israel.

Ezekiel 44:1 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same

Ezekiel 45:16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part to *give* burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

KJV Ezekiel 46:1 Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.

11. Satan's Relationship to the Millennium

Satan is called the "Accuser of our Brethren" with regard to Israel's Third Generation Saints (Rev 12:10). Satan's mission (he accepted long ago) is to "become like the Most High" (Isa 14:14).

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.**

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

In order to accomplish this feat, Satan believes he must thwart God's plan of redemption, which he has tried to do throughout history via deception and the counterfeiting of God's real program. His temporary doom is to spend the 1000 year Millennium in the angelic prison called Tartarus. We see this discussed in verse 15 of Isaiah 14, where Tartarus is described as that part of hell which is said to be the "sides of the pit". In mythology, Tartarus was the prison of the Titans, the defeated gods. This of course is the perversion of the actual account. Tartarus is the prison of those angels who "left their first estate" before the Flood and fathered the nephilim. Satan is no doubt placed there for his role in fathering AntiChrist and possibly FalseProphet. Nevertheless, he is imprisoned in Tartarus for the entire Millennial Kingdom.

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

This provides 1000 years of time without Satanic influence. After the Millennium, Satan is loosed again to deceive the nations and bring them against the Land of Israel one final time. God finally looses His patience and destroys the earth and universe and reforms them into a perfect cosmos.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

One tangential note is to be made. Note that Satan in Isa 14 is seen as a man, whereby the people viewing him wonder how this creature could have deceived the world. This provides a remarkable picture into the "progressive" nature of Satan's judgment and demise. Each step of the way, in the chronology of God's redemption, Satan is "demoted" to the next lower level, when finally at the White Throne Judgment, he has lost all of his glory and beauty, all of his authority, and is now viewed as a mere mortal man.

12. The Characteristics of the Millennium

The Millennium represents perfect justice in a fallen world. This perfect justice of course is executed only within the Land, while the Gentile question¹ is not yet answered. The Millennium will be characterized by many "characteristics" some of which are discussed in this section.²

12.1. Cessation of War

Throughout its duration, the Millennium brings with it the end of wars.

Isa 2:4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

War will not exist between Israel and any Gentile Nation. See also Isa 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 32:17,18; 33:5,6; Ez 28:26; 34:35; Hos 2:18.

12.2. Filled with Joy

Isa 9:3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

See also Isa 12:3-6; 14:7,8; 25:8,9; 66:10-14; Jer 30:18,19; 31:13,14; Zech 8:18,19.

12.3. Filled with Holiness

Holiness reigns in the Land.

¹ The "Gentile Question" being "what specific Gentiles are to be eternally saved?". This question is not answered until after the "little season" and God judges the Earth at the White Throne Judgment.

² This section is a summary of J. Dwight Pentecost's discussion on the Spiritual Character of the Millennium, **Things to Come**, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1977, pp.481-490.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, *and* mountain of holiness.

See also Isa 1:26,27; 4:3,4; Ez 36:24-31; Joel 3:21; Zeph 3:11

12.4. Justice Prevails

Christ Himself is justice personified, and He will be seen in this manner during the Millennial reign.

6 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.

Other Scriptures are Isa 11:5; 32:16; 42:1-4; Jer 23:5; 31:23,29,30.

12.5. Partial Removal of the Edenic Curse

The earth was cursed as a result of Adam's fall. It was to bring thorns and thistles, and along with this cursed ground the animals were effected, especially after Flood.

Isa 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Much more could be stated on this topic, but the following passages will do for now: Isa 29:17-19; 33:24; 35:3-6,9; 61:1,2; 65:20,25; Jer 30:17; Ez 34:16; Zeph 3:19.

12.6. Righteous Gentiles Flock to Israel

The Gentiles come to Israel for teaching and enlightenment and to learn of the law.

Zech 8:22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard *that* God is with you.

See also Isa 11:1,2; 2:2,3; 12:3-6; 41:19,20; 54:13; Jer 2:13,14; 23:1-4; Hab 2:14; Mic 4:2.

13. The Angels Role During the Millennium

To be supplied at a later date.

14. The Body's Relationship to the Millennium

The cosmic authority during eternity, including the Millennial Kingdom is executed from the Father's throne.

Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

This is the very throne from which Christ in His humanity will rule the entire created order - the Father's Throne, the throne on the Father's right Hand.

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

All authority, all execution, legislation, and adjudication will be exercised from this place - the Father's throne. It is this throne on which the Body of Christ, the righteous extension of Christ's non-incarnate Humanity, will jointly-sit with Christ, ruling the entire created order.

Eph 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Correlating these passages, the Body of Christ plays a fundamental role in executing the affairs of the cosmos in general (Eph 1:10), and the Millennium in particular. As the extension of Christ's non-Incarnate Humanity, it follows that we as His extended Body will execute the affairs of Messiah. Given this, **it behooves us as members of the Body of Christ, to understand and thoroughly know Israel's Scriptures. Too many saints today fall into the trap that only the Pauline Scriptures are to be mastered. While the Pauline Scriptures are written specifically to the Body, all**

Scripture is written *for* us to learn and master. Indeed, mastering Israel's Scriptures as well is imperative if we are to be successful in executing the angelic affairs over Israel's Millennium.