

## 231119-1 Re 20, 6, Five Historical Points Demanding the Millennial Kingdom Come to This Earth –CThurman

Now that we've come to the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter we have slowed down considerably in our studies from what we have done since we came to the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. There is much to consider in this chapter. Today is the third lesson in this chapter, and I expect that there might be at least one more lesson here before we've come to the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

In the last message we looked at the 5<sup>th</sup> verse.

*Re.20.5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection.*

In this text we considered three things. First, what a resurrection is, and how the first resurrection differs from all other resurrections. Second, we tried to answer the question, 'Who are the rest of the dead which lived not again until the thousand years were finished?'

This question has stirred some controversy in several brethren. But in light of many Scriptures we must entertain the possibility that not every believer without exception will be raised in the first resurrection/rapture event.

1. Lk.20.34-36, there are children that shall be accounted worthy to obtain that age and the resurrection from the dead;
2. Lk.21.31-36, a *warning* to watch and pray to be accounted worthy to stand before the Son of man;
3. Mt. 25.1-12, how the five unwise virgins were preoccupied when Christ came and the door was shut, but the five that were *ready* with Christ;
4. Lk.12.35-40, *waiting* in service for the Lord's coming so that when He comes and knock we might open unto Him immediately; blessed are those servants that the Lord finds watching;
5. Mt.24.45-51, the blessed servant the Lord finds serving in His house shall be made *ruler*; the unfaithful servant shall be cut asunder from ruling with Christ to receive a hypocrites part;
6. He.10.35, confidence to do the will of God has great recompense of reward;

7. Re.3.1-4, the faithful members shall walk with Christ in white (glorified); the unfaithful shall be spoiled of their reward;
8. 2Jn.8, a warning to look, beware, take heed, so that we might receive a full reward;
9. Re.22.12, when Christ returns He is bringing His reward with Him;
10. 2Ti.2.10-13, Paul writes of expecting to obtain salvation *with eternal glory*, and what is that? ... to reign with Christ; &
11. 2 Ti.4.7, 8, Christ would reward those that love His appearing with a crown of righteousness at that day.

The third and final point in that lesson was to note the gap of time there was between the first and the last resurrections. The gap of 1,000 years is literal. It is as literal as are the first resurrection and last resurrections which the gap separates.

Today we look into the next verse, verse 6. After a brief consideration of the second death and its relation to them which have a part in the first resurrection, we look at FIVE MAJOR POINTS UNDER WHICH THE CREATION HAS SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF ADAM'S SIN. Each one of these major points shall be resolved at the time of Christ's millennial kingdom.

We should remember that the millennial kingdom is the time of the regeneration (Mt.19.28), the restoration (Ac.3.21), the re-creation (Albert Barnes), or the *second generation*, παλιγγενεσία, paliggenesia, (Wm. Tyndale, 1534) of this earth. (see note defining *regeneration* on p.559) It is the time of the *refreshing*, or relieving of this present creation of the burden imposed on it on account of man's sin (Ac.3.19, ἀνάψυξις, a re-cooling, and so 'a *relieving*'). BIBLE-BELIEVERS WILL INSIST ON A LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE COMING KINGDOM ON THIS EARTH. As literally as the earth has suffered as a result of Adam's sin is as literally as it shall be relieved of that burden at Christ's second coming and millennial kingdom. Except for man's personal experience of sin, the earth and the creature shall be reset to the way it was as God originally created it. The millennium is when the curse is lifted from this very earth.

Daniel Taylor wrote,

‘On the doctrine of the earth’s renovation Knox writes, “to reform the face of the whole earth, which never was, nor yet shall be till that righteous King and Judge appear for the restoration of all things. Acts 3”’ Daniel Taylor, *The Voice of the Church on the Coming and Kingdom of the Redeemer*, p.151, Revised and Ed. by H. L. Hastings (1873)

On the same text of Ac.3.21, Arthur Pink and Luther Peak wrote,

‘This denomination (referring to the phrase, *the times of restitution*, added) views the results which will be brought about in the Coming Age, for of the next age (of the millennium, added), be it noted, and not of the Eternal State, Acts 3:21 speaks. ... That which is to be "restored" in the Millennium is the earth to a condition of fertility and blessedness approximating to the Edenic state. Israel is to be "restored" to the place of God's favor as His peculiar and covenant people. The duration of human life will be "restored" to that which equals and surpasses the longevity of the patriarchs before the Flood. The animal creation will be "restored" to its state before the effects of the Curse were visited upon it. The sun and moon shall be "restored," probably to their pristine glory, for in the Age to come their light will be increased sevenfold.’ Arthur Pink & Luther C. Peak, *The Golden Age* (1950), p.12 (digital, p.8)

It is reasonable to conclude by Scriptures that before God disposes of this present cosmos (2Pe.3.7-13), the earth should be restored to a paradisaical or Edenic state under the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

### **6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:**

μακάριος (blessed) & ἅγιος (holy) are both adjectives describing a certain person otherwise referred to as *he*.

*resurrection, ἀνάστασις, ἀνά re-, again + ἵστημι, to stand, to establish, to bring, to continue, and the idea is to stand or continue even after ‘after dying.’*

In our study of the previous verse (v.5), we spent some time on the point whether the Scriptures teach that every child of God shares a part in the glorification which takes place at Christ's second coming. This 6<sup>th</sup> verse reinforced the idea that the first resurrection is for the blessed and holy. It says, 'He (the blessed and holy) has part in the first resurrection. This text implies that there are a limited number of believers which have a part in that first resurrection/rapture event.

Folks become angry with me for saying this. They come close to threatening me for suggesting this as a possibility. They might even leave the church on account of this, and cut me off from their fellowship, but, all that I've done is tried to give the sense of several Scriptures after comparing them to one another. In the final analysis I must tell you the truth and answer to the Lord for it. As far as I know I have never refrained from delivering to this congregation what I understand to be the truth of God's word.

*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:*

ἐπὶ		ἐξουσίαν
<b>on such</b>	<b>the second death hath no</b>	<b>power,</b>
over	(blessed & holy ones)	strength, authority, right, jurisdiction

*death, θανάτου, gen. sing. of the noun θάνατος, tss. always with the English death. (vss.13, 14)*

*power, ἐξουσίαν, acc. sing. of the noun ἐξουσία, also tss. authority, jurisdiction, strength, right. (Re.2.26; 6.8; 9.3, 10, 19; 11.6 (twice); 12.10; 13.2, 4, 5, 7, 12; 14.18; 16.9; 17.12, 13; 18.1; 20.6; 22.14)*

The terms 'second death' is found in three other texts of Scripture.

*Re 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not (ever, οὐ μὴ) be hurt (offended, wronged, injured) of (ἐκ, from) the second death.*

*shall ... be hurt, ἀκικηθη, 3s. aor. subj. pass. of the verb ἀδικέω, tss. to be wronged, to be hurt, to be offended, to be injured, to be unjust.*

Understand this about the term *overcometh*: it is to have faith in Jesus Christ?

*1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God (or, For all that are born of God) overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh (the condemnation of) the world, [even] our faith.*

*Re 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

*Re 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part (lot, share) in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

In simplest terms this text (v.6) tells us that the *blessed and holy ones* which have their portion in the first resurrection, the second death has not power over them. This is true for all that have faith in Christ.

*Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

*Jn.10.27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

*28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand.*

*29 My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand.*

*30 I and [my] Father are one.*

But this text, the 6<sup>th</sup> verse emphasizes how these that are participants in the first resurrection have *prevailed* or *gotten the victory* that they cannot

be harmed in the least bit by second death. Faith is evidence of our victory over the second death. But being a participant in the first resurrection is the *reality* of it.

***but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.***

ὁ μακάριος καὶ ἅγιος ὁ ἔχων μέρος ἐν τῇ ἀναστάσει τῇ πρώτῃ· ἐπὶ τούτων ὁ θάνατος ὁ δεύτερος οὐκ ἔχει ἐξουσίαν ἀλλ' ἔσονται ἱερεῖς τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ βασιλεύσουσιν μετ' αὐτοῦ χίλια ἔτη

These of the first resurrection shall rule and reign with Christ a thousand years. In other words the glorified shall reign with Christ through the duration of His millennial kingdom, on this earth.

*Re 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;  
10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

But when the millennial kingdom is fulfilled Jesus continues to rule and reign, and so shall those which reign with Him. Christ's kingdom is not limited to 1,000 years. It is an everlasting kingdom. The kingdom begins here on this earth, but continues into eternity on the new earth.

*Lu 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

*Re 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he (Christ) shall reign for ever and ever.*

*Re 22:5 And there shall be no night there (on that new earth); and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

There is some misunderstanding by some concerning the millennial kingdom. It is not *heaven*. It is not the eternal age. It is not the new earth. The Lord Jesus shall return to this earth and He shall set up His kingdom here. For this earth it is as close to perfect as it can be given that sinful man constitutes a major part of its citizenry. This is the time when the earth is restored to its original, created glory. It is the time of the earth's Sabbath or rest. It is when the curse that was imposed upon the creation on account of Adam's (man's) sin is lifted. It is the recovery of that which the first Adam lost through sin. The last Adam, the Lord Jesus purchased it all with His own blood. (cf. 2Pe.2.1, *that bought them*; cf. Jn.15.11b; Ro.5.12, 18, 19; 1Co.15.45, 47)

At this place let's consider how the millennial kingdom answers all of the real, historical problems that resulted from Adam's sin; real, literal problems that have affected mankind, animal kind, and the earth. I want to look at the five problems first, and then look at the resolution of all five of these problems at the time of the millennial kingdom.

1. Note how sin brought a curse upon Satan, womankind, mankind, and the earth.

Sin will bring death:

*Ge.2.16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

*17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

*Ro 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned ...*

Satan is cursed:

*Ge.3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

*15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (a conflict between the two)*

Womankind is cursed:

*16 ¶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

Mankind & the earth is cursed:

*17 ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;*

*18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*

*19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.*

2. The introduction of predation upon mankind and animal kind. The LORD imposed this upon the creature, both man and beast after the Noahic flood about 1,657 S.C. (since creation [2,300 B.C.]).

*Gen.9.1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

*2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth [upon] the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

*3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*



*4 But flesh with the life thereof, [which is] the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*

*5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.*

*6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*

And this has been so ever since. The LORD at this time brought the creature into a parallel, sorrowful experience with mankind until the time of the kingdom.

*Ro 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope,*

*21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

*22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

3. Note the Jewish-Gentile conflict. The LORD imposed upon mankind the selection of a certain race of people, the children of Abraham. Man's sin conflicts with the will of God. It was about 360 years after the Noahic flood (2,023 since creation 1940 B.C.) that the LORD called Abraham out from among the Chaldeans, ordaining him to be the father of many nations, and particularly the father of the Jewish people.

*Ge.12.1 ¶ 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.*

*De 7:6 For thou [art] an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that [are] upon the face of the earth.*

*Am.9.9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations (not only Assyria or Babylon), like as [corn] is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.*

*10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.*

So many professing Christians today are of the mind that there is no such thing as a State of Israel. Their doctrine says that the church has replaced Israel. However, observation alone would tell them otherwise. If Israel is not the natural, elect people of God then why are the nations of the world enamored with this smallest nation in the world? How is it that this nation is a stumbling-block to the whole world? It makes no sense whatsoever. If the church has truly replaced the nation of Israel it should be that all eyes should have turned from Israel and only to the churches of Jesus Christ. But what do we see? The world is against both Israel and the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. The conflict for Canaanland. The LORD chose a people and then gave to them *His land*. Again, man's sin conflicts with the will of God. Whether Jew or Gentile the LORD's land may not be defiled. And so there is the ongoing conflict we see about Canaan.

The land of Canaan is the LORD's land:

*Deu.11.11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, [is] a land of hills and valleys, [and] drinketh water of the rain of heaven:*

*12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God [are] always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.*

*Deu.32.43 Rejoice, O ye nations, [with] his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, [and] to his people.*

(The Lord's land, cf. Lev. 25.23, *the land is mine*; Deu.11.12, *a land which the LORD careth for*; 32.43, *his land*; 2Chr.7.20, *my (the LORD) land*; Is.14.2, *land of the LORD*, 25, 26, *my land*; Jer.2.7, *my land*; 16.18, *my land*; Ez.36.5, *my land*; 38.16, *my land*; Hos. 9.3, *the LORD's land*; Joel 3.2, *my land* [12 texts of Scripture])

The LORD dedicated this same land to the children of Israel:

*Ge.13.14 ¶ 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*

....

*17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.*

*Ge.15.7 ¶ And he (the LORD) said unto him, I [am] the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.*

...

*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 ...*

But because of sin the land was a liability to those that lived upon it. Any that lived on it and defiled the land would expel from it.

*Lev.18.24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:*

*25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.*

*26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit [any] of these abominations; [neither] any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:*

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which [were] before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that [were] before you.

Of the land it was previously said of the land,

*Ez.36.13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they say unto you, Thou [land] devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations ...*

5. There is the conflict in the whole earth because of sin. Man's sin puts him in conflict with the will of God concerning the earth. Like the land of Israel, the earth, on a grander scale, is not to be defiled by man. For defiling the earth the LORD shall bring the masses into judgment.

The whole earth is the Lord's:

*Ex 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth [is] mine ...*

*Ps.50.10 For every beast of the forest [is] mine, [and] the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

*11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field [are] mine.*

The earth is defiled by its inhabitants.

*Is.24.1 ¶ Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.*

...

*4 The earth mourneth [and] fadeth away, the world languisheth [and] fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.*

*5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.*

*6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.*

The five problems: <sup>1</sup>The original curse for sin, <sup>2</sup>the prey/predation cycle, <sup>3</sup>the Gentile/Jew conflict, <sup>4</sup>the land of Canaan conflict, and <sup>5</sup>the turmoil for man's defiling the earth.

Man's sin has resulted in many disorders in creation. The millennial kingdom sees these same disorders resolved, if not completely, at least in great measure at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Let me reiterate at this place that the millennial kingdom is an almost complete lifting of the effects of sin upon this creation. For example, men in that day shall enjoy long life (*as the days of a tree, Is.65.22*), BUT sin remains, a rule with a rod of iron is necessary, and death continues. (cf. Ps.2.8, 9; Re.2.27; 12.5; 19.15)

*Is.65.20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner [being] an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

But since creation and the garden of Eden, Christ's kingdom on this earth shall be the best age this world have ever known.

Now let's consider how Christ's millennial kingdom is the time when these five problems are resolved.

1. Christ's second coming in His millennial kingdom addresses the problems of Satan, the curse upon womankind and mankind, and the curse upon the earth.

Satan is removed:

*Re.20.2 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 ...

Is.27.1 ¶ In that day (chs. 24-27 are called the Little Apocalypse, Revelation briefly stated)) the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword <sup>1</sup>shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he <sup>2</sup>shall slay the dragon that [is] in the sea.

<sup>1</sup>shall punish, of the verb פָּקַד, pah-qad, tss. to visit, to enjoin, to remember, to number, to appoint, to count, to charge, etc.

<sup>2</sup>shall slay, of the verb הָרַג, hah-rag, tss. to kill, to put out of hand, to destroy, to slay.

Ge 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it (the woman's Seed) <sup>1</sup>shall bruise thy (Satan's) head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

<sup>1</sup>shall bruise, of the verb שָׁוַה, shooph, tss. to bruise, to break, to cover.

Ro.16.20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (Gr. noun τάχος, with the preposition ἐν, with suddenness, with quickness). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you. Amen. (When the time comes to bruise Satan it will be with suddenness.)

The curses lifted from womankind and mankind to a great extent.

Is.65.18 But

(Contrasted to the fact that the LORD creates new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. [v.17])

*be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.*

*19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

*20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days (no more infant mortality, a woman's particular sorrow), nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner [being] an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

*21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

*22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree [are] the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

*Zec.8.4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. (still aging, but enjoying a long life)*

*5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.*

The curse is lifted from the earth:

*Eze 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.*

*27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.*

*Ez.36. 1 ¶ Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:*

...

*6 Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my*

*fury, because ye ([mountains, hills, rivers and valleys] land of Israel) have borne the shame of the heathen:*

...

*8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.*

*9 For, behold, I [am] for you (the whole land of Israel), and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:*

*10 And I will multiply men upon you (the land), all the house of Israel, [even] all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:*

*11 And I will multiply upon you (the land) man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle (Hiphil pret. of **יָשַׁב**, cause to dwell) you (the land) after your **old estates** (lit. as you [were] formerly), and will do better [unto you] than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.*

*old estates, **קְדִמָּה**, a fem. noun tss. afore, antiquity, former estate, old estate; the verb **קָדַם**, is tss. to meet, to prevent (to precede), to go before, before.*

Is Canaan that which was originally the garden of God, which was eastward in Eden? (cf. Ge.2.8)

*12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you (the land), [even] my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them [of men].*

*13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they say unto you, Thou [land] devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;*

*14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord GOD.*

*Hos.2.21 (To the land of Canaan) And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;*



*22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.*

*Am.9.13 (To the land and children of Israel) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.*

2. Christ's second coming in His millennial kingdom addresses the problem of predation in animal kind. Animal kind is delivered from the *bondage of corruption*; the sorrow and travail it has experienced which resulted from man's sin.

*Ro 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

...

*21 ... the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

*Is.11.6 (4-13, & Israel shall be regathered) 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.*

*Is.65.25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

*Ez.34.25 And I will make with them (the LORD's flock [v.22]) a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the*

*land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.*

*Ho 2:18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and [with] the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.*

3. And,
4. Christ's second coming in His millennial kingdom addresses both the conflict between the Jews and Gentiles, as well as the conflict there is concerning the land of Canaan. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE WARS.

*Is.2.1 ¶ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*

*2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, [that] the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*

*3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*Jer.30.10 ¶ Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make [him] afraid.*

*Ez.34.28 And they (Israel) shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make [them] afraid.*

*29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.*

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God [am] with them, and [that] they, [even] the house of Israel, [are] my people, saith the Lord GOD.

Ez.36.15 Neither will I cause [men] to hear in thee (the land) the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou (land) bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord GOD.

...

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause [you] to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities [are become] fenced, [and] are inhabited.

Am.9.15 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.

Zep.3.19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee (Jerusalem & Zion): and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you [again], even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

5. Christ's second coming in His millennial kingdom answers the world-wide conflict there is in all the earth as a result of man's sin. For sin the earth was spewing out its inhabitants, so-to-speak.

The 98<sup>th</sup> Psalm is a millennial psalm.

*Ps 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.*

*5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.*

*6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.*

*7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*

*8 Let the floods clap [their] hands: let the hills be joyful together*

*9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.*

*Is.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.*

*Is.11.9 They (the creatures of earth) 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.*

*Hos.2.18 ... and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.*

*Lu 13:29 And they (that be saved) shall come from the east, and [from] the west, and from the north, and [from] the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.*

(Whole texts related to the millennial kingdom: Ge.49.10; Is.2.4; Is.24.22, *after many days*; 65.18-25; 66.5-14; Jer.23.7, 8; 30.7-11, 16-22; 31.35-37; Ez.34.25-31; Ez.36.1, 6-15; 37.1-29, a regathered Israel and united kingdom; 39.23-29; Hos.2.16-23; 14.4-9; Joel 3.1, 7; Am.9.8-15; Mic.7.16-20; Zep.3.7-20; Zec.3.9, 10; Mal.3.17, 18; Lk.13.28, 29; Ac.1.6; 1Co.15.25, 25; 2Th.1.5; Re.11.15; Re.20.1-7)

I believe the five major problems for man's sin are resolved at the time of Christ's second coming and kingdom.

Satan shall be removed from the earth, and mankind shall be released to a great extent from the curse for sin, and the curse shall be lifted from earth.

The creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption.

The Jew and Gentiles conflict shall cease.

The land of Canaan shall rest.

And the whole earth shall enjoy her Sabbath.

THIS IS THE POINT: IF THE SEVERAL HISTORICAL PROBLEMS THAT RESULTED FROM MAN'S SIN HAVE BEEN A REAL, LITERAL HISTORICAL HUMAN EXPERIENCE, AND WE SEE THAT THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM ANSWERS THESE SAME PROBLEMS, THEN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM MUST BE A FUTURE, LITERAL EXPECTATION?

Ὁ μακάριος καὶ ἅγιος ὁ ἔχων μέρος ἐν τῇ ἀναστάσει τῆ πρώτης· ἐπὶ τούτων ὁ θάνατος ὁ δεύτερος οὐκ ἔχει ἐξουσίαν ἀλλ' ἔσονται ἱερεῖς τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ βασιλεύσουσιν μετ' αὐτοῦ χίλια ἔτη