

# WORSHIP IN THE MILLENNIUM

## A study of Chapter 6

### INTRODUCTION

How will we worship in the Millennium? Who will worship then? Where will we worship? Answering those questions and others is our goal for this session.

2 Thessalonians 1:10—[Jesus will come] to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. . . .

*Gathered 'round Your throne.*

*With one voice we cry,*

*Holy Lord . . .*

*Glory to the Lamb,*

*Lamb upon the throne . . .* (Don Moen, "Let Your Glory Fall" (Integrity Music, 1997)

*1000 Years*—How will worship in the Millennium differ from ways in which true believers worship today? Will houses of worship exist where congregations gather to sing to God, hear choirs perform, and listen to pastors preach? Will believers attend Bible studies? Will any of the worship songs believers cherish today be sung then? Some forms of present-day Christian worship will probably continue into eternity, but Scripture signals that the Millennium will bring major changes in how God's people exalt Him (p. 84).

### HOW WILL WORSHIP BE DIFFERENT IN THE MILLENNIUM?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth will worship.

Philippians 2:10-11—<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Zephaniah 2:11— . . . The nations on every shore will worship him, every one in its own land.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ will be physically present to receive worship.

*1000 Years*—Scripture clearly implies Christ will possess a literal—albeit glorified—body that can be seen and touched, and He evidently will radiate with brilliant light (p. 84).

Matthew 17:2—There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

Ezekiel 1:27—I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him.

Revelation 1:13-16—<sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

3. Resurrected believers’ enlarged capacities to comprehend the things of God will dramatically \_\_\_\_\_ their worship.

1 Corinthians 13:12—Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

**Ways in which your worship will be enhanced in your immortal body:**

- You will possess the ability to fully comprehend God’s eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual truth.

*1000 Years*—When we receive our resurrected bodies, our spiritual IQ will shoot through the roof, and every aspect of God’s divine nature, His purpose, and His ways will suddenly become crystal clear to us! Our dramatically heightened grasp of the mysteries of God will enrich our worship in ways we cannot anticipate or even conceive now (p. 85).

- You will not possess a \_\_\_\_\_, and so you will be invulnerable to temptation.
- You will not be limited or distracted by the failings of fallen human nature, including selfishness and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Mortal believers will travel to \_\_\_\_\_ to sit at Christ’s feet to worship and be taught by Him.

Micah 4:2—Many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

*1000 Years*—Israel’s airports and seaports will become the world’s busiest travel centers, and because of Christ’s physical presence in Jerusalem, the city will bear a new name: “The Lord is There” (Ezekiel 48:35) (pp. 86-87).

5. \_\_\_\_\_ will not be present to distract or interfere in worship.
6. The Holy Spirit will supernaturally \_\_\_\_\_ mortal humans’ minds, dramatically deepening their capacity for worship.

Isaiah 32:15—till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest.

Ezekiel 39:29—"I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD."

### **Israel's Worship in the Millennium**

Zechariah 8:21-23—<sup>21</sup> "and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, 'Let us go at once to entreat the LORD and seek the LORD Almighty. I myself am going.' <sup>22</sup> And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD Almighty and to entreat him." <sup>23</sup> This is what the LORD

Almighty says: "In those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'"

The people of Israel will serve as the world's \_\_\_\_\_ and teachers, and Jerusalem will become the global epicenter of worship.

According to Revelation 5:9, believers "from every tribe and language and people and nation" will travel to Israel to see Jesus and to witness His glory firsthand.

Israel will celebrate at least some of the national \_\_\_\_\_ that it observed in biblical times.

The Law of Moses prescribed 7 feasts for ancient Israel:

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| 1. Passover (Leviticus 23:5)                | 5. Trumpets (Leviticus 23:26-32)           |
| 2. Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:6-8)      | 6. Atonement (Leviticus 23:26-32)          |
| 3. Firstfruits (Leviticus 23:9-14)          | 7. Tabernacles/Booths (Leviticus 23:33-44) |
| 4. Weeks, or Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15-22) |  |

### **The following holy days will definitely be observed by Israel in the Millennium:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 66:23; Ezekiel 46:1)

Israel will observe the Sabbath, if not the entire world.

\_\_\_\_\_ and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ezekiel 45:21-24)

This feast originally commemorated God's sparing the Israelites from death in Egypt.

Passover was celebrated alongside the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which began the day after Passover and commemorated the Israelites' eating bread made without yeast because of their haste to leave Egypt in the Exodus.

In the Millennium, Israel will observe the Passover at the temple in new ways and with enhanced meaning.

Tabernacles/\_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 23:33-36; Zechariah 14:16-17)

*1000 Years*—So significant will be the Feast of Tabernacles in the Millennium that Scripture says even Gentiles will travel from around the globe each year to participate in it. “Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16) (p. 92).

Any nation that fails to send representatives to the feast will be sternly \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord:

Zechariah 14:16-19—<sup>16</sup> Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

<sup>17</sup> If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain. <sup>18</sup> If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. <sup>19</sup> This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Isaiah 4:5—Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over all the glory will be a canopy.

*1000 Years*—The Hebrew word for shelter in verse 6 is often translated *tabernacle*, so Isaiah may be describing a dazzling supernatural tabernacle of fire and smoke projected by Christ over the entire temple area. What a spectacular sight will await visitors to Jerusalem as the Messiah’s glory billows in the skies above the city by day and lights up the nights there throughout the Millennium! This will add profound meaning to the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles each year as global pilgrims gather to celebrate God’s gracious provision and the Messiah’s beneficent rule. The feast will undoubtedly mark the most joyous time of year in the Holy Land, and the environs of Jerusalem will become crowded with tent cities of prefabricated shelters set up as dwelling places for international worshippers (p. 94).

\_\_\_\_\_ Observance

Israel will observe this holiday, that, in ancient times, marked the \_\_\_\_\_ of each \_\_\_\_\_, and was celebrated with special offerings and rest from work.

Ezekiel 45:17—It will be the duty of the prince to provide the burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings at the festivals, the New Moons and the Sabbaths—at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel.

Scripture does not indicate that new moon observance will take place among Gentile nations.



Before the next Session, read Chapter 7