Bible Study Notes

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 - Third Day - Feast of Tabernacles

What the World Tomorrow will be like

Today is the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Tabernacles. It has double significance! Both picture the Wonderful World Tomorrow.

This is a Bible study derived straight from Lesson 30 of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

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Deut. 16:14-16
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This is the "divinely appointed theme" of the Feast of Tabernacles. We are to "surely rejoice" and "be altogether joyful" with our entire families (Deut. 12:5, 7, 12). We are to save a tenth of our income to be used at this time, thereby picturing the prosperity of the people who will live during the World Tomorrow (Deut. 14:22-26). We may eat and drink whatever our heart desires, in moderation within the bounds of God's law!

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Ezek. 36:26-27; Isa 11:9
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People's basic attitude and nature will be changed in the World Tomorrow by the addition of God's Holy Spirit! This is the real reason God's Church rejoices during the Feast of Tabernacles.

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Isa. 11:6-8; Isa 65:25
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The nature of animals will be totally changed as well!

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Rev. 19:16; Jer. 3:17
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Jesus Christ will reign as supreme ruler over the whole earth during the millennium. Jerusalem will be world headquarters!

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Dan. 7:14, 27; Rev. 19:7-9; 20:1-4
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Christ and the righteous saints will rule the world! This will be a Husband/Wife relationship - Christ as the "Husband" and the resurrected saints the "Wife." That is why Jesus is called "the everlasting Father" in Isaiah 9:6 - this marriage will produce children!

The Kingdom of God is the Family of God, consisting of God, Christ and divine, immortal sons and daughters of God. We shall be changed (I Cor. 15:50-54), "born" into God's Kingdom at the second coming of Christ (John 3:3-8). We are God's children "in embryo" right now (I John 3:2; II Cor. 6:18).

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Luke 19:17-19; 13:28
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God's faithful servants, as shown in the parable of the pounds, will be rewarded with positions of rulership based on how much they accomplished during their human lifetime. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will definitely be in the Kingdom of God.

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Jer. 30:7-9; Ezek. 37:24-25; Matt. 19:28: Luke 22:29-30; Rev. 2:26-27
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David will be in the Kingdom of God also, ruling over the modern descendants of all 12 tribes of Israel. Those listed in Hebrews 11, along with all others who similarly qualify for positions

of authority in God's Kingdom will be resurrected to immortal life, with supreme power and authority.

These verses show that the saints will be kings (rulers), priests (teachers) and judges. In God's Kingdom, the four functions of government are 1) executive, 2) legislative, 3) judicial and 4) education. God's government is always "from the top down." The four functions are all united under God the Father as supreme lawgiver (James 4:12). God's Family will administer and enforce God's government in the World Tomorrow - as the Ambassador-College-trained ministers should be doing today. (They are not to determine policy or procedure, but simply to administer the government which has come down from God through Christ and His modernday apostle, as Mr. Armstrong explained clearly in his book, "Mystery of the Ages." Those ministers who have stepped outside of this government no longer carry God's authority.). God's Family will judge specific cases as necessary, and interpret the law to make rulings in the World Tomorrow, as in Exodus 18. We, as priests, will be teaching the people God's laws. Isaiah 30:20-21 and other Scriptures refer to the resurrected saints as "teachers."

In the World Tomorrow everything will be on the right track, and remain that way, because God's government will be in place. Today's Church of God situation is a stark testimony to the fact that without God's government, people can't stay together and get along (John 17:21-23; Eph. 4:4-6), 11-16). That's the main reason why we NEED God's government over us! Even the angels are watching the Church situation, and learning from it (Eph. 3:10; I Pet. 1:12; I Cor. 4:9). Mr. Armstrong wrote that God is even now trying to impress the importance of His government over the two-thirds of the holy angels, lest the same catastrophe happen to them which happened to the one-third.

1 John 4:16; Matt. 20:26-27

God is LOVE - we need to be loving and kind as well. Each of the saints will serve with genuine love, compassion and concern, never acting selfishly (Ezek. 34).

Each ruler will exercise authority over their jurisdiction, under Christ. It will not be heavy-handed authority (Mark 10:42-44). The resurrected saints will have learned how to exercise the minimal amount of authority to get the job done, as necessary. Each ruler, under Christ, will be responsible to the headquarters government at Jerusalem.

This government will be PERMANENT - it will never cease, it won't go off track (Isa. 9:7). There will be no political infighting, no strife or difficulties within God's family. It will be in total unity. There will be no insurrections or rebellions. Satan's failed coup proved that God's government cannot be overthrown. No member of God's Family will ever again turn into an adversary (1 John 3:8-9). There will be nothing in our character that will want to sin. God's Holy Spirit will be flowing in us, and we will not want to sin. Our senses will have become exercised to discern good from evil (Heb. 5:12-14). We will be like Jesus, who loves righteousness and hates iniquity (Heb. 1:9). We won't want to do things which we hate, and we will have developed the power not to yield to temptation (Rom. 7:13-25; 8:13; James 1:12-18; Rev. 3:21).

God doesn't want our character to turn out like that of the demons - corrupted and twisted. This is what life is really all about. God wants to know, BEFORE He gives us eternal life, whether or not we will choose His ways, even under the most difficult of circumstances.

That's what's going on right now. The question is, will we believe in, love and accept the government of God over us even when everyone else goes off track? That's a very important question. Jesus proved His loyalty to God while in the flesh, and so should we (Phil. 2:5-16).

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Isa. 30:20-21; Jer. 31:34; Hab. 2:14; Isa. 11:9
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We will be ready teachers, taking personal part in the education and guidance of those living in the World Tomorrow. We will be able to manifest ourselves to them suddenly, in order to be personally involved with those under us. There will be total success - everyone will know God! Universal godly education will permeate all facets of society.

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Isa. 25:6-7; 29:10-12; Rom 11:7-8
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God will destroy the "blindness" that covers all nations today. This means more than just "making knowledge available" to the world - God will open peoples' minds - cause them to be able to understand. It's an active, not a passive thing. Everyone will be educated the same way, speak the same thing, not be divided (I Cor. 1:10). Today's world is in a state of confusion, dominated by division and hostility, especially in the area of religion (Rev. 12:9).

Peer pressure will be toward God's way, not Satan's way, in the World Tomorrow.

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Isa. 2:4
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Christ will abolish WAR, and enforce PEACE, through his power. He will have supreme authority to rebuke many nations as necessary. Total power will bring total peace. It's the only way, it's God's way!

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Psa. 72:1-4, 8, 12-14; Isa. 11:5
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Jesus will not be a tyrannical ruler. He cares about the poor and needy, and so will those who are ruling under Him. God liked David - he took care of his sheep and was kind.

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Isa. 11:2-4
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Christ will make perfect decisions - even as He does today. The poor will receive righteous judgment from Christ - He is not a respecter of people.

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Hos. 2:18 (first part); Isa. 11:6-8; 65:25; Ezek. 34:25
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There will be no fear of wild animals - they will all be made peaceful.

In fact, no fear of anything will exist. There will be no fear of animals, war, other human beings, violence, crime, poverty or financial ruin!

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Hos. 2:18 (last part)
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There will be no weapons of war in the World Tomorrow. Instead, there will be implements of farming and production.

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Isa. 35:4
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"Fear not!" will be the motto of the World Tomorrow.

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Isa. 33:24; Jer. 30:17; Isa. 35:3-6
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People won't get sick - there will be no fear of sickness or disease. People will be obeying the physical laws of good health as well as God's spiritual laws, and will receive healing as necessary. Handicapped people will be miraculously healed and made whole. Radiant health will abound in the World Tomorrow!

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Exo. 21:29, 33-34; 22:6
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Personal responsibility will limit or completely eliminate accidents. When God's law goes forth from Zion (Isa. 2:2-3), these principles of responsibility will be taught and implemented.

Cities will be filled with joy and gladness, not fear! There will be no slums, poverty, gangs or violence - only love, peace and prosperity. There will be no problems between neighbors! Neither will there be any "generation gaps" in the World Tomorrow. Everyone will get along!

There will be no shortage of food, only abundance.

There will be one world language. This will promote worldwide unity through flawless communication.

The only fear that will exist in the World Tomorrow will be "the fear of the Lord" (Prov. 1:7; 9:10; Ecc. 12:13)! This is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge - the starting point of true education (Isa. 11:9). The original purpose of Ambassador College was to teach its students that THE WORD OF GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE. So it will be in the World Tomorrow.

What a glorious and abundant time that will be!