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The FOUNDATION of our FAITH

(PART XVI)

DIVISION #2

THE PERSONAL WORD OF GOD

3 Things That GOD Must Do Before The END of the WORLD Can Come

PART 2. - JESUS CHRIST'S RESTORATION OF GOD'S
THEOCRATIC KINGDOM

OPENING TEXT: Matthew 24:21,29-30, 25:31-34

I. God must accomplish 3 things in order to fulfill His purpose for history. The FIRST is: (PART 1) The CRUSHING of SATAN by ridding the earth of him and his entire Kingdom.

II. The SECOND is: (PART 2) The restoring of God's theocratic Kingdom to this present earth.

III. EARTH began with God's theocracy as it's government and the restoration of that Kingdom is absolutely essential if God is to fulfill His purpose for world history.

IV. The Scriptures reveal 2 THINGS concerning the TIME of the future theocratic kingdom:

1. This Theocratic Kingdom will be established after the Tribulation and Second Coming of Christ.
(cf. Matthew 24:21, 29-30; 25:31-34) NOTE: These words by Jesus are supported by the teaching of the Book of Revelation:

- The events of the Tribulation (chapters 6-18)
- Followed by the Second Coming of Christ (chapter 19:11-21)
- Followed by the Theocratic Kingdom (chapter 20:4-6)

2. This Theocratic Kingdom will be present during the last age of this present earth's history.

NOTE: After that age ends, Satan will lead one final Revolt against God's rule BUT God will quickly crush that Revolt

(chapter 20: 7-10). Then the present earth will pass away when a great white throne appears. (Revelation 20: 11; 21:1)

V. The duration (length) of this rule will be for 1,000 years, also referred to as the millennium. This is a word derived from two Latin words:

1. mille = "a thousand", and
2. annum = "year"

*NOTE: Although the future theocratic kingdom will last for 1,000 years on this present earth, it will continue forever on the future eternal earth. (Luke 1:32-33; Revelation 11: 15; 21:1-22:5)

V. **THREE SIGNIFICANT FACTS** Concerning the CITIZENS of the future Theocratic Kingdom:

FACT #1: NO UNSAVED people will be able to enter the Kingdom at it's inception.

seen clearly in: ① The Parable of the Tares (Mt. 13: 24-30, 36-43)

② The Dragnet (Mt. 13: 47-50)

and ③ His Olivet Discourse (Mt 24: 37-41;

FACT #2: ALL SAVED people of ALL previous ages of 25:31-46 history will enter the Theocratic Kingdom with Christ!

4 GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO WILL ENTER THIS KINGDOM:

GROUP #1) CHURCH SAINTS - Those saved from the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) to the apture of the Church.

- I Thes. 4:17; "...and so shall we ever be with the Lord"

- ~~I~~ Tim. 2:12; church saints shall reign with Christ
+ cf (I Corinthians 15: 51-53; I Thes. 4:16)

GROUP #2) OLD Testament SAINTS - Those who were saved but who died before the Church Age began. (resurrected after the tribulation)

cf Dan. 12:1-2; (Daniel himself to be resurrected at that time)
of 12:13

GROUP #3) RESURRECTED Tribulation SAINTS -
(Revelation 20 : 4-6)

- saved & martyred during the Tribulation

GROUP #4) Surviving Tribulation SAINTS -

NOTE: THIS group is specifically referred to as "sheep" in Matthew 25 : 31-34.

entering the kingdom in their mortal bodies, having escaped death during the Tribulation; will continue to possess their Sin Natures.

FACT #3) Some citizens of that Theocratic Kingdom will be UNSAVED. (Jeremiah 30 : 19-20; Ezekiel 47 : 22)

Thus explains how such a huge multitude will flock to SIMON when he is released at the end of the Millennium period. Not (unable all others start here, who will be in their glorified bodies, sinless & perfect and who will not marry or give birth)

VI. The Nature of the future Theocratic Kingdom -

1. It will be an EARTHLY KINGDOM -

* Just as the original theocratic Kingdom involved the administration of God's rule by his original representative, the first Adam, over this present earthly province of God's universal Kingdom, so the **FUTURE THEOCRATIC KINGDOM** will involve the administration of God's rule by His future representative, the "last Adam" (Jesus Christ) over the very same EARTHLY province.

2. It will be a Political KINGDOM -

a. Christ will sit on DAVID'S throne, ruling DAVID'S kingdom. (ISAIAH 9:7; Luke 1:32, 33)

"Government" literally speaks of Political rule

b. Christ will exercise control over international relations, causing NATIONS to live together in peace. (IS. 2:4; Micah 4:3)

NOTE: (Christ's role: PSALM 72:1-4, 12-14; ISAIAH 11:1-5)

c. Christ's rule will be characterized by absolute Righteousness, justice and peace.

NOTE: His office holders will be glorified, immortal saints who have no sin nature (II Tim 2:12; Rev. 20:4-6)

Thus means all politicians will be perfect (thus, no governmental corruption)