

Session 7 Jesus' Millennial Throne: "The Corridor of Glory"

CENTERPIECE OF GOD'S PURPOSE: BRING HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER IN JESUS

Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will...10 that...He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. (Eph. 1:9-10)

- A. We must understand God's larger purposes to get the right perspective for the End-Times. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to fully establish His Kingdom rule over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. Jesus will take everything (good) in heaven and earth and bring them fully together. This is the interpretive key to understanding the End-Times.
- B. God's purpose has always been to make His final abode on earth to live with together His people. God will come down to dwell on earth rather than people going to heaven. The exception to this is the 2,000-year period (between the cross and the Second Coming) in which believers with disembodied spirits go to a glorious "***heavenly temporary holding place***" to await their resurrected bodies that will enable them to live on earth with God forever.
- C. ***Basic definitions: Heaven***: is the supernatural spirit realm to experience God's "immediate" presence and power. ***Earth***: is the material physical realm where human emotions and physical sensation are experienced to the fullness. The materiality of the Millennial earth and then the New Earth will consist of concrete reality. The earthly realm's relationship with the heavenly realm ***requires a resurrected body***. Note that demons (fallen spirit beings) seek to inhabit humans to more fully experience and express themselves, etc.

When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house (dwelling in a human) from which I came.' (Mt 12:43-44)

- D. ***That...He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ (Eph. 1:10)*** – both heavenly and earthly dimensions must come together for God's fullness to be manifest. God requires the spirit realm and the material realm to come together to fully express His personality and purposes. This happens initially in the first stage, as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial earth (Rev. 21:10), then, in the second stage the New Jerusalem descends to the New Earth (Rev. 21:2).

Till we all come ...to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...(Eph. 4:13)

- E. Four aspects of Jesus' Kingdom necessary for the fullness of God. ***Heaven*** – supernatural spirit realm with divine power and presence, angels, New Jerusalem. ***Garden of Eden*** – material paradise of pleasure expressed on the Millennial earth and in the New Jerusalem. There is a convergence of the Tree of Life and the River of Life being restored in both the earthly and heavenly Jerusalems. ***Kingdom of David (Throne of David)*** – theocratic government with a righteous king ruling all the earth. ***Holy of Holies*** – worshipping Bride in intimate partnership.

F. The connecting point of earth and heaven is humanity. The point that God chose for heaven and earth to come together is humanity in His image and filled with His Spirit. Then the resurrected saints work together with Jesus, the angels and the Millennial inhabitants in this environment to fully transform the earth through a process.

1. **Son of Man** – this is the title Jesus used most when referring to Himself rather than one that emphasized His deity as the uncreated Son of God who created all things (Col. 1:16). In other words, Jesus pointed to His humanity, being 'of the dust' or in the likeness of sinful humanity (Rom. 8:3).

God...by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh... (Rom. 8:3)

a. Jesus' coronation as king of nations is in context to His title as the Son of Man.

One like the Son of Man (Jesus)...came to the Ancient of Days (Father)...14 to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all nations...should serve Him. (Dan. 7:13-14)

b. Ezekiel was the OT prophet with most heavenly experiences yet was referred to as the "son of man" to draw attention to his humanity being made of the dust. God referred to Ezekiel as the son of man 93 times in the book of Ezekiel.

c. The point of emphasize here is that God is deeply committed to the earthly realm in fulfilling His eternal purposes.

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G. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to fully establish His Kingdom rule over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. Both heavenly and earthly dimensions must come together to fully express God's personality and purposes.

Having made known to us the mystery (**hidden plan**) of His will...10 that...He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth. (Eph. 1:9-10)

H. The spirit realm and the material realm come together as the New Jerusalem descends to just above the Millennial earth in two stages. Stage one of the descent of the New Jerusalem is partial yet substantial at the Second Coming. Stage two of the descent of the New Jerusalem is total and ultimate after the Millennium.

- I. There are at least *five reasons* that we know that the New Jerusalem is distinct from the Millennial Jerusalem, yet not resting on earth, yet close to it. First, the Kings of the earth come into the New Jerusalem during the Millennium to bring their glory (Rev. 21:24). Second, the leaves are for the healing of the nations (Rev. 22:2). Third, the angels guard sinners from entry (Rev. 21:12, 22:14-15; Gen. 3:22-24). Fourth, the New Jerusalem lights up the saved nations on the Millennial earth not unsaved ones (Rev. 21:24; 20:7-9). Fifth, the size of the Millennial Jerusalem is approximately 10 square miles (4,500 rods x 4,500 rods) (Ezek. 48:30-35; 45:6; 48:15-19) whereas, the New Jerusalem is 1500 miles.
- J. At Jesus' Second Coming, He establishes His Throne of Glory to judge all nations (Mt. 25:31; Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 43:4-7; Zech. 6:12-13). Jesus' Throne of glory has an earthly and heavenly dimension being established in Millennial Jerusalem and also in the heavenly New Jerusalem. The government of heaven and of earth come fully together as the two Jerusalems are brought together (Rev. 22:3). The saints reign on the Millennial earth (Matt. 19:28, Lk. 22:29), yet we live with resurrected bodies in New Jerusalem. Our residence is in the New Jerusalem, but our government takes place on the earth.
- K. Jesus' Throne on earth and in Heaven is clearly one Throne. *The joining of the two Jerusalems establishes the "Corridor of Glory" in which 12 significant aspects of God's plan come into a dynamic convergence.* (Converge means to come together from different directions to an intersecting point to achieve union). The term convergence points to the paradox of both dimensions (heavenly and earthly), each having distinction, yet with a significant merging or overlapping as a unified reality.
- L. The 12 significant aspects of Jesus' Throne of glory: are the 1) *Mountain*, 2) the *City of Jerusalem* (with 12 gates), 3) *God's House* (where God's family lives together with God, Rev. 21:1-8), 4) the *Holy of Holies* (Temples), 5) the *garden of Eden* (where physical paradise is), 6) the *River* that heals, 7) the *Trees* (with 12 fruit ever month), 8) the *Highway*, 9) the *whirlwind* (tornado-like funnel of glory), 10) the *pillar of cloud*, 11) the *perfumed smoke* and 12) the *shining fire* (that surrounds Jerusalem).
- M. In our last session, we looked at Jesus' Throne of Glory as a Mountain-City of God's House. We looked at the convergence of the two realms (heavenly/earthly), including the city of Jerusalem (with 12 gates), the Holy Mountain, the two Holy of Holies (Temples), the two Gardens (garden of Eden), the two Rivers, the two Trees and the two Highways.
- N. In this session, we will look at this "Corridor," described by Isaiah as including a *cloud* (pillar of glory reaching from earth to heaven) with elements of *smoke* and *shining fire*. This "Corridor" is described by Ezekiel as a *whirlwind* (the vast glorious tornado funnel that engulfs Jesus' Chariot-Throne, Ezek. 1). Some have referred to this corridor as a vast "heavenly elevator" connecting God's Temple in heaven (New Jerusalem) to His Temple on the Millennial earth.
- O. The whirlwind, pillar of cloud of glory, perfumed smoke and the shining fire connect God's Temple in heaven (New Jerusalem) to His Temple on the Millennial earth establishing His glorious resting place on the earth (Isa. 66:1; 11:10; Ps. 132:7-14).

- P. The New Jerusalem (heavenly Temple) descends to a place just above Millennial Jerusalem (especially the Temple on Millennial Mt. Zion). In other words, Jesus' Throne of glory (Mountain-City-House) or His vast governmental complex includes the Millennial Temple and the New Jerusalem joined by a "Corridor of Glory" comprised of the pillar of the glory cloud, smoke and fire forming a whirlwind of glory around His Chariot-Throne (Ezek. 1). This is the place of God's Temple or His glorious Resting Place on the earth or the place of the soles of His feet (Isa. 66:1; 11:10).

JESUS' THRONE OF GLORY: 2 DIMENSIONS (EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY)

- Q. At Jesus' Second Coming, He comes in glory and sets up His Throne of Glory to judge all nations.
When the Son of Man comes (at His Second Coming) in His glory...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. 32 All the nations (currently on earth) will be gathered before Him...(Mt. 25:31-32)
Peter...said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" 28 Jesus said, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the Throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, SHALL receive a 100-fold..." (Mt. 19:27-29)
- R. Jesus will establish His earthly Throne of glory in Jerusalem to judge all earthly nations. This clearly refers to the Millennial Jerusalem which is called Throne of God.
At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. (Jer. 3:17)
- S. Jesus' Throne is connected to the Millennial Temple that He builds in Jerusalem.
Thus says the LORD... "Behold, the Man (Jesus) whose name is the BRANCH! from His place (New Jerusalem) He shall branch out (progressively increase), and He shall build the Temple of the LORD; 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His Throne; so He shall be a priest (serving in the Temple) on His Throne." (Zech. 6:12-13)
Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the Throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isa. 9:7)
- T. Jesus' Throne of Glory will be connected to the Holy of Holies in the Millennial Temple in Jerusalem.
The glory of the LORD came into the Temple (Millennial Temple)... 5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court...the glory of the LORD filled the Temple. 6 I heard Him speaking to me from the Temple (Holy of Holies)...7 He said, "This is the place of My Throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever." (Ezek. 43:4-7)
Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My Throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?" (Isa. 66:1)

How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in His anger! He cast down from heaven to the earth the beauty of Israel, and did not remember His footstool in the day of His anger. (Lam. 2:1)

- U. The three distinct dimensions of heaven, earth and Jerusalem point to one larger reality in God.
Do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's Throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. (Mt. 5:34-35)
- V. Jesus' Throne will also be established in the heavenly New Jerusalem that descends to earth. Jesus' Throne is clearly in the New Jerusalem and is also clearly in the Millennial Jerusalem
The Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it (New Jerusalem). (Rev. 22:3)
- W. **SUMMARY:** Jesus rules in heaven as the Son of God (New Jerusalem) and He rules on the earth as the Son of David (earthly Jerusalem). He is the only one with authority to bring both realms together (Mt. 28:18). *The government of heaven and of earth come fully together at the Second Coming*. The heavenly Jerusalem and earthly Jerusalem will be brought together by Jesus as King of both cities. He brings the fullness of heaven and earth together resulting in the "resurrection of earth"

JOINING OF THE TWO JERUSALEMS: ESTABLISHING THE "CORRIDOR OF GLORY"

- X. The New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial earth. Where does it go? To Jesus' place of government, which is the Millennial Temple in Jerusalem.
- Y. Does Jesus have one Throne or two? The answer is YES. I suggest Jesus' Throne of glory is a vast glorious governmental complex with a "far north end" of His Throne in the New Jerusalem and a "far south end" on the Millennial Jerusalem with a "Corridor of Glory" between the two.
- Z. I think of this "Corridor" as being filled with the brightness of God's weighty, tangible Presence connecting the Millennial Jerusalem and heavenly Jerusalem as an essential part of Jesus' one Throne.
Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person... (Heb. 1:3)
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. (Ps. 50:2)
I have seen the consummation of all perfection Your commandment is exceedingly broad. (Ps. 119:96)
- AA. The Throne of glory is in context of the great Mountain-City with dynamic convergence of two Jerusalems (Millennial and Heavenly), two Most Holy Places (Holy of Holies), two Gardens, two Rivers, two Trees and the two Highways with the whirlwind and cloud of glory between them establishing God's Temple or His glorious Resting Place on the earth (Isa. 66:1; 11:10). God created the human race that He might find His home in people who voluntarily love and obey Him (Rev. 21:1-8). We speak of all these truths together as the "Corridor of Glory."

THE "CORRIDOR OF GLORY" INCLUDES DIVINE CLOUD, SMOKE AND SHINING FIRE

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion (people of Israel), and purged the blood of Jerusalem (city) from her midst... 5 then the LORD will CREATE above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies (temple complex of Ezek. 40-48), a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. (Isa. 4:4-5)

For I will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst. (Zech. 2:5)

The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God...(Rev. 8:4)

The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power...(Rev. 15:8)

BB. The relevant question for the Highway of Holiness into the New Jerusalem of is that of who may use it.

A Highway shall be there...it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it.. (Isa. 35:8)

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. (Ps. 24:3-4)

Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: (Rev. 21:12)

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. (Rev. 22:4-15)

For behold, the kings assembled, they passed by together. 5 They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, they hastened away. 6 Fear took hold of them there...8 As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. (Ps. 48:4-8)

EXODUS JOURNEY WITH TOKENS OF THE "CORRIDOR OF GLORY" IN THEIR MIDST

Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. (Ex. 19:18)

The posts of the door were shaken...and the house was filled with smoke. (Isaiah 6:4)

I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. (Joel 2:30)

The LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light... (Ex. 13:21)

The pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. (Ex. 14:19)

In the morning watch, the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. (Ex. 14:24)

when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped. (Ex. 33:9-10)

The LORD came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. (Num. 12:5)

They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and that Your cloud stands above them; and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. (Num. 14:14)

The LORD appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle. (Deut. 31:15)

He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar. (Ps. 99:7)

CC. Hwy of holiness to the New Jerusalem

You led them by day with a cloudy pillar, and by night with a pillar of fire, to give them light on the road which they should travel....19 Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, To lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, And the way they should go. (Neh. 9:12, 19)

CLOUD

So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. (Ex. 14:20)

Behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. (Ex. 16:10)

LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you (Ex. 19:9)

There were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain (Ex. 19:16)

Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. (Ex. 24:15)

The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days...He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. (Ex. 24:16)

Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain...for 40 days and 40 nights. (Ex. 24:18)

When Moses entered the tabernacle, the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. (Ex. 33:9-10)

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. (Ex. 34:5)

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. (Ex. 40:34-38)

The LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. (Leviticus 16:2)

The cloud covered the tabernacle...from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. 16 So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. (Num. 9:15-16)

Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the 70 elders...and they prophesied. (Num. 11:25)

They will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and that Your cloud stands above them; and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. (Num. 14:14)

When the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. (Num. 16:42)

The mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. (Deut. 4:11)

"These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. (Deut. 5:22)

The LORD appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle. (Deut. 31:15)

when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. 12 Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. (1 Kings 8:10-12)

when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD...saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. 6:1 Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. 2 I have surely built You an exalted house, and a place for You to dwell in forever." (2 Chronicles 5:13-6:2)

He covers the face of His throne, and spreads His cloud over it. (Job 26:9)

In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. (Ps. 78:14)

He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night. (Ps. 105:39)

The burden against Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt; the idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt. (Isaiah 19:1)

You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2...cover Yourself with light as with a garment...3 who makes the clouds His chariot, who walks on the wings of the wind. (Ps. 104:1-3)

You have covered Yourself with a cloud (Lam. 3:44)

behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. (Ezek. 1:4)

Like the appearance of a rainbow...so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face...(Ezek. 1:28)

The cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple...and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. (Ezek. 10:3-4)

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Luke 9:34-35)

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21:27)

While they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud...2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (1 Cor. 10:1-2)

They heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." They ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. (Revelation 11:12)

Behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man...15 Another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. (Revelation 14:14-16)

"There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds. (Deut. 33:26)

Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH... (Ps. 68:4)

Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds. (Ps. 68:34)

Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. (Ps. 97:2)

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' (Isaiah 14:14)

Behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.... (Dan. 7:13-14)

All the tribes of the earth...will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds...with power and great glory. (Mt. 24:30)

Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mt. 26:64)

We who are alive...shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.. (1 Thes. 4:17)

He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him (Rev. 1:7)

DD. God's smoke as seen in the Book of Revelation

The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. (Rev. 8:4)

The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. (Rev. 15:8)

- EE. The connecting point of earth and heaven is humanity. The point that God chose for heaven and earth to come together is humanity in His image and filled with His Spirit. In other words, Jesus is the foundational connection as He releases His fullness through His Bride (redeemed humanity). Jesus' eternal partner (Bride) will be fully involved in this glorious plan (Isa. 61:3; Ps. 90:17).

Nathanael answered..., "Rabbi, You are the Son of God (Divine)! You are the King of Israel (human)!"... 51 He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open (Corridor of Glory), and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (Jn. 1:49-51)

- FF. Many who have returned from a death experience give the common report of a "tunnel of light" that they travel through. It is commonly reported that the closer they get to the God's Throne the more glorious the light is in this tunnel-corridor. This corridor possibly already exists in some degree with angels guarding the entrance to Heaven as they did the Garden of Eden. We must wonder if there is also a "corridor of darkness" that goes to hell included in the ideas of the "broad road that leads to Hell."

NEW JERUSALEM ON THE SIDES OF THE NORTH

- GG. This refers to its height in being "north of the earth" in that it is 1,500 miles in height.

HH. This refers to its proximity as being "north of Millennial Jerusalem" (Ezek. 48)

NEW JERUSALEM ON SIDES OF THE NORTH

Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north (of Millennial Jerusalem), the city of the great King. (Psalms 48:2)

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!...13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' (Isaiah 14:12-14)

He (God) comes from the north as golden splendor; with God is awesome majesty. 23 As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him; He is excellent in power, in judgment and abundant justice... (Job 37:22-23)

He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing. (Job 26:7)

Behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud (Jesus' Chariot-Throne) with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst...(Ezek. 1:4)

Then He called out...., "Let those (angels) who have charge over the city draw near, each with a deadly weapon in his hand." 2 Suddenly six men (angels) came from the direction...which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. (Ezek. 9:1-2)

HH.II. The Millennial Temple which connects to the New Jerusalem is north of Millennial Jerusalem as is confirmed by comparing the placements and sizes of the properties in Ezek. 47:13-48:35.

In the visions of God, He took me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city (Millennial Jerusalem). (Ezek. 40:2)

HJJ. The New Jerusalem is on north side yet the Millennial river flows from east side of Temple

He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side. (Ezek. 47:2)

In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. The Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. (Zechariah 14:4)

JESUS' THRONE OF GLORY IS ONE REALITY WITH TWO DYNAMIC DIMENSIONS TO IT

JK.KK. Jesus' Throne of glory is one reality with two dynamic dimensions to it – a heavenly and an earthly dimension. I often refer to Psalm 48 and Ezek. 40-48 as passages on "the Corridor of Glory" as they hold in tension the paradox of "Jerusalem above" and "Jerusalem below" as one vast reality.

1. The natural element in nations existing that bring their glory to God

The nations (Millennial nations) of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it (New Jerusalem)....26 they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (Rev. 21:24-26)

2. The healing of the nations is still necessary

The tree of life, which bore 12 fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Rev. 22:2)

3. The supernatural dimension in existing forever.

They shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever...28 The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore. (Ezek. 37:25, 28)

THE NEW JERUSALEM HAS TWO DESCENTS (REV. 3:12; 21:2, 10)

KK.LL. Rev. 3:12 reveals the truth that the New Jerusalem will descends to the earth without giving insight into the fact that it will come in two stages.

I will write on him the name...of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. (Rev 3:12)

LL:MM. The New Jerusalem will descend to the earth in two stages This happens initially in the first stage, as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial earth (Rev. 21:10), then, in the second stage the New Jerusalem descends to the New Earth (Rev. 21:2). The pattern in Scripture is that God gives us a certain fact through prophetic Scripture, then later reveals it has two stages. This is much like how the OT prophesied of Jesus' Coming without always pointing to its two phases.

1. In stage one, the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial earth (Rev. 21:10), then, in the second stage the New Jerusalem descends to the New Earth (Rev. 21:2).

Showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (Rev. 21:10)

2. In stage two, the New Jerusalem descends to the New Earth (Rev. 21:2).

I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Rev. 21:2)

MM:NN. The first descent of the New Jerusalem is related to the timing of the Second Coming at the start of the Millennium. The New Jerusalem comes above the earth. It is not on the earth but above it.

NN:OO. There are at least five reasons that we know that the New Jerusalem is distinct from the Millennial Jerusalem yet not resting on earth yet close to it.

1. Kings of the earth come to the New Jerusalem during the Millennium to bring their glory

The kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. (Rev. 21:24)

2. The leaves for the healing of the nations

In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Rev. 22:2)

3. The angels guarding sinners from entry

She had a great and high wall with 12 gates, and 12 angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: (Rev. 21:12)

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters...(Rev. 22:14-15)

4. The New Jerusalem lights up the earth

The nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light (Rev. 21:24)

5. The size of the Millennial Jerusalem (Ezek. 40-48) – approximately 50 square miles ?

OO-PP. Outline of Rev. 21-22 and its relationship to the two descents of the New Jerusalem.

1. **Rev 21:1-8** describes the dynamic quality of spiritual life in the New Jerusalem. This is the second descent of the city following chronologically after the events of Rev. 20.
2. **Rev. 21:9-22:5** has dimensions of time and eternity! It is not either/or but it is both/and, with eternal and temporal dimensions! This passages is parenthetical not chronological, which means that the events are happening at the same time the Millennium is occurring. It is not all eternity or all time. Rev 21:9-22 describes the glory of the city. Rev 21:23-22:5 focuses on how the Millennial kings interact with the New Jerusalem.

PP-QQ. The saints reign on the Millennial earth (Matt. 19:28, Lk. 22:29), yet we live with resurrected bodies in New Jerusalem. Our residence is in the New Jerusalem, but our government takes place on the earth. Like Senators who live in their home state yet have a government offices in Washington, DC

JERUSALEM LASTS FOREVER

Ps. 37:29; 78:68-69; 104:5; 105:10-11; 125:1-2;.1 Kings 8:13; 9:1-3; 2 Kings 21:7; 1 Chr. 15:2; 23:25; 28:8; 2 Chr. 7:16; 20:7; 30:8; 33:4, 7; Isa. 60:20-21; Ezek. 37:25.

Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 28 The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore. (Ezek. 37:25-28)

QQ-RR. The LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer...13 when I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. 16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this House, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. (2 Chr. 7:12-16)

David said, "The LORD...has given rest to His people that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever" (1 Chr. 23:25)

And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, 11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance" (Ps. 105:10-11)

You who laid the foundations of the earth, so that it should not be moved forever (Ps. 104:5)

For the LORD will be your everlasting light...21 Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever (Isa. 60:20-21)

The Lord...chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved. 69 He built His sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which He has established forever. (Ps. 78:68-69)

Those who trust...are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Ps. 125:1)

~~RR~~SS. King of David taught that God would dwell in Jerusalem forever with the people of Israel.

The LORD...has given rest to His people that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever (1 Chr. 23:25)

Be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. (1 Chr. 28:8)

The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it forever. (Ps. 37:29)

David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever." (1 Chr. 15:2)

~~SS~~TT. Solomon build the temple in Jerusalem for the Lord's name.

I (Solomon) have surely built You an exalted house, and a place for You to dwell in forever. (1 Kings 8:13)

When Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD...2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 The LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer ...I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. (1 Kings 9:1-3)

For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. (2 Chr. 7:16)

~~TT~~UU. _____ Manasseh reigned 55 years in Jerusalem and did much evil in God's sight.

He (Manasseh) built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem shall My name be forever." (2 Chr. 33:4)

He (Manasseh) set a carved image...in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen...I will put My name forever; (2 Chr. 33:7)

He (Manasseh) set a carved image of Asherah...in the house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen...I will put My name forever; (2 Kings 21:7)

UU.VV. Jehoshaphat prayed this when Moab and Ammon came to battle against Jerusalem.

Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? (2 Chr. 20:7)

VV.WW. Hezekiah wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh (who barely escaped from the kings of Assyria) that they should come to Jerusalem to keep the Passover. He urged them not be stiff-necked but to yield.

Yield yourselves to the LORD...enter His sanctuary which He has sanctified forever (2 Chr. 30:8)

THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING (PS. 48)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. 3 God is in her palaces... 4 For behold, the kings assembled, they passed by together. 5 They saw it, and so they marveled... 8 As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. 12 Walk about Zion, and go all around her. Count her towers; 13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; that you may tell it. (Ps. 48:1-13)

MOUNTAIN OF ZION: INCLUDES MILLENNIAL JERUSALEM & NEW JERUSALEM

He carried me away in the Spirit...and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates...16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. He measured the city...: 12,000 furlongs (approximately 1500 miles). Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls...and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (Rev. 21:10-21)

WW.XX. The New Jerusalem is approximately 1500 miles high. Compare this to outer space being 800 miles away, the highest mountain on the earth (Mt. Everest) being only 5 miles above sea level and the ocean being 8 miles deep.

XX.YY. The Millennial Jerusalem is also on a mountain. Ezek. describes the Millennial Jerusalem (Ezek. 40:2; 17:22; 20:40) as on God's mountain, which is raised up as the highest of all the mountains on earth (Isa. 2:2; Mic. 4:1). This description cannot fit the hills on which Jerusalem is currently built (only 2,500 feet above sea level).

In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city. (Ezek. 40:2)

YY.ZZ. The Mountain of the Lord's House points to the Corridor of Glory connecting the two Jerusalems.

The word that Isaiah...concerning Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that THE MOUNTAIN of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall

be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to THE MOUNTAIN of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people (Isa. 2:1-4)

The mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains (Mic. 4:1)

In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two...making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. 10 All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited...(Zech. 14:4, 10)

The Lord...chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved. 69 He built His sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which He has established forever. (Ps. 78:68-69)

They shall come and sing in the height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of the LORD (Jer. 31:12)

The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples. (Ps. 99:2)

You, LORD, are on high forevermore. (Ps. 92:8)

JERUSALEM WILL BE FILLED WITH GOD'S GLORY

ZZ.AAA. "Zion" here is referring to the earthly Jerusalem in relationship with the New Jerusalem established as the governmental corridor of glory in which the whole earth is amazed.

Give Him no rest till...He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:7)

He put on garments of vengeance...zeal as a cloak. 18...He will repay, fury to His adversaries...19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun (east); when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. 20 The Redeemer (Jesus) will come to Zion (Jerusalem)... (Isa. 59:17-20)

In that day that the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones (demonic principalities), and on the earth the kings of the earth. 22 They will be gathered together...and shut up in the prison; after many days (after the Millennium) they will be punished (cast into Lake of Fire). 23 Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed (on the New Earth); for the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously. (Isa. 24:21-23)

SPEAK OF THE GLORIES OF JERUSALEM

"Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and fix your mind on everything I show you... Declare to the house of Israel everything you see." (Ezek. 40:4)

His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! (Ps. 87:1-3)

Walk about Zion, and go all around her. Count her towers; 13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following. (Ps. 48:12-13)

Note: THE EARTH AND ISRAEL LAST FOREVER - Ps. 37:29; 78:68-69; 104:5; 105:10-11; 125:1-2;.1 Kings 8:13; 9:1-3; 2 Kings 21:7; 1 Chr. 15:2; 23:25; 28:8; 2 Chr. 7:16; 20:7; 30:8; 33:4, 7; Isa. 60:20-21; Ezek. 37:25.

Isaiah 34:10

10 It shall not be quenched night or day;

Its smoke shall ascend forever.

From generation to generation it shall lie waste;

No one shall pass through it forever and ever.