

THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS #3

1. The Ingathering (End Time Harvest)

- **The Testing and Restoration of the New covenant Church**
 - o Mat 24:3-14
 - False prophets, wars, famines, pandemics, tribulation, great falling away
 - **Gospel will be proclaimed in all to all nations = end will come**
- **Completion of the “time of the Gentiles”**
 - o Luk 21:24 (NKJV) And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. **And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

2. The Restoration of Israel

- o Amo 9:15 **I will plant them in their land,** and **no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,**" Says the LORD your God.
 - Jews return to Israel – and the land promised to them is restored
 - Pre- 1922
 - o Part of Ottoman Empire since 1515
 - o Some Jews have always lived in Palestine and Syria
 - **1918 – WWI British Captured Palestine**
 - o British were favorable to establishing a Jewish State (Zionism)
 - 1922 – Britain was granted Mandate for Palestine - League of Nations
 - o Britain facilitated favorable conditions for Jews to live in Palestine
 - 1946 – Jews apply for Statehood
 - 1947 – UN partition plan executed – (Israel did not include Jerusalem)
 - **1948 – Israel becomes a state (52%)**
 - o Declaration of Independence – Truman recognizes
 - The beginning of US support -
 - o Palestinian terrorism (resistance)
 - **1967 – Six Days War – 78%**
 - o Israel took back most of the original land
 - **1988 - 2002 –Annexations from Gaza Strip & West Bank regions (88%)**
 - o Only 12% of Historic Israel remains controlled by Palestinians
- o Rom 11:25-26 (NKJV) For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, **that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** [26] **And so all Israel will be saved,** as it is written: "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB;
 - “ALL ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED”
 - All Jews who accept the Messiah prophesied by scripture will BE ISRAEL
 - Jews in Revelation 7- 144,000 From 12 tribes – Will spearhead Armagedden

3. The (The Great and Terrible) Day of the Lord (Day = period of time)

- o **The DAY OF THE LORD** - is a phrase used in the Bible which refers to a period of time during which **God personally and directly intervenes in history to restore the WHOLENESS of humanity and the HOMEOSTASIS of the earth.**
 - This must occur whenever Humanity has become pathologically infected with corruption and the earth has been abused beyond repair
- o **GOD OWNS THE EARTH AND THE PEOPLE ON THE EARTH**

- Psa 24:1 (NIV) “The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”
- **GOD HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO HUMANITY**
 - **TO CARE FOR (RULE OVER) THE EARTH – AND SELF-RULE TO PEOPLE**
 - Gen 1:26-28 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." [27] So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. [28] God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
- **A REBOOT** - in order to “Restore”
 - After many “cycles of grace” revealing the love of God and His great and wonderful purposes and plan for mankind..
 - When Righteousness is lost
 - Humanity becomes infected with sinful & destructive patterns
 - God brings difficulty
 - The remnant people call for Repentance
 - Significant majority of Culture turns toward God
 - Spiritual Awakening
 - Restoration of Righteousness
 - When there is no significant righteous remnant in a culture, God chooses to reboot (shut down and restore) the culture to righteousness.
 - God “shuts down” the culture - This event includes...
 - The loss of a generation of people
 - The destruction of the culture = cycles of abuse, violence and lawlessness
 - The pattern/ perpetuation of injustice, corruption and abuse is destroyed
 - THIS IS PREPARATION FOR INSTALLATION OF HIS Love, peace & righteousness
 - **To rid the world of wickedness, death and corruption in order to restore His life, peace and purposes on the earth.**
- **Biblical Examples**
 - **Noah and the flood**
 - Gen 6:5-8 (NKJV) *Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [6] And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. [7] So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." [8] But **Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.***
 - **Abraham and Sodom**
 - Gen 18:20 – God informs Abraham that He plans to destroy Sodom
 - Abraham asks God to spare the city on behalf of the REMNANT
 - Gen 18:22-26 (NIV) *The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but **Abraham remained standing before the LORD.** [23] Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? [24] What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? [25] Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked*

alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" [26] The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

- Abraham "barters" with God for the salvation of Sodom down to "TEN RIGHTEOUS..."

- **THE NATION OF ISRAEL – Diaspora into**

- Psa 106:36-46 (NIV) They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them. [37] They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to false gods. [38] They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood. [39] **They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves.** [40] Therefore the LORD was angry with his people and abhorred his inheritance. [41] **He gave them into the hands of the nations, and their foes ruled over them.** [42] Their enemies oppressed them and subjected them to their power. [43] **Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin.** [44] Yet he took note of their distress when he heard their cry; [45] for their sake he remembered his covenant and out of his great love he relented. [46] **He caused all who held them captive to show them mercy.**
- **A RECKONING** – The day of the Lord is what occurs following an evaluation of a culture.
 - "Reckoning" as a word is still used in accounting AFTER accounts are audited and evaluation is made about financial health. This process results in either liquidation or the opposite which is "creation." (creation of a new account)
 - When a Culture becomes intent on ABUSE, VIOLENCE, DEATH and DESTRUCTION God cannot stand by
 - **It is the righteous delivery of consequences for injustice, corruption and abuse within a culture.** The consequences are based on an assessment

THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD –

- **A whole-wide time period** predicted over and over in Scripture
- A reboot of the whole world in preparation for the **RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS**
- **OLD TESTAMENT** – THE GREAT & TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD as portion of the "last days" event cycle.
 - Isa 2:12-17 (NKJV) For the day of **the LORD of hosts Shall come upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up— And it shall be brought low....**[17] **The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; The LORD alone will be exalted in that day**
 - The Lord shall COME UPON everything proud and lofty
 - It shall be brought low
 - The loftiness of man shall be bowed down
 - **THE LORD ALONE WILL BE EXALTED – ON THAT DAY**
 - Isa 13:6-11 (NKJV) Wail, for **the day of the LORD is at hand!** It will come **as destruction from the Almighty.** [7] Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, [8] And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames. [9] Behold, **the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate;** And He will **destroy its sinners from it.** [10] For the **stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light;** The **sun will be darkened** in its going forth, And the **moon will not cause its light to shine.** [11] **"I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.**

- Destruction from the Almighty – cruel with wrath and fierce anger
- Responses from Mankind
 - Fear
 - Hearts will melt
 - Anxiety attacks (pangs, a women in child birth)
 - Great sorrow
- The land will be
 - Laid desolate
 - Sinners destroyed
 - Stars, sun and moon will be darkened
- THE GOAL (= A “REBOOT”)
 - Punish the world (the culture) for it’s evil
 - Punish the wicked (individuals) for their iniquity (purposeful sin)
 - “Halt” the perpetuation of arrogance (of the proud)
 - “Lay low” the haughtiness (the reign) of the terrible”
 - Prepare for the RESTORATION of a righteous culture
- 1Th 5:1-5 (NKJV) But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. [2] For you yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** [3] For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. [4] But **you, brethren, are not in darkness**, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. [5] **You are all sons of light and sons of the day.** We are not of the night nor of darkness.
 - **Day of the Lord = God’s People will be ready on that day**
- Act 2:20-21 (NIV) The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the **great and glorious day of the Lord.** [21] And **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**
 - Signs in the heavens
 - Great and glorious???
 - Great INGATHERING – many will put their trust in God

THE PEOPLE OF GOD DURING THE DAY OF THE LORD

- 2Pe 3:10-13 (NIV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. **The heavens will disappear** with a roar; the **elements will be destroyed by fire**, and the **earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.** [11] Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives** [12] as you **look forward to the day of God** and **speed its coming.** That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. [13] **But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.**
 - **EVENTS**
 - **Heavens will disappear**
 - **Earth will be laid bare**
 - RESPONSE OF GODS PEOPLE
 - Live holy and godly lives
 - Look forward to the day of the Lord
 - SPEED IT’S COMING
 - WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN GOD’S RIGHTEOUS REIGN IS RESTORED ON THE EARTH...
 - RESULT
 - A new heaven and New Earth – where righteousness dwells