

NEW CREATION ACTIVITY

"And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; And HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON,"
Revelation 2:26,27a.

Our title verse dispels the ridiculous idea of floating around on clouds in heaven, tuned to harp music. The LORD GOD has pre-ordained that man will rule the earth. Thus, when Jesus brings the New Creation, it will be **"for those worthy to obtain to that age and the resurrection from the dead"** (Lk 20:35).

ACTIVITY MEANS ACTION and, there is plenty of it! Basically, Jesus changes His demeanor. No longer a meek, saving Lamb, He becomes Lion-like. The words from the mouth of Jesus are destroying swords, cutting off the enemy from the face of the earth.

With Satan bound, mankind goes into the KINGDOM AGE, an agricultural life style that is serene, pastoral and calm. It reminds me of a great spiritual song, taken primarily from the Book of Psalms.

DAVID'S SONG

**"My heart has learned to want, it even longs,
For the day of David's Song
Cause, when I read the glory of that day
My, I see Jesus on His way.
I see the hills skip like, little baby lambs (Ps 114:4)
And, the flowing rivers, clap their big hands (Ps 98:8)
Yes, I know the earth receives Her calm
Just like it's written in David's Song.**

At the 2nd Advent, nation shall not lift up sword against nation. Men will put down their spears (rocket launchers and bombs) and take up pruning hooks. As we view the age to come, we no longer see destruction, but rather, we look at the world with a eye on production; a time of harvesting the crops (See Isa 2:4; Hos 2:18; Mic 4:3).

Water, the Biblical representative of LIFE - shows its enthusiastic appreciation for the change. Every drop of water on the earth joins in vigorous applause. The Pishon, Tigris, Gihon and the Euphrates form with all bodies of water, clapping in

joyous praise. Together, they HAND the LORD GOD glory for being part of His New Creation. Indeed, the land is married to God in the New Creation.

Old things have passed away. We may now think of life, not only in terms of quantity - its eternity; but, in terms of quality, as well - its GLORY. We live, but we also reign, right along with Jesus, just as it was meant, in the beginning.

From the Old Covenant there is much prophecy about what takes place in the rapturous New Creation! All that man is allowed to do will be controlled by King Jesus. And, while He is on the throne, the earth knows war, no more. (See Newsletter, No. 158 "**War No More**" @TrinityMBC.Com)

Today, anyone aware of the world's situation seeks peace. While, millions have turned to Jesus, the Prince of peace, for peace in their hearts; everyone, Christian and pagans alike, desire to live peaceably with all neighbors. At the return of Jesus and "The Rule of Iron" in place, man's activity will be changed toward the will of the Lord, only. At the Second Advent, we won't need locks on the doors.

At the Second Coming, there will be Peace in the valley, for sure; but the peace shall also spread. Every portion of the 196, 935, 000 SQ Miles of the earth will be covered by the LORD'S WILL; that is, when Jesus reigns from Mount Zion.

Many of the well known prophecies; which, describe the activity of man, shall come to pass at this time. Isaiah records that men's swords shall be beaten into plowshares. Here, a change of focus will be much like the first Adam. "**Then the LORD GOD took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it**" (Ge 2:15). Man will till, not kill, in that day. His concern will be measured in bushels per acre; not troop strength.

However, man was created for the Lord's glory. Therefore, if the nations do not go up to Jerusalem on a yearly basis (Zechariah 14:16) and worship the King, the Lord of hosts, "**...there will be no rain on them,**" Zechariah 14:17.

The earth's sweeping changes, and how they are played out with the New Covenant life, are clearly taught in the words of Jesus Christ. And, in His words, Jesus continues the agricultural theme for the earth; often, speaking of "ploughing," "sowing and reaping" and other terms of agrology.

Every church member must consider himself a ploughman for the Lord, today. He is working the Lord's field. Of course, the application is in a spiritual sense but, no one can miss the lesson in Luke 9:62, "**No one, after putting the hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**" Looking backward destroys what is ahead; that is, the kingdom. We must have forward vision and live as if we are already in the Kingdom. Jesus said, "**Seek ye, first, the kingdom of Heaven**" (Mt 6:33).

Other agricultural terms; such as, "wheat," "Tares" and "mustard seed" are KINGDOM words that Jesus put in the parabolic form to explain the New Creation; its time, authority and operation, when it comes to the earth.

Jesus described the end - just before the New Creation receives its KINGDOM, in Matthew 13:41. "**The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness.**"

Then, our blessed Lord explains the position of the righteous. "**Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER. He who has ears** (spiritual hearing), **let him hear**" (v 43).

I want to join with Brother Peter when it comes to God's promise, "...we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (1st Pe 3:13). But, let's go up one verse to hear Peter preach, "Since all these things will be destroyed (heavens and the elements, V 10)...what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness," (V 11).

THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING, A GREAT DAY COMING!!!