Conditions During the Millennium


In that day there will be peace on earth; wars will be unknown and unheard of; crime and evil and carnality will vanish away; and the Son of Righteousness shall replace evil with good, for he, as “The Prince of Peace,” and the Creator of Righteousness, shall reign “upon the throne of David.” (Isa. 9:6-7.) There will be no murders; even if an evil Cain should seek the life of a righteous Abel, he could not slay him. During the Millennium there will be no death because, for one reason, there will be no blood to spill upon the ground. There will be no robnings, nor stealing, nor kidnapping, nor treachery, nor immorality, nor lasciviousness, nor any manner of evil. What would our society be like if these sins and all their ilk were abolished, if there were no prisons for the criminals, no reformatories for the recalcitrant, no lands of banishment for the treasonous? Where there is peace, there is neither crime nor war. And in that day men “shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (Isa. 2:4.) “He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth.” (Ps. 46:9.) “The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.” (Isa. 14:7.)

“And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people,” saith the Lord, “shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” (Isa. 32:17-18.)

In that day family units will be perfected according to the plans made in the heavens before the peopling of the earth. Celestial marriage in its highest and most glorious form will bind men and women together in eternal unions, and the resultant families will truly continue forever. One of the most provocative millennial passages forecasts the order of matrimony that will then prevail, saying: “And in that day” — the millennial day — “seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach,” the reproach of being without a husband, without children, without a family of their own. This shall come to pass after the destruction of the wicked, and it is one of many scriptural intimations that the generality of women are more spiritual than are most men. The inference is that far more women will abide the day of his coming than will be the case with men. And they, being clean and upright, and desiring family units and
children and the exaltation that grows out of all these things, will turn to the marriage discipline of Abraham their father so they may be blessed like Sarah of old.

“In that day”—the millennial day, the day in which seven women shall cleave unto one man—“shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious.” He is speaking of those who are left on the olive tree that is Israel. “And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.” Only those in Israel who abide the day and escape its burning desolations shall partake of the millennial glory. “And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.” Only the righteous in Israel shall remain. They shall be holy, for they have not been consumed in the day of burning. “And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.” (Isa. 4:1-6.)