SEVENTH DAY OF TABERNACLES 2015 DAYS OF PREPARATION JAMIE MCNAB 4/10/15

Tonight we enter into The Last Great Day. But today we are still in the last day of The Feast of Tabernacles.

Most people that belong to any church believe that you "give your heart to the Lord" ... and that's it ... when you die you go to heaven. Most "Christians" believe "once saved, always saved".

We believe that once you are called and go through the baptism conversion ... that is the beginning. We believe that we are "begotten". For us ... there is a lot to happen after our conversion. A lot of preparation to be done.

So ... today ... tomorrow and next year onwards ... we are in preparation for God's Kingdom.

Revelation 1:4-6

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

We have been made kings and priests. We should have that mentality. "I am going to be a co-ruler" in that future world.

Revelation 20:1–6 Satan Bound 1000 Years Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (In The Millennium we will live and reign with Christ for 1,000 years) [But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished]. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

We won't just be alive for 1,000 years ... we will be reigning with Jesus Christ.

Daniel 7:21-22

"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, <u>and a</u> <u>judgment was made in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the</u> <u>time came for the saints to possess the kingdom</u>.

<u>Daniel 7:25-27</u>

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. <u>Then the kingdom and dominion,</u> <u>And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,</u> <u>Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.</u> <u>His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,</u> And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Jesus shares His reign with His saints.

<u>1 Peter 2:4-10</u>

<u>Coming to Him as to a living stone</u>, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, <u>are being built up a</u> <u>spiritual house, a holy priesthood</u>, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

"Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

"The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:9 WEYMOUTH

But you are a chosen race, a priesthood of kingly lineage, a holy nation, a people belonging specially to God, that you may make known the perfections of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Revelation 2:25–29

But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power (authority) over the nations—

"He shall rule them with a rod of iron;

They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father;

and I will give him the morning star.

"<u>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the</u> <u>churches.</u>" '

Pay attention to what is said to ALL OF THE CHURCHES.

Revelation 3:11-13

Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. (Crown = Mark of royal authority ... Thayers) He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

We will be pillars in God's temple.

Revelation 3:20-22

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. <u>To him</u> <u>who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne</u>, (<u>a throne is</u> <u>where we will rule from</u>) as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

"<u>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the</u> churches." ' "

Romans 8:16-18

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that <u>we are children of</u> <u>God</u>, and if children, then heirs—<u>heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ</u>, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (We are joint heirs with Christ. What He has inherited, we will share with Him ... all things!!)

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that <u>He might be the firstborn among many brethren</u>. (<u>Brothers and sisters</u>) Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (<u>We are to be shaped, moulded into the image</u> of Christ's mind ... BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE!!! We are part of THE ROYAL FAMILY!)

AMPLIFIED BIBLE "to be moulded into the image of His Son (and share inwardly His likeness)

2 Timothy 2:10-13

Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Luke 19:11-27

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' (Get busy!!) But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' And he said to him, '<u>Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you</u> wicked servant. (We are judged by our own words) You knew ("you knew" ... did you? Sarcasm?) that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' (We need to "be out there" ... getting busy!! We aren't "just waiting for the nobleman to return")

"And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "

2 Timothy 3:10-17

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (<u>Suffer</u> <u>Persecution ... not sickness, not being broke, etc. Persecution means</u> <u>being chased</u>) But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <u>But you must continue in the things which</u> you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (<u>All Scriptures mentioned here are from the Old Testament.</u> <u>They show us how to live --- preparing us for kingship. The same</u> <u>scriptures will still be relevant in The World Tomorrow. They are our</u> <u>text book</u>)

2 Timothy 2:14-15

Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. <u>Be diligent (study)to</u> <u>present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be</u> <u>ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth</u>.

2 Timothy 2:15 AMPLIFIED

<u>Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God</u> approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analysing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

2 Timothy 2:20-21

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honour and some for dishonour. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, (<u>We CLEANSE OURSELVES ---</u> <u>we PREPARE OURSELVES!!</u>) he will be a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

"When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. But <u>he shall not multiply horses for himself</u>, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' <u>Neither shall he multiply wives for himself</u>, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:19 THE MESSAGE

That scroll is to remain at his side at all times; he is to study it every day so that he may learn what it means to fear his God, living in reverent obedience before these rules and regulations by following them.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

We believers need this spirit of revelation ... so that we can "see the big picture".

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, <u>made us alive together</u> with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (we are sitting ... right now ... in the Heavenlies ... with Jesus Christ ... having a Godly perspective) that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:11-16

And <u>He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some</u> evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, ("ministry" ... the ministry are there to serve the brethren ... not the other way around) for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <u>but</u>, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— (growing up into maturity) from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which <u>every part does its share, causes growth of</u> the body for the edifying of itself in love. We need to be growing, changing ... improving. These are days of preparation.

Hebrews 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (These people have GONE BACKWARDS ... they should have been out teaching others) For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. (How can we be rulers in the World Tomorrow ... if we are unskilled in The Word of Righteousness?) But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Revelation 19:7-9

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." (There is a Wedding coming ... between Christ and His people ... and note ... His wife is ready ... bearing fruit ... PREPARED!!)

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Then he said to me, "Write: '<u>Blessed are those who are called to the</u> <u>marriage supper of the Lamb!</u>" And he said to me, "<u>These are the true</u> <u>sayings of God.</u>"

We are invited to be THE BRIDE ... then to sit on His throne and rule over the nations in time to come.

May that be soon.