

Overview of the Bible -- The Restoration of All Things

The zeal of the Lord moves him to be born, and die, and rise and establish a never ending kingdom

Isa 9:6-7 ESV For to us a **child is born**, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the **increase of his government** and of peace there will be **no end**, on the throne of David and **over his kingdom**, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness **from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

SLIDE while I read “Times of Refreshing” NOW, & a “Time for the Restoring of All Things” AHEAD

- Act 3:18-21 ESV But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 **Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.**
 - The gospel calls us to repent so your sins are blotted out Times of refreshing -- revival NOW
 - **Times of refreshing in some sense give us a taste of glory** 1Co 2:9-10 ESV But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 10 **these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.** For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.
 - Eph 1:13-14 ESV In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is **the guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
 - Times of restoring -- he is at the right hand of God until the time for restoring all things

All creation groans → something is NOT RIGHT → WE WERE MADE FOR GLORY

There is a future glory to be revealed in us & Creation stands on its tiptoes waiting for this

- Rom 8:18-23 ESV For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 **For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.** 20 **For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** 22 **For we know that the whole creation has been groaning** together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 **And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

Creation and man lost its glory and is subject to corruption because of sin

- Gen 3:17-18 → **cursed is the ground because of you;-->18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth**
- Rom 3:23 ESV for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Creation is set free from bondage and obtains the freedom of the glory of the children of God

- 2Th 2:13b-14 ESVGod chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 **To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- Rom 8:30 ESV And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified **he also glorified.**
- 1Jn 3:2 ESV Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but **we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**

The Restorative Work of Jesus the Messiah

Redeems people from every nation -- Fulfilled the Covenant of Abraham

- Rev 7:9 ESV After this I looked, and behold, **a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb**

Subdues the kingdom of this world -- Fulfilled the Covenant of David

- Rev 11:15 ESV Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.**"

Once and for all throws down the accuser --

- Rev 12:10 ESV And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and **the authority of his Christ** have come, **for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down**, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Brings forth a new heaven and earth

- Rev 21:1-3 ESV Then I **saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.** 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Restores Eden - the place where the Lord walked with man

- Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**

Restores the tree of life which we lost at the fall

- Rev 22:12-14 ESV "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so **that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.**

God created in the beginning a beautiful place, where we could be in fellowship with Him

Sin destroyed that → All creation is groaning → something is not RIGHT we are out of SYNC

The Zeal (the Perfect and Holy Jealousy of God) is on the move to make it right

Revivals, Times of Refreshing, to give us a taste of glory again

- To make us long for the city whose builder and maker is God
- To make us realize this world is NOT our home
- To make us realize the sufferings of this present time are NOT WORTHY to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us
- To give us hope to carry on and persevere until the end
- To inspire us to tell others that they may join us

Make no mistake

- The zeal of the Lord will perform this
- God is faithful to all his promises
- And His love is never ending