

Recap of 1/6/19:

1. In order to be successful God's people must be one in mind and purpose, looking out for each other, not for themselves (Philippians 1:27-2:4). It is pride, jealousy, a critical spirit, too easily hurt feelings, self-centeredness, and bickering which destroy God's people and His work. God's work cannot flourish in that atmosphere.

2. The East gate, mentioned in 3:29, is thought to be the gate through which the Shekinah glory of God departed Israel in Ezekiel 10:18-19 and the gate through which it will return in the future, Ezekiel 43:1,2. Commenting on Ezekiel 43, Goldberg writes:

-“Now outside the Temple, Ezekiel is brought to the gate facing East to witness the return of the presence of God. It was through this gate that Ezekiel saw the divine glory leave the Temple (Ezekiel 10:19). God returns through the gate by which He left. When He returns to His abode, God does not tiptoe back. He returns as a king.”

3. The Inspection Gate, mentioned in 3:31, perhaps speaks of Judgment. Several judgements will attend the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Millennial Kingdom:

-the Judgment Seat of Christ, a judgment of the lives of believers since coming to faith in Jesus Christ, in heaven, following the Rapture, and will result in rewards or loss of rewards. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10.

-The Judgment of living Gentiles who survive the Tribulation, based upon their treatment of the Jews, the saved enter the Millennial Kingdom, the lost go into the Lake of Fire, Matthew 25:31-46.

-The Judgment of living Jews at the end of the Tribulation, based upon their acceptance of Messiah, the saved enter the Kingdom, Ezekiel 20:34-38

-The Judgment of fallen angels, probably occurs after the Millennium, on the basis of their disobedience to God following Satan in his rebellion, as a result they will be cast into the Lake of Fire, Jude 6; 1 Corinthians 6:3; 2 Peter 2:4; Matthew 25:41.

-The Judgment of unsaved people which occurs after the Millennium, basis is their rejection of the Savior as confirmed by their works, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire prepared for Satan and his angels, Revelation 20:11-15.