

Let's Go Fishing-Part Two

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*This work of fiction tells about several friends on a fishing trip during the days of the Millennial Kingdom. For **Part One** click [here](#).*

“Can you believe it?” asked Elmer. “One hundred years and it seems like we just got here.”

“We did just get here,” chuckled Bob. “I just put my hook in the water.”

“This isn’t funny,” said Elmer. “You know what I’m talking about. What do you think about the kingdom so far? Is it everything you expected?”

“Great! Much more than I ever could have imagined,” answered Bob. “King Jesus is on the throne, ruling, teaching, leading, and judging and Satan is in chains. What could be better? King Jesus has faithfully and literally fulfilled all of the promises He made since the creation of the world.”

“Any regrets?” asked Frank.

“No regrets here,” answered Bob. “I just wish I had done more to serve Him before the Judgment Seat. I wasted a lot of time and did not fully utilize the grace gifts that He gave me. But I can’t dwell on that now. There are too many great blessings and opportunities to worship here in the Kingdom.”

Responding quickly, Frank added, “Yes and here we are enjoying the blessings and grace of His faithfulness. One of my favorite aspects of the Kingdom is the people here. There are not only people from every language, every color, every nation, and every generation, there are resurrected Old Testament saints and resurrected church people. They are in their glorified bodies, living and working with Gentile and Jewish Tribulation survivors and their kingdom-born children in their physical bodies.”

“Yep, I know what you mean,” said Bob. “And New Jerusalem is icing on the cake. Jesus was not joking when He said He would prepare a place for us. Even after 100 years of living there, I am awestruck at its beauty every time I go home.”

Chiming in, Elmer added, “Yep, can you believe we are living in the same city with Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel. I love talking to those old prophets. They have some great stories to tell.”

Bob, responding, said, “Speaking of prophets and stories, are you going to the 100th year Prophets’ Conference next month?”

“Haven’t missed one yet,” said Elmer. “You know they have different prophets at each conference. Isaiah is always there. He’s my favorite. He opens every conference with a quote from the 32nd chapter of his book ‘Behold, a king will reign righteously and princes will rule justly.’ Then others speak: Ole stone- faced Jeremiah, Daniel (good story teller), Jonah (funny guy), Ezekiel (like listening to a sci-fi writer, good stuff). I love it when Zechariah comes out with the angel’s measuring rod and quotes from the second chapter of his book . ‘Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD.’ That’s powerful stuff! and we are living it!”

“The Apostle John is going to be the keynote speaker this year,” added Frank.” John has spoken at the Prophets’ Conference several times over the years, but if you really want to get to know John, you need to go to the Apostles’ Conference.”

“That’s right,” said Elmer. “I’ve been to the Apostles’ Conference many times. It’s my favorite.”

“Who’s your favorite speaker?” asked Bob.

“I like ‘em all,” answered Elmer. “Peter and Paul are most people’s favorite. The Apostles are really great when they are all together with Jesus. They tell stories of their times together. It gets pretty loud sometimes. I guess my favorite is John. I really enjoy the break-out sessions where it’s just John and about 20-25 leaders in the room. John is passionate about the Revelation that God gave him. He makes it come alive and fills in every detail about the first and second resurrections, the judgments, and the kingdom. Of course I like the part about us ruling and reigning for 1000 years. John explains his vision from the Revelation chapter 20 ‘Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the Word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.’”

“John said the ones on the throne that had received judgment referred to us, the church saints that had already been judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Our position of leadership was based on the rewards of the Judgment Seat. The others on the thrones were the Tribulation saints that had trusted Christ after the Rapture but were tortured and killed for their faith in Christ. That had to be some tough times. Only by God’s grace that we were raptured before that terrible time of God’s wrath began. We were part of the first resurrection. Jesus was the first,

then us at the Rapture, then the OT saints and the martyred Trib saints after the second coming but before the kingdom is initiated. All unbelievers will be resurrected as part of the second resurrection. Don't want to be there. John says the Great White Throne is going to be a sad, sad place. What a blessing to be a part of the first resurrection, living in the kingdom and co-reigning with King Jesus."

"Yes, I know what you mean about John," explained Frank. "I've gotten to know and love him since he is the leader over the Kingdom Development Division. "Anyway," continued Frank. "He's a real no-nonsense kind of guy but has a lot of great stories to tell."

"Speaking of Kingdom Development, how is that going after the first 100 years?" asked Bob.

"I think it is going great," answered Frank. "The major infrastructure is complete; cities are growing just to keep up with the population explosion of the first 100 years. Millions of kingdom baby boomers have been born during this first 100 years and we're just getting started.

"Speaking of progress," continued Frank. "What's it like to be appointed Prince of Texas by King Jesus Himself?"

"Extremely humbling," answered Bob, "I never could have imagined such a great honor. Not to mention, it has been a lot of fun working closely with Elmer and the other city mayors in our region."

"Now wait just a minute," said Elmer. "This isn't funny. I know you are not belittling the job of mayor. I love my assignment. This is where the "rubber meets the road". I get to interact with Kingdom children every day. I have been so blessed to be able to lead thousands to trust King Jesus as their Savior. You guys just wish you had my job."

"You are absolutely right," answered Bob. "Frank and I could not do our jobs without you and the other mayors doing what you do."

"Yes," responded Frank. "Everyone's service in the Kingdom is essential."

"The important thing to remember is that this Kingdom is all about glorifying King Jesus and celebrating His faithfulness and His glory," said Bob.

"That's right," said Elmer, "I am looking forward to the next 900 years of serving and worshipping King Jesus."

"Yanking on his fishing rod," Frank shouted, "Hey! I got a bite!"

