Three Interpretive KEYS for the <u>book of REVELATION</u> from the OT and the Apostle Paul:

 Specific <u>HEAVENLY SIGNS</u> will signal and *PRECEDE* the onset of the "Great and Awesome (KJV Dreadful/Terrible) Day of the LORD." (Joel 2:31; cf. Rev. 6:12-17)

"The \underline{sun} shall be turned to darkness, and the \underline{moon} to blood, **before** the Great and Awesome Day of the LORD comes." v. 31

2. The <u>antichrist</u> will appear and <u>ascend</u> to earthly rule and worship *BEFORE* the great "Day of the LORD" comes. (2 Thess. 2:1-4)

"Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, ... [be not] quickly shaken in mind or alarmed ... that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion (or falling away) **comes first**, and the MAN of LAWLESSNESS (or sin) is revealed, ... who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so tat he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God." vv. 1--4

3. Malachi foretells of Elijah's coming, and Jesus confirms the OT prophecy that one like the prophet Elijah will come *BEFORE* the Great and Awesome Day of the LORD. (Malachi 4:5; cf. Rev. 11:3-13)

"Behold, I will send you $\underline{\it Elijah}$ the prophet **before** the Great and Awesome Day of the LORD comes." v. 5

LIFE in the Millennium during the Millennial Rule of Christ. (Isaiah 65:17-25)

- 1.) vv. 17-18; The **Eternal** Kingdom: New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21)
- 2.) vv. 19-25; The **Earthly** *Millennial* Kingdom: Glorious Rule of Christ & **US**
 - Grief and Fear removed: "no more weeping, nor cry of distress" v.19
 - No more infant or premature deaths, rather longevity of life; and when one dies at 100 they're still in youth, but under God's punishment v.20
 - Peace, Safety; Prosperity and the Enjoyment of it. v.21-22
 - Parents will see Generations Birthed and then Succeed in Life. v.23
 - God will be Near, and Attentively Hear every Prayer and Need. v.24
 - Edenic conditions will once again be enjoyed on Earth! v.25