

Operation Footstoll



1. **In ancient languages the word “footstool” is often used as an idiom meaning “your enemies have conquered.”**

It is taken from the practice of conquerors who placed their feet on the necks of their adversaries. **Joshua 10:22-26**

The word “footstool” comes from the Hebrew word “hadom” – “ha-dome”

Greek word “hupopodion” – “hoop po pod ee on”

Only the humanity of Christ can sit down in one location at the right hand of God the Father. Our Lord is invited to sit down with His human body because in His body He won the victory of the Cross.

Operation Footstool was decided in eternity past as a part of the divine decrees, but can't be fulfilled in the time until the prerequisites have been fulfilled.

2. **Who are the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ?**

- a. Satan – Isaiah 14:13-14 mentions the revolution of Satan.
- b. All fallen angels.
- c. All religion is the enemy of God. Religion is man by man's works trying to gain the approbation of God. Christianity is not a religion. In Christianity, God seeks mankind through the salvation ministry of Jesus Christ.

All unbelievers.

Romans 5:10 *For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.* [The prototype spiritual life of Christ]. We were all born spiritually dead in total separation from God and enemies of God.

Death.

1 Corinthians 15:23-28 verse 25f - *For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.* The last enemy that will be abolished is death. Death is abolished for the unbeliever by being cast alive into the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 20:10, 14; Matthew 25:41;** and for believers **Revelation 21:4,** “*There shall no longer be any death.*”

3. **Psalms 110:1-7** is quoted in the gospels, **Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42.** It is quoted in **Acts 2:34-35.** It is quoted in the epistles, **Hebrews 1:13, 10:13.** **Hebrews 10:12-14** ¹² *but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,* ¹³ *waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE* [culminative aorist passive subjunctive from the verb TITHEMI, meaning “to set, place”] **A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.** ¹⁴ *For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.*

*Psalm 110:1-7¹ **The LORD says** to my **Lord**: "**Sit** at My **right hand**, Until I make Thine **enemies a footstool for Thy feet**."*

Introduction: One of the most quoted verses in the New Testament.

1. **"The LORD"** – four letters Yhwh (father).
2. **"says"** – Here we have a discussion between two of the Godhead (deity). This declaration is for our benefit. The Father and Son are eternal and omniscient – they do not have to speak in order to communicate.
3. **"Lord"** – Jesus Christ.
4. **"Sit"** – because His work for now is finished until the Tribulation.
5. **"right hand"** – place of prominence (Hebrews 1:13) after His work on earth. The right hand of God is also seen to be the hand which extracts vengeance upon His enemies (Exodus 15:6). God's taking out Pharaoh's army during the exodus. God's right hand is also seen as protection of those whom He loves (Psalm 18:35; 20:6; 44:3; 60:5; 63:8; 73:23). Anthropomorphic – language of accommodation so we may comprehend on our level what is occurring.
6. **"enemies a footstool for Your feet"** - God will see His plan through to the end! This means to bring His enemies into submission.

*² The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong **scepter** from **Zion**, saying, "Rule in **the midst of Thine enemies**."*

1. **"scepter"** – or staff. Refers to rulership or dominion (represents power and authority). Jacob spoke of this on his deathbed 2,000 years previously. Genesis 49:10.
2. **"Zion"** – Jerusalem. Rule over the land from Zion - the authority of Jesus Christ will extend over the entire earth.
3. **"the midst of Thine enemies"** – David peaking to God – He tells him to rule over or subdue his enemies. They cannot win.

*³ Thy people **will volunteer** freely in the day of **Thy power**; In holy array, from the **womb of the dawn**, Thy youth are to Thee as the dew.*

1. **"will volunteer"** – The idea is whatever is done here is done from one's free-will without coercion. They willingly volunteer to do whatever God requires of them. What is important here is "free will". Christianity is nothing apart from free-will.

POD: When you share the gospel you cannot argue someone into becoming a Christian.

2. **"Thy power"** – This power was decreed to be with Him from the beginning.

3. **"womb of the dawn"** – In relation to man, Jesus came at a specific point in time; He gave Himself for our sins at a particular point in time; but all of this was decreed outside of time. "Womb of Dawn" has a two-fold meaning. This is a reference to the Christ child being born from the womb, and His birth being foreknown in eternity past, even before the light of the morning.

⁴ *The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "Thou art a priest forever According to the **order of Melchizedek.**"*

1. **"order of Melchizedek"** – is not tied to the Levitical Priesthood because he predated them. He was a shadow of Jesus Christ in His Royal Priesthood.

⁵ *The Lord is at Thy right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His **wrath.***

1. **"wrath"** – Tribulation.

⁶ *He will **judge among the nations.** He will fill **them with corpses.** He will **shatter the chief men over a broad country.***

1. **"judge among the nations"** – He correctly evaluates the nations.
2. **"them with corpses"** – bloodbath. The earth will be filled with unbelievers who are against Him. **Revelation 14:20; Ezekiel 39:2.**
3. **"shatter the chief men over a broad country"** – Satan will work through various heads of state. He will be behind their thoughts and deeds.

⁷ *He will drink from the brook by the wayside; **Therefore He will lift up His head.***

1. "He will drink from the brook by the wayside" – In the end Jesus Christ has destroyed all of His enemies. He can take a break from His battle and drink. This speaks of being refreshed at the end of a hard fought battle, not because he has to but because he can.
2. **"Therefore He will lift up His head"** – picture of victory.

Operation Footstool – Known Factors

1. Jesus was made lower than the angels that He might die for every man. **Hebrews 2:9.**
2. After His ascension and His acceptability in session, He was and is higher than the angels. **Hebrews 1:13, 1 Peter 3:22** (He is in control).
3. The length of His session is until His enemies are made His footstool, an idiom in the ancient languages, representing the fact that your enemies are conquered. **Hebrews 10:13.**

4. This was said to Jesus at the beginning of the Church Age, indicating that the Church would be involved in the process of making His enemies His footstool. **Hebrews 10:12, Acts 1:8.**
5. Believers in the Church Age are IN CHRIST and are therefore POSITIONALLY higher than angels. **Hebrews 1:14.**
6. At the 2nd Advent, they will actually be higher than angels, in their resurrection body, minus the old sin nature and minus human good.
7. Body of Christ (Church Age believers) is being completed on earth by the conversion of individuals and when completed it is raptured. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.**
8. Satan and fallen angels are the enemies of Christ.
9. **Colossians 2:14-15** shows that Jesus Christ triumphed over them in PRINCIPLE at the cross and will, IN FACT, at the 2nd Advent. **Colossians 2:10 with Zechariah 13:2.**
10. Jesus is to sit until His enemies are made His footstool so when He leaves His seat at the right hand of the Father, this indicates that His enemies have been made His footstool.
11. At the RAPTURE of the Church, Jesus Christ leaves heaven to get His church and is no longer seated. **1 Thessalonians 4:16.**
12. At the RAPTURE the body of Christ is complete.
13. Why aren't the demons bumped at the rapture?
 - a. The body of Christ needs to actually be higher than angels – not just positionally. So, the Judgment Seat of Christ (during the seven years of Tribulation) is the completion of the Jewish Age. These seven years have to be completed before the millennium can be ushered in.
 - b. God promised Israel 7 more years. These are the 70 weeks of Daniel (last week in particular – 7 years).
 - c. The demons are operational during these 7 years.
 - d. They are not bumped IN FACT, until the beginning of the millennium when Satan is imprisoned all demons are removed to make way for the perfect environment of the millennium. **Revelation 20:2.**
14. The Angelic Conflict.
 - a. God created angels with volition.
 - b. Satan acted independently of God. The five "I wills".
 - c. God sentenced Satan. Matthew 25:41

- d. Satan challenged the character of God “How can a loving God cast His creatures (angels) into the Lake of Fire?” Human viewpoint does not consider the entire Essence but only love.
15. GOD’S ANSWER: GOD created man with volition. Satan thought everyone would decide against God. By getting man to sin, Satan thought he would prove God’s unfairness. Surely God would not send man to the Lake of Fire, not this creature He had made to have fellowship with Himself! God loves His creatures too much? Satan reasoned, if man doesn’t have to be punished, why should he (Satan)?

Every time a member of the human race (created a little lower than the angels) chooses for God, the character of God is vindicated, and Satan loses the argument. This resolves the Angelica Conflict.

Operation Footstool – 2 Thessalonians 2:8

*2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then that **lawless one** will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of **His coming**:*

1. “**lawless one**” – wicked one. The Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire.
2. “**His coming**” – 2nd Advent. Armageddon.

Operation Footstool:

1. The Anti-Christ will live through the Tribulation in order that Christ can meet him face-to-face. Verse 8
 - A. At the second coming of Christ, the majesty and glamour (brightness of Christ will render the Anti-Christ powerless.
 1. At the precise moment of Christ’s appearance, the power and influence and influence of the Anti-Christ over his earthly kingdom will be neutralized.
 2. The Battle of Armageddon, which will already be in progress, shall be terminated by Christ.
 - B. The Anti-Christ will be consumed by Christ (spirit of His mouth) and casted alive into the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 19:20**
 1. This act of Christ is known as “Operation Footstool”.
 - a. “Footstool” signifies conquest.
 - b. All the enemies of Christ will be “under His feet” – **1 Corinthians 15:25**

2. As part of Operation Footstool, Satan will be imprisoned for 1,000 years. **Revelation 20:1-3.**
 3. Demons and unbelievers will be removed from the earth. **Colossians 2:15; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25.**
- C. There are 6 distinct achievements consummated at the Second Advent.
1. Christ returns as He went – in the clouds of Heaven and with power and great glory. **Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7.**
 2. Christ will take the Davidic throne of His glory and reign forever.
 3. Christ comes to a world that is in rebellion against Him. He conquers it by the might of His power.
 4. Judgment will fall upon Israel, the Gentile nations, Satan, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet.
 5. Christ's coming brings Israel's long-predicted repentance.
 6. Christ establishes His millennial kingdom of righteousness and peace.
 - a. Israel will be re-gathered to its own land from every part of the earth by angelic means – united and blessed – Christ will be Israel.
 - b. The Gentile nations will share in this kingdom on earth – as a subordinate people.
- D. The Millennium will last for 1,000 years with Christ as the Supreme Ruler (theocracy government).
1. Christ will reside personally in Jerusalem and all nations will be subservient to Him. **Daniel 2:44; Isaiah 2:1-3.**
 2. Christ will maintain order on earth and will rule with inflexible righteousness and justice.
 3. This will be an eternal reign. **Daniel 7:14, 27.** Christ will never relinquish His Throne.
2. The prerequisites for Operation Footstool
- A. First one was our Lord's victory on the cross.
 - B. Second one – is the resurrection, ascension, and session of Jesus Christ (which includes the completion of the Church as the body of Christ). The rapture.

3. The removal of Satan and all the fallen angels, plus the rulership of Christ, changes the environment of the earth during the Millennial.
 - A. Religion is eradicated. **1 Corinthians 10:20-12.**
 - B. False doctrine is removed. **1 Timothy 4:1.**
 - C. Spirituality changes to include ecstatic's, since Christ is personally present on the earth. **Joel 2:28-29.**
 - D. Prefect environment will exist on earth until Satan is released. **Revelation 20:7-10.**
4. Principals.
 - A. Human history cannot be fulfilled until Operation Footstool is completed.
 - B. It will take one thousand years to complete Operation Footstool once it starts.
 - C. Operation Footstool cannot even begin until two more prophecies are completed.
 - D. Originally, there were three prophecies that had to be fulfilled before Operation Footstool could begin: the victory of the Cross, the formation of a royal family of God and the Tribulation.
 - E. So far in history, one prerequisite is completed (the Cross) and two prerequisites still need to be completed. The Church Age must be completed and Satan must receive the rebuttal phase of his appeal trial. While this is going on, you must be evaluated on what you did with your spiritual life.

Joel 2:21-32

Chapters 2 and 3 are still future! "Day of the Lord" – in some scripture can mean historical judgments. Most of the time, it means a future event. The return of the Lord and the establishment of His kingdom.

²¹ **Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, For the LORD has done great things.**

1. **"Do not fear"** – what was the last dispensation – Tribulation.
2. **"O land"** – Jerusalem (the earth).
3. **"rejoice and be glad"** – everything looked so hopeless. But He now has brightened up the situation.
4. **"the Lord"** – when man can do nothing about his situation, the Lord steps in.
5. **"has done"** – Kingdom Reign of Christ.

6. **“great things”** – took a hopeless situation and made something fantastic out of it.

The land will prosper under the economy of the millennium [perfect environment].

²² *Do not fear, **beasts of the field**, For the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, For the tree has borne its fruit, The fig tree and the vine **have yielded in full**.*

1. “beasts of the field” – the animals will lose their viciousness.
2. “have yielded in full” – plenty of food. It is a picture of grace. Everyone benefits and they do not deserve it. They have done nothing.

²³ *So rejoice, **O sons of Zion**, And be glad in the LORD your God; For He has given you the early rain for your vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before.*

1. **“O sons of Zion”** – believing Jews.

²⁴ *And the threshing floors will be full of grain, And the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.*

1. **Verse 24** – all is a picture of prosperity.

²⁵ *“Then I will make up to you for the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnawing locust, My **great army which I sent among you**.*

1. **“great army which I sent among you”** – restoration of Israel’s worship during the millennium.

²⁶ *“And you shall **have plenty to eat and be satisfied**, And **praise the name of the LORD your God**, Who has dealt **wondrously with you**; Then **My people** will **never be put to shame**.*

1. **“have plenty to eat and be satisfied”** – the idea is that during the millennial there is perfect environment. There is no worrying, no poverty, no physical death, no disease, and there is perfect spirituality.
2. **“praise the name of the LORD your God”** – means they will praise Christ as He rules for 1,000 years.
3. **“wondrously with you”** - refers not only to the restoration of the Jews and perfect environment, but also to the miracle of grace and salvation.
4. **“My people”** – Jews
5. **“never be put to shame”** – Why? They will have a full and perfect understanding of doctrine, the mind of Christ.

²⁷ *“Thus you **will know** that **I am in the midst of Israel**, And that I am the LORD your God And there is no other; And **My people will never be put to shame**.*

1. **“will know”** – knowledge in the human soul.

2. **"I am in the midst of Israel"** – Christ will be known during the millennium.
3. **"My people will never be put to shame"** – have a full knowledge of God's Word and full of the Holy Spirit.

²⁸ "And it will come about **after this** That I will **pour out** My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.

1. **"after this"** – 2nd Advent and during the millennial reign.
2. **"pour out"** – Church Age – this is a different filling of the spirit, that of the present Church Age and Pentecost. During the Church Age the function of the Holy Spirit is to reveal and convict, to teach and make the Word of God understandable. During the Millennial Reign – since they have a full knowledge of Christ already, the emotions of the believer may fully respond to and appreciate the Word of God. Thus the ministry of the Holy Spirit during the millennial is to aid in the appreciation of the Word such as the removal of false religions, perfect environment, including perfect health, presence of Christ and full knowledge of God's Word.

²⁹ "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

1. **Verse 29** – no human distinctions between men and women, no priesthood as under law, now believer priests. All Jews will evangelize the world.

³⁰ "And I will display **wonders** in the sky and on the earth, **Blood, fire, and columns of smoke**.

1. **"wonders"** – miracles that surround the 2nd Advent.
2. **"Blood"** – slaughter of unbelievers at the 2nd Advent.
3. **"fire"** – is a reference to judgment. Death of a large number of people during the Tribulation by fire. **Revelation 9:17, 18.**
4. **"columns of smoke"** – are associated with the destruction of the evil, Satanic ecumenical religious system of the Tribulation. **Revelation 18:9, 18; 19:3.**

³¹ "The sun will be turned **into darkness**, And the **moon into blood**, Before the great and **awesome day of the LORD comes**.

1. **"into darkness"** – supernatural darkness of **Joel 2:10, 11; Isaiah 12:9-10.**
2. **"moon into blood"** – is a picture reference to the moon turning the color of dark clotting blood (black as light fades).
3. **"awesome day of the LORD comes"** – 2nd Advent and Armageddon.

³² *"And it will come about that whoever **calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered**; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even **among the survivors whom the LORD calls**.*

1. **"calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered"** – how to enter the millennial. Faith Alone in Christ Alone (FAICA). 1st Stage of deliverance – spiritual. 2nd stage – as a result of FAICA – physical.
2. **"among the survivors whom the LORD calls"** – Baptism of Fire.