

# Zion and Jerusalem

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Blessed privilege to be with you and to share some of our study blessings. We thank the ecclesia for the assignment – Few subjects could be as inspiring to me as God’s glorious Kingdom soon to be realized here on earth.

## Context – Isaiah 2:2, Micah 4:1

It will come about in the last days – The mountain of the house of the LORD will be established and will be raised above the hills; All the nations will stream to it.



**Isa 2:2** Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. **Micah 4:1** And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it. **Jeremiah 3:17** "At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the LORD,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the LORD; nor shall they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

**Psalms 110:3** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

**Zephaniah 3:8-9** Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. 9 - For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

## Theme Texts

**Isaiah 2:3, Malachi 4:2** – Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways, and that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.



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## If You Are Christ's

**Colossians 3:4** – When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.



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# You Will See Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob



Isaiah 1:26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Luke 13:24-30 - "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 - "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' 26 - "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; 27 - and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' 28 - "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out. 29 - "And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30 - "And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

Matthew 8:10-12 - Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. 11 - "And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; 12 - but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

# Jacob's Ladder



Genesis 28:10-15 Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 - And he came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place. 12 - And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 - And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. 14 - "Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 - "And behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

John 1:51 And He \*said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

# David and Jonathan



1 Samuel 18:1-4 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 - And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 - Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 - And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

1 Samuel 20:41-42 As soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. He bowed three times, and they kissed each other, and wept with each other; David wept the more. 42 - Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since both of us have sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants, forever.'" He got up and left; and Jonathan went into the city.

1 Samuel 23:16-18 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 - And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. 18 - And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

## Instead of Your Fathers, Children & Princes

**Psalms 45:14–16** – She will be led to the King in embroidered work; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to Thee. 15 – They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace. 16 – **In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth.**

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Psa 45:17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

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Kingdom Royalty

Jehovah – Emperor

The Christ – Kings & Priests

Ancient Worthies – Princes

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## D622 – Order in Christ's Reign

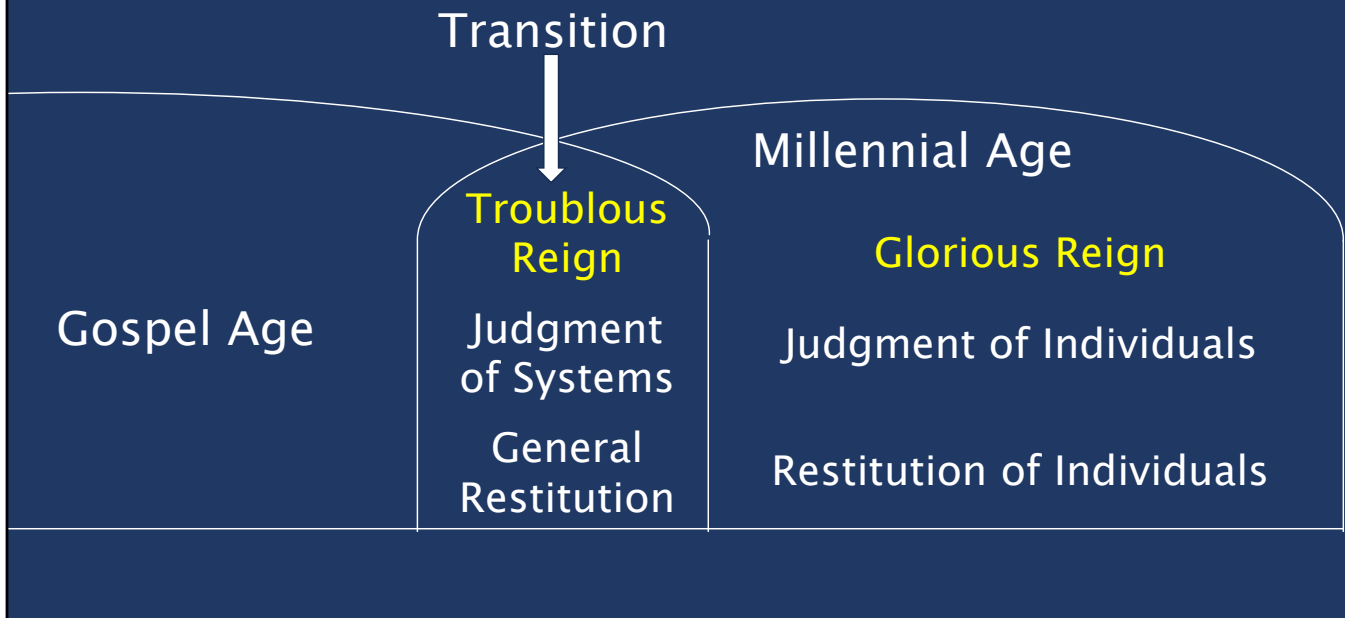
In describing events under the Seventh Trumpet, this order is observed: (1) power is taken by the Lord as King of Earth, and his reign begun; (2) as a consequence the great judgment-trouble comes upon the world. We are told, prophetically, that **the reign begins before the time of trouble, and before the resurrection of the saints and prophets**; but that it will continue long after these (for a thousand years)

Reign begins before Babylon's destruction – D623 – Revelation 18 notes Babylon, the Great Harlot, is destroyed before the kings and the merchants of the earth.

Reign begins before the end of the Gentile times (in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven would set up a kingdom) – Daniel 2:44 - "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever."

Reign begins before the regathering of the nation of Israel – **Ezekiel 20:33-34** - "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. 34 - "And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out;

# The Grand Reversal of History Transitioning to Christ's Glorious Reign



Two aspects of this -- **Judgment** – We now live in a time when man is examining the fruitage of human history – all of human systems and endeavors – to see to what extent these have benefited the human condition – none have overcome Adamic sin. We see that the systems of earth have greatly changed, there are no longer monarchs by divine right, other forms of government have been tried and relegated to the “trash heap of history.” In other words we live in a time of general judgment when the systems of man are being called into account and judged. This is being done with the whole world as the audience. We see examinations of such questions as “Is Islam truly a peaceful religion?” “Is democracy possible for the Arab people?” “Can the United Nations ensure the security of mankind and rid the earth of weapons of mass destruction?” “Should the United States take action against other nations unilaterally?” This is all evidence of review and judgment of mankind’s efforts to govern himself.

• **Restitution -- that is restoration** -- God prepared man’s place and position in the earth, to be paradise and perfection -- as a king in harmony with nature. The rights of man have become a concern in the earth such as they never were before. Mankind at the present time is not being restored individually to the place that Adam had, however there is a general restitution of the human condition, which is preparing and pointing toward all that Adam enjoyed in the garden. In a sense, restitution ideas about man’s rights are becoming general in the earth. Mankind is unwilling to settle for the former dominance of the few over the many and expects that all should have a share in the bounty of the earth. This general restitution relates to the blowing of the jubilee trumpet and coincides with the harvest period or the general judgment.

# Eight Shepherds and Seven Princes

Turning Point – From the Troublous to the Glorious Reign

**Micah 5:5** – This one (Christ) will be our peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight leaders (princes) of men.

Micah 5:4-8 And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth. 5 - And this One will be our peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men. 6 - And they will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, The land of Nimrod at its entrances; And He will deliver us from the Assyrian When he attacks our land And when he tramples our territory. 7 - Then the remnant of Jacob Will be among many peoples Like dew from the LORD, Like showers on vegetation Which do not wait for man Or delay for the sons of men. 8 - And the remnant of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples Like a lion among the beasts of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, Tramples down and tears, And there is none to rescue.

## Mount of Olives Split



**Zechariah 14:1-8** - Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. 2 - For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 - Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 - And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. 5 - And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! 6 - And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. 7 - For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. 8 - And it will come about in that day that living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

# Moses as Mediator



Deuteronomy 18:15-19 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. 16 - "This is according to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' 17 - "And the LORD said to me, 'They have spoken well. 18 - 'I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 - 'And it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.

# Receiving a Kingdom



Exodus 19:16-18 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 - And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 - Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.

Hebrews 12:18-29 For you have not come to a mountain that may be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19 - and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word should be spoken to them. 20 - For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." 21 - And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling." 22 - But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 - to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, 24 - and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel. 25 - See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. 26 - And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." 27 - And this expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 - Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 - for our God is a consuming fire.

# Moses Face Shone, Covered By A Veil



## The Shining Face of Moses

Exo 34:29 And it came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony *were* in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

Exo 34:30 So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exo 34:31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them.

Exo 34:32 And afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them *to do* everything that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai.

Exo 34:33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exo 34:34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded,

Exo 34:35 the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

# Arise, Shine; For Thy Light is Come



Isaiah 60:1-5 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 - For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 - And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. 4 - Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. 5 - Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

# A King Will Reign in Righteousness

Isaiah 32:1–3 – See, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice. 2 – Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. 3 – Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed, and the ears of those who have hearing will listen.

**The glorious reign = the reign of righteousness**

## **PRINCES**

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Isa 32:2 And each will be like a refuge from the wind, And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.

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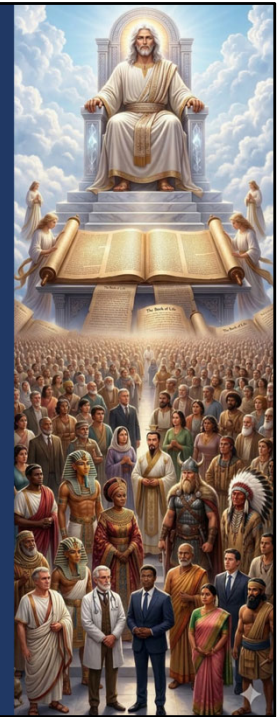
Isa 32:4 And the mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

Isa 32:5 No longer will the fool be called noble, Or the rogue be spoken of as generous.

## Context – Isaiah 2:4, Malachi 4:3

He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.

**Isaiah 11:2-5** – . . . He will delight in the fear of the LORD, He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked . . .



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# They Shall Not Hurt Nor Destroy



Isaiah 11:6-9 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. 7 - Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 - And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 9 - They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 33:24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

## A Highway Shall Be There



Isaiah 35:8-10 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. 9 - No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10 - And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

# Lame Shall Leap, Blind Shall See



Isaiah 35:1-7 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus 2 - it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 - Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 - Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." 5 - Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 - then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 - the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

## Theme Context – Micah 4:4

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**Micah 4:4** And each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make *them* afraid, For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

**Isaiah 65:21-25** "They will build houses and inhabit them; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 - "They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. 23 - "They will not labor in vain, Or bear children for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them. 24 - "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 - "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

# Feast of Fat Things



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