

## **The Millennial Kingdom**

### **Jesus Wins!**

People have always dreamed of a utopia, a great society, a paradise on earth, a return to the Garden of Eden. Man has attempted it since the Tower of Babel, the 4 great world rulers, socialism, communism, nazism, etc etc. However, the Bible is clear that sinful men & women can never produce such a society on earth in their own strength & ingenuity.

At the end of the Tribulation Period Jesus returns to earth & destroys the Antichrist & his armies (Rev 19:11-121), Satan is bound & Christ reigns for 1000 years (Rev 20:1-6). The word a thousand years appear 6 times in Revel 20:1-7.

When Jesus returns to earth, He returns as King of kings & Lord of lords. During this era the world will flourish under the rule of the Prince of Peace, basking in unrestricted peace & prosperity.

### **Ten Key texts on the Millennium**

While Revelation 20:1-6 is the only Bible passage that records the length of Christ's reign on the earth, it is certainly not the only passage to refer to His messianic kingdom. More prophetic material in the OT is devoted to the subject of the Millennium than to any other topic. Using John F. Walvoord's chart in his book The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook, I count 129 prophecies about the Millennial Kingdom (this also includes Jesus 2nd Coming).

At the bottom of this handout there are 10 key Bible texts on the Millennium. Here is a summary of information from these Scriptures;

### **Israel**

- Lord will recover a 2nd time His remnant
- Gather the dispersed from the 4 corners of the Earth
- Judah & Israel will be rejoined forever
- Nations will know that He sanctify them forever

### **The Land**

- Animals dwell in peace
- Earth full of the knowledge of the Lord
- There will be a highway for the remnant
- Land will be fertile
- Desert will bloom
- Bounty of crops
- Land will be changed
- No curse
- No rain for the nations if they do not go to Jerusalem for the Feast of Booths

### **Jerusalem**

- Will be house of the Lord & raised
- Will be rebuilt & never overthrown again
- All nations will come to it & bring wealth
- Will bring gold, silver & frankincense
- Gates will always be open
- All will bow to you
- Called the city of the Lord
- Redeemed will be there
- Man from David will sit on throne of the house of Israel & priests continually
- Living water will flow out of Jerusalem
- Everything holy there

## **The People**

- No swords, no war ever again
- No destruction
- Spirit will be poured out on the Jews
- No blindness, deafness, mute
- Will have sharp minds
- Will live in peace, righteousness, quietness & confidence forever
- No mourning
- Will be healed
- Dwellings will be secure
- Rejoicing & shouts of joy
- Will see the glory of the Lord
- Lord will be your everlasting light - sun will not set nor moon wane
- Glory of the Lord on you
- God will be your God & they will be My people
- Satisfied with My goodness
- New covenant - My law into them & on their heart
- They will know Me - won't have to be taught about the Lord
- Will be cleansed from their iniquities & will never defile themselves again
- Will walk in My ordinances & My statutes & observe them
- Will live on the land God gave Jacob

## **The Lord**

- Will judge between the nations
- Will judge the Jews with righteousness
- Will judge the poor & afflicted
- Slay the wicked
- Nothing spoken against the Lord
- He is coming with vengeance & recompense & will save His people

## Why the Millennium?

The Millennium will serve at least 3 important functions in the plan of God:

- **To fulfill the biblical covenants.**
  - Abrahamic Covenant, Land Covenant, Davidic Covenant & the New Covenant
- **To Redeem Creation**
  - Reverse His curse on creation & fulfill His original purpose for the earth
- **Reward the Faithful**
  - When Jesus returns to this earth, He will bring His saints with Him. After He defeats the armies of the Antichrist at Armageddon & judges the nations, He will establish His Kingdom on the earth.
  - The Bible says that all believers from every age will reign with Christ for 1000 years.
  - Believers will be given rulership in the kingdom over men & angels based on what we did with the treasures & talents God entrusted us with here on earth (Luke 19:11-26).

*“But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.” .....“until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.”*

*“Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.” (Daniel 7:18, 22,27 NASB95)*

*“Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3, NASB95)*

*“He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.” (Revelation 2:26–28, NASB95)*

*“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.” (Revelation 20:4, NASB95)*

*“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.” (Revelation 20:6, NASB95)*

## **What Will the Millennium Be Like?**

During the Millennial reign of Christ, the earth will experience a return to conditions like the Garden of Eden. It will be literally be heaven on earth as the Lord of heaven comes to live on the earth among His people. Chuck Swindoll describes the Millennium:

The book of Revelation promises a golden age in which all weapons of warfare will be fashioned into implements of peace. Prosperity will be shared. Peace will become the banner of all people. The light of justice will illumine every corner of the world.

## **Prominent conditions that will prevail on the earth during the reign of Christ:**

### **Earthly Kingdom & The Presence of God**

- Christ Himself will be there

*“But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.”* (Isaiah 11:4, NASB95)

- Every OT prophecy on the Kingdom anticipates His Kingly office
- Literal reign of Christ upon the earth as the son of David

*“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”* (Luke 1:32–33, NASB95)

- Jesus came as a King, He was rejected as a King, He died as a King & when He comes again, it is as a King (Rev 19:16; Luke 1:32-33).
- God’s presence will be fully recognized & the Lord’s people will experience fellowship with the Lord unlike anything they have every know.
- The city of Jerusalem will be called Yahweh Shammah which means the Lord is there.
- Various prophecies speak of David as King (Jer 30:9; 33:15-17; Eze 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Hosea 3:5)
  - Resurrected David will share with Christ as prince in some of the government duties
  - Reign of Christ is shared with others also

## **Divine Government**

- Rule over the entire earth
  - God's intent from the beginning of the creation of man that the earth should be ruled over by man
  - Adam sacrificed his right to rule when sin entered the human race
  - God's purpose is fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Psa 2:6-9; Dan 2:35; Dan 7:14; 7:24; Mic 4:1-2; Zech 9:10)
- Absolute in its authority & power
  - Destruction of those who oppose Him
  - Is in keeping with the person & majesty of the King who has all power & sovereignty of God
- Righteousness & Justice
  - When the millennial kingdom begins, it will be inhabited only by believers.
  - These believers will still have human bodies with fallen natures capable of sinning.
  - He will rule with a rod of iron restraining & judging sin so that the prevailing atmosphere in the kingdom will be righteousness
  - Isa assures the poor & the meek that their cause will be dealt with righteously in that day (Isa 11:3-5)
  - The wicked are warned to serve the Lord lest they feel His wrath (Ps 2:10-12)
  - It seems evident from many passages that no open sin will go unpunished

## **Glorious Presence of Christ**

- Christ will be present & visible
- Whole earth will be filled with His glory

*“Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley; Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”* (Isaiah 40:4–5, NASB95)

*“And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.”* (Psalm 72:19, NASB95)
- Glorious earth, government, promised land, house & throne & kingdom itself

## **Israel**

- Israel is in prominence & blessing
- Israel as a nation will be exalted
- Christ will reign as the Son of David
- Israel will be re-established in their ancient land
- Israel as a nation is delivered from her persecutors in the time of Tribulation & brought into the palace of blessing & restoration
- Israel will become the subject of the King’s reign (Isa 9:6-7, 33:17, 22; 44:6; Jer 23:5; Mic 2:13; 4:7; Dan 4:3; 7:14, 22, 27)
- Israel will have been converted & re-united as a nation
- Israel will again be related to Jehovah by marriage (Isa 54:1-17; 62:2-5; Hos 2:14 - 23)
- Israel will be exalted above the Gentiles (Isa 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60:14-17; 61:6-7)
- Israel will be made righteous (Isa 1:25; 2:4; 44:22-24; 45:17-25; 48:17; 55:7; 57:18-19; 63:16; Jer 31:11; 33:8; 50:20, 34; Eze 36:25-26; Hos 14:4; Joel 3:21; Mic 7:18-19; Zech 13:9; Mal 3:2-3)
- Israel will become God’s witnesses during the Millennium (Isa 44:8, 21; 61:6; 66:21; Jer 16:19-21; Mic 5:7; Zeph 3:20; Zech 4:1-7; 4:11-14; 8:23)



- Israel will be beautified to bring glory to Jehovah

## **Gentiles**

- Only those who are declared righteous by the King will be allowed entrance into the Millennial Kingdom at it's beginning
- Share many of the spiritual & economic blessings of the reign of Christ
- Will occupy a subordinate role to Israel (Isa 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 61:5-9)

## **Full Knowledge & Salvation of the Majority**

- The teaching ministry of the Lord & the indwelling Spirit will bring the inhabitants of the kingdom into a full knowledge of the Lord's ways.
- Truth of God is widespread

*"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 11:9, NASB95)*

*"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." (Jeremiah 31:33–34, NASB95)*

- Since all will know the truth of Jesus, most will be saved
- World situation quite different from that known in any previous dispensation

## **Peace**

- All wars will cease as the world unites under the reign of the true King (Isa 2:4; 9:4-7; 11:6-9; Zech 9:10)
- Will have beneficial effect upon both the social & economic life of the world
- Instead of large expenditure for armaments, attention will be directed to improving the world in various ways
- Government protection & greatly reduced crime will establish a social & economic order far different from anything the world has ever experienced

## **Absence of Sickness or Deformity**

- The King will heal all the diseases & deformities of His people.  
*“And no resident will say, “I am sick”; The people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.”* (Isaiah 33:24, NASB95)
- Due to this universal health care, people will live extended life spans like before the Flood.
- A person who dies at the age of 100 will have died very prematurely. (Isa 65:20)
- Tremendous increase in birth rate. (Jer 30:19-20)
- Golden age in which the dreams of social reformists through the centuries will be realized not thru human effort but by the immediate presence & power of God & the righteous government of Christ.

## **Economic Prosperity**

- No need for rescue missions, welfare programs, food stamps or relief agencies.
- The world will flourish under the hand of the King of Heaven.

- **Joy**

- Isaac Watts wrote the song “Joy to the World” to anticipate the glorious 2nd coming of Christ to rule & reign on this earth.

## **Curse of the Earth Lifted**

- Curse descended upon the physical world because of Adam’s sin is lifted.

*“The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, The majesty of our God.” (Isaiah 35:1–2, NASB95)*

- Abundant rainfall, food & cattle.
- Curse on earth only partly lifted as indicated by the continuance of death & will remain in some measure until the new heaven & the new earth are brought in the land of Palestine will once again be a garden.

*“There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him,” (Revelation 22:3, NASB95)*

- The world in general will be delivered from the unproductiveness which characterized great portions of the globe in prior ages.

## **Change in Mount of Olives**

- When Christ returns there will be where the Mount of Olives now stands a great valley extending toward the east with the Mount of Olives split in two
- Temporary route for flight for those who are caught in the warfare about Jerusalem
- Living waters which shall go out from Jerusalem (Zec 14:8)
- River will flow into the Dead Sea; will bring life & fruitfulness to the land

## **Exaltation of the City of Jerusalem**

- Jerusalem will be elevated about the surrounding territory
- This will accommodate the temple of Ezekiel which would not fit Palestine in its present form
- Will happen at the Lord's appearing
- Jerusalem will possess its old boundaries
- Its population will live within never to be taken captive again

## **Land of Palestine**

- Will be divided into 3 parts:
  - The northern part will be divided into areas for Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben & Judah (Eze 48:23-27)
  - Southern portion in like manner is devoted to the tribes of Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun & Gad (Eze 48:23-27)
  - In between the northern & southern parts of the land is placed the holy oblation of Eze 48:8-20 - set apart as holy to the Lord
- Probably about 34 miles square or 1,156 square miles
- Divided into areas:
  - 2/5 for the Levites
  - 2/5 for the Temple & Priests
  - 1/5 for the city

## **• Holiness**

- Holy means to be set apart for God for sacred purposes.
- The Kingdom of Christ will be a holy kingdom.
- Everything in it will be set apart to God for His use.
- The citizens of His kingdom, the land, the city, the Temple - all will be holy.

- **Universal Worship of God**

- All the inhabitants of the earth will join their hearts & voices in praise & worship to God & to His Christ.
- This worship will be centered in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem.
- Ezekiel 40-48 describes the literal millennial Temple in detail including its dimensions, priesthood, worship, sacrifices & ritual.
- The millennial Temple will meet the need for a royal residence for God's glory.
- God will reign with this Temple as His throne (Exe 43:7) just as He had done previously in the Tabernacle & the Temple.
- Animal sacrifices will be re-instituted in the massive millennial Temple.
- Mentioned in Eze, Jer & Zech
- This is not a reinstitution of the law of Moses but a new system of kingdom law.
- The law of Moses was terminated permanently with the death of the Messiah.
- Sacrifices will not be offered to take away sin. No animal sacrifice can ever take away sin (Heb 10:10)
- Some say will be a memorial to the one sacrifice for sin forever much the same as the Lord's Supper is a reminder today for believers.
- Others say will serve as ritual purification.
- A holy God will be dwelling on earth in the midst of people in their glorified bodies but also in the midst of sinful people living in natural unglorified bodies.
- These sacrifices prevent these worshipers from defiling God's holy Temple when they come to worship Him.
- They will not be a substitute for Christ's atoning work but will provide ritual purification for unglorified people on earth who approach the holy God in worship.
- Satan will be bound & demons inactive & the Holy Spirit in fullness & the worship of Christ will be glorious

## **The Heavenly Jerusalem**

- Heavenly city of Jerusalem is described in detail in Rev 21:1-22:5
- Most conservative expositors agree that Rev 21:1-8 references the eternal state, the new heaven & the new earth which will be created after the Millennium & the holy city, the New Jerusalem as it will exist in eternity
- Difference of opinion however has risen regarding the express application of Rev 21:9-22:5
- Eternal habitation of all resurrected & translated saints
- Is in existence in the Millennium
- Scriptures teach that there is some participation of these resurrected saints in the government of the Millennium
- Objections to co-mingling of resurrected with non-resurrected beings are unjustified
- Israelites going into the Millennial Kingdom are those that are alive at Jesus' second coming & who believe in Him
- OT saints are promised resurrection & promise of reward (Job 19:25-27; Isa 26:19-20; Dan 12:2-3; Mal 3:16-17)
- Millennial reign of Christ on earth is not the ultimate hope of the resurrected saints but rather of the saints who enter the Millennium in their natural bodies
- Abraham was seeking a heavenly city (Heb 11:13-16; 12:22-24) not an earthly kingdom
- Saints of all ages will be in the Heavenly City & are listed separately:
  - Angels
  - the Church
  - God
  - Jesus, the Mediator
  - Spirits of just men made perfect - OT saints
- Heavenly Jerusalem does not correspond to the earthly Jerusalem of the Millennium

- City of its size - 1500 miles square won't fit on the earth in the Holy Land
- Therefore if the Heavenly Jerusalem is in existence during the Millennium then it is probably located above the earth & not on the earth
- The Heavenly Jerusalem apparently is withdrawn at the time of the destruction of the present earth & heaven
- Then as pictured in Rev 21:2 it returns to the new heaven & the new earth when the scene is ready for its descent
- It is assumed then that the Millennial saints at the end of the Millennium will be translated prior to their entrance into the eternal state & thus will qualify for entrance into the heavenly Jerusalem

### **Relation of Resurrected Saints to the Millennial Earth**

- Christ promised His followers that they would participate with Him in His judgment upon the 12 tribes of Israel in His kingdom:  
*"And Jesus said to them, 'Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'" (Matthew 19:28, NASB95)*  
*"Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts?" (1 Corinthians 6:2, NASB95)*  
*"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." (Revelation 20:6, NASB95)*
- If we are to reign with Christ over the Millennial earth it would seem evident that there must be at least a limited amount of communication & association between resurrected saints & those in their natural bodies
- Jesus was able to mingle freely with His disciples after His resurrection

## **The Close of the Millennium**

- According to Rev 20:7-9 at the conclusion of the 1000 year reign of Christ, Satan, who has been bound will be loosed again & be permitted to deceive the nations as he has done through the ages
- Who will be deceived?
- Those who rebel will gather to battle against the Lord & surround the earthly city of Jerusalem
- Christ will judge the revolt & “fire came down out of heaven & devoured them” (Rev 20:9)
- Satan is cast into the lake of fire, the final destiny of all unsaved
- The beast & false prophet were already there (Rev 20:10)
- Then one of the saddest passages of Scripture is found - subsequent to the conclusion of the Millennium a Great White Throne is established, apparently in space, as both earth & the starry heaven flee away from it in the destruction of the present earth & heaven
- All the dead are assembled & judged according to their works & thrown into the lake of fire
  - This is the 2nd death

## **The New Heaven & the New Earth**

- Following the judgement of the Great White Throne a new heaven & a new earth is revealed (Rev 21:10; Isa 65:17)
- The new heaven & new earth differ greatly from the present situation:
  - There is no more sea
  - The New Jerusalem does not need sun or moon
  - Glory of the Lord will be the light of the new creation
  - There will be no night
  - Release from the earth's sorrow's - no tears, no death, no mourning, nor crying, nor pain - first things have passed away (Rev 21:4)
  - Excluded are the unsaved (Rev 21:8)



- New Jerusalem is pictured as a bride adorned for her husband & a city which comes down from God out of heaven to the new earth (Rev 21:2, 9-10)
- City is 1500 miles square & 1500 miles high
- City is described as having 12 foundations which have the names of the 12 apostles. It is square in shape & has 3 gates on each of the 4 sides bearing the names of the 12 tribes of Israel
- It is pure gold
- Walls & the foundations are garnished with precious stones - 12 are mentioned
- Each of the gates is a large pearl
- Gates will not be shut but only those with their names in the Lamb's book of life will be permitted to enter
- Pure river flows from the throne of God & winds its way through the city
- Tree of Life (originally mentioned as being in the Garden of Eden) is seen here bearing fruits each month
- There is no temple for the Lord Himself dwells in the city
- There will be no more curse, but instead abundant blessing from God

## Ten Key Scripture Texts on the Millennium

### **Isa 2:1-5**

*"The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 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. And 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. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war. Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." (Isaiah 2:1–5, NASB95)*

### **Isa 11:1-16**

*"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist. And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.*

*Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 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.*

*Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious. Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.*

*And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, And those who harass Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, And Judah will not harass Ephraim. They will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; Together they will plunder the sons of the east;*

*They will possess Edom and Moab, And the sons of Ammon will be subject to them. And the Lord will utterly destroy The tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the River With His scorching wind; And He will strike it into seven streams And make men walk over dry-shod. And there will be a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will be left, Just as there was for Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.” (Isaiah 11:1–16, NASB95)*

### **Isa 32:1-20**

*“Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly. 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. Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, And the ears of those who hear will listen. The mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly. No longer will the fool be called noble, Or the rogue be spoken of as generous. For a fool speaks nonsense, And his heart inclines toward wickedness: To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the Lord, To keep the hungry person unsatisfied And to withhold drink from the thirsty.*

*As for a rogue, his weapons are evil; He devises wicked schemes To destroy the afflicted with slander, Even though the needy one speaks what is right. But the noble man devises noble plans; And by noble plans he stands. Rise up, you women who are at ease, And hear my voice; Give ear to my word, You complacent daughters. Within a year and a few days You will be troubled, O complacent daughters; For the vintage is ended, And the fruit gathering will not come. Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent daughters; Strip, undress and put sackcloth on your waist, Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; Yea, for all the joyful houses and for the jubilant city.*

*Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken. Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, A delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks; Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fertile field, And the fertile field is considered as a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness And righteousness will abide in the fertile field. And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places; And it will hail when the forest comes down, And the city will be utterly laid low. How blessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters, Who let out freely the ox and the donkey.” (Isaiah 32:1–20, NASB95)*

**Isa 35:1-10**

*"The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, The majesty of our God. Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."*

*Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.*

*The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass becomes reeds and rushes. A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it.*

*No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, And the ransomed of the Lord will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away." (Isaiah 35:1–10, NASB95)*

**Isa 60:1-22**

*"Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you.*

*Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried in the arms. "Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you. "A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the Lord. "All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And I shall glorify My glorious house.*

*"Who are these who fly like a cloud And like the doves to their lattices? "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the Lord your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you. "Foreigners will build up your walls, And their kings will minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, And in My favor I have had compassion on you. "*

*Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession. "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will be utterly ruined. "The glory of Lebanon will come to you, The juniper, the box tree and the cypress together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.*

*"The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; And they will call you the city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated With no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, A joy from generation to generation.*

*"You will also suck the milk of nations And suck the breast of kings; Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. "Instead of bronze I will bring gold, And instead of iron I will bring silver, And instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. And I will make peace your administrators And righteousness your overseers. "Violence will not be heard again in your land, Nor devastation or destruction within your borders; But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise. "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the Lord for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory. "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the Lord for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over. "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified. "The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time." (Isaiah 60:1–22, NASB95)*

### **Jer 31:1-40**

*"At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people." Thus says the Lord, "The people who survived the sword Found grace in the wilderness— Israel, when it went to find its rest." T*

*he Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. "Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines, And go forth to the dances of the merry-makers.*

*"Again you will plant vineyards On the hills of Samaria; The planters will plant And will enjoy them. "For there will be a day when watchmen On the hills of Ephraim call out, 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, To the Lord our God.' " For thus says the Lord, "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise and say, 'O Lord, save Your people, The remnant of Israel.' "Behold, I am*

*bringing them from the north country, And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; A great company, they will return here. "With weeping they will come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn."*

*Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare in the coastlands afar off, And say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him And keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob And redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.*

*"They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, And they will be radiant over the bounty of the Lord— Over the grain and the new wine and the oil, And over the young of the flock and the herd; And their life will be like a watered garden, And they will never languish again. "Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together, For I will turn their mourning into joy And will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow.*

*"I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people will be satisfied with My goodness," declares the Lord. Thus says the Lord, "A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more." Thus says the Lord, "Restrain your voice from weeping And your eyes from tears; For your work will be rewarded," declares the Lord, "And they will return from the land of the enemy.*

*"There is hope for your future," declares the Lord, "And your children will return to their own territory. "I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; Bring me back that I may be restored, For You are the Lord my God. 'For after I turned back, I repented; And after I was instructed, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'*

*"Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," declares the Lord. "Set up for yourself roadmarks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The way by which you went.*

*Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities. "How long will you go here and there, O faithless daughter? For the Lord has created a new thing in the earth— A woman will encompass a man." Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Once again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities when I restore their fortunes, 'The Lord bless you, O abode of righteousness, O holy hill!' "Judah and all its cities will dwell together in it, the farmer and they who go about with flocks. "For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes." At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me.*

*“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast. “As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the Lord. “In those days they will not say again, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ “But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.*

*“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.*

*“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The Lord of hosts is His name: “If this fixed order departs From before Me,” declares the Lord, “Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever.” Thus says the Lord, “If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done,” declares the Lord.*

*“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the city will be rebuilt for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. “The measuring line will go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah. “And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord; it will not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever.” (Jeremiah 31:1–40, NASB95)*

### **Jer 33:1-26**

*“Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard, saying, “Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it, the Lord is His name, ‘Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’*

*“For thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah which are broken down to make a defense against the siege ramps and against the sword, ‘While they are coming to fight with the Chaldeans and to fill them with the corpses of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My wrath, and I have hidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness: ‘Behold, I will*

*bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth.*

*'I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they were at first. 'I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me. '*

*It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.' "Thus says the Lord, 'Yet again there will be heard in this place, of which you say, "It is a waste, without man and without beast," that is, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, For the Lord is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting"; and of those who bring a thank offering into the house of the Lord.*

*For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were at first,' says the Lord. "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'There will again be in this place which is waste, without man or beast, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds who rest their flocks. 'In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the Negev, in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of the one who numbers them,' says the Lord.*

*'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. 'In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.'*

*"For thus says the Lord, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to prepare sacrifices continually.' " The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, "Thus says the Lord, 'If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. '*

*As the host of heaven cannot be counted and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' " And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the Lord chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they despise My people, no longer are they as a nation in their sight. "Thus says the Lord, 'If My covenant for day and night stand not, and the fixed*



*patterns of heaven and earth I have not established, then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.’ ” (Jeremiah 33:1–26, NASB95)*

### **Eze 37:14-28**

*“‘I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,’ declares the Lord.’ ” The word of the Lord came again to me saying, “And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, ‘For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions’; then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.’ ” “Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.*

*“When the sons of your people speak to you saying, ‘Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?’ say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.” ’ ” “The sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes. “Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.*

*“They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.*

*“My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. “They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.*

*“I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. “And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.” ’ ” (Ezekiel 37:14–28, NASB95)*

**Amos 9:11-15**

*“In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name,” Declares the Lord who does this. “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved. “Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. “I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them,” Says the Lord your God.” (Amos 9:11–15, NASB95)*

**Zech 14:6-21**

*“In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. 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. And in that day 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.*

*And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one. All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin’s Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s wine presses.*

*People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security. Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.*

*It will come about in that day that a great panic from the Lord will fall on them; and they will seize one another’s hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another. Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance.*

*So also like this plague will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the cattle that will be in those camps. Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.*

*And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the Lord smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to*

*celebrate the Feast of Booths. In that day there will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD." And the cooking pots in the Lord's house will be like the bowls before the altar. Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the Lord of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts in that day." (Zechariah 14:6–21, NASB95)*

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