

Message Four
Solomon's Splendid Kingdom
Typifying Christ's Kingdom in the Millennium

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Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-24;
Psa. 72:1-8, 11, 17-19; Rev. 11:15; 20:4, 6

- 1 Kings 10:1 And the queen of Sheba had heard of Solomon's fame in connection with the name of Jehovah, and she came to test him with hard questions.
- 1 Kings 10:2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels bearing spices and with very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she spoke all that was on her heart to him.
- 1 Kings 10:3 And Solomon answered every matter of hers; there was nothing hidden from the king that he did not answer her.
- 1 Kings 10:4 And when the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built
- 1 Kings 10:5 And the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service and apparel of his ministers and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings that he offered up at the house of Jehovah, there was no more spirit in her.
- 1 Kings 10:6 And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my land concerning your deeds and your wisdom is true,
- 1 Kings 10:7 But I did not believe the words until I came and my own eyes saw. And indeed the half was not told to me; your wisdom and prosperity far exceed the report that I heard.
- 1 Kings 10:8 Happy are your men! Happy are these your servants, who attend you continually and hear your wisdom!
- 1 Kings 10:9 Blessed be Jehovah your God, who has delighted in you and set you upon the throne of Israel. Because Jehovah loves Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.
- 1 Kings 10:10 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold and a very great store of spices and some precious stones; never again did so great an abundance of spices come as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.
- 1 Kings 10:11 Moreover Hiram's fleet, which carried gold from Ophir, brought a great many almug trees and precious stones.
- 1 Kings 10:12 And the king made of the almug trees a banister for the house of Jehovah and for the king's house, and lyres and harps for the singers; such almug trees have not come nor have been seen again to this day.
- 1 Kings 10:13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked for, besides that which King Solomon gave her from his bounty. And she returned and went to her own land, she and her servants.
- 1 Kings 10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold,
- 1 Kings 10:15 Besides that which came through the traders and through the traffic of the merchants and through all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land.
- 1 Kings 10:16 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; he put six hundred shekels of gold upon each large shield.
- 1 Kings 10:17 And he made three hundred smaller shields of beaten gold; he put three minas of gold upon each smaller shield. And the king put them in the Lebanon Forest House.
- 1 Kings 10:18 And the king made a large ivory throne and overlaid it with the finest gold.
- 1 Kings 10:19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was rounded at its back; and there were armrests on either side next to the place of the seat, and two lions stood next to the armrests.
- 1 Kings 10:20 And twelve lions stood there upon the six steps on either side. Nothing like it had ever been made in any kingdom.
- 1 Kings 10:21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the Lebanon Forest House were of pure gold; none were of silver, which was not considered as anything in the days of Solomon.
- 1 Kings 10:22 For the king had at sea a fleet from Tarshish as well as Hiram's fleet. Once every three years the fleet from Tarshish came bearing gold and silver and ivory and apes and peacocks.
- 1 Kings 10:23 And King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in wealth and in wisdom.
- 1 Kings 10:24 And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

Psa 72:1 O God, give Your judgments to the king, / And Your righteousness to the son of the king.
 Psa 72:2 He will judge Your people in righteousness, / And Your poor with justice.
 Psa 72:3 The mountains will bear peace to the people, / And the hills, in righteousness.
 Psa 72:4 He will judge the poor of the people; / He will save the children of the needy / And crush the oppressor.
 Psa 72:5 They will fear You as long as the sun endures / And as long as the moon endures / Throughout the generations.
 Psa 72:6 He will drop like rain upon mown grass, / Like abundant showers dripping on the earth.
 Psa 72:7 In His days the righteous will flourish, / And there will be an abundance of peace / Until the moon is no more.
 Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
 Psa 72:11 And all the kings will bow down before Him; / All the nations will serve Him.
 Psa 72:17 His name will be forever; / As long as the sun endures, His name will spread; / And men will be blessed in Him; / All the nations will call Him blessed.
 Psa 72:18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, / Who alone does wondrous deeds;
 Psa 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; / And may His glory fill the whole earth. / Amen and Amen.
 Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
 Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
 Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

I. Solomon's splendid kingdom, with his prosperity under the rich blessing of God, is a type of Christ's kingdom in the millennium—1 Kings 4:20—5:18:

1 Kings 4:20 Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing.
 1 Kings 4:21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and unto the border of Egypt; they brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.
 1 Kings 4:22 And Solomon's provisions for one day were thirty cors of fine flour and sixty cors of meal,
 1 Kings 4:23 Ten fattened oxen and twenty pastured oxen and a hundred sheep, besides deer and gazelles and roebucks and fattened fowl.
 1 Kings 4:24 For he had dominion over all the area west of the River, from Tiphseh to Gaza, over all the kings west of the River; and he had peace on all sides around him.
 1 Kings 4:25 And Judah and Israel dwelt securely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan to Beer-sheba, throughout all Solomon's days.
 1 Kings 4:26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.
 1 Kings 4:27 And those superintendents provided food for King Solomon and for all who came to King Solomon's table, each in his month; they left nothing lacking.
 1 Kings 4:28 And they also brought to the place where it should be, barley and straw for the horses and steeds, each according to his charge.
 1 Kings 4:29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and very much understanding and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore.
 1 Kings 4:30 And Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the children of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.
 1 Kings 4:31 For he became wiser than all men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame was among all the surrounding nations.
 1 Kings 4:32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs numbered a thousand and five.
 1 Kings 4:33 And he discoursed about trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that shoots forth out of the wall; he also discoursed about animals and about birds and about creeping things and about fish.
 1 Kings 4:34 And they came from all the peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

- 1 Kings 5:1 Now Hiram the king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always loved David.
- 1 Kings 5:2 And Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying,
- 1 Kings 5:3 You know about David my father that he was not able to build a house for the name of Jehovah his God because of the warfare that his enemies surrounded him with, until Jehovah put them under the soles of his feet.
- 1 Kings 5:4 But now Jehovah my God has given me rest all around; there is no adversary or evil occurrence.
- 1 Kings 5:5 And now I intend to build a house for the name of Jehovah my God according to what Jehovah spoke to David my father, saying, Your son, whom I will put on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.
- 1 Kings 5:6 Now therefore command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon. And my servants will be with your servants, and I will give you payment for your servants, according to whatever you say; for you know that among us there is no one who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.
- 1 Kings 5:7 And when Hiram heard Solomon's words, he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed be Jehovah this day, who has given David a wise son over this great people.
- 1 Kings 5:8 And Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, I have heard the message which you have sent me. I will do all your desire concerning cedar timber and cypress timber.
- 1 Kings 5:9 My servants will bring down from Lebanon to the sea, and I will make them into rafts by sea to the place that you direct me; and I will break them apart there, and you can carry off. And you can fulfill my desire by giving food to my household.
- 1 Kings 5:10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar timber and cypress timber, all that he desired.
- 1 Kings 5:11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat as food for his household and twenty cors of the finest oil; this did Solomon give to Hiram year by year.
- 1 Kings 5:12 And Jehovah gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty.
- 1 Kings 5:13 And King Solomon levied forced labor out of all Israel, and the forced labor amounted to thirty thousand men.
- 1 Kings 5:14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: one month they were in Lebanon, and two months they were at home. And Adoniram was over the forced labor.
- 1 Kings 5:15 And Solomon had seventy thousand burden bearers and eighty thousand stonecutters in the mountains,
- 1 Kings 5:16 Besides Solomon's three thousand three hundred chief officers over the work, who directed the people who did the work.
- 1 Kings 5:17 And the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, in order to lay the foundation of the house with hewn stone.
- 1 Kings 5:18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites fashioned the stone and prepared the timber and the stones in order to build the house.
- A. Chapters 9 and 10 in 1 Kings portray the highest peak of Solomon's glory among the nations.
1 Kings 9, 10 be omitted.
- B. Solomon was glorified in the kingdom of Israel with the splendor of his kingdom; this is a prefigure of Christ in the millennium—vv. 1-24.
1 Kings 10:1-24 be omitted.

II. At His second coming Christ will take possession of the earth, which has been given to Him as His possession, and will establish God's kingdom on the whole earth, thus recovering God's right over the earth—Psa. 24:1:

- Psa 24:1 The earth is Jehovah's, and its fullness, / The habitable land and those who dwell in it.
- A. Psalm 24:7-10 unveils the victorious Christ as the coming King in God's eternal kingdom.
- Psa 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates; / And be lifted up, O long enduring doors; / And the King of glory will come in.
- Psa 24:8 Who is the King of glory? / Jehovah strong and mighty! / Jehovah mighty in battle!
- Psa 24:9 Lift up your heads, O gates; / And lift up, O long enduring doors; / And the King of glory will come in.
- Psa 24:10 Who is this King of glory? / Jehovah of hosts

- B. Jehovah is Jesus, and Jesus is the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Triune God, who is strong in fighting and is victorious—Rev. 5:5.
 Rev 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.
- C. He is the One who will come back in His resurrection with His overcomers to possess the earth as His kingdom—Dan. 2:34-35; 7:13-14; Joel 3:11; Rev. 11:15; 19:13-14.
- Dan 2:34 You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.
- Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.
- Dan 7:13 I watched in the night visions, / And there with the clouds of heaven / One like a Son of Man was coming; / And He came to the Ancient of Days, / And they brought Him near before Him.
- Dan 7:14 And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, / That all the peoples, nations, and languages might serve Him. / His dominion is an eternal dominion, which will not pass away; / And His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.
- Joel 3:11 Hurry and come, / All you surrounding nations, / And be gathered. / There cause Your mighty ones to descend, O Jehovah!
- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- Rev 19:13 And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God.
- Rev 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

III. Psalm 72 is on the reigning Christ, typified by the reigning Solomon:

- Psa 72:1 O God, give Your judgments to the king, / And Your righteousness to the son of the king.
- Psa 72:2 He will judge Your people in righteousness, / And Your poor with justice.
- Psa 72:3 The mountains will bear peace to the people, / And the hills, in righteousness.
- Psa 72:4 He will judge the poor of the people; / He will save the children of the needy / And crush the oppressor.
- Psa 72:5 They will fear You as long as the sun endures / And as long as the moon endures / Throughout the generations.
- Psa 72:6 He will drop like rain upon mown grass, / Like abundant showers dripping on the earth.
- Psa 72:7 In His days the righteous will flourish, / And there will be an abundance of peace / Until the moon is no more.
- Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
- Psa 72:9 The desert dwellers will bow down before Him, / And His enemies will lick the dust.
- Psa 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands / Will pay tribute; / The kings of Sheba and Seba / Will present gifts.
- Psa 72:11 And all the kings will bow down before Him; / All the nations will serve Him.
- Psa 72:12 For He will deliver the needy man when he cries, / And the poor man who has no one to help him.
- Psa 72:13 He will have pity on the weak and needy, / And the souls of the needy He will save.
- Psa 72:14 From oppression and violence / He will redeem their soul, / And their blood will be precious in His sight.
- Psa 72:15 So He shall live and to Him shall be given / The gold of Sheba; / And prayer shall be made continually for Him; / He shall be blessed all the day long.
- Psa 72:16 There will be an abundance of grain on the earth, / Even at the tops of the mountains. / Its fruit will wave like the forests of Lebanon, / And those of the city will blossom like the foliage of the earth.
- Psa 72:17 His name will be forever; / As long as the sun endures, His name will spread; / And men will be blessed in Him; / All the nations will call Him blessed.
- Psa 72:18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, / Who alone does wondrous deeds;
- Psa 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; / And may His glory fill the whole earth. / Amen and Amen.

Psa 72:20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

A. Psalm 72 is actually a psalm on King Solomon, who is a type of Christ as the reigning One—Matt. 12:42:

Psa 72 be omitted.

Matt 12:42 The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something more than Solomon is here.

1. Christ as the son of David is the One who inherits the throne and kingdom of David—1:1; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Luke 1:32-33.

Matt 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2 Sam 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, which will come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2 Sam 7:13 It is he who will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father,

Luke 1:33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

2. After His life of suffering on earth, typified by the sufferings of David, Christ ascended to the heavens, where He is now reigning as the King, typified by Solomon—1 Cor. 15:25; Rev. 17:14.

1 Cor 15:25 For He must reign until God puts all His enemies under His feet.

Rev 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.

B. The reigning Christ is typified in Psalm 72 by the reigning Solomon (Matt. 1:1; 22:42) in his prosperous and flourishing time (1 Kings 9—10), as indicated by the title of this psalm and by the first verse:

Psa 72 be omitted.

Matt 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matt 22:42 Saying, What do you think concerning the Christ? Whose son is He? They said to Him, David's.

1 Kings 9~10 be omitted.

1. Psalm 72 reveals Christ reigning over the earth, with all the kings bowing down to Him and all the nations serving Him—vv. 1-8, 11.

Psa 72 be omitted.

Psa 72:1 O God, give Your judgments to the king, / And Your righteousness to the son of the king.

Psa 72:2 He will judge Your people in righteousness, / And Your poor with justice.

Psa 72:3 The mountains will bear peace to the people, / And the hills, in righteousness.

Psa 72:4 He will judge the poor of the people; / He will save the children of the needy / And crush the oppressor.

Psa 72:5 They will fear You as long as the sun endures / And as long as the moon endures / Throughout the generations.

Psa 72:6 He will drop like rain upon mown grass, / Like abundant showers dripping on the earth.

Psa 72:7 In His days the righteous will flourish, / And there will be an abundance of peace / Until the moon is no more.

Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.

Psa 72:11 And all the kings will bow down before Him; / All the nations will serve Him.

2. Psalm 72 is a glorious picture of what it will be like for the Lord to recover, possess, and reign over the whole earth—vv. 17-19.

Psa 72 be omitted.

- Psa 72:17 His name will be forever; / As long as the sun endures, His name will spread; / And men will be blessed in Him; / All the nations will call Him blessed.
- Psa 72:18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, / Who alone does wondrous deeds;
- Psa 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; / And may His glory fill the whole earth. / Amen and Amen.
3. The reign of Christ, typified by Solomon, will be in the millennium in the age of restoration—Rev. 20:4, 6; Matt. 19:28.
- Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.
- Matt 19:28 And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the restoration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you also shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

IV. “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever”—Rev. 11:15:

- A. The kingdom of Christ is the millennium; it is also the kingdom of God—20:4, 6; Matt. 16:28; 13:41, 43.
- Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.
- Matt 16:28 Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.
- Matt 13:41 The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will collect out of His kingdom all the stumbling blocks and those who practice lawlessness,
- Matt 13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
- B. In the aspect of the kingdom as the kingdom of Christ and of God, Christ reigns with God; we may also say that Christ reigns as God—Rev. 11:15.
- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- C. The kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of Christ at His coming back after He executes His judgment upon the nations—Dan. 7:13-14; 2:44-45.
- Dan 7:13 I watched in the night visions, / And there with the clouds of heaven / One like a Son of Man was coming; / And He came to the Ancient of Days, / And they brought Him near before Him.
- Dan 7:14 And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, / That all the peoples, nations, and languages might serve Him. / His dominion is an eternal dominion, which will not pass away; / And His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.
- Dan 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever.
- Dan 2:45 Inasmuch as you saw that out of the mountain a stone was cut without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen afterward; and the dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy.

D. In Revelation 11:15 the Lord's reigning forever and ever is the Lord's reigning in the millennial kingdom and in the new heaven and new earth for eternity—22:5.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

E. All the overcomers will reign with Christ for a thousand years, and all the saved ones will reign forever and ever in eternity—20:4, 6; 22:5.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

V. After the Lord Jesus deals with the believers, the Jews, and the nations, He will bring in the millennium—the kingdom of Christ and of God on earth for a thousand years—20:4, 6:

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

A. The millennium refers to the time after Christ comes again as King to rule the world and before the new heaven and new earth.

B. During the millennium all the nations will come to Christ—Zech. 14:16.

Zech 14:16 And everyone left from all the nations that went forth against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

C. In the Old Testament there are many verses concerning the millennial kingdom—Psa. 2:6, 8-9; Isa. 2:2-5; 11:1-10; 65:20-25; Zech. 8:20-23; 14:16-21.

Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.

Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.

Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.

Isa 2:2 But in the last days / The mountain of the house of Jehovah will be established / On the top of the mountains; / And it will be lifted up above the hills; / And all the nations will stream to it,

Isa 2:3 And many peoples will come and say, / Come and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, / To the house of the God of Jacob, / That He may instruct us in His ways, / And that we may walk in His paths. / For from Zion will go forth instruction, / And the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem;

Isa 2:4 And He will judge between the nations, / And will decide matters for many peoples. / And they will beat their swords into plowshares, / And their spears into pruning knives; / Nation will not lift up sword against nation, / Nor will they learn war anymore.

Isa 2:5 House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

Isa 11:1 Then a sprout will come forth from the stump of Jesse, / And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

Isa 11:2 And the Spirit of Jehovah will rest upon Him, / The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, / The Spirit of counsel and might, / The Spirit of the knowledge and fear of Jehovah.

Isa 11:3 He will delight in the fear of Jehovah: / He will neither judge by what His eyes see, / Nor decide by what His ears hear.

Isa 11:4 But He will judge the poor in righteousness, / And decide with equity for the afflicted of the land. / And He will strike the land with the rod of His mouth, / And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness will be that which girds His loins, / And faithfulness will be that which girds His hips.

Isa 11:6 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 young boy will lead them about.

Isa 11:7 The cow and the bear will graze; / Their young will lie down together; / And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isa 11:8 The nursing child will play by the cobra's hole, / And upon the viper's den / The weaned child will stretch his hand.

Isa 11:9 They will not harm nor destroy / In all My holy mountain, / For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, / As water covers the sea.

Isa 11:10 And in that day the root of Jesse, / Who stands as a banner to the peoples

Isa 65:20 There will no longer be in her / An infant who reaches the age of only a few days / Nor an old man who does not fill up his days; / For the lad will die at a hundred years of age, / And the sinner, being a hundred years of age, will be cursed.

Isa 65:21 And they will build houses and inhabit them, / And they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isa 65:22 They will not build and another inhabit; / They will not plant and another eat; / For like the days of a tree are the days of My people, / And My chosen ones will enjoy the work of their hands to the full;

Isa 65:23 They will not labor in vain, / Nor bear children unto turmoil; / For they are the seed of those blessed of Jehovah, / And their offspring with them.

Isa 65:24 And it will be that before they call, I will answer; / Even while they are speaking, I will hear.

Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb will feed as one, / And the lion will eat straw like the ox, / And dust will be the serpent's food; / They will not harm nor destroy / In all My holy mountain, says Jehovah.

Zech 8:20 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Peoples will again come, even the inhabitants of many cities;

Zech 8:21 And the inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, Let us go at once to entreat the favor of Jehovah and to seek Jehovah of hosts; and the other: I will go too.

Zech 8:22 Indeed, many peoples and strong nations will come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of Jehovah.

Zech 8:23 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, In those days, from all the languages of the nations, ten men will take hold, indeed, they will take hold of the skirt of a Jewish man, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

Zech 14:16 And everyone left from all the nations that went forth against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zech 14:17 And whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there will be no rain.

Zech 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and enter, there will be no rain upon them; there will be the plague with which Jehovah strikes the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zech 14:19 This will be the sin of Egypt and the sin of all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zech 14:20 In that day on the horses' bells will be, Holiness to Jehovah; and the pots in the house of Jehovah will be like the basins before the altar.

Zech 14:21 Indeed every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holiness to Jehovah of hosts; and all those who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them; and there will never again be a Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts in that day.

- D. In Acts 3:21 *the times of the restoration of all things* refers to the millennium:
 Acts 3:21 Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of the restoration of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old.
1. This restoration will affect not only man but also the entire universe—the heavens, the earth, the animals, and even the trees.
 2. Everything that was cursed through the fall of man will be restored—Isa. 11:6; 30:26.
 Isa 11:6 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 young boy will lead them about.
 Isa 30:26 And the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, / And the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of seven days, / On the day when Jehovah binds up the breach of His people / And heals the wound left from His stroke.
- E. The millennium will still be used by God as an age of preparation:
1. During this age God will perfect the saints who have not been perfected during the age of the church so that they may be qualified to enter into the New Jerusalem for God's eternal kingdom.
 2. During the millennium God will also purify the restored nations to be the people on the new earth.
- F. The believers in Christ the Son of God have been regenerated into the kingdom of God, and they are in the church life, living in the kingdom of God today, but not all believers, only the overcoming ones, will participate in the millennium—John 3:5, 15-16; Rom. 14:17; Rev. 12:10-11; 2:26-27; 3:21.
- John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- John 3:15 That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.
- Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.
- Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;
- Rev 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
- Rev 3:21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

VI. What is described in Matthew 16:28—17:5 is a miniature of the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens in the millennium:

- Matt 17:4 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You are willing, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.
- Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!
- A. The center of this miniature is the glorified Jesus, and with Him are Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament overcomers, and Peter, James, and John, representing the New Testament overcomers—vv. 1-3.
- Matt 17:1 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain privately.
- Matt 17:2 And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.
- Matt 17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him.

- B. On the mountain with the Lord Jesus, Peter, James, and John had a foretaste of the coming manifestation of the kingdom—16:28—17:3.

Matt 16:28 Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

Matt 17:1 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain privately.

Matt 17:2 And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.

Matt 17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him.

- C. For the Lord Jesus to be transfigured means that His humanity was saturated and permeated with His divinity; this transfiguration was His glorification—v. 2:

Matt 17:2 And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.

1. The transfiguration, the shining, of the Lord Jesus was His coming in His kingdom; where His transfiguration is, there is the coming of the kingdom—Mark 9:1-4; Luke 9:27-31.

Mark 9:1 And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,

Mark 9:3 And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.

Mark 9:4 And Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Luke 9:27 But I say to you truly, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:28 And about eight days after these words, He took with Him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray.

Luke 9:29 And as He prayed, the appearance of His face became different, and His garment dazzling white.

Luke 9:30 And behold, two men were conversing with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

Luke 9:31 Who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to complete in Jerusalem.

2. The transfiguration of the Lord Jesus was the realization of what He is.
3. The kingdom is the shining of the reality of the Lord Jesus; to be under His shining is to be in the kingdom—Rev. 22:4-5.

Rev 22:4 And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.

Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

4. In the millennium the overcoming believers will be with Christ in the bright glory of the kingdom: “then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”—Matt. 13:43a and footnotes 1 and 2.

Matt 13:43a Then the ¹righteous will shine forth like the sun in the ²kingdom of their Father. ...

note 1 The sons of the kingdom (v. 38), who are the overcomers.

note 2 The kingdom of the Father is the heavenly part of the millennium, the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens as a reward to the overcomers.