

## 221127-1 The Kingdom Coming Series, Pt 4 of 4, The Nature of the Kingdom— CThurman

It was one year ago, during this time of the year that I brought to you during our devotional times the topics *Christ Come to Earth & the Millennial Kingdom*, *A synopsis of Christ's Kingdom*, and *The Future Kingdom & What It Will Bring* and in the year 2021 taught in the congregation or posted on Sermon Audio messages entitled *A Few Thoughts about the Coming Kingdom* (12/26/21,39 min.), *Brief Premillennial Thoughts* (Nov. 7, 2021, 12 min.), *Three Divisions of the Tribulation Period* (Sep. 29, 2021, 60 min.), and *A Skeletal Look at 1Th.2.1-14* (Jun. 23, 2021, 50 min.) These are all teachings that should encourage the saints to be watchful against being overcome by the spirit of this world, in thinking and living, so that they might attain unto the first resurrection which is at Christ's coming, the day of the glorification of the saints of God. (cf. Phl.3.11)

None of the believing at large, those living outside of a church sphere of life, is prepared for that day. Many of the saints, the children of God in the churches of Jesus Christ, are unprepared for that day because Christ is not their *first love*. (cf. Re.2.4) They *will* not give him first place in their lives. He comes *after* they have gotten all of their *ducks* in a row. Christ doesn't take *second chair* to anything or anyone. The *chiefest seat* in the heart is His. He bought that right with His blood and He will have it. And of course it goes without saying that those without faith in Jesus Christ are unprepared for His coming and kingdom to this earth. It's a sad state of affairs today but it seems that the message of '*repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*' needs to be preached to many professed believers as well as to the unbeliever.

*Mt.3.2 And (John the Baptist preached) saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

*3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

*4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.*

*5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,*

*6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*

*7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

True repentance is a change of mind concerning sin against God. The heart, the mind, and the course of life is suddenly changed from what it ever was willing to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ by precious word of God. But until repentance the soul is lost and perishing.

*Lu 13:3 ... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*

*Ac 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent ...*

The repented, baptized believing church-related disciples of Jesus Christ live in expectation of the coming of Christ and His kingdom. How do we know that we live in expectation of the coming of Christ and His kingdom? We talk about it.

*Ps 145:11 They (the saints) shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;*

*12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.*

*13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.*

The topic today concerns the nature of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Today we're going to talk about what Christ's kingdom will be like on this earth when He returns. Brethren, big changes are coming to earth when Jesus comes. Glorious changes are coming to this earth at the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us what some of those changes are.

### **Radical Changes to Earth & on Earth**

First of all, the earth and life on earth will change radically from what it has ever been. We're going to begin by reading from the Book of Revelation.

Revelation is a book that, in my opinion, discloses the *last week* of Daniel's 70 weeks. Daniel's 70 weeks, a 490 year period of time that the LORD determined to

specially deals with the nation of Israel, falls within larger period of time that is called *the times of the Gentiles*. (cf. Lk.21.24) This time of the Gentiles began with King Nebuchadnezzar and ends in the last days with the destruction of the son of perdition, man of sin, The Antichrist. (cf. 2Th.2.3)

So, the things that happen during the last week, the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, is huge.

1. It is preceded by the *fulness of the Gentiles* coming to Christ in faith (no more Gentiles are saved [cf. Ro.11.25]).
2. It brings to an end the *times of the Gentiles* world-wide domination over the earth. (cf. Dan. 2.37-45; 7.1-14)
3. It leads to the salvation of the nation of Israel. (cf. Ro.11.26) And,
4. It leads to the beginning of the Kingdom of Israel, Kingdom of Jesus Christ, Kingdom of Heaven come to earth, and the millennial kingdom (All synonymous terms). (cf. Dan.2.35b, 45; 7.13, 14)

Turn to Revelation chapter 8. As we read notice the judgments that fall upon the earth and upon the unbelieving world. It begins by describing an angel that is evidently in the *throne room* of glory. The procedure of the angel parallels what an high priest would as he ministered in the tabernacle offering the daily incense upon the altar of incense that was positioned in front of the beautiful vail, behind which sat the ark of the covenant with the mercy seat on top of that.

*Re.8.1 ¶ And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.*

*2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.*

*3 And another angel came and stood at the (brazen [cf. Lev.16.12]) altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense (cf. Ex.30.34), that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden (incense [cf. Ex.39.38]) altar which was before the throne (mercy seat).*

*4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. (Smoke representing the intercessions of Jesus Christ for the saints to God. Christ intercessions on account of the weaknesses of the saints.)*

*5 And the angel took the censer (understanding the angel then coming to the brazen altar), and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. (The brazen altar is symbolic of judgment. This is the place where Christ was judged for sin, accepted and consumed before God as burnt offering for His people.)*

*6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*

*7 ¶ The first angel sounded: 1/3 of the greenery burned up – 8 And the second angel sounded: 1/3 of the seas became blood, all ships in it destroyed and all living creatures died – 10 And the third angel sounded: 1/3 of the fresh waters became poisoned so that many died as a result – 12 And the fourth angel sounded: 1/3 of the day smitten so that this portion of the day and night were gone (take away 8 hrs. of the day) – 9.1 ¶ And the fifth angel sounded: the sun blocked by smoke which filled the air; from the pit ascended locusts which stung men so that they afflicted with sickness for 5 mos., wishing to die but can't – 13 ¶ And the sixth angel sounded: a massive army crosses the Euphrates river (evidently an army from the east) killing 1/3 of mankind ...*

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*10.7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. (the time of the first resurrection)*

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*11.15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

This is when Satan is cast from his present dark, heavenly principality to the earth, when he inhabits the man of sin and in his wrath attempts to effect a final solution to the Israeli/Christian problem. And Christ comes to destroy him and all of the unbelieving.

In the time of Christ's coming religious Babylon is destroyed (cf. Re.14.8, 9; 17.15-18), economic Babylon is destroyed (cf. Re. ch.18, noting vss. 11-19), and political Babylon is destroyed. (cf. Re.19.17-21) The whole, corrupt, wicked vine of this earth must be cut off and cast into the winepress of the wrath of God. (cf. Re.14.14-20) After this even the dragon, that old serpent which is the Devil and Satan, the driving force behind this whole present evil world shall be bound for one thousand years. If this isn't what the Bible says in Re.20.1-3 then we can't understand the simplest of statements in the rest of the word of God. These things being done the kingdom of Jesus Christ will be nothing like the kingdoms that have dominated this earth since the fall of man into sin. God purposed and directed everything from the very beginning so that this present creation crescendos with Christ on His throne in Israel and His kingdom the last, greatest kingdom on this earth. (cf. Re.20.4) When this time comes there will be stupendous, incomparable changes to the earth, on the earth, that affects every living creature. This nature of Christ's kingdom is revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Changes are coming to this earth; the topography, the government, the economy, and the religion of man shall be changed when Jesus comes. Life will be affected. The very nature of all living creatures will be affected to some extent from what it was previously.

*Isa 11:9 ... the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Turn to the book of the prophet Hosea. This book is next after the book of Daniel; Ezekiel, Daniel, **Hosea**. Beginning with this prophet let's consider the nature of Christ's kingdom. (Read chs. 1-2.13) Now Hosea's prophecy followed Isaiah's prophecy by about thirty years and preceded Daniel's by at least one hundred years. Hosea prophesied in the days of Jeroboam. He is the second Jeroboam named king of Israel; king of a divided nation, king of the northern ten tribes of Israel. At the time of Hosea's prophecy the northern kingdom is near to the time when they shall be taken away captive by the Assyrian. (cf. Hos.1.1, 4) This man wrote this concerning the Book of Hosea:

'Israel is pictured as an untrue wife to be restored in millennial days. ... By contrast the church in figure is described as a pure virgin being prepared for future marriage.' *The Millennial Kingdom*, John R. Walvoord, p.246

**Hos.2.14 ¶ Therefore, behold, I will allure her (Israel), and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.**

**15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope:**

Here in the valley of Achor Israel put away the sin of Achan who had brought Israel into a curse for having taken of the accursed thing. And here Israel is brought into blessing.

*Jos.7.24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.*

*25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.*

*26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.*

*De 28:1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

*2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.*

...

*13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:*

...

*15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:*

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*67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.*

***and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.***

This will be a great time of rejoicing for the nation of Israel, like the singing of Israel when the LORD brought them out of Egypt. (cf. Ex. ch. 15, The Song of Moses; & Miriam led the women with their timbrel and dances in responses to Moses' song.)

*Ex 15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

*Ex 15:21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

*Deu.4.33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?*

*34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?*

***16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi (my husband); and shalt call me no more Baali (my Master or Lord).***

***17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.***

The nature of the nation of Israel shall have a renewed mind to forget the past gods to serve the Living God.

*Ro 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (them and their refers to the people of God [v.1], the children of Israel [v.2].)*

***18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground:***

The LORD imposed a law, a rule, a principle upon the earth and upon all of the living creatures. The LORD imposed upon the animal kingdom *fear* and predation.

*Ge 9.1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

*2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

*3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*

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*5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it (implication of predation), and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.*

*Ro.8.20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but [was made subject, added] by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

God also subjected the living creatures so that they might be affected by man's sins. And they are all, man and beast, to be delivered from that affect at the same time, together.

*21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*



*22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

At the time of the kingdom of Christ the LORD lifts this fear and predation rule so that they are brought to peace. The LORD in His wisdom had the right to impose upon the animal kingdom this fear and He also has the right to lift it from His creation when it pleases Him.

**Read Is.11.4b-12.** The predatory nature is past and the all the creatures come to peace; where nursing babies and weaned children are safe from hurt from the many living creatures.

*Eze 34:25 And I will make with them (the flock & house of Israel [cf. vss. 13, 30) a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.*

The animal kingdom is brought to rest.

So, until now the problem has been that the nations and even Israel defiled the LORD's land, and for this the LORD caused it (the land) to devour the inhabitants that lived in it.

*Jer.2.7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.*

*Ez.36.17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.*

*18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it ...*

*Nu.35.33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.*

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

**Deu.18.9** ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

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12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

**Le 18:26** Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

**Lev.26.3** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing (of grains) shall reach unto the vintage (reaping of the vineyard), and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

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14 ¶ But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption (wasting), and the burning ague (fever [Deu.28.22]),

*that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.*

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*18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.*

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*21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.*

...

*23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;*

*24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.*

...

*27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;*

*28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.*

...

*40 ¶ If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;*

*41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:*

*42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.*

*43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.*

*44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.*

*45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.*

**Read Is.65.17-25.** In many of our KJV Bibles the caption to this chapter is incorrect. If it reads, 'The blessed state of the new Jerusalem,' then it should read, 'The blessed state of the Millennial Jerusalem.' There is a difference the millennial Jerusalem and the New Jerusalem. In the millennial Jerusalem there is still dying and unbelief (v.20b) The new and eternal Jerusalem, the City of our God shall never suffer these things. (cf. Re.21.2-5, 9-27)

Now, in this text we read that Israel shall dwell in their houses, reap of those things planted, enjoy longevity of life (hundreds of years), give birth the children who shall be all blessed of the LORD. (vss.21-23) All of these things should have been understood literally rather than figurative. As literally as verses 21-23 were interpreted so should verses 24, 25 have been interpreted. For example, verse 25 states that the serpent's food shall be of the dust. This cannot be symbolic of Satan. Here the serpent's food, the snake's desire is turned from predation upon living things to that which has no life, the *dust*. Nowhere in Scripture is it stated that Satan's nature will be adjusted from anything but what it has always been. He is a liar, destroyer and murderer. Satan will not be changed during the millennium. He is *bound* during the millennium kingdom. (cf. Rev.20.2, 3)

*Hos.2.18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: – and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.*

There will be no more war when Christ's kingdom comes.

*Eze 34:28 And they (the flock of Israel) shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.*

(Isaiah 2.1-5; Zec.9.9, 10; 14.11; Ps.46.8-11; Mic.4.3)

**19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.**

**20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.**

*Ez.36.24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*

*25 ¶ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

*26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

*27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

*28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

**21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;**

**22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.**

The curse is lifted from the earth.

*Ge.3.17 ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;*

*18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*

*19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

*Isa 51:1 ¶ Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

*2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.*

*3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.*

*Ez.34.26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.*

*27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.*

*Ez.36.29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.*

*30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.*

*31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.*

*32 Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.*

*33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.*

*34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.*

35 *And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.*

*Am.9.8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.*

*9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.*

*10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.*

*11 ¶ In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:*

*12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.*

*13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.*

*14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.*

*15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.*

***23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.***

The kingdom of Israel, of Jesus Christ, of Heaven, of the millennial kingdom is going to be absolutely wonderful. Changes will come to this earth and on this earth which shall last for one thousand years. This will be the greatest thing this earth and its inhabitants have ever enjoyed. This is the nature of the kingdom

that is coming. Israel shall be the head of the nations of the earth and Jesus Christ shall rule the world from Jerusalem. The churches of Christ, the glorified children of God raised in the first resurrection shall rule and reign with Christ during this 1,000 years. And when all of these things are finished only all of the children of God, of all of human history shall come to new heavens in which there is a new. And upon this new earth shall the new Jerusalem descend; that eternal city of God. And here we shall be forever in the presence of God.

But this is promised only to the redeemed of the Lord. Do you know that Christ died for you? Have you repented of your sins? Have you shown yourself to be a disciple of Christ to follow His commandments, the first of which commandment is to be baptized? Will you serve Christ to the end of your days from within the context of a church just like this church? To have faith in Christ is to have eternal life. *He that the Son hath life. He that hath not the Son of God hath not life.* (1Jn.5.12) Baptism is an act that proves the reality of your faith. Baptism doesn't save your soul or give faith. It's simply proof of prerequisite faith. Serving Christ in the context of His church is in preparation for Christ's coming and kingdom. The faithful will be raised glorified to rule and reign with Him.

*Mt 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

Christ is coming and His kingdom. Ready yourselves for that day!