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Isaiah Message 141

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Christ's Charge to Peter by Raphael Cir 1515-1516

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It is our desire to draw ever closer to the Lamb of God, Jesus Our Creator and Messiah. It is only through Him that redemption can be found.

Verse-by-Verse we draw closer to God and experience true freedom in the truth of His Word.



My sheep hear
my voice, and I
know them, and
they follow me:
John 10:27

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Peace By William Sttrutt Cir 1896 depicting Isaiah 11:6-7

Learning God's Word One Verse at a Time

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Announcements and What to Pray for:

Pray for the Christians stuck in Afghanistan, Pray for rescue efforts. Praise for the release of the missionaries in Haiti. God's Seminary Students, Our Elected Officials. For all the people who connect in with us through our on-line broadcasts and listen to and read our messages via the internet. Our children and their walk with God. Silent prayer requests. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).

Next Week:

THE LORD REBUKES THE HYPOCRITES

Sermon audio: Doctorwoodhead
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UTube TV Shows Posted Weekly; Daniel Woodhead UTube
<https://www.youtube.com/user/danwoodhead>

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<http://tinysa.com/live/doctorwoodhead>

Share Your Church With Others

Sunday January 2, 2022

11:00 AM

Introduction Music: Behold The Lamb of God
George F. Handel

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Opening Prayer:

Hymn #1: Oft We Come Together
Tillit S. Teddlie

Communion: Remembering Our Lord

Hymn #2 Earth Holds No Treasures
Tillit s. Teddlie

MESSAGE: GOD DESCRIBES THE KINGDOM

Hymn #3: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Louisa M. R. Stead

Hymn #4: The Sands of Time
After Samuel Rutherford

Closing Music: Hornpipe from The Water Music
George F. Handel

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The Book of Isaiah

One-Hundred-Forty-One

God Answers Isaiah's Prayer Pt III

THE COMING KINGDOM

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Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. ¹⁸But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. ²⁰There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah ASV, 1901).

THE RENOVATION OF THE EARTH

Isaiah 65:17

¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind (ASV, 1901).

In the Messianic Kingdom the earth will become transformed to a near Edenic state. Because of the abundance of good that God will shower upon His world, it will appear as if the world has been created anew, that is, brand new because the world will have little resemblance to the previous world order. This will be the general characteristic of the Messianic Kingdom. It will be a renovation of the present earth, not the brand new one seen by the apostle John (Revelation 21&22). The Revelation passages describe the new heavens and new earth of the Eternal Order, while the Isaiah passage describes those of the Messianic Kingdom which will be a renovation of the present heavens and earth. In the world's chronological sequence, the Tribulation will be followed by the seventy-five-day interval and then the thousand-year Messianic Kingdom (aka the Millennium). After which will be the Eternal Order seen by John that he recorded in the book of Revelation. Those of the Revelation are not a renovation, but a brand-new order. So, for the Millennium, there will be a total renovation of the heavens and the earth. The fact that the term create (Hebrew *bora*) is used shows that this renovation

will be a miraculous creative movement by God, for only He can create. The result of this renovation will be a continuation of many things of the old order but renovated, such as the Mediterranean and Dead Seas as well as a number of new things such as the millennial mountain (Isaiah 2:2–4; Micah 4:1–2). One of the reasons for this transformation will be the binding of Satan for the entire thousand-year Messianic Kingdom who tormented the world for thousands of years.

Revelation 20:1–3

¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season (KJV).

Another will be the acceleration of the speed of light in the Kingdom.

Isaiah 30:26

²⁶Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound (ASV, 1901).

Since the speed of light closer to the Creation was significantly faster than it is now, it is apparent that light will increase in speed during this Millennial Kingdom. This will be the reason for the increase in food production, and an increase in the longevity of life in the Millennium. ¹ This was one of the reasons that length of life was much longer in humans closer to creation than it is now.

PEOPLE WILL BE HAPPY AND REJOICE

Isaiah 65:18–19

¹⁸But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying (ASV, 1901).

Because of the abundance of good in the future Kingdom people will not even be able to imagine suffering. The entire concept will be foreign to the population and no one will be

¹ Setterfield, Barry, *The Velocity of Light and the Age of the Universe* Originally published in *Creation* 4 no. 1 (March 1981): 38-48, <https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/starlight/the-velocity-of-light-and-the-age-of-the-universe/> accessed 1-17-2019

able to imagine suffering. God says that Israel will be joyful for in the Kingdom of the future there will be only joy.

The Lord God Who scattered Israel will bring them back into their own Land so that regenerate Israel can cleanse the Land of all pollution (Ezekiel 11:14–18). This is also affirmed in Ezekiel 35:24 and Matthew 24:31.

Ezekiel 36:24

²⁴For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land (ASV, 1901).

Matthew 24:31

³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (KJV).

Because Jerusalem will be the source of peace for the entire world, it will be figuratively renamed Gladness. The values that will emanate from her to the rest of the world will result in universal peace and joy. The ultimate purpose of Creation is the gladness that humanity will enjoy when it acknowledges the sovereignty of God and dedicates itself to His service. Verse 18 explains “Gladness” because He will rejoice that His will is carried out there and therefore His glory will rest upon it. The nation will also be called “Joy,” because God will be delighted in what they will do and finally they will fully deserve to be called His Chosen People.

HOLINESS IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Zechariah 14:20

²⁰In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLY UNTO JEHOVAH; and the pots in Jehovah’s house shall be like the bowls before the altar” (ASV, 1901).

In this description of the holiness that will characterize the Messianic Kingdom, Zechariah uses the illustration of “bells of the horses”. He is illustrating the celebratory gladness as the bells ring on horse’s harnesses with each step they take! There will be an inscription on those bells that proclaim “HOLY UNTO JEHOVAH.” This is the same inscription, which is on the gold plate of the turban of the High Priest (Exodus 28:36; 39:30). “Holy” in this sense means dedicated for the use of the Lord. The world will be governed by a theocracy with King Jesus as the Holy universal Lawgiver. He will be physically present on the earth. The earth and its entire population will be holy and dedicated to the service of the Lord as He reigns in Jerusalem, and they will live in peace, security, and righteousness. Holiness is an attribute of the Messianic Kingdom.

THE GATES OF THE CITY

This information regarding the names of the gates to messianic Jerusalem in verses 30–35 are only found here in the Bible:

Ezekiel 48:30–35

³⁰And these are the egresses of the city: On the north side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure; ³¹and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. ³²And at the east side four thousand and five hundred reeds, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one. ³³And at the south side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one. ³⁴At the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. ³⁵It shall be eighteen thousand reeds round about: and the name of the city from that day shall be, Jehovah is there. (ASV, 1901)

The city gates will all be named after the twelve sons of Jacob. On the north side of the city of Jerusalem will be Ruben, Judah, and Levi's gate. These three sons of Leah, the unloved wife of Jacob, will have a prominent place in the messianic city of Jerusalem in terms of being the names of the top most gates, which is a way of honoring Leah. Leah never turned from God, and He honors her loyalty here by naming the top three gates after her sons. They were also first in Moses' blessing:

Deuteronomy 33:6–8

⁶Let Reuben live, and not die; Nor let his men be few. ⁷And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, Jehovah, the voice of Judah, And bring him in unto his people. With his hands he contended for himself; And thou shalt be a help against his adversaries. ⁸And of Levi he said, Thy Thummim and thy Urim are with thy godly one, Whom thou didst prove at Massah, With whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah. (ASV, 1901)

Reuben was the first-born, Judah was the first in patriarchal blessing, and Levi was selected to serve God. All their sibling rivalries will be gone, and only harmonious relationships will prevail among them. The eastern side's gates will be named Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan. The southern side's gates will be named Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun. The western side's gates will be named Gad, Asher, and Naphtali.

In verse 35b, Ezekiel tells us that the name of the city will be renamed "Jehovah Shammah" or "God is there." Since the Messiah, the God-man, will be reigning in as the Prince of Peace, God also is going to be there. Jeremiah also calls messianic Jerusalem by a different but related name, which is Jehovah our Righteousness:

Jeremiah 33:16

¹⁶In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name whereby she shall be called: Jehovah our righteousness. (ASV, 1901)

Isaiah tells us that Jerusalem will also be the center of worldwide gentile attention:

Isaiah 60:10–14

¹⁰And foreigners shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. ¹¹Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive. ¹²For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. ¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. ¹⁴And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The city of Jehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. (ASV, 1901)

Gentiles will be the servants of Israel, but God will remain their sovereign king. God will also use them to build up the millennial Jerusalem. The twelve gates named after the twelve sons of Jacob will be continually open, never to be closed throughout the kingdom. The gentile nations and kings will bring their tribute through these gates. If they fail to do so, God will bring swift judgment upon them. The gentile nations, who in the past afflicted the City of Jerusalem all during “the times of the gentiles,” will now bow in submission to its authority.

THE LONGEVITY OF LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

Isaiah 65:20

²⁰There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed (ASV, 1901).

Here God discusses life and death in the Kingdom. This verse teaches several things. *First:* there will no longer be any infant mortality in the Millennium; everyone who is born in the Kingdom will reach a minimum certain age. *Second:* the specific age at which one may die is the age of one hundred. With infant mortality removed, everyone born in the Millennium will live at least until his or her hundredth year of life. Because of the prolongation of life in the Millennium, those who die at the age of one hundred will be considered as having died young. *Third:* this verse limits the people dying at the age of one hundred to those who are sinners; namely, unbelievers, as only they would be considered *accursed*. So, then, death in the Kingdom will be for unbelievers only.

During the Millennium there will be two people groups on earth: the Jewish people, and the Gentiles. Additionally, there will be two different types of bodies for the Millennial population, resurrected bodies and natural bodies.

Those going into the Messianic Kingdom in resurrected bodies will be:

- The people who were in the Church from the first Pentecost until the Rapture (I Thessalonians 4:13–18).
- Old Testament Saints (Isaiah 26:19).
- Great Tribulation Saints (Revelation 20:4).
- Possibly the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Revelation 7).

Those going into the Messianic Kingdom in natural bodies will be:

- The Jews who made it through the Tribulation.
- The Gentiles who survived the Tribulation and the Lord’s judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

All the Jews going into the Messianic Kingdom will be converted and become connected to God. As Jeremiah said, God will place His law in their hearts and they all will know Him (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

THE REMNANT WILL BE SINLESS

Zephaniah 3:13

¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid (ASV, 1901).

This verse clearly states that “*the remnant*” of Israel will be sinless in the Messianic Kingdom. They will do *no* iniquity, nor speak *any* lies, or utter *any* deceit.

ISRAEL’S POPULATION WILL INCREASE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

Ezekiel 36:37-38

³⁷Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

This text explains that following the national salvation of the Nation Israel there will be a population increase of Jews, all knowing the Lord. This increase must come from the remnant of approximately 4.5 million who made it through the Tribulation because they will have natural bodies.

THE GENTILE PEOPLE IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

There will be three groups of Gentile people in the Messianic Kingdom:

- Those who were part of the Church.

- Those who were saved during the Great Tribulation.
- Those who survived the Great Tribulation and the Lord's judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

THE NATURE OF THE TWO BODIES IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

The Bible speaks of two types of human bodies that will be in the Messianic Kingdom, natural and resurrected, and Jews and Gentile will be present in both types of bodies.

The population of the Millennial Kingdom will be made up of both Jews and Gentiles who will have either a resurrected body or a natural body. All will acknowledge Jesus as their King and Messiah.

Comparing this passage with what is stated about salvation in other passages, the entire concept of life and death in the Kingdom can be summarized as follows. When the Kingdom begins, all natural men, both Jews and Gentiles, will be believers. The Jews (not part of the Church) in their entirety will be saved just prior to the Second Coming of the Messiah. All unbelieving Gentiles (goats) will be killed during the seventy-five day interval between the Tribulation and the Millennium, and only believing Gentiles (sheep) will be able to enter the Kingdom. However, over time, there will be birth in the Kingdom of both Jews and Gentiles. These newly born, natural people will continue to inherit the sin nature from their natural parents and will also be in need of regeneration. Although Satan is confined, thus reducing temptation, the sin nature is quite capable of rebelling against God apart from satanic prodding. In time, there will be unsaved people living in the Kingdom in need of regeneration. As in the past, the means of salvation will be by grace through faith and the content of faith will be the death of Messiah for sin and His subsequent resurrection. Those born in the Kingdom will have until their hundredth year to believe. If they do not, they will die in their hundredth year. The unbeliever will not be able to live past one hundred years. However, if they do believe, they will live throughout the Millennium and never die. So, death in the Millennium will be for unbelievers only. This is why the Bible nowhere speaks of a resurrection of millennial saints. This is why the resurrection of the Tribulation saints is said to complete the first resurrection (Revelation 20:4–6). It is also clear from the New Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31–34 that there will be no Jewish unbelievers in the Kingdom. All Jews born during the Kingdom will accept the Messiah by their hundredth year. Unbelief will be among the Gentiles only and, therefore, death will exist only among the Gentiles.

HE WILL INSTILL PEACE ON THE EARTH

Isaiah 65:21–25

²¹And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion

shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah ASV, 1901).

This describes life in the Kingdom as a time of personal peace and prosperity. It will be a time of building and planting. He who builds and plants is guaranteed the enjoyment of the labors of his hands, for many of the effects of the curse will be removed. Life will be characterized by longevity due to the increased speed of light, absence of calamity and turmoil, as well as the binding of Satan. The animal kingdom will be at peace with each other and with man.

Isaiah 11:6–9

⁶And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea (ASV, 1901).

In this passage, Isaiah describes one of the major characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom, which is universal peace. Earlier in chapter two the Lord gave Isaiah another prophecy regarding a different aspect of peace on their earth. While conflicts between nations will arise, such differences will no longer be settled by armed responses, but only by the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The practices of warfare will no longer be studied and carried out. War colleges will cease to exist.

Isaiah 2:4

⁴And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (ASV, 1901).

ALL ANIMAL LIFE DOCILE

Prior to the Flood all the animals coexisted with humans in relative peace. After the Flood, God put the fear of man within animal nature (Genesis 9:2). He includes “*every beast of the earth.*” “*every bird of the air,*” “*all wherewith the ground teemeth*” (crawls on the ground), and “*all the fishes of the sea.*” The cattle and the domesticated animals were excluded. They would not have an inner fear of mankind, because this aspect of the Noachic covenant was necessary since they became a food source for man, but are not to be needlessly slaughtered. God gives man dominion over the animal kingdom, and man is required to provide responsible stewardship over the creatures of the earth. This relationship with the animal kingdom will continue until the Great Tribulation, when the animal kingdom will turn on mankind in an adversarial relationship. They will assist the Lord in the destruction of twenty-five percent of the world's human population:

Revelation 6:8

⁸And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and the beasts of the earth. (KJV, underlining added)

Following the Great Tribulation and the inauguration of the Messianic Kingdom, the animal-human relationship will revert back to the Eden state. The knowledge of God will permeate throughout the entire world, causing man and animals alike to all live peaceably together in harmony.

As universal peace falls on the earth the animal kingdom will undergo major changes. All animals will return to the Edenic state and become vegetarians. Even the snake, will be able to live in friendship with man, for the knowledge of God will permeate throughout the entire world, affecting man and animal alike. All animals will be living in a state of harmony. Where before they had a necessity to prey on each other and fear humans, now there will be peace and harmony among all. The text gives examples of the peace in the animal kingdom such as a little child being safe with lions, bears, cobras, and vipers (Isaiah 65:25). And on the temple mount (God's holy mountain; cf. 27:13; 56:7; 57:13; 65:11, 25; 66:20) peace and tranquility will prevail.

Next message: GOD HATES HYPOCRISY

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