

# THE COMING EARTHLY KINGDOM OF CHRIST

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5 Session Four / Wednesday, February 7, 2007  
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7 REVIEW:

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9 **Here again is the end-time scenario:**

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11 ● The next event will be the Rapture of the Church  
12 ● The Raptured Saints (living and those who died earlier) will be instantly  
13 with the Lord. They will stand before the Lord at the Judgment Seat of  
14 Christ to determine their eternal rewards and then taken to the Marriage  
15 Supper of the Lamb.  
16 ● On earth, the next seven years following the Rapture will be the Tribulation  
17 which will last for seven years.  
18 ● The Tribulation will be opened by the advent of the Antichrist.  
19 ● There will be three sets of divine judgement on the earth: The Seal  
20 Judgments, the Trumpet Judgments, and the Bowl (or Vial) Judgments. All  
21 of these will be supernatural in scope and content and NOT man's  
22 inhumanity to man.  
23 ● When the sixth Bowl Judgment is broken (see scripture at top of page 1,  
24 line 6) the armies of the world will meet for the Battle of Armageddon.  
25 While the battle ground will encompass far more than the Valley of  
26 Esdraelon (or Armageddon), that 25 mile long valley in the north of Israel  
27 will be the centerpiece.

28 **Rev. 19:11-21**

29 **And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him**  
30 **was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**  
31 **[12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had**  
32 **a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a**  
33 **vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the**  
34 **armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen,**  
35 **white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he**  
36 **should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth**  
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1 the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his  
2 vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF  
3 LORDS.

4 [17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying  
5 to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together  
6 unto the supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the  
7 flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them  
8 that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.  
9 [19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered  
10 together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. [20]  
11 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles  
12 before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast,  
13 and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire  
14 burning with brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him  
15 that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls  
16 were filled with their flesh.

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18 1. Last week we ended our session with the armies from the West, led by Antichrist,  
19 gathered at Armageddon to do battle with the kings of the East who had crossed the  
20 Euphrates.

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22 \* Remember that Armageddon is a field well-suited for battle, stretching 30 miles  
23 east from Mount Carmel. The actual Armageddon battle will be fought over a much-  
24 wider arena than the valley alone.

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26 2. Here's the scenario:  
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Dr. Pentecost: *"This time it is not an invasion from the north nor the south nor the east nor the west, but this is an invasion from outer space, if you please. This is an invasion from heaven itself. Suddenly as the western confederacy is ready to engage in combat with the invading Asiatic force, there appears the sign of the coming of the Son of Man in heaven. These warring nations suddenly forget their animosity against God. We read in verse 19 of that same chapter 19, "I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered to make war against him who sat on the horse and against his army." (Prophecy for Today - p. 123)*

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31 3. This is THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (not to be confused with the Rapture,  
32 which occurs 7 years earlier).

33 Christ returns from Heaven flanked by all of us who have been redeemed by His  
34 precious blood. We will face the massed forces of 200 million Asiatics, plus  
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1 unnumbered millions in the armies of Antichrist. So do we have to fight? Never!  
2 With a word from His mouth, Jesus will destroy the waiting armies.

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4 4. What about Antichrist? What about the False Prophet? These are both taken  
5 and cast alive into the lake of fire, burning with brimstone.

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7 **Rev. 19:20**

8 **And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles**  
9 **before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast,**  
10 **and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire**  
11 **burning with brimstone.**

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13 5. What about Satan? **Not good for him!**

14 **Rev. 20:1-3**

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

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22 ● Can you even imagine a world where Satan has been “shut up?” All the lies,  
23 innuendos, temptations and vile verbiage from Hell will disappear from Earth for a  
24 thousand years.  
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26 ● Note that his banishment is for the thousand year (Millennium) period after  
27 which he will be loosed for a short while. Why is he loosed? Because there  
28 will be multitudes born during the Millennium. When that thousand year period  
29 ends, this earth and its atmosphere will be destroyed by fire and a new heaven and  
30 a new earth begin - eternity. Everyone will have to choose: Christ? Or Satan?

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32 **Rev. 20:7-10**

33 **And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,**  
34 **[8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the**  
35 **earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as**  
36 **the sand of the sea. [9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and**  
37 **compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down**  
38 **from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10] And the devil that deceived them**  
39 **was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet**  
40 **are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

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42 ● This time, Satan’s banishment will be for all eternity!

REVIEW SO FAR BY DR. PENTECOST:

*“We have considered the campaign of Armageddon. The Lord Jesus Christ will meet the armies of the world that were gathered together to do battle against God to prevent Him from setting His Son on David’s throne to reign over the earth. In the middle of the Tribulation, in the first stage of the great campaign of Armageddon (according to Ezekiel 38 and 39), God will destroy the great northern confederacy which has invaded Israel. God will pour out fire and brimstone upon them and destroy this confederacy as He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Israel will then be invaded by the forces of the Federated States of Europe under the leadership of the one called in Revelation 13 the Beast. The head of this great coalition of Western nations will set up his headquarters in the environs of Jerusalem and will reign over that nation as an authoritarian ruler, subjecting all the world to himself. At the close of the Tribulation period, Israel will again be invaded by an army numbering 200 million men, coming from the East to contest the right of the Federation of nations of Antichrist. It is at that time that Jesus again steps into this world scene and shows His power and might and authority as He destroys those multiplied armies.*

The destruction of earth’s armies will be terrifying:

**Rev. 19:17-19**

**And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. [19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

It is my feeling that David prophesied Christ’s return and the fury of the nations in **Psalm 2:2-4**

**The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, [3] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. [4] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.**

Can you even imagine the terror of earth’s Christ-rejecters as they hear the derisive, mocking laughter of God reverberate from the Heavens?

**Now note this incredible prophecy of the Jewish prophet Zechariah regarding Christ’s actual return to this earth:**

1 **Zech. 14:3-5**

2 **Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in**  
3 **the day of battle.**

4 **[4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before**  
5 **Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof**  
6 **toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half**  
7 **of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5]**  
8 **And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall**  
9 **reach unto Azal (a place near Jerusalem): yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before**  
10 **the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall**  
11 **come, and all the saints with thee.**

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13 ● What does verse 14 remind you of?

14 **Acts 1:9-11**

15 **And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a**  
16 **cloud received him out of their sight. [10] And while they looked stedfastly toward**  
17 **heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; [11] Which**  
18 **also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus,**  
19 **which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have**  
20 **seen him go into heaven.**

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22 Jesus ascended from the Mount of Olives 2000 years ago. When He returns, His feet  
23 will once again touch down on the Mount of Olives, just as the angels prophesied.

From Tim Lahaye:

*“When his feet strike the Mount of Olives, the Mount will divide in two. Some Bible commentators have indicated that a natural division exists between the two high points on the Mount of Olives which will cleave in two, creating a new passageway from Jerusalem down to Jericho at the Jordan River. There may be a gigantic causeway from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean. Others speak of a geological report indicating a fault under the Mount of Olives that needs only a slight earthquake to cleave it in two. In any case, when Christ sets His feet upon the Mount, His power will be manifested in that it divides into two parts.”* Revelation Illustrated / Zondervan / page 261

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25 When Jesus returns to this earth, the angels of Heaven will announce:

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27 **Rev. 11:15**

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

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## THE WORLD NOW FACES ITS NEW RULER - JESUS CHRIST

### Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: [32] And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: [33] And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. [34] Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: [35] For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: [36] Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. [37] Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? [38] When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? [39] Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? [40] And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. [41] Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: [42] For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: [43] I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. [44] Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? [45] Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. [46] And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

1. It should be noted immediately that no unsaved person (still living through the Tribulation) will be received into Christ's earthly Millennial Kingdom. Only those who have accepted Him as Lord and Savior.

2. Through the anointed preaching of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses (Revelation 7) will come a world-wide harvest for Christ during the Tribulation period. These converts will be persecuted and, if found, martyred for their faith.

### Rev. 7:13-14

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? [14] And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

1 3. One of Christ's very first acts is to deal with those nations and individuals who  
2 persecuted the Tribulation saints.

3 Multiplied millions will be brought into Judgment before God's King. The King  
4 will separate all those before Him into two groups: those on His right hand who are  
5 referred to as sheep and those on His left hand, referred to as goats. **“How did you  
6 treat my 144,000 witnesses (Jews) and how did you treat those who accepted me as  
7 Lord, Savior and Master?”**

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9 Remember that in the Tribulation period, Antichrist had ruled that no person could be  
10 worshiped other than himself. And, further, his henchman, the False Prophet (leader of  
11 the false world religious system) had decreed that no one could buy or sell who had not  
12 taken the mark of the Beast in his palm or forehead. Very obviously, **the 144,000  
13 Jewish witnesses had not taken the mark....so how did they live?** The non-  
14 believers would have persecuted them while the Tribulation saints would have fed and  
15 protected them.  
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From Dr. Pentecost: *“Now what would the believers do for those messengers? Why, they will share what food they have, they will give them clothing, they will open up their homes and give them lodging. When these preachers are arrested because they refuse to submit to the authority of the Beast, they will go to the prison to visit them and carry food to them. It is a manifestation that they are children of God because they minister to those who have ministered to them the truths of salvation through Jesus Christ. “On what basis do I accept you sheep into My Kingdom?” On the basis of the fact that you accepted the message of the Gospel and you proved the genuineness of your faith by the work which you did for those who brought the Gospel to you.” They are not saved by works, for no person can be; but they demonstrated that they had accepted Christ by their acts.”*

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19 *Prophecy for Today / page 148*  
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21 5. Jesus blesses those “sheep” with these words: “Come, ye blessed of my Father,  
22 inherit the kingdom prepared for you.” Now Jesus turns to those who maligned His  
23 work during the Tribulation (the goats) and says, *“Depart from me ye cursed into  
24 everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”*

## 26 **CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST'S COMING EARTHLY KINGDOM**

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28 1. I call you attention once again to Nebuchadnezzar's Image. Review  
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30 When Christ returns, the world nations have deteriorated Babylon's head of gold to  
31 the mixture of clay and iron that constitute the toes.  
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1 **Daniel 2:31-35**

2 **Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose**  
3 **brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. [32]**  
4 **This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his**  
5 **thighs of brass, [33] His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. [34] Thou**  
6 **sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his**  
7 **feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. [35] Then was the iron, the**  
8 **clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like**  
9 **the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no**  
10 **place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great**  
11 **mountain, and filled the whole earth.**

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13 In order, from head to foot, Babylon, the head of gold; the breast and arms of silver,  
14 the Medo-Persian Empire; the belly and thighs of brass, Greek Empire; and the legs of  
15 iron, Rome. There was a split in the iron when Rome's eastern empire at  
16 Constantinople began. Now we are in the weakest gentile world powers ever. Jesus is  
17 the stone that comes rolling across the plains of history to smite the national powers and  
18 institute His own Millennial Kingdom.

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20 **Daniel 2:44-45**

21 **And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which**  
22 **shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it**  
23 **shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**  
24 **[45] Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without**  
25 **hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the**  
26 **gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter:**  
27 **and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.**

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<p>Dr. Tim Lahaye: <i>We see a coming kingdom that will pulverize all the known kingdoms of the world and expand until it 'consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.' This can be none other than the kingdom of God, for God shall 'set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.' This, then, is the kingdom of God ruled over by Christ, who is symbolized in the Bible as a rock. His kingdom will be firmly established, filling the whole earth. We have already seen in Revelation 17 and 18 that nothing is more detrimental to humanity than religion and government. Man looks on government as a panacea to solve all of his ills. By contrast, the Bible teaches that a government without a benevolent despot of supernatural origin as its leader cannot be a happy experience, but a source of man's misery. The utopian kingdom predicted in this passage of Scripture will be the kingdom established on earth when Christ, the only truly benevolent despot who has already demonstrated His love for mankind, shall return. (Revelation Illustrated / page 293)</i></p>
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30 2. Christ's earthly kingdom will NOT be a democracy:

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2 **Psalm 2:7-9**

3 **I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day**  
4 **have I begotten thee. [8] Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine**  
5 **inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. [9] Thou shalt**  
6 **break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**  
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8 This is not cruelty to Christ's people; it is rather a promise of destruction to all kings  
9 or opponents. Note the follow-up to David's prophecy:

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11 **Psalm 2:10-12**

12 **Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. [11]**  
13 **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. [12] Kiss the Son, lest he be**  
14 **angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed**  
15 **are all they that put their trust in him.**  
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17 **ZECHARIAH'S PICTURE OF THE MILLENNIUM**  
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19 **Zech. 14:16-21**

20 **And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came**  
21 **against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord**  
22 **of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. [17] And it shall be, that whoso will not**  
23 **come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the**  
24 **Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. [18] And if the family of Egypt go**  
25 **not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the**  
26 **Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. [19]**  
27 **This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come**  
28 **not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.**

29 **[20] In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO**  
30 **THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the**  
31 **altar. [21] Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord**  
32 **of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein:**  
33 **and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of**  
34 **hosts.**

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36 1. Jerusalem will be the capital of Christ's Kingdom.  
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38 2. Jerusalem will be visited by masses of people for holy days unto the Lord.  
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40 3. Holiness will be a chief characteristic of Christ's Kingdom.  
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## ISAIAH'S PICTURE OF THE TRIBULATION

### Isaiah 65:17-25

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

1. Most of the news out of Jerusalem in recent years has been negative. In the Millennium, Jerusalem will be a place of rejoicing.

2. Verse 20 indicates that mankind's life span will once again those years prior to the flood.

One commentator has opined: "Unsaved people will be given a hundred years in which to receive Christ. If they reject Him, they will die on their hundredth birthday."

3. God will anticipate the needs of His people, supply them even before they call on Him to do so.

4. The curse will be lifted from animals. "The wolf and the lamb will feed together." But note: (verse 25) "dust shall be the serpent's meat." The curse on him continues.

The Millennium will be a thousand years of utopia. Don't miss it!

**Next Wednesday: The Judgment Seat of Christ, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and The Great White Throne Judgment**