

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 25

Isaiah's Prophecies (Part 2)

In this lesson we conclude our look at the Prophet Isaiah with an examination of the coming New Jerusalem and the Messiah's establishment of his earthly kingdom, known as the Millennial Kingdom. Other than being in heaven, nothing is more exciting for followers of Christ to consider than that appointed day when Christ will physically return with the saints to establish his earthly kingdom and reign for a thousand years. Referred to as the millennial kingdom, it will be the fulfillment of much of prophecy, including the writings of Isaiah.

We will be examining Isaiah Chapter 54 and Chapter 60 in particular as we learn (or relearn) some details regarding this much anticipated future event. I think it may surprise you how much God has revealed to us about this thousand year period. As we diligently assimilate these scriptures, I pray God will reveal much to you and fill you with the hope of the coming King and all that it will mean for mankind.

Read Isaiah Chapters 54 and 60; then consider the following:

Isaiah's prophecy clearly indicates that, in the future Jerusalem, the people of Israel will be seen in a different light than they are today, or even as they were in times past. Israel will be the center of government in Christ's earthly reign, and His capital will be Jerusalem. It will be a city with a new, and almost indescribable, beauty; and a time of peace and justice will be ushered in – one that mankind has never before experienced.

What will that kingdom look like? How will Christ establish it? What will physically happen to Jerusalem? And how will it be different than the Jerusalem we know? If we study some additional scriptures and consider all that they tell us, we can begin to put together a picture of what Christ's Second Coming will look like and what will happen when He returns.

Now read the chapters and verses cited below and write down what additional insights they give us regarding Christ's coming and the establishment up of His Millennial reign.

1. Revelation Chapter 19:17-21 and Chapter 20.

2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

3. Zechariah Chapter 14

4. Ezekiel Chapter 39

5. Matthew 25:31-46

6. Now, based on what you have read so far, list some of the things that Christ will do when he comes again and establishes His earthly kingdom - as both King and Lord and ruler over both Church and State:

As we see from reading Isaiah's prophecies, and all that other passages in the Bible that tell us about Christ's return, it will be a dramatic and an exciting time – a time each of us as followers of Christ will participate in! What will He have for each of us to do? And what will it be like to live for a thousand years in our resurrected bodies with Christ as our King, knowing that at the end of that reign, He will defeat Satan and usher in the New Heaven and New Earth where we will live with Him and for Him eternally?!

It will be even more exciting if we know someone living in that kingdom that the Lord used us to bring to a saving knowledge of Him. Let's use that excitement and joy this week to reach out to someone for Christ!

Thanks for studying with us. Have a great week everyone!

In Christ,

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