

THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS

BIBLE TEXT : Isaiah 11:10-16; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 19:11-27; 22:28-30;

Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 20:1-6

LESSON 167 Junior and Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "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" (Matthew 25:40).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Isaiah 11:10-16

¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

¹¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

¹² And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

¹³ The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

¹⁴ But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the

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NOTES:

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"And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"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:

"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:

"Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

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"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.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:31-46).

The Revelation of Christ having taken place, and the great battle of Armageddon having been fought to the complete defeat of those who rose up against Christ and armies of Heaven, the next step in the chain of great events in God' plan of the ages will be the setting up of Christ's Kingdom on earth. This Kingdom is called the Millennium, or the Golden Age. It is 1,000 years in length and will be a time of great joy, especially for the redeemed, for the curse will be lifted and Satan will be bound. He will not be able to deceive the nations any more until the thousand years are finished It will be a time when judgment will be righteously administered. And this judgment, of which Christ is the head Judge and His overcoming saints who may be called "associate judges," is called the Judgment of the

children of Ammon shall obey them.

¹⁵ And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.

¹⁶ And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Matthew 25:31-46

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The Judgments in God's Plan

The expression "general judgment" is not to be found in Scripture. Its use by some has caused a great deal of misunderstanding and has resulted in some opinions and teachings that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. But there is a sense in which the term may be used correctly. The judgments of God are general in the sense that all will be judged (**Romans 14:10** ¹⁰ But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:10** ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be good or bad*), but not in the sense that all will be judged at the same time.

It is not compatible with normal reasoning to say that the saints who are taken to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and the Tribulation saints who are resurrected at His Revelation, in glorified bodies and sitting with Christ on seats of judgment, will stand with the abominable, the murderers, the defilers of mankind, the drunkards, the liars, and all who do iniquity, to be judged. The saints of the First Resurrection will not be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment. Some teach, with reasonably good Scriptural authority, that these saints will, instead, sit on the judgment seat with Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment, to judge the sinners appearing there. Therefore, we can see that at least those believers who have been resurrected or raptured and who sit with Christ on thrones and seats of judgment and authority are judged at a time previous to the Great White Throne Judgment.

Believers, as sinners, are judged in Christ. When Christ died He took the penalty of every man's sins upon Himself. When His Blood is applied to a heart, and the sins of that person are washed away, that person is no longer under judgment (**1 Timothy 5:24** ²⁴ Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some *men* they follow after). Christ has taken his sins away. They were atoned for in the death of Christ, since Christ has suffered the penalty of sin for us all. And as long as that newborn Christian stays under the Blood of Christ, and does not return to sin, he is free from condemnation, or judgment (**Romans 8:1** ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.). (**John 5:24** ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. **John 3:17-19** ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil., bearing in mind that the literal interpretation of the words condemn and condemnation in Scripture is often judge or judgment.)

"And as they heard these things, he added and spoke a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. "He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

"And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

"But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

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received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

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"And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

"And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

"And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. "And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

"For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

"And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

"Wherefore then gayest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

"And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

"(And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

"For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

"But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me" (Luke 19:11-27).

There will be a judgment of the saints, according to their works. This will not necessarily take place on earth. It probably will be one of the great events at the time of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, for the saints will return with Christ in official position. Scripture seems to indicate they will already be vested with authority. They will be assigned places of responsibility during the Millennial reign of Christ (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** ¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words. **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10** ⁶ Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; ¹⁰ When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. **Revelation 5:9-10** ⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by

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thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; ¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. **Revelation 19:11-16** ¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS). The judgment for the pardoned sins of these saints is past. That judgment, we have seen, took place on Calvary (**Hebrews 9:28** ²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation). The giving out of rewards to the saints for their righteous acts and deeds will take place before "the judgment seat of Christ," no doubt at the time of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The people of the nations who are on the earth at the Revelation, and who are not destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming, as were those who rose up to oppose Him, will be judged during the Millennium, which, especially for the living nations of non-Christian people, will be one continuous time of judgment (**Revelation 2:27** ²⁷ And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. **Revelation 19:15** ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.). Christ is Judge of the quick (living) and the dead (**Acts 10:42** ⁴² And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. **2 Timothy 4:1** ¹ I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **1 Peter 1:3-5** ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.). The Church, or overcoming saints, having been caught up in the Rapture, will come with Christ to execute judgment upon the world or living nations (**1 Corinthians 6:2** ² Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **Jude 1:14-15** ¹⁴ And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ¹⁵ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. **Matthew 13:40-43** ⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear). This is the judgment of the quick, or living, upon the earth. The

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Luke 22:28-30

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"And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

"That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:28-30).

Those who are killed in the battle of Armageddon, and those who die later, unsaved, will stand before the Great White Throne with all the others, the living and dead of all ages who have not been judged before that time of final judgment. But the Judgment of the Nations is different from the Great White Throne Judgment in that it is a continuous judgment extending through the whole Millennial period and apparently is not a single stroke of judgment as *is* that of the Great White Throne.

The Parallels Between God's and Man's Judgment Procedure

In our civil administration we have several different courts that take care of the varied branches of our civil and criminal affairs. A person may appear in court for many different purposes. He may go to determine the validity of a law, to ascertain what his obligations are under a law, or to test the effectiveness of a law for the benefit of others. He may be called before a court to answer to charges against him if he has erred in some way or committed a crime. At these various kinds of sessions he either is sentenced, fined, punished, instructed, or commended, according to the nature of the charge or purpose that brought him before the bar.

There are also courts that have the power of life and death over the persons brought before them who are charged with capital crimes. These courts can speak the words that deprive a person of his freedom and also of his life, if they deem that necessary. Such a verdict, when executed, is final, since the life is taken and the nation is freed from the dangers of association with the one who disregarded the rights of others and took another person's life illegally.

It is the same with God's system of judgments, only in an infinitely greater degree. There will be a judgment for the believers in which commendations will be given, rewards will be passed out, and authority meted out as the earthly work and service of the saint recommends (**2 Timothy 4:8** ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing). But there will also be judgments where sentences are **passed upon** men.

Men suffer for their misdeeds during life, to a certain extent. This is merciful judgment, so to speak, in the lifetime of every one of us. God deals with us if we err, attempting to show us the error of our ways, and by this method tries to lead us to Him. He draws us with the cords of love that may administer punishment as a means to bring us, when we are wayward, to our senses. There is mercy in such immediate judgments.

But immediate judgment does not prevent the coming of final judgments (**Hebrews 9:27** ²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment). God reserves the right to bring every man **to** judgment for his unrepented-of and unforgiven sins. This will take place at the last of the Millennium and is known as the Great White Throne Judgment, to which we have already made reference in this lesson. Its fact is taught in many passages of Scripture. Between the Revelation of Christ and the Great White Throne Judgment, in the Millennial period, the judgment of the living nations takes place. This judgment compares somewhat with the many acts of judgment and civil administration in our daily lives.

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Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

¹¹ And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 20:1-6

¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³ And 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.

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"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him) a thousand years" (Revelation 20:1-6).

The beauty of the first creation of this earth, lost at the time of the fall, will not be seen again until the "manifestation of the sons of God" — the resurrection of the saints to a glorified state. The world will then be delivered from the curse of sin and all the earth will be a living Paradise.

Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years and will not be able to tempt or deceive the people of the world during that whole time (**Revelation 20:1-3** ¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³ And 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). Christ will rule the nations with a rod of iron; nevertheless, it will be a righteous judgment of equity (**Acts 17:31** ³¹ Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. **Revelation 19:15** ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God). But if men, through willful choice and deliberate action of their very own, do rebel, they will be judged and punished (**Isaiah 28:17** ¹⁷ Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.). Such is the power of a judge in the affairs of a civil court of our nation, and the same will be true during the Golden Age, for Christ will be the absolute Power in the theocratic government of that day.

For the first time since the fall, men will dwell in the world without temptation by Satan, who *is* now walking up and down like a roaring lion "seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). There will be no more injustice, for Christ's rule and reign will be right and just (**Jeremiah 23:5-6** ⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.). The rich, with their millions, will not oppress the poor, for right judgment shall go forth from Jerusalem (**Micah 4:1-4** ¹ But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD

of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

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shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ² And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴ But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*). Men shall dwell in safety and security (**Ezekiel 34:25** ²⁵ And I will make with them 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). This will be one continuous day of judgment, of subjection to the living Judge of the quick and the dead (**Romans 14:10** ¹⁰ But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.).

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"But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

"And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry^shod.

"And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isaiah 11:10- 16).

It is easy to see the just and righteous pattern of God's wonderful ways when we look at His revealed Word through even our limited human eyes of mercy, love, and justice. If "the LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked," if He "hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and [if] the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:3), then we can be sure that during the thousand years when Satan is bound and Christ rules on this very earth He will act according to His just and righteous ways. There will be no more briberies, perjuries, falsifications of court records, destruction of incriminating evidence, perverting of justice, errors in discernment or administration, or other things because of which mankind now suffers.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him [Jesus], and given him a name which is above every name:

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things

**in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).**

Christ, the righteous Judge, will be in full authority (**Zechariah 14:9**

⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.). He will know the secrets of all men (**Romans 2:16** ¹⁶ In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel). He will judge in righteousness (**Acts 17:31** ³¹ Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead). He will control all judgment (**Isaiah 45:23** ²³ I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. **John 5:22** ²² For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: **Romans 14:10-12** ¹⁰ But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹² So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. **Philippians 2:10** ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;). He will give rewards to the righteous (**Psalms 58:11** ¹¹ So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.). All will have access to a perfect knowledge of the laws under which they are judged, for those laws will be the Word of God (**Psalms 96:13** ³ Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. **Isaiah 2:2-4** ² And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. ³ And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **Zechariah 14:16-19** ¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁷ And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. ¹⁸ And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, *that have no rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁹ This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles). (It was at the Feast of Tabernacles that the Israelites especially learned the Law of God.)

This is a time to which we can look forward with joy and not with regret. It is the time for which all creation groans and for which the hearts of all men yearn, even though they are ignorant of what the reality is for which they strive, contend, and work (**Romans 8:18-23** ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the

earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 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. ²³ And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.). It will be a glorious time for the resurrected saints of God (**Isaiah 35:1-10** ¹ The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. ² It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God. ³ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷ And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. ⁸ And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **Isaiah 65:25** 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.). They will have new bodies — glorified bodies. The old bodies that knew disease, pain, disappointments, and infirmities will be gone. They will be like their King, for then shall the Lord and Savior be seen face to face, and we shall know *as* we are known (**1 Corinthians 13:9-12** ⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. **1 John 3:1-24** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. ³ And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. ⁴ Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ⁵ And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. ⁶ Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. ⁷ Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot

sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰ In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. ¹⁵ Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. ²⁰ For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God. ²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. ²³ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. ²⁴ And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.) .