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The Scriptures foretell a great change in the fortunes of Jerusalem. No longer will this city be a bone of contention among the nations. No longer will there be the irony of international dispute and strife about the place whose name means “city of peace”! That will be because -

- ◆ Jesus, as the manifestation of “the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously” - Isaiah 24:23.
- ◆ “At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; they shall walk no more after the stubbornness of their evil heart” - Jeremiah 3:17.
- ◆ “...out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; 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” - Micah 4:2.

Clearly from these statements of Divinely inspired Scripture, the city of Jerusalem has an important future role to serve in the purpose of God. It is destined to be the seat of that divine government which is to bless the world in the future age.

Jerusalem will, in fact, be the capital of the coming universal kingdom, and will be the centre of power, law, and enlightenment, for the joyful nations who will travel from every corner of the earth for an education that will provide everlasting life and joy -

“Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and LET US GO UP to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; he will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” - Isaiah 2:3 .

The effect of such spiritually directed education on the peoples will be to generate a society utterly different to what we have become used to, where even common sense seems in short supply. Instead of the constant battle of the authorities against daily occurring corruption and crime, such will be narrowed back to that section of society in which open rebellion against authority is incurable.

This going-up of peoples will be conducted in an organized fashion, including annual pilgrimages, as we learn from Zechariah 14:16 , “it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

Current civilization is supersaturated with the spirit of “the credo of the new age,” the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, which was adopted during the French Revolution and reaffirmed by the constitution of 1958. All citizens were to be equal before the law and to have the right to participate in legislation directly or indirectly.

But the enthronement of Jesus in Jerusalem to rule over all nations will not be the result of any action connected with the Rights of Man. Christ’s authority will be asserted by destroying the military forces arrayed against him - Psalms 2:9 “You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”