

Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 30

David, in his final psalm spoke of the coming reign of his promised "seed" -

"All kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him. 12 For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper. 13 He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy. 14 He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight....17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed" - Psalm 72:11-17.

Such conditions speak of a radical change in the moral state of human society, whose present state is rife with corruption and oppression. How will this change be accomplished? It will not be by the brute force of a military dictatorship, but by the wise and beneficent rulership which David described,

- "He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, by clear shining after rain" - 2 Samuel 23:3-4.

The speaks, not of destruction, mowing down and digging out, but of the instruction and enlightenment of the nations, as the sun and rain bring the grass for the feeding of the sheep -

- "Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I, the Lord, have created it" - Isaiah 45:8.

As we saw earlier this education of mankind will be impelled by the system of worship under the rule of Christ. After his return the nations will bring the remaining scattered Jews back to the Promised Land -

"Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations...to MY HOLY MOUNTAIN JERUSALEM...21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the Lord...23 And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord" - Isaiah 66:20.

The prophet Ezekiel in chapters 40-48 received a vision of the temple which is to be built on this "holy mountain," the purpose of which is for the worship of "the people of the *EARTH" - Ezekiel 46:3, 9. *Hebrew, 'eretz = earth, or land, depending on the context, which here concerns the temple which Jesus refers to in Mark 11:17, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for ALL NATIONS'." At that time will be fulfilled the prophecy -

- "So it shall be in that day [after the resurrection at Christ's return - Isaiah 26:10], that the great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem" - Isaiah 27:13.
- "Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy... The Lord is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples" - Psalm 99:2, 9.