

MESSIANIC KINGDOM

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Preface

This is an overview study of the Reign of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent and Messianic Kingdom, using Scripture Texts selected by the author, with appropriate excerpts, summaries and examples. There are many other confirming prophecies throughout Scripture.

This study covers Prophecies predicting Messiah's Kingdom spoken/written by the Lord's Anointed Spokesmen (Prophets/Psalmists) in the Poetic/Wisdom and Prophetic Books of the Old Testament, as well as Prophecies from the New Testament.

See "Messianic Prophecies" for a study of Prophecies predicting the coming Messiah, and Jesus Christ's fulfillment of those Prophecies in His First Advent.

PART I - MESSIANIC KINGDOM TODAY

A. Messiah's Kingdom on Earth

1. Jesus Christ Our Lord & Savior

- a. Jesus Christ Completely Provided the Way of Salvation for Mankind
 - 1) Jesus Declares: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
 - 2) Upon His Death Jesus Declared: "It is finished" John 19:30
 - a) Jesus Christ has Fully Completed His Earthly Life, Ministry & Sacrifice.
 - b) Jesus Christ has Fulfilled All the Law (Including its Sacrificial Offerings) and the Prophets.
 - 3) Jesus Christ Is the Only Means of Salvation. "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Acts 4:12
 - 4) Jesus Christ Paid the Price in Full for Our Salvation. "You (*Christians*) have been purchased at a price (*Blood of Jesus Christ*)" 1 Cor. 6:20

2. Jesus Christ Commissions His Church

- a. Jesus Christ Commissions His Church (Us) to Gather as Many People as Possible into His Kingdom by Proclaiming His Gospel.
 - 1) Jesus: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matt. 28:18-20
 - 2) Jesus: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark 16:15-18

3. Jesus Christ Empowers His Church

- a. Jesus Christ Empowers His Church to Proclaim His Gospel by Sending the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) Jesus' Promise & Commission: "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8
 - a) Jesus Christ then Ascends into Heaven & Enthroned Acts 1:9; Heb. 1:1-4
 - b) Jesus Christ Sends the Holy Spirit (Birth of the Church) Acts 2:1-4

4. Jesus Christ is Enthroned in Heaven (See Part I.B Below)

- a. Jesus Christ is Enthroned in Heaven, Interceding for His People, Working In & Through His People, and Awaiting the Completion of his Church (Kingdom).
 - 1) Jesus: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come." Matt. 24:14

B. Reign of Messiah-King Today

1. Christ Jesus Enthroned in Heaven

Heb. 1

- a. “In times past (*Old Covenant*), God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors (*Hebrews*) through the prophets; in these last days (*New Covenant*), he spoke to us through a son (*Messiah Jesus*), whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence (*Reflection*) of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.....” (*Heb. 1:1-3*)
 - 1) Christ Jesus is the Son of God
 - 2) Christ Jesus is the Word of God
 - 3) Christ Jesus is Heir of All Creation
 - 4) Christ Jesus is Creator & Sustainer of the Universe
- b. “..... When he (*Jesus Christ*) had accomplished purification from sins (*Sacrifice on Cross*), he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” (*Heb. 1:3-4*)
 - 1) Christ Jesus is the Savior of Mankind
 - 2) Christ Enthroned at Right Hand of Majesty (*Father God Almighty*) in Heaven
 - 3) Christ Jesus Superior to Heavenly Hosts
- c. Messiah’s Supreme Enthronement
 - 1) Messiah Enthroned as Son of God. “For to which of the angels did God ever say: ‘You are my son; this day I have begotten you’? Or again: ‘I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me’?” (*Heb. 1:5*)
 - 2) Angels Worship Messiah. “And again, when he (*Father God*) leads the first-born into the world (*God the Son Became Jesus Christ – Son of Man*), he says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship him’.” (*Heb. 1:6*)
 - 3) Messiah’s Eternal & Righteous Reign. “..... ‘Your throne, O God (*Messiah–King & Son of God*), stands forever and ever; and a righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You loved justice and hated wickedness; therefore God (*Messiah–King & Son of God*), your God (*Father God*), anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions’ (*Jesus’ Throne is Superior to All Other Powers & Authorities*)” (*Heb. 1:9*)
 - 4) Messiah Eternal & Immutable Creator. “..... ‘At the beginning, O Lord, you established the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; and they will all grow old like a garment. You will roll them up like a cloak, and like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.’” (*Heb. 1:10-12*)
 - 5) Father God to His Son – Jesus Christ Our Lord. “..... ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool’” (*Heb. 1:13*)
 - 6) Angels Minister to Messiah’s Followers (Church). “Are they (*Angles*) not all ministering spirits sent to serve, for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?” (*Heb. 1:14*)

2. Christ Jesus Exalted Above All Creation

Phil. 2:5-11

- a. Christ Jesus’ Obedience & Victory. “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he

humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.”

- b. Christ's Exaltation (Glorification). “Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.”

3. Vision of Glorified Christ

Rev. 1 - 3

- a. John's Vision of Glorified Christ. “..... I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. The hair of his head was as white as white wool or as snow, and his eyes were like a fiery flame. His feet were like polished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing water. In his right hand he held seven stars. A sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth, and his face shone like the sun at its brightest.” (*Rev. 1:12-16*)
- 1) Jesus Christ the Center of His Church/Christianity
 - a) Seven (*Perfect Completion*) Gold (*Belonging to God*) Lampstands (*HOLDERS OF LIGHT/SPIRIT*) = The Church (*All of Christianity*)
 - b) Midst of Lampstands (*Entire Christian Church*) One (*Godhead - Fullness of God*) like the Son of Man (*Jesus Christ*)
 - 2) Jesus Christ's Appearance
 - a) Ankle Length Robe = Christ is High Priest
 - b) Sash of Gold = Christ is King
 - c) White Hair = Christ is Eternal
 - d) Eyes Like Fiery Flame = Christ is Omniscient (*All Knowing*)
 - e) Feet of Polished Brass = Christ is Established & Immutable (*Never Changing – He is Forever Perfect*)
 - f) Voice Like Rushing Water = Christ Speaks with Divine Authority
 - g) Seven Stars in Right Hand = Christ Controls Presiding Spirits of His Church
 - h) Two Edged Sword Came Out of His Mouth = Christ is the Word of God (*Old & New Covenants*)
 - i) Face Shone with Brightness of the Sun = Divine Majesty of Christ
- b. John (*Church*) Prostrates Himself before Christ Jesus
- 1) Christ Identifies Himself to John. “..... **Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.**” (*Rev. 1:17-18*)
 - a) **“Do Not be Afraid”** (*Christ's Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*)
 - b) **“I AM the First and the Last, the One Who Lives”** (*Christ is the Eternal Living God*)
 - c) **“Once I was Dead (Chris Died on the Cross), but Now I AM Alive Forever and Ever.”** (*Christ Resurrected & Living*)
 - d) **“I Hold the Keys of Death & Netherworld.”** (*Christ is the Only Way of Salvation – He is the Righteous & Final Judge*)
 - 2) Christ Instructs John. **“Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening (Present – Written 96 AD), and what will happen afterwards (Future). This is the secret meaning of the seven stars you saw in my right hand, and of the seven gold lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”** (*Rev. 1:19-20*)

- a) Christ Tells John (Church) to be His Witness
 - b) Seven Stars = Presiding Spirits of the Churches
 - c) Seven Lampstands = Types / Eras of Churches Within & Throughout Christianity
- c. Christian Age Rev. 2 & 3
- 1) Jesus Christ's Messages to Seven Churches
 - a) Christ's Special Revelation of Himself to Each Church
 - b) Sequentially Unfolding God's Plan to His Church
 - c) Encouraging, Warning, Correcting & Promises to Each Church
4. Vision of the Heavenly Throne Rev. 4 & 5
- a. John Caught Up to Heaven Rev. 4:1-2a
 - 1) Hearing a Voice: "Come up here and I will show you what must happen afterwards." (*Rev. 4:1b*)
 - b. John Sees a Throne in Heaven Rev. 4:2b-11
 - 1) On Throne Sat "ONE" (*Godhead = Father, Son & Holy Spirit*)
 - a) Appearance Sparkling like Jasper & Carnelian
 - 2) Around Throne a Halo (Rainbow*) as Brilliant Emerald
[* *New American Bible 1970 Version & King James Version Use "Rainbow"*] (*Rainbow is Sign of Lord's Covenant with All Nations. Gen. 9*)
 - 3) Surrounding Throne were 24 Elders Sitting on Thrones (*Appointed Leaders/Witnesses*)
 - a) 12 Tribes of Israel (*Old Covenant – Israel*)
 - b) 12 Apostles (*New Covenant – Church*)
 - c) Dressed in White Garments (*Sanctified/Purified*)
 - d) Gold Crowns on Heads (*God Given Authority to Rule*)
 - 4) From Throne Came Flashes of Lightning, Rumbblings & Peals of Thunder (*God's Proclamation – Word of God*)
 - 5) In Front of Throne were 7 Flaming Torches
 - a) 7 Spirits of God (*7 Churches = Entire Christianity*)
 - 6) In Front of Throne a Sea of Glass like Crystal (*Pure & Complete Reflection of God*) (*Nothing Hidden or Obscure*)
 - 7) In Center & Around Throne were 4 Living Creatures (Cherubim – Throne Attendants) (*Hierarchy of Creation*)
 - a) Cherubim Continually Exclaim: "Holy, holy, holy (*Worship of Trinity*) is the Lord God almighty (*Omnipotent*), who was (*Jesus' Life on Earth*), and who is (*Jesus Resurrected & Glorified*), and who is to come (*Second Coming of Jesus Christ*)." (*Rev. 4:8b*)
 - b) 24 Elders (*Covenant Witnesses*)
 - Fell Down before the ONE Seated on Throne & Worshiped Him
 - Throw Down their Crowns before Throne (*Submissive to God's Authority*)
 - Exclaim: "Worthy are you, Lord our God (*Covenant Making God*), to receive glory and honor and power (*Worthy of Ultimate Praise*), for you created all things (*Ultimate Creator*); because of your will they came to be and were created (*Sovereign Lord*)." (*Rev. 4:11*)

- c. John Sees a Scroll & Lamb of God Rev. 5
- 1) Scroll in Right Hand of ONE Seated on Throne
(Scroll in Lord God Almighty's Control)
(Scroll is Deed to Lord's Inheritance – Israel & Earth)
(Law of Redemption of Property by a Kinsman-Redeemer. Lev. 25:22-55)
 - a) Scroll had Writing on Both Sides *(Old & New Covenants)*
 - b) Scroll Sealed with 7 Seals *(Perfectly & Completely Sealed)*

Note. Jesus Opens these Seals later in the Book of Revelation, Revealing Mankind's Future:

- 6 Seals = Revelation of Man's Final Rule on Earth [Rev. 6]
- Final Inheritors of Christ's Kingdom [Rev. 7]
- 7th Seal = Prophecy "Silence in Heaven" - Messiah to Return from Heaven to Rule Earth. [Rev. 8:1-2]

- 2) Mighty Angel Loudly Proclaims: "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" *(Rev. 5:2b)*
 - a) No One Found Worthy to Break Seals & Open Scroll *(Who has Authority to Claim Lord's Inheritance & Reveal its Culmination?)*
 - No One in Heaven *(Angelic Creation)*
 - No One on Earth *(Human Creation)*
 - No One Under Earth *(The Dead, Satan & Demons, etc.)*
 - b) John Weeps Because No One was Worthy to Open Scroll
 - c) One of Elders Said to John: "Do not weep. The lion of the tribe of Judah *(Israel's Promised/Anointed One)*, the root of David *(King of Kings – Messiah)*, has triumphed *(Conquering Sin & Death)*, enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals *(Jesus Bridged the Gap Between Heaven & Earth).*" *(Rev. 5:5b)*
- 3) John Sees a Lamb Standing in Midst of Throne *(The Lamb is Divine)*
 - a) Lamb Seems to Have Been Slain
(Lamb is Lord God's Holy, Spotless & Perfect Sacrifice – Jesus Christ)
 - b) Lamb had 7 Horns *(Rules with Absolute Authority)* & 7 Eyes *(All Seeing)*
 - 7 Spirits of God Sent to Whole World *(Universal Christianity)*
 - c) Lamb Received Scroll from ONE Seated on Throne *(Lord's Inheritance is Placed in Jesus Christ's Hands – Future Placed in Jesus' Hands)*
- 4) Lamb Took the Scroll and is Worshipped
 - a) Cherubim *(Throne Attendants)* & 24 Elders *(Old & New Covenants Witnesses)* Prostrated Themselves Before Lamb
 - Each Elder Held Harp *(Implements of Praise)* & Gold Bowls Filled with Incense *(Prayers of God's People)*
 - Sang a New Hymn: "Worthy are you *(Lamb of God)* to receive the scroll and to break open its seals, for you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation *(Israel's Kinsman-Redeemer & Christ Our Savior)*. You made them a kingdom *(Christ Our King)* and priests *(Christ Our High Priest)* for our God, and they will reign on earth" *(Rev. 5:9b-10)*
 - b) Angelic Host Accompany Cherubim & Elders: "Worthy is the Lamb *(Jesus Christ)* that was slain *(Crucified)* to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing *(Glorified Savior).*" *(Rev. 5:12b)*
 - c) Every Creature *(All Creation)* Cried Out: "To the one who sits on the

throne and to the Lamb (*Jesus Christ*) be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever (*Godhead Praised Together as Lord God Almighty*)." (*Rev. 5:13b*)

- In Heaven (*All Angelic Hosts & Saints*)
 - On Earth (*Terrestrial Creation – Mankind*)
 - Under the Earth (*The Dead, Satan, Demons & Christ's Enemies*)
 - In the Sea (*The Gentile Nations*)
 - Everything in the Universe
- d) Cherubim Answered: "Amen!" (*So Be It – YES!*)
- Elders Fell Down & Worshiped God & His Lamb

Note. Worship is reserved exclusively for the Lord God Almighty. It is a Divine Prerogative. Here we see God's Throne Attendants, Ordained Witness of the Old and New Covenants, and all Celestial, Terrestrial and Extraterrestrial Creation worshipping the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ), proclaiming His Divinity.

5. Christ Jesus Head of the Church 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:1-16
- a. Preeminence of Christ Jesus. "He (*Jesus Christ*) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn (*Resurrected*) from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross." Col. 1:15-20
- b. Mystical Body of Christ.
- 1) "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." (*1 Cor. 12:12-13*)
 - 2) "And he (*Father God*) put all things beneath his (*Jesus Christ's*) feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way." (*Eph. 1:22-23*)
 - 3) "And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love." (*Eph. 4:11-16*)
- c. Christ Jesus – Source of Church. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit (*Good Works Furthering His Kingdom*). Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing...." John 15:1-8

6. Christ Our High Priest

Exclusive Duties of Israel's High Priests are to 1) Offer Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sins, and 2) Intercede to Lord God in Behalf of the People of Israel.

- a. Jesus Ordained High Priest by Father God Heb. 5:1-10
 - 1) "Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins." (*Heb. 5:1*)
 - 2) In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one (*Father God*) who said to him (*Messiah – Son of God*): 'You are my son; this day I have begotten you (*Psa. 2:7*)'; just as he says in another place: 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (*Psa. 110:4*).' (*Heb. 5:5-6*)
 - 3) "Son (*Jesus Christ – Son of God*) though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered (*Christ's Passion & Death*); and when he was made perfect (*Evidenced by Christ's Resurrection from Dead*), he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek." (*Heb. 5:8-10*)
- b. Jesus' Sacrificial Offering for the Atonement of Sin. "Now since the children share in blood and flesh, he (*Jesus Christ*) likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life..... therefore, he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate (*Atone for*) the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." Heb. 2:14-18
- c. Jesus Our Compassionate High Priest & Intercessor. "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." Heb. 4:14-16
- d. Jesus Mediator Between Father God & Man. "For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all....." 1 Tim. 2:5-6
- e. Jesus Perfecter of Our Faith. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God." Heb. 12:1-2

C. Promise of Messiah's Return to Earth

1. Promise to His Church

- a. Blessed Hope of the Church Titus 2:11-14
 - 1) "For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is

- good.”
- b. As Jesus Ascended from Earth into Heaven
So, Jesus will Return to Earth from Heaven Acts 1:9-11
 - 1) Angelic Pronouncement at Jesus’ Ascension: “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”
 - c. Promise to Take His People Out of this World (“Catch Away” or “Rapture”) Luke 17:20-37; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-17
 - 1) Jesus Promises His Disciples (Church): “**Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.**”
John 14:1-3
 - 2) Jesus Christ is Coming:
 - a) To Receive Us unto Himself
 - b) To Unite Us with Himself as His Bride Rev. 19:6-10
 - c) So We Can Live with Him Forever
 - d. Jesus’ Return for His Church is Imminent (At Any Time) Luke 12:35-40
 - 1) Not Conditioned Upon Any Prior Event, Prophetic Announcement or Fulfillment
 - 2) Time Known Only to Father God Matt. 24:36-42; Acts 1:6-7
 - a) “**But of that day and hour (Of His Coming) no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.**” (Matt. 24:36)
 - 3) Christ will Come Suddenly & Unexpectedly Matt. 24:43-51; 1 Thess. 5:1-11
 - a) “Concerning times and seasons, brothers, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.” (1 Thess. 5:1-2)
 - b) “Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” (1 Cor. 15:51-52)
 - 4) We are to Expand His Kingdom & Wait for His Return 1 Thess. 1:9-10
 - 5) Glorified Christ to His Church: “**Yes, I am coming soon.**” Rev. 22:20
Church Answers Our Lord: “Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!”
2. Promise to Israel
- a. Restoration of Promise Land Ezek. 36:1-15
(*Deliverance of Land from Foreign Oppression - Starting 1918*)
 - 1) Preparing Land for God’s Chosen People - Israel
 - b. Restoration of God’s Chosen People Ezek. 36:16 – 37:14
(*Being Fulfilled from 1920s Zionist Movement to Present Day*)
 - 1) “For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.” (Ezek. 36:24-28)
 - 2) “. I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel” (Ezek. 37:12) (*Fulfilled in 1945 Following the Holocaust*)

- c. Establishment of the Nation of Israel Jer. 3:11-16
(*Fulfilled in 1948 When Israel Became a Nation*)
 - d. Unification of Judea (Judah/Jerusalem) & Samaria (Israel) Ezek. 37:15-28
(*Fulfilled in 1967 with Israel's Liberation of the 'West Bank' & Jerusalem*)
 - 1) "I will make them one nation upon the land, in the mountains of Israel, and there shall be one prince (*Coming Messiah*) for them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms."
(*Ezek. 37:22*)
 - e. Unsuccessful Invasions of Israel Ezek. 38 – 39
 - f. Coming & Reign of Israel's Messiah:
 - 1) To Rescue Israel from Annihilation Zech. 14:1-5 & 12-15
 - 2) To Provide Salvation for Israel Isa. 59
 - 3) To Establish a Universal Kingdom Psa. 2
 - 4) Worldwide Reign of Israel's Messiah-King Zech. 14:6-11 & 16-21
 - 5) To Restore Israel's Laws, Priesthood & Temple Worship Ezek. 40 - 46
3. Promise to the World
- a. God's Holy Anointed One (Messiah) is Coming:
 - 1) To Destroy Satan & Forces of Evil Rev. 19:11 – 20:15
 - 2) To Judge the World in Righteousness Psa. 75
 - 3) To Cleanse the World from Curse of Sin Rom. 8:18-23
 - a) Eliminating Poverty, Pestilence & Disease Isa. 65:17-25
 - b) Restoring Nature
 - 4) To Establish God's Kingdom on Earth Zech. 14:6-11
 - a) Rule of Universal Peace Isa. 2:1-5
 - b) Eliminating War
 - 5) To Return the World to its Creator 1 Cor. 15:20-28
 - a) Destroying Death

PART II - MESSIAH'S COMING KINGDOM

A. Messiah's Second Coming

1. Christ Returns for His Church (See Following Note)

Note. The term "Church", used in this study, does not refer to any denomination, religious order or sect; but to those individual people throughout the age, who:

- 1) Recognize themselves as sinners in need of forgiveness [Rom. 3:23],
- 2) Recognize Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son [John 3:16-18],
- 3) Believe that Christ Jesus gave His life to save sinners [Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:21-24],
- 4) Repent and ask the Lord to forgive their sins [1 John 1:8-9],
- 5) Personally accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior inviting Him into their lives [Acts 16:30-31],
- 6) Receive the Holy Spirit [Rom. 8:1-2; 1 Cor. 3:16], and
- 7) Confess Jesus as Lord and Savior [Matt. 10:32].

Such people are "born again" into the family of God [John 3:1-8], becoming children of God [John 1:12] and heirs of Christ's Kingdom [Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:1-7]. It is these people who collectively are Christ's "Church" [1 Cor. 12; Eph. 2:11-22].

a. Christ Returns to Take His People Out of this World ("Catch Away / Rapture")

Matt. 24: 29-42; Matt. 25:1-13; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:50-58

1) Christ Sent the Holy Spirit (Paraclete) to His Church John 14:12-18; Acts 1:8

- a) The Holy Spirit Descended from Heaven on the Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-4
- b) The Holy Spirit Gave Birth to the Church
- c) The Holy Spirit Indwells, Empowers, Teaches, Counsels & Directs the Church
John 16:5-16

2) At the Conclusion of the Church Age

- a) The Holy Spirit will Return to Heaven with the Church
- b) The Holy Spirit will Present & Unite the Church to Christ Jesus.

3) Jesus Christ's Declaration: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

4) St. Paul's Prophecy: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep (*Dead in Christ*). Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:14-17

- a) Jesus Christ is Coming in the Clouds for His Church
- b) The Dead in Christ will be Resurrected with Eternal Bodies
- c) Those Alive in Christ will be Translated into Eternal Bodies
- d) The Church will Meet Christ Jesus in the Air
- e) The Church will Live Eternally with Christ Jesus

b. Christ's Judgment of His Church

- 1) Our Faithfulness to Him & His Word James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:1-4
- 2) Our Works Tested by Fire. "..... no one can lay a foundation other than the

- one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ (*Christ the Foundation of His Church*). If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire (itself) will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire." 1 Cor. 3:11-15
- a) Works of Man (Wood, Hay, Straw) will be Destroyed
 - b) Works of God (Gold, Silver, Precious Stones) will Endure into Eternity
- 3) Rewarded with Crowns/Thrones Matt. 19:27-30; 1 Thess. 2:19-20
(*Authority/Responsibilities in Christ's Kingdom*)
- c. The Wedding Feast (*Eternally Uniting Christ & His Church*) Rev. 19:1-10
- 1) Voice from Throne (*Father God's Command*)
 - a) "Praise our God (*Lord Jesus Christ*), all you his servants (*Church*), (and) you who revere him, small and great." (Rev. 19:5)
 - 2) Shouts of Great Crowd, Roaring of the Deep, Mighty Peals of Thunder
(*Christian Saints from All Nations & Ages*)
 - 3) Song of Victory:
 - a) "..... Alleluia (*Praise the Lord*)! The Lord has established his reign (*Jesus Christ is King of Kings & Lord of Lords*), (our) God, the almighty (*Omnipotent Lord*)." (Rev. 19:6)
 - b) "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!
 - "For the wedding day of the Lamb (*Christ Jesus*) has come,
 - "His bride (*Church*) has made herself ready.
 - "She was allowed (*God's Grace*) to wear a bright, clean linen garment.(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)" (Rev. 19:7-8)
 - 4) Wedding Feast: ".....Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb." (Rev. 19:9)
 - a) Fulfilling Christ's Holy Eucharist Given to the Church Matt. 26:26-30
 - "I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." (Matt. 26:29)
 - b) Fulfilling the Jewish Wedding Custom with His Church
(*See Matt. 25:1-13 in "Messiah Our King" Study*)
 - After the Bridegroom (*Jesus Christ*) "Steals" His Bride (*Church*):
 - He Takes Her to the Bridal Chamber He Prepared
(*Christ Takes His Church to Heaven*)
 - Bride & Groom Consummate their Marriage
(*Christ's Bride is Unveiled & Intimate with Jesus 2 Cor. 5:10*)
 - Bride & Groom Celebrate the Marriage Supper
(*Christ Celebrates with His Church – Fulfilling the Eucharist*)
 - After the Celebration the Bride Lives with Groom
(*The Church Eternally Lives with Jesus as His Bride Rev. 21 & 22*)
- d. Removes the "Restrainer" (*Holy Spirit & His Church*) from Earth 2 Thess. 2:1-12
- 1) Allowing Manifestation of Man's Great Apostasy/Rebellion Rev. 6
 - 2) Resulting in God's Wrath Rev. 8 - 18
 - a) Revealing Alternatives to Christ's Kingdom

b) Giving Man Final Opportunity to Repent

2. Messiah Comes to Redeem Israel

a. Rescue of a Nation (Israel)

- 1) Prophecy Proclaims that All Nations will Gather to Annihilate Israel
Zech. 12:1-3;. Zech. 14:1-2; Rev. 16:12-16
 - a) Plain of Megiddo – Northern Israel
 - “They then assembled the kings in the place that is named Armageddon (“*Har-Megiddon*” = *Mount of Megiddo*) in Hebrew.” (Rev. 16:16)
 - b) International Armies Led by “Antichrist”
(*Antichrist is the Personification of Satan on Earth*)
 - c) Israel Invaded
- 2) Horrific Battle Against Israel (“Battle of Armageddon”)
 - a) Antichrist’s Siege of Jerusalem (*God’s Holy City*) Joel 1 & 2; Zech. 12:1-3
 - “And I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle: the city shall be taken, houses plundered, women ravished; half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be removed from the city.” (Zech. 14:2)
- 3) Messiah-King Comes to Rescue Israel (*God’s Chosen Nation*)
 - a) The Lord’s Vengeance on Israel’s Enemies Zeph. 1
 - b) Battle of Armageddon Concluded - Old Testament Prophecies:
Isa. 13 & 14; Ezek. 39; Zech. 12:4-9; Zech. 14:1-5; Zech. 14:12-15
 - The Lord Fights & Conquers the Nations. “Then the LORD shall go forth and fight against those nations, fighting as on a day of battle.” (Zech. 14:3)
 - Messiah Stands on Mount of Olives. “That day his (Messiah’s) feet shall rest upon the Mount of Olives, which is opposite Jerusalem to the east.....” (Zech. 14:4)
 - Messiah Leads the Armies of Heaven. “..... Then the LORD, my God, shall come, and all his holy ones with him (*People Gained for His Kingdom throughout Ages - See Part II.A.1 Above*).” (Zech. 14:5)
 - Lord's Plague on Armies Attacking Jerusalem. “And this shall be the plague with which the LORD shall strike all the nations that have fought against Jerusalem: their flesh shall rot while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall rot in their sockets, and their tongues shall rot in their mouths (*Physical Degeneration*). On that day there shall be among them a great tumult from the LORD (*Lord's Battle Cry*): every man shall seize the hand of his neighbor, and the hand of each shall be raised against that of his neighbor (*Confusion & Infighting*).” (Zech. 14:12-13)
 - Judah Shall Fight Against Jerusalem. “Judah also shall fight against Jerusalem (*Overthrow Occupying Armies*).” (Zech. 14:14a)
 - Israel Gathers Riches of Gentile Nations. “The riches of all the surrounding nations shall be gathered together, gold, silver, and garments, in great abundance.” (Zech. 14:14b)
 - c) Second Coming of Messiah - King of Kings (*Christ Conquers the Earth*) -
New Covenant Revelation Rev. 19:11 – 20:3

- (1) Revelation of Jesus Christ (*Second Coming of Messiah to Earth*).
 “Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was (called) ‘Faithful and True.’ He judges and wages war in righteousness. His eyes were (like) a fiery flame, and on his head were many diadems. He had a name inscribed that no one knows except himself. He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and his name was called the Word of God. The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen. Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty. He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’.” Rev. 19:11-16

- Heavens Opened (*Christ Returns from His Heavenly Throne*)
- White Horse Whose Rider is Called “Faithful & True”
(*Christ – God’s Righteous & Supreme Conqueror*)
- He Judges & Wages War in Righteousness
(*Christ Executes God’s Perfect Judgment*)
- His Eyes like Fiery Flame (*Christ is Omniscient*)
- Wore Many Diadems on His Head
(*Christ Crowned with Full Authority*)
- Inscribed with a Name Known Only to Him
(*Mystery: Unrevealed Dimension of Christ*)
- He Wore Cloak Dipped in Blood
(*Christ Our Sacrificial Redeemer*)
- His Name is “Word of God” (*Creative Force*)
- Armies of Heaven Followed Behind Him
(*Christ Commands the Armies of Heaven*)
 - Riding White Horses (*Conquerors with Christ*)
 - Dressed Fine Pure White Linen
(*Saved/Purified by Christ Jesus – See Part II.A.1 Above*)
- Out of His Mouth Came a Sharp Sword to Strike the Nations
(*Christ Judges the Nations by His Word*)
- He will Rule Nations with Iron Rod
(*Christ will Rule with Supreme Uncompromising Authority*)
- He will Tread Out Winepress of Fury & Wrath of God Almighty
(*Christ the Omnipotent Warrior - Executes God’s Judgments*)
- Name on His Cloak Covering Thigh (*Symbol of God’s Covenants*)

"KING OF KING & LORD OF LORDS"

- (2) Battle of Armageddon Rev. 19:17 – 20:3
- Lord’s Preparation for Final Conflict. “Then I saw an angel standing on the sun. He cried out (in) a loud voice to all the birds flying high overhead (*Between Heaven & Earth*), ‘Come here. Gather for God’s great feast, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military officers, and the flesh of warriors, the flesh of horses and of their riders (*Mankind’s Authorities & Might*), and the flesh of all, free and slave, small and great (*Unrepentant Mankind*).”

(Rev. 19:17-18)

- Man Musters His Armies for Final Confrontation to Rule Earth. “Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies (*Antichrist & His Allies*) gathered to fight against the one riding the horse (*Messiah - Son of God*) and against his (*Heavenly*) army.” (Rev. 19:19)
- Messiah’s Victory:
 - “The beast (*Antichrist*) was caught and with it the false prophet (*Satanic Religious Leader*) The two were thrown alive into the fiery pool burning with sulfur (*Eternal Damnation in Hell’s Lake of Fire*).” (Rev. 19:20)
 - “The rest (*Mankind’s Armies Allied with Antichrist*) were killed by the sword that came out of the mouth of the one riding the horse (*Messiah Pronounces Judgment*), and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh (*Mankind’s Rebellion Completely Devoured - Cleansing the Earth*).” (Rev. 19:21)
- Satan’s Expulsion from Earth. “Then I saw an angel come down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain. He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the Devil or Satan, and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it could no longer lead the nations astray” (Rev. 20:1-3)
 - Abyss = Bottomless Pit (*Place of No Escape*)

b. Salvation of a People (Israel)

Israel Shall Proclaim: “Yeshua hoo hamashiach” = Jesus Our Messiah

- 1) Israel’s Spiritual Blindness Lifted Rom. 11:25-29
 - a) “..... a hardening (*Blindness*) has come upon Israel in part, until the full number of the Gentiles comes in (*See Part II.A.1 Above*), and thus all Israel will be saved” (Rom. 11:25-26)
- 2) Israel Recognizes Yeshua (Jesus) as Messiah at His Coming Zech. 12:10
 - a) “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem (*Israelites*) a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have thrust through (*Jesus Christ Crucified*), and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son (*Jesus - Israelite of Tribe of Judah & Son of David*), and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born” (*Law Requires that Israel’s First-Born be Consecrated to Lord [Ex. 13:1-2]. Jesus is Lord’s First Born [Luke 2:22-35].*)”
 - b) Israel’s Repentance Zech. 12:11-14
 - “On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo (*Referring to Messiah’s Victory at Battle of Armageddon*).” (Zech. 12:11)
- 3) Purification & Redemption of Israel – Aftermath of Armageddon Isa. 1:21-31; Zeph. 3
 - a) Lord Provides Israel’s Salvation Isa. 59
 - Israel’s Sin & Conviction. “Lo, the hand of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. Rather, it is your crimes (*Conspiracy, Arrest, Trial & Conviction of Jesus Christ*) that separate you from your God, It is your sins that make him hide his face so that

he will not hear you.” (*Isa. 59:1-2*)

- Israel’s Redeemer – Messiah. “He (*Lord*) shall come to Zion a redeemer to those of Jacob (*Israel*) who turn from sin (*Repent*), says the LORD.” (*Isa. 59:20*)
- b) Messiah is Israel’s Savior Isa. 61:10-11
- c) Messiah is Israel’s Bridegroom Isa. 62:1-5
- d) Purification of Israel Zech. 13
- Fountain (*Holy Spirit*) Purifies from Sin & Uncleanness
 - Open to House of David & Inhabitants of Jerusalem (*Israel*)
 - The Lord Purges Idols (*False Gods*) & False Prophets (*False / Misguided Teachers*) from Israel
 - Israel’s Song of Salvation. “..... They (*Israel*) shall call upon my name (*Yeshua hoo hamashiach*), and I will hear them. I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they shall say, ‘The LORD is my God.’” (*Zech. 13:9*)
- 4) The Lord’s Forgiveness - Israel’s “Day of Atonement” Fulfilled by Messiah
Lev. 16; Lev. 23:26-32
(*See Day of Atonement in “Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part II” Study*)
- a) Messiah – Israel’s High Priest Heb. 4:14-16; Heb. 9 & 10
- Clothed in His Own Righteousness
 - Offered Himself as a Holy & Perfect Sacrifice
 - Entered Heavenly Sanctuary with His Own Blood for Sins of His Household (Israel)
 - Messiah was the Scapegoat that Carried Away Their Sins
Psa. 103:11-18
- b) Israel Accepts Lord God’s Atonement - Messiah Isa. 12
- “On that day, you will say: I give you thanks, O LORD; though you have been angry with me, your anger has abated, and you have consoled me. God (*Elohim – Creator*) indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD (*Yahweh*), and he has been my savior.” (*Isa. 12:1-3*)
 - “With joy you will draw water (*Holy Spirit*) at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day (*Messiah’s Second Advent – Israel’s Day of Atonement*): Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion (*Jerusalem*), for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel (*Messiah – Savior*)!” (*Isa. 12:3-6*)
- c. Manner of Messiah’s Coming
- 1) Excerpts from Old Testament Prophecies
- a) “....Then the moon will blush and the sun grow pale.....” *Isa. 24:15-23*
- b) “And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke; The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, At the coming of the Day of the LORD, the great and terrible day.....” *Joel 3:3-5*
- c) “..... For see, the LORD comes forth from his place (*Heaven*), he descends and treads upon the heights of the earth. The mountains melt

under him and the valleys split open, Like wax before the fire, like water poured down a slope.”
Micah 1:2-4

- d) “..... That day his (Messiah’s) feet shall rest upon the Mount of Olives, which is opposite Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives shall be cleft in two from east to west by a very deep valley, and half of the mountain shall move to the north and half of it to the south. And the valley of the LORD’S mountain shall be filled up when the valley of those two mountains reaches its edge; Then the LORD, my God, shall come, and all his holy ones with him.”
Zech. 14:1-5

2) Excerpts of Messiah’s Words

a) Jesus’ Prophetic Discourse

- “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.....” Matt. 24:29-35
- “But in those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.....”
Mark 13:24-31
- “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.....”
Luke 21:25-28

b) Jesus Testifies Before Sanhedrin Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65

- “.....you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” (Matt. 26:64 & Mark 14:62)

3) Excerpts from New Testament Prophecies

a) Sixth Seal – Messiah Son of Man Returns to Earth Ending Man’s Rule
Rev. 6:12-17

- “..... there was a great earthquake; the sun turned as black as dark sackcloth and the whole moon became like blood. The stars in the sky fell to the earth like unripe figs shaken loose from the tree in a strong wind. Then the sky was divided like a torn scroll curling up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place.....”

b) Seventh Trumpet – Heaven’s Proclamation of Coming Messiah Lord & Ruler of World
Rev. 11:15-19

- “..... There were loud voices in heaven (*Angelic Hosts*), saying, ‘The kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Anointed (*Messiah*), and he will reign forever and ever.’”
- “The twenty-four elders (*Representing Old & New Covenants*) who sat on their thrones before God prostrated themselves and worshiped God and said: ‘We give thanks to you, Lord God almighty, who are

and who were. For you have assumed your great power and have established your reign. The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to recompense your servants, the prophets, and the holy ones and those who fear your name, the small and the great alike, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

- “Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant (*Lord’s Throne on Earth - Fulfilled by Messiah*) could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm.”
- c) Seventh Bowl – Coming of Messiah to Effect God’s Wrath & Final Judgment on Earth Rev. 16:17-21
- “..... A loud voice came out of the temple from the throne (*Lord God’s Pronouncement*), saying, ‘It is done.’ Then there were lightning flashes, rumblings, and peals of thunder, and a great earthquake. It was such a violent earthquake that there has never been one like it since the human race began on earth. The great city (*Jerusalem*) was split into three parts, and the gentile cities fell..... Every island fled, and mountains disappeared. Large hailstones like huge weights came down from the sky on people, and they blasphemed God for the plague of hail because this plague was so severe.”
- d) Coming of Messiah – Conquering King of Kings & Lord of Lords Rev. 19:11-16
- “Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was (called) ‘Faithful and True.’ He judges and wages war in righteousness. His eyes were (like) a fiery flame, and on his head were many diadems. He had a name inscribed that no one knows except himself. He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and his name was called the Word of God. The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen. Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty. He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’.”

B. Messiah Enthroned on Earth

1. Messiah’s Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem Psa. 68:25-36; Psa. 100
 - a. Background (*See “Tabernacle & Temple – Part I & Part II” Studies*)
 - 1) Shekinah Glory (Lord’s Presence) Filled Israel’s Tabernacle & Temple when they were Consecrated Ex. 40:34-38; 1Kings 8:10-13
 - 2) Glory of Lord Departed Temple Before it was Destroyed Ezek. 10:18-23
 - 3) Messiah’s First Triumphant Procession into Jerusalem (*Palm Sunday*) Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19
 - a) Entered East Gate Mounted on Beast of Burden
 - b) Fulfilling His Salvific Mission. “Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just

savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.”
Zech. 9:9

- b. Messiah’s Second Triumphant Procession into Jerusalem
- 1) Messiah will Enter East Gate Mounted on a White Horse
Zech. 14:1-5; Rev. 19:11-21
 - a) “That day his feet shall rest upon the Mount of Olives, which is opposite Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives shall be cleft in two from east to west by a very deep valley, and half of the mountain shall move to the north and half of it to the south.” (*Zech. 14:4*)
 - b) Christ Enters Jerusalem Not Meek & Riding an Ass (*Representing His Humility & Grace*), but Riding a White Horse (*Conqueror*)
 - 2) Messiah the Conquering King of Glory Psa. 24
 - a) “Lift up your heads, O gates (*i.e. Jerusalem’s Eastern Gate*); rise up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may enter. Who is this king of glory? The LORD, a mighty warrior, the LORD, mighty in battle (*i.e. Messiah - Victor of Battle of Armageddon*). Lift up your heads, O gates; rise up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may enter. Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts is the king of glory. Selah” (*Psa. 24:7-10*)
- c. Return of God’s Glory to New Temple – Messiah Ezek. 43:1-5
- 1) “Then he led me to the gate which faces the east (*New Temple’s Eastern Gate*), and there I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east (*From Jerusalem’s East Gate*). I heard a sound like the roaring of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory..... I fell prone as the glory of the LORD entered the temple by way of the gate which faces the east, but spirit lifted me up and brought me to the (*Temple’s*) inner court. And I saw that the temple was filled with the glory of the LORD.” (*Ezek. 43:1-5*)
 - a) Messiah will Come from East (*Mount of Olives*)
 - *Having Been Victorious at Battle of Armageddon*
 - b) Sound of Roaring Waters (*Messiah Speaks with Divine Authority*)
 - c) Earth Shone with His Glory (*Messiah’s Illuminating Presence – The Light of the World – His Divine Majesty*)
 - d) Messiah Enters New Temple by its East Gate
 - e) Temple Filled with Glory of the Lord (*Messiah – Son of God*)

2. Messiah Enthroned in Temple

- a. The Lord’s Decree. “Then I (*Prophet Ezekiel*) heard someone (*Messiah – Glory of the Lord*) speaking to me from the temple, The voice said to me: Son of man, this is where my throne shall be, this is where I will set the soles of my feet; here I will dwell among the Israelites forever.....” Ezek. 43:6-9
- b. Messiah Enthroned as King & High Priest Psa. 110; Ezek. 43:10-27; Zech. 6:9-15
 - 1) Jesus is Messiah – King & High Priest. “Silver and gold you shall take, and make a crown; place it on the head of (Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest) (*‘Joshua’ is Hebrew Name ‘Yeshua’ which we Translate ‘Jesus’*) Zerubbabel (*Jesus is a Descendant of Zerubbabel [Matt. 1:12-16]*). And say to him: Thus says the LORD of hosts: Here is a man whose name is Shoot (*‘Shoot’ is ‘Netzer’ in Hebrew Meaning ‘Branch’ – Jesus Known as the Nazarene which Means ‘Branch-Man’ [Matt. 2:23]*), and where he is he shall

- sprout, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.” (Zech. 6:11-12)
- a) Crown of Silver (*Redemptive King*) & Gold (*Divine King*) Placed on Jesus (*Yeshua*) Christ’s (*Messiah’s*) Head (*Crowned as King & High Priest*)
 - 2) “Yes, he shall build the temple of the LORD, and taking up the royal insignia, he shall sit as ruler upon his throne. The priest shall be put at his right hand, and between the two of them there shall be friendly understanding.” (Zech. 6:13)
 - a) Christ Takes Royal (*King David’s*) Insignia (*Symbol of Davidic Covenant*)
 - b) Christ Sits as Ruler on His Throne (*Enthroned in Temple’s Holy of Holies*)
 - Priest Placed at Christ’s Right Hand (*Symbolizing that the Priests are Subordinate to Messiah Who is King & High Priest*)
 - 3) “The crown itself shall be a memorial offering (*Commemorating Christ’s Sacrifice & Death*) in the temple of the LORD (*God’s Presence & Place of Atonement*).” (Zech. 6:14)
 - 4) New Temple Law Proclaimed Ezek. 43:10-12
 - 5) New Altar Ezek. 43:13-17
 - 6) New Temple Cleansed & Consecrated Ezek. 43:18-27
 - a) “. Then I will accept you, says the Lord GOD.” (Ezek. 43:27)
 - c. Eastern Gate Closed after Messiah Enters Ezek 44:1-3
 - 1) No One Else Worthy to Enter
 - 2) He Alone is Messiah. “. . . . you (*Israel*) shall know that the Lord of hosts (*Yahweh*) has sent me (*‘Yeshua hoo hamashiach’*) to you.” (Zech. 6:15)

C. Messiah’s Judgment of All Nations

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

- “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’
- “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Matt. 25:31-46

Observations & Comments:

- There are many judgments mentioned in Scripture. In the above passage, Jesus speaks of His Judgment of the Nations at His Second Coming. These are the gentile nations/peoples who survived the “great tribulation” period and Battle of Armageddon, remaining alive at His Coming.
- Messiah – King & Supreme Judge judges and separates those peoples/nations who will enter into His Messianic Kingdom on Earth, from those peoples/nations condemned to death and hell. The criteria of His judgment is: 1) those peoples/nations who, sometimes unknowingly, advanced His Kingdom by showing compassion and giving aid to “His Brethren” (i.e. Jews & Christians), and 2) those peoples/nations who persecuted, refused to aid or ignored the plight of “His Brethren”.
- Those peoples/nations judged worthy to enter Messiah’s Earthly Reign will remain in the natural, living, marrying, procreating, etc., making up the population of a world ruled by Messiah (See Part II.D Below).

1. Messiah – God’s Righteous Judge

- a. Jesus Christ Judges from an Eternal Perspective - Divine Nature as Son of God
Psa. 75; Psa. 82; Psa. 97
 - 1) Understands God’s Justice

- 2) Judges All Men Equitably
- b. Jesus Christ Judges from Human Perspective - Human Nature (Without Sin) as Son of Man
 - 1) Understands Human Experience (Temptation, Pain & Suffering, Life's Pressures, etc.) John 3:19-20
Heb. 4:12-15
 - 2) Understands Hearts of Men (Motivation, Intention, etc.) John 2:24-25
 - 3) Judges All Men Equitably
- c. Jesus Christ Appointed & Anointed by God as Supreme Judge
 - Psa. 110; Isa. 11:1-5; John 5:19-30
 - 1) Prophesied Messiah – Supreme King & Judge. “Not by appearance shall he (Promised Messiah) judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.” (Isa. 11:3b-5)
 - 2) Declared Messiah – Divine Son & Supreme Judge
 - a) “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son (Jesus Christ) give life to whomever he wishes (Divine Prerogative). Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.” (John 5:21-23)
 - b) “For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself (Divine Attribute). And he (Father God) gave him (Jesus Christ) power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”(John 5:26-27)
 - c) “I (Jesus) cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one (Father God) who sent me.” (John 5:30)

2. Messiah Secures His Kingdom

Note. In the ancient middle east, it was common practice for a new king to secure his reign by judging, and, if necessary, eliminating overt opposition to his throne/kingdom. When Solomon ascended to Israel’s Throne, he executed the judgment his father King David had requested on those officials who rebelled or violently opposed David’s authority (1 Kings 2). In the same way, Messiah “Son of David” will secure His Kingdom on Earth by judging those peoples/nations that opposed His Kingdom throughout the ages.

- a. Nations Gathered for Judgment
 - 1) “I will assemble all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, And I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of my people and my inheritance, Israel; Because they have scattered them among the nations, and divided my land.” (Joel 4:2)
 - a) Jehoshaphat Means “Yahweh Judges”
- b. Judgment of Antichrist at Battle of Armageddon
 - 1) “Prince of Tyre” (Spirit of Antichrist)
 - a) Boastful & Blasphemous Heart. “... Because you are haughty of heart, you say, ‘A god am I! I occupy a godly throne in the heart of the sea (Gentile Nations)!’ And yet you are a man, and not a god, however you may think yourself like a god.” (Ezek. 28:2)
 - b) Slain by Barbarous Foreigners

- c) Die the Death of Uncircumcised (*Unclean*)
 d) Thrust into Pit (*Hell*)
- c. Judgment of Satan at Battle of Armageddon Rev. 20:1-3
- 1) “King of Babylon” (*Satan*) Isa. 14:1-22
- a) Guilty of Blasphemous Pride. “How have you fallen from the heavens, O morning star, son of the dawn! How are you cut down to the ground, you who mowed down the nations! You said in your heart: ‘I will scale the heavens; Above the stars of God I will set up my throne; I will take my seat on the Mount of Assembly, in the recesses of the North. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will be like the Most High!’”
 (*Isa. 14:12-14*)
- b) Cast into Nether World – Abyss. “Yet down to the nether world you go to the recesses of the pit!” (*Isa. 14:15*)
- c) Mocked by the Dead. “When they (*Dead in Hell*) see you they will stare, pondering over you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, and kingdoms quake? Who made the world a desert, razed its cities, and gave his captives no release?’” (*Isa. 14:16-17*)
- d) Humbled Before All Nations. “All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb; But you are cast forth without burial, loathsome and corrupt, Clothed as those slain at sword-point, a trampled corpse. Going down to the pavement of the pit, you will never be one with them in the grave.....” (*Isa. 14:18-20*)
- 2) Lament Over King of Tyre (*Lucifer*) Ezek 28:11-19
- a) Fall of Lucifer
- “..... You were stamped with the seal of perfection, of complete wisdom and perfect beauty. In Eden, the garden of God, you were, and every precious stone was your covering ; Of gold your pendants and jewels were made, on the day you were created.” (*Ezek. 28:12-13*)
 - “With the Cherub I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God, walking among the fiery stones. Blameless you were in your conduct from the day you were created, Until evil was found in you, the result of your far-flung trade; violence was your business, and you sinned.....” (*Ezek. 28:14-16*)
- b) Cast Out of Heaven. “..... Then I banned you from the mountain of God; the Cherub drove you from among the fiery stones.” (*Ezek. 28:16*)
- c) Became God’s Adversary (“*Satan*”)
- d) Judged & Condemned by a Righteous God. “Because of your guilt, your sinful trade, I have profaned your sanctuaries, And I have brought out fire from your midst which will devour you. I have reduced you to dust on the earth in the sight of all who should see you. Among the peoples, all who knew you stand aghast at you; You have become a horror, you shall be no more.” (*Ezek. 28:18-19*)
- d. Judgment of Antichrist’s Kingdom Isa. 13; Rev. 19:17-21
 (*Symbolically Referred to as “Babylon/Tyre”*)
- 1) Destruction at Battle of Armageddon
- a) “I have commanded my dedicated soldiers, I have summoned my warriors, eager and bold to carry out my anger. Listen! the rumble on the mountains: that of an immense throng! Listen! the noise of kingdoms, nations

- assembled! The LORD of hosts is mustering an army for battle. They come from a far-off country, and from the end of the heavens, The LORD and the instruments of his wrath, to destroy all the land.” (*Isa. 13:3-5*)
- b) “Lo, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and burning anger; To lay waste the land and destroy the sinners within it! The stars and constellations of the heavens send forth no light; The sun is dark when it rises, and the light of the moon does not shine. Thus I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their guilt. I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant, the insolence of tyrants I will humble. I will make mortals more rare than pure gold, For this I will make the heavens tremble and the earth shall be shaken from its place, At the wrath of the LORD of hosts on the day of his burning anger.” (*Isa. 13:9-13*)
- c) “And Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory and pride of the Chaldeans, Shall be overthrown by God like Sodom and like Gomorrah.” (*Isa. 13:19*)
- e. Judgment of World Systems Isa. 21:1-10; Ezek. 27; Rev. 17 & 18
 (*World’s Systems: Political, Financial, Academic, Business, Religious, etc.*)
 (*Symbolically Referred to as “Babylon” & “Ship of Tyre”*)
- 1) Ship of Tyre (*Center of World Commerce*)
 - 2) “..... Fallen, fallen is Babylon, And all the images of her gods (*Idolatry – Spiritualism, Materialism & Human Power/Authority*) are smashed to the ground.” (*Isa. 21:9*)
 - 3) “..... Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great. She has become a haunt for demons.... For all the nations have drunk the wine of her licentious passion. The kings of the earth had intercourse with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her drive for luxury.” (*Rev. 18:2-3*)
 - a) Instant Judgment. “..... Alas, alas, great city, Babylon, mighty city. In one hour your judgment has come.” (*Rev. 18:10*)
- f. Judgment of Gentile Nations [*References Modern Nation*]
 Isa. 14:24-32; Isa. 15 – 20; Isa. 21:11-17; Isa. 22:15 – 23:16; Jer. 25:15-38; Jer. 46 – 51; Ezek. 25 – 26; Ezek. 29 – 32; Amos 1:1 – 2:3; Zeph. 2; Zech.9:1-8
- 1) Summary of Ezekiel’s Prophecies Against the Nations - Prefiguring Messiah’s Judgment & Condemnation
 - a) Prophecies Against Israel’s Border Nations
 - Ammon [*Jordan*] - Rejoiced Over Israel's Downfall Ezek. 25:1-7
 - Moab [*Jordan*] - Mocked Israel as God's Chosen Ezek. 25:8-11
 - Edom [*Jordan*] - Vengeance on Israel Ezek. 25:12-14
 - Philistines [*Gaza / Palestine*] - Vengeance on Israel Ezek. 25:15-17
 - City of Tyre [*Lebanon*] Ezek. 26
 - Rejoiced Over Israel's Downfall
 - Coveting Jerusalem's Wealth (*God's Blessing*)
 - Sidon [*Lebanon*] - Thorn to Israel Ezek. 28:20-24
 - b) Prophecies Against Egypt [*Egypt*] Ezek 29 – 32
 - Pharaoh's Blasphemous Boast (*Pride of Heart*). “.....Because you said, ‘The Niles are mine; it is I who made them,’ therefore see! I am coming at you and against your Niles; I will make the land of Egypt a waste and a desolation” (*Ezek. 29:9-10*)
 - Untrustworthy Ally of Israel

- The Day of the Lord Against Egypt Ezek. 30:1-19
 - Destruction by Sword
 - Egypt and Her Allies
- Since Egypt Spread Terror in Land of the Living, They are Laid to Rest Among the Uncircumcised (*Unclean Enemies*) in Nether World
- c) Prophecy Against Mount Seir Edom [*See Comment*] Ezek. 35

Comment: Seir is Esau's Land Possession ("Esau is Edom" Gen. 36) consisting of a mountain range in Edom (SE Jordan) separating Israel from Arabian Peninsula. I believe that "Seir" represents Islamic States that seek to destroy Israel.

- Judgment: Destruction & Desolation
 - Hatred of Israel. “Because you never let die your hatred for the Israelites, whom you delivered over to the power of the sword at the time of their trouble.....” (*Ezek. 35:5*)
 - Guilty of Israel's Blood. “..... as I live, says the Lord GOD, you have been guilty of blood, and blood, I swear, shall pursue you.” (*Ezek. 35:6*)
 - Rejoiced Over Israel's Downfall
- 2) Sampling of Other Nations Prophesied Against – Prefiguring Messiah’s Judgment & Condemnation
- a) Isaiah’s Prophecy Against Assyria [*Syria & Iraq*] Isa. 14:24-27
 - b) Isaiah’s Prophecy Against Damascus [*Syria*] Isa. 17
 - c) Jeremiah’s Prophecy Against Arabia [*Saudi Arabia*] Jer. 49:28-33
 - d) Jeremiah’s Prophecy Against Elam [*Iran*] Jer. 49:34-39
 - e) Jeremiah’s Prophecy Against Babylon [*Iraq*] Jer. 50 & 51
- g. Judgment of Israel
Isa. 2:6-22; Isa. 22:1-14; Jer. 50:4-7 & 20; Jer. 50:31-34; Amos 2:3-16
- 1) Israel Chastised, Refined & Purified. “Zion shall be redeemed by judgment, and her repentant ones by justice.” (*Isa. 1:27*)
 - 2) Surviving Remnant Enter Messiah’s Kingdom (*See Part II.A.2.b Above*)
 - 3) Israel’s Inheritance Guaranteed by Covenant (*See “Covenants – Part I & Part II” Studies*)
 - 4) “Then all nations will call you (*Israel*) blessed, for you will be a delightful land, says the LORD of hosts.” Mal. 3:12

D. Messiah’s Kingdom on Earth

1. Overview of Messiah’s 1,000 Year Reign Rev. 20:1-6
(*Israel's Messianic / Golden Age*) (*Christ’s Millennial Kingdom*)
 - a. Satan Expelled from Earth. “Then I saw an angel come down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain. He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the Devil or Satan, and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it could no longer lead the nations astray until the thousand years are completed. After this, it is to be released for a short time.” (*Rev. 20:1-3*)
 - 1) Dragon (Satan) Captured & Chained for 1,000 Years
 - 2) Hurlled into Abyss (*Bottomless Pit = Place of No Escape*)
 - 3) Abyss Closed & Sealed Over Him
 - 4) Satan Removed from Earth & Away from Mankind During Christ's Reign

- Unable to Seduce the Nations
- b. Establishment of Thrones. “Then I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment.....” (Rev. 20:4)
 - 1) Saints Empowered to Judge
(Authorities Appointed & Empowered by Christ to Judge / Govern the World)
(Rightly Dividing the Nations' Inheritance in Christ's Kingdom)
- c. The First Resurrection (In Christ's Kingdom)
 - 1) Spirits of the Righteous Dead. “..... I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands. They came to life and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4)

Note on Martyrs. The context of this Scripture implies that these are people who were martyred during the reign of Antichrist. I believe the Church, including its multitudes of martyrs, would have already been caught up into Heaven by Christ, and will Return with Christ to destroy Antichrist and his armies (See Parts II.A.1 & II.A.2 Above).

- a) Beheaded (Martyrs) for Witness to Jesus
 - Never Worshipped Beast (Antichrist / World Systems) or His Image (Antichrist's Idolatry / False Religions)
 - Never Accepted Marks on Foreheads or Hands (Allegiance to Satan, Antichrist or Evil Authorities)
- b) Came to Life Again (Resurrected)
- c) Reigned with Christ 1,000 Years (People Persecuted for Righteousness Sake have an Inheritance in Christ's Kingdom)
- 2) Chant of the Righteous. “This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over these; they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for (the) thousand years.” (Rev. 20:5b-6)
 - a) Happy & Holy are They who are Included in the First Resurrection
 - b) Happy & Holy are They who Live in Christ's Kingdom
 - c) Second Death (Eternal Death & Damnation) Has No Claim Over Them
 - d) They Shall Serve God & Christ as Priests & Reign with Him 1,000 Years

Note on First Resurrection. Christ Jesus Gathers All Righteous Mankind (Both Living & Dead) from All Previous Ages / Epochs to Reign with Him in His Kingdom on Earth (John 11:25-26). It's an accumulation of Old Testament Saints, the raptured Church and those martyred during Antichrist's reign.

- 3) Unrighteous Dead - Excluded from Christ's Kingdom. “The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were over.” (Rev. 20:5a)
 - a) Awaiting Final Judgment (See Part II.D.8 Below)

Observation & Opinion:

As an anointed cherub, Lucifer was appointed ruler over certain celestial and terrestrial realms within God's creation. Scripture states that when Lucifer (Satan) fell, 1/3 of the “stars” fell with him (Rev. 12:3-4), symbolizing his realm. I believe Earth is part of this realm.

God did not usurp the authority He originally gave to Lucifer, but chose Earth as a battlefield to overthrow Satan and regain His fallen creation. God created man (Adam) in His own image giving him dominion over Earth, and commissioning him to fill and subdue Earth with offsprings (procreated in God's image). (God's Conquest was not to be based upon brutal force, but on God's love and man's free will to choose, trust and

obey Him.) Satan used this opportunity to seduce man to sin, separating man from God, resulting in man abdicating his dominion over Earth to Satan.

God's Son voluntarily became a man (God's Holy Anointed One - Messiah), came to Earth, lived a sinless life in total obedience to God, and took upon himself man's penalty for sin; thereby, regaining the dominion over Earth that God originally granted to Adam. Messiah ascended and is enthroned in Heaven. He currently rules Earth through those people who accept Him as Lord and Savior (i.e. the Church), whom He commissioned to spread His Gospel filling and subduing the Earth with citizens of His Kingdom, until He returns as King of kings and Lord of lords. When He returns, Messiah will establish His Kingdom on Earth (Millennial Kingdom), appointing His people as rulers and officials continuing His conquest of all of Satan's realm until final victory.

What is Messiah's Millennial Kingdom on Earth?

1. Messiah's Rule. Messiah will establish His Kingdom and rule over the entire Earth. His form of government will be, what I call, a "Theocratic Monarchy". Messiah's Capital City is Jerusalem (where He was sacrificed and resurrected). He will be enthroned in the New Temple's Holy of Holies as God's Presence on Earth. Apparently, Messiah (King of kings) will organize His worldwide government into districts each with a presiding throne (Matt. 19:28, Rev. 20:4) under His authority. He will rule Earth with a "rod of iron" (uncompromising justice, peace, honesty, truth, power and authority). He will also be Earth's Supreme Judge, as was the king's prerogative in ancient Israel/Judah. There will be no "separation of church and state" within Messiah's Kingdom. Worship will be mandated and prescribed by Divine Authority.
2. Messiah's Kingdom Covenant. I believe that there are three governing Covenants described in Scripture.
 - The "Old Covenant" consists of several incremental covenants where God sequentially reveals Himself to man as Creator God (Elohim), Almighty God (El Shaddai), Master (Adonai), and Lord (Yahweh) with specific revelations as our Provider (Yireh), Healer (Rapha), Victor (Nissi), Sanctifier (M'kadesh), Peace (Shalom), Righteousness (Tsidkenu), Shepherd (Rohi) and God's Abiding Presence (Shammah); all pointing to the coming Messiah (Yeshua). The Old Covenant prescribed religious laws consisting of Temple Worship, Holy Priesthood with ritualistic Sacrifices, and Holy Days, Festivals and Feasts; all pointing to the coming Messiah.
 - The "New Covenant" was established by Messiah (Christ Jesus) coming to Earth, where He fulfilled all the Old Covenant's laws and prophets. Christ became our atoning sacrifice for sin and is our High Priest. He rose from the dead victorious, ascended into heaven and enthroned as both King of kings and Head of the Church (Eph. 1:22-23), from which He sent the Holy Spirit empowering us to live godly lives and continue His work of furthering His Kingdom. We, the Church (1 Cor. 12:12-31), are spiritually, individually and collectively His Temple (1 Cor. 3:16) and Royal Priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9), awaiting His return.
 - The third governing covenant, I call the "Kingdom Covenant", will be established by Messiah at His Second Coming. Having fulfilled both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant, Messiah establishes a new Temple (note the differences between the Tabernacle/Temple configurations specified in the Old Testament and the New Temple below), a new priesthood (based on the Order of Zadok not Aaron) and a new law. Under the "Kingdom Covenant", Earth is restored to the condition originally created by God in the Garden of Eden, with Messiah (Son of Man) enthroned as supreme authority (without Satan to tempt, oppress and enslave mankind) completing the cycle back to the Lord's first covenant (Edenic) with mankind.
3. Earth's Population. I believe there will be no separation of resurrected beings from natural beings, as we know today. Human population in Messiah's Kingdom will consist of:
 - The righteous dead of the Old Covenant having been resurrected with Messiah (Matt. 27:53), the resurrected/translated Church (see Part II.A.1 Above), and the dead resurrected at Messiah's second coming (see Part II.D.1.c Above), all of whom will live eternally with Him (See Part III Below). Messiah will assign each person, duties, responsibilities and authorities throughout His realm.
 - The people (Jews & Gentiles) who were living at Messiah's return and judged worthy to inherit His Kingdom (See Opening Statements in Part II.C Above) will remain alive in the natural, marry and

having children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. for generations throughout this 1,000 year period. These people and their descendants will be born with Adam's sinful nature, as we are today, but will live in an idyllic world without Satan's influence, temptation, and bondages of disease, poverty, etc. They will have free will, like Adam, to accept Messiah and His Salvation or to reject Him, the same as we do today. I personally believe that many more people will be saved during the Millennial Kingdom than were saved from Adam's fall until today. The Millennial Kingdom will also prove that even with idyllic conditions, mankind will still reject and rebel against the Lord God Almighty and His Messiah.

2. Messiah's Rule – His Government

a. Messiah-King Ruler of the Whole World

Psa. 2; Psa. 22:28-32; Psa. 72; Psa. 96; Psa. 99; Zech. 14:8-11

1) "I will proclaim the decree of the LORD, who said to me, 'You (*Messiah – King*) are my son; today I am your father. Only ask it of me, and I will make your inheritance the nations, your possession the ends of the earth. With an iron rod you shall shepherd them, like a clay pot you will shatter them.' And now, kings, give heed; take warning, rulers on earth. Serve the LORD with fear; with trembling bow down in homage, Lest God be angry and you perish from the way in a sudden blaze of anger. Happy are all who take refuge in God!"

(Psa. 2:7-11)

2) "Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them. Then let all the trees of the forest rejoice before the LORD who comes, who comes to govern the earth, To govern the world with justice and the peoples with faithfulness."

(Psa. 96:11-13)

3) Messiah – King & Son of God. "A psalm of David. The LORD (*Yahweh*) says to you, my lord (*Messiah*): 'Take your throne at my righthand, while I make your enemies your footstool.' The scepter of your sovereign might the LORD will extend from Zion. The LORD says: 'Rule over your enemies! Yours is princely power from the day of your birth (*as Man-Child Jesus*). In holy splendor before the daystar (*Son of God*), like the dew I begot you.'"

Psa. 110:1-3

4) Messiah – High Priest. "The LORD has sworn and will not waver: 'Like Melchizedek you (*Messiah*) are a priest forever.'" Psa. 110:4

5) Messiah – Conquering Judge. "At your right hand is the Lord, who crushes kings on the day of wrath, Who, robed in splendor, judges nations, crushes heads across the wide earth, Who drinks from the brook by the wayside and thus holds high the head." Psa. 110:5-7

6) "The LORD shall become king over the whole earth; on that day the LORD shall be the only one, and his name the only one." (Zech. 14:9)

b. Messiah's Capital City is Zion Isa. 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-8; Zeph. 3:14-20

1) God Chooses Jerusalem & Judah Zech. 1:14-17

a) The Lord's Proclamation: "Thus says the LORD of hosts:"

- "I Am Deeply Moved for the Sake of Jerusalem & Zion"
- "I Am Exceedingly Angry with Complacent Nations"
- "I Will Turn to Jerusalem in Mercy"
- "My House (*Temple*) shall be Built in Jerusalem"
- "My Cities Shall Overflow with Prosperity"
- "I Will Again Comfort Zion"

- “I Will Again Choose Jerusalem”
- b) Fulfilling Lord’s Covenant with King David
2 Sam. 7:8-17; 1 Chron. 17:3-14; Psa. 132
 - “..... I (*Lord God*) will raise up your (*King David’s*) offspring after you who will be one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He it is who shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me, and I will not withdraw my favor from him as I withdrew it from him who preceded you; but I will maintain him in my house (*Temple*) and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be firmly established forever.” (1 Chron. 17:11-14)

 - Jesus Christ is of House & Lineage of David
 - Jesus Christ Builds the Lord’s House (*His Church – Spiritually, Individually & Collectively Temple of Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 3:16*)
 - Jesus Christ Enthroned in Temple of Lord Forever (*Enthroned as Both Supreme King & High Priest*)
 - “The LORD swore an oath to David, a pledge never to be broken: ‘Your own offspring (*Messiah*) I will set upon your throne’ Yes, the LORD has chosen Zion (*Jerusalem*), desired it for a dwelling: ‘This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I desire it.’” (Psa. 132:11-14)
- c) Fulfilling Lord’s Promise to Israel/Judah
Psa. 60:8-10; Psa. 108:8-10; Isa. 9:5-6; Isa. 11:1-5; Jer. 23:1-8
 - “For a child is born to us (*Israelite*), a son is given us (*Son of God*); upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:5
 - Jesus Christ is an Israelite
 - “Judah, my (*Lord God’s*) own scepter” (Psa.60:9 & Psa. 108:9)
 - Jesus Christ of Tribe of Judah
 - “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: ‘The LORD our justice.’” (Jer. 23:5-6)
 - Jesus Christ is the Righteous “Shoot” (*Offspring*) to David
- 2) Jesus Christ from House & Lineage of David Rules from Zion - King David’s Citadel in Old Jerusalem
- 3) Jesus Christ from Tribe of Judah Rules from Jerusalem - Capital of Judah
- 4) Jesus Christ an Israelite Rules Earth from the Nation of Israel
- c. Messiah’s New Israel Jer. 23:1-8
 - 1) Zechariah’s Vision Zech. 8
 - a) Lord God’s Announcement to Israel:
 - “I Am Intensely Jealous for Zion”
 - “I Will Return to Zion”
 - “I Will Dwell Within Jerusalem”
 - b) Jerusalem Shall be Called Faithful City (*City Chosen by God*)
 - The Mountain of Lord of Hosts (*Ruled by Messiah*)
 - The Holy Mountain (*Center of Worship / Priesthood*)

- c) Jerusalem: Messiah's Capital City
- Peopled with Old & Young Alike
(*People from All Ages: Both Old & New Covenants*)
 - I (Lord God) Will Rescue My People (*Israel*)
 - From Land of Rising Sun (*East: Assyria / Babylon*)
(*Represents First Diaspora 722 & 586 BC*)
 - From Land of Setting Sun (*West: Europe*)
(*Represents Second Diaspora 70 AD*)
 - “I will bring them back to dwell within Jerusalem. They shall be my people, and I will be their God, with faithfulness and justice.”
(*Zech. 8:8*)
- d) Lord God's New Favor on Israel
- Formerly Judged & Cursed (*Under the Law*)
 - Warned by the Prophets
 - Judged by their Lord
 - Cursed by the Nations
 - Lord God's Blessings on Remnant of Israel
 - Abundance of Produce
 - Peace
 - Blessing to Nations
 - Lord's Exhortation to be Pure of Heart
- e) Lord God's Establishment of Messiah's Law
- Israel's Fast Days Become Occasions of Joy & Cheerful Festivals
(*Celebrating Messiah Fulfillment*)
 - Nations Shall Make Pilgrimages to Jerusalem to Implore Lord's Favor
 - Jews Will be a Blessing to All Nations. “..... In those days ten men of every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall take hold, yes, take hold of every Jew by the edge of his garment and say, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’” (*Zech. 8:23*)
- 2) Ezekiel's Vision Ezek. 47:13 - 48:35
- a) Israel Established & Apportioned by Lord
- b) Israel's Tribal Land Inheritances
- Joseph has 2 Portions (*Manasseh & Ephraim*)
 - All Portions Equal
- c) Israel's National Boundaries
- d) Tribal Inheritances in Northern Portion
- Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben & Judah
- e) The Sacred Tract (*See Ezek. 45:1-8 Below*)
- Borders Judah's Inheritance
 - Lord's Sanctuary at Center
 - The Lord's Land
 - The Priests' Abode
 - The Levites' Abode
 - The City (*Jerusalem*) at Center
 - The Prince's Lands - Both Sides of Sacred Tract & City Property
- f) Tribal Inheritances in Southern Portion
- Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun & Gad
- g) The City (*New Jerusalem, Messiah's Capital City & Throne*)

- Gates of the City Named for Tribes of Israel
 - 3 Northern Gates: Reuben, Judah & Levi
 - 3 Eastern Gates: Joseph, Benjamin & Dan
 - 3 Southern Gates: Simeon, Issachar & Zebulun
 - 3 Western Gates: Gad, Asher & Naphtali
 - Name of the City: "**THE LORD IS HERE**"
- d. Messiah is Supreme Judge - Rules in Equity, Truth, Wisdom & Justice
Psa. 72; Psa. 82; Psa. 97; Isa. 11:1-5; Isa. 28:5-6
- 1) "Arise, O God (Messiah – Son of God), judge the earth, for yours are all the nations" (Psa. 82:8)
 - 2) "For a child is born to us (Messiah an Israelite), a son is given us (Messiah – Son of God); upon his shoulder dominion rests [*"the government shall be upon his shoulder"* KJV Isa. 9:6b]. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains. By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!" Isa. 9:5-6
 - 3) "But he (Messiah) shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked." (Isa. 11:4)
- e. Messiah Imposes Universal Peace
- 1) "He (Messiah) shall judge between the nations, and impose (Peace) terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Isa. 2:4
 - 2) "He (Messiah) shall judge between many peoples and impose (Peace) terms on strong and distant nations; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Micah 4:3
 - 3) "Every man shall sit under his own vine or under his own fig tree, undisturbed; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken." Micah 4:4
- f. Political Pilgrimages by All Nations to Jerusalem
- 1) To Honor the Name of Lord. "At that time they will call Jerusalem the LORD'S throne; there all nations will be gathered together to honor the name of the LORD at Jerusalem, and they will walk no longer in their hardhearted wickedness." Jer. 3:17
 - 2) To Learn from the Lord. "..... All nations shall stream toward it (Zion) many peoples shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the LORD'S mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, That he (Lord & Messiah) may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.' For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." Isa. 2:2-3
 - 3) "Many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, let us climb the mount of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, That he may instruct us in his ways, that we may walk in his paths.' For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." Micah 4:2
- g. Messiah's New World Order Zech. 10
- 1) Messiah is Lord of the Elements. "Ask of the LORD rain in the spring season! It is the LORD who makes storm clouds. And sends men the pouring rain; for

everyone, grassy fields.” (*Zech. 10:1*)

- 2) Messiah is Lord & Judge Over Spiritual Realms & Practices
 - a) Enforcing Lord’s Wrath & Punishment
- 3) All Authorities Appointed by Messiah. “From him (*Messiah*) shall come leader and chief, from him warrior’s bow and every officer.” (*Zech. 10:4*)
- 4) Messiah Reinstates Houses of Judah & Joseph. “I (*Lord & Messiah*) will strengthen the house of Judah, the house of Joseph I will save; I will bring them back, because I have mercy on them, they shall be as though I had never cast them off, for I am the LORD, their God, and I will hear them.” (*Zech. 10:6*) (*Messiah Unites Judah & Israel Under His Rule*).
- 5) Messiah Gathers Jews from Nations & Restores Them to Israel. “I (*Lord & Messiah*) will whistle for them to come together, and when I redeem them they will be as numerous as before.” (*Zech. 10:8*)
 - a) Israel Returns with their Children (*Lord’s Legacy*)
 - b) Messiah Judges Nations Who Persecuted Israel
 - c) Messiah Strengthens Israel. “I (*Lord & Messiah*) will strengthen them in the LORD, and they shall walk in his name, says the LORD” (*Zech. 10:12*) (*Israel shall Live Victoriously in Obedience to the Law*)

3. Spiritual/Religious Life & Worship

a. The New Temple

- 1) Earth’s Central Place of Worship (*Messiah Is High Priest*)
- 2) Messiah’s Throne & Judgment Seat (*Messiah Is King of Kings*)
 - a) Messiah – Supreme Ruler of Earth
 - b) Messiah Instructs & Commands Israel & Nations
 - c) Messiah Judges Between Nations & Peoples
- 3) God’s Presence on Earth (*Messiah the Son of God*)
 - a) God Meets with Man
 - b) God Communes with Man
- 4) Promise of a New Temple Hag. 2:1-9
 - a) “For thus says the LORD of hosts: One moment yet, a little while, and I (*Messiah – Son of God*) will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land (*Messiah’s Second Coming*). I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will come in, And I will fill this house (*New Temple*) with glory (*Messiah’s Presence*), says the LORD of hosts. Mine is the silver and mine the gold, says the LORD of hosts. Greater will be the future glory of this house than the former (*Solomon’s Temple*), says the LORD of hosts; And in this place I will give you peace, says the LORD of hosts.” (*Hag. 2:6-9*)
- 5) Ezekiel's Vision of the New Temple Ezek. 40 – 43
 - a) Ezekiel Sees a Man with a Measure Ezek. 40:1-5
 - Vision Received 14 Years After Fall of Jerusalem (Ca. 572 BC) (*14 Represents Events to Occur After 2 Perfect Completions: 1st & 2nd Advents of Christ Jesus Fulfilling Both Old & New Covenants*)
 - Sees a City Being Built in Land of Israel (*Messiah's New Jerusalem*)
 - Man has the Appearance of Bronze (*Messiah the Son of Man*)
 - Standing at Gate (*Poised Ready to Usher in Messianic Kingdom*)
 - Holding Linen Cord (*Priestly Thread to Knit Together Jewish &*

Christian Covenants)

- Holding 6 Cubit Measuring Rod (*Built for Mankind*)
- b) Summary of New Temple Revealed to Ezekiel Ezek. 40:6 – 42:20
 - (1) **The Outer Court**
 - East Gate
 - North Gate
 - South Gate
 - Altar in Front of Temple
 - (2) **The Inner Court** (“Nave”)
 - East Gate with Vestibule to Outer Court
 - North Gate with Vestibule to Outer Court
 - Chamber for Priests in Charge of Altar
 - Chamber for Preparing Sacrifices
 - South Gate with Vestibule to Outer Court
 - Chamber for Priest in Charge of Temple
 - Wooden Altar in Front of Holy Place: “..... This is the table which is before the LORD.” (*Ezek. 41:22*)
 - (3) Space Beyond the Nave: “This is the Holy of Holies” (*Ezek. 41:4*)
 - Double Door Entrance

Differences Between Old & New Temple Configurations*(See “Tabernacle & Temple – Part I and Part II” Studies)***Old Covenant Specifications**

Given to Moses Ex. 25 – 27

Outer Court

One Entrance – East
 Altar of Holocausts/Sacrifices
 Laver for Priests for Cleansing

Inner Court (The Holy Place)

One Entrance - East
 Table of Showbread – North Inside
 12 Loaves Unleavened Bread
 Lampstand (Menorah) – South Inside
 Perpetual Burning Light
 Incense Altar before Veil

Holy of Holies (Most Holy Place)

Veil Separating Holy of Holies & Inner Court
 Ark of the Covenant
 Containing God’s Commandments
 Ark Covering (Propitiation)
 God’s Mercy Seat (Throne) above Propitiation

Messianic Kingdom Revelations

Given to Ezekiel Ezek. 40 – 43

Outer Court

3 Gates - East, North & South
 Altar in Front of Temple
 No Laver

Inner Court (“Nave”)

East Gate
 North Gate - Vestibule to Outer Court
 Priests Charge of Altar/Sacrifices
 South Gate - Vestibule to Outer Court
 Priests in Charge of Temple
 Wooden Table of the Lord

Holy of Holies (Holy Place)

Double Door
 No Ark of the Covenant
 No Ark Covering
 Messiah’s Throne (*Ezek. 43:1-7*)

Observations & Opinions. There are major differences between the Configurations of the Old Covenant Tabernacle/Temple and the New Temple, which I believe signify a new Messianic “Kingdom” Covenant.

1. Overall Configuration.

- The Old Covenant Tabernacle has One Entrance from the East into the Outer Court and the Inner Court, symbolizing that there is only one way into God’s Presence – the Old Covenant.

- *The New Temple has 3 Gates into the Outer Court with corresponding Gates into the Inner Court. These 3 Entrances form a Crucifix with the Feet at the East Gate, the Hands at the North and South Gates, and the Head in the Holy of Holies, symbolizing Messiah's fulfillment of both the Old & New Covenants by His Crucifixion.*
2. *Outer Court.*
 - *Both Temples have an Altar of Sacrifice, revealing a continuation of Messiah's sacrifice into the Messianic Kingdom.*
 - *There is no Laver in the New Temple, revealing that the Priests in Messiah's Kingdom have already been cleansed by His Blood of the New Covenant.*
 3. *Inner Court ("Nave").*
 - *There is no Table of Showbread in the New Temple, which has been fulfilled by Messiah "The Bread of Life" in His first advent.*
 - *There is no Lampstand in the New Temple, which has been fulfilled by Messiah "The Light of the World" in His first advent.*
 - *In the New Temple Priests prepare Sacrifices & Other Duties/Residences at the North & South Entrances. These gates correspond to gates in the Outer Court. These Kingdom Priests minister at Messiah's Right and Left Hands, since He has fulfilled both the Old and New Covenants.*
 - *There is no Incense Altar in the New Temple for the Priests to intercede before the Lord for the people. Instead there is a Wooden Table before the Holy of Holies, representing Messiah's fulfillment of 1) Israel's Sacred Feasts, and 2) Christian Holy Communion ("This is My Body", "This is My Blood") of the New Covenant. Messiah as High Priest continues to make constant intercession for His people.*
 4. *Holy of Holies ("Space Beyond Nave" – Holy Place).*
 - *Instead of the Veil separating the Inner Court from the Holy of Holies, there is a Double Door symbolizing Messiah's fulfillment of both the Old and New Covenants.*
 - *There is No Ark of the Covenant in the New Temple. All of God's Laws and Commandments have been fulfilled by Messiah in His first advent.*
 - *Messiah's Throne is in the Holy of Holies.*

6) Consecration of New Temple

Ezek. 43

- a) Background. The Old Covenant Tabernacle & Temple were Dedicated & Purified with Sacrifices before the Shekinah Glory Entered Holy of Holies
 - Consecration of Tabernacle by Moses Ex. 40
 - Consecration of Temple by King Solomon 1 Kings 8 & 9
- b) Return of God's Glory (*Messiah*) to the Temple Ezek. 43:1-9
(See Part II.B Above)
 - "..... I (*Prophet Ezekiel*) saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. I heard a sound like the roaring of many waters (*Messiah Speaks with Divine Authority*), and the earth shone with his glory (*Messiah the Light of the World*)." (Ezek. 43:2)
 - "..... I saw that the temple was filled with the glory of the LORD." (Ezek. 43:5)
 - "..... this is where my (*Messiah – Son of God's*) throne shall be, this is where I will set the soles of my feet; here I will dwell among the Israelites forever. Never again shall they and their kings profane my holy name with their harlotries" (Ezek. 43:7)
- c) Cleansing the New Temple Ezek. 43:13-27
 - The Altar & Rituals of Sacrifice Prescribed by Lord
 - Purification & Dedication of Altar
(*Altar Ritualistically Purified Before Messiah – God's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice Enters the Sanctuary*)

- Priests Conduct Sin Offerings for 7 Days
- Atonement of Altar Proclaimed by Lord: “..... Thus atonement shall be made for the altar, and it shall be purified and dedicated” (Ezek. 43:26)
- Perpetual Sacrifices. “..... from the eighth day on, the priests shall offer your holocausts and peace offerings on the altar. Then I will accept you, says the Lord GOD.” (Ezek. 43:27)
- d) Eastern Gate Closed After Lord Enters Ezek. 44:1-3
(See Part II.B.2 Above)
 - East Gate Used Exclusively by Prince
 - Must Enter East Gate by Way of Vestibule
 - Eats in Presence of Lord
- b. Summary of the New Law Ezek. 44:4 – 46:24
 - 1) Admission to the Temple Ezek 44:4-9
 - a) Glory of the Lord Fills the Temple
 - b) Restrictions on Admission to Temple
 - No Foreigners (*People Not in Family of God*)
 - No One Uncircumcised in Heart & Flesh (*People Not in Covenant Relationship with Lord. Circumcised in Flesh Represents Jews of Old Covenant. Circumcised in Heart Represents Christians of New Covenant.*)
 - 2) The Levites Ezek. 44:10-14
(*Messiah from Tribe of Judah. Became High Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek, Replacing the Levitical Order. Psa. 110:4; Heb. 7*)
 - a) Levites Unfaithful to Lord in Past
 - They Shall Serve in Sanctuary as Gatekeepers & Temple Servants
 - They Shall Slaughter Sacrifices for People
 - They Shall Minister to People
 - They Shall No Longer Serve as Priests
 - 3) The Priesthood Ezek. 44:15-31
(*The Lord Appoints Zadokites as Priests Under His Authority as Messiah – High Priest*)
 - a) Zadokites Remained Faithful to Lord when Israel Strayed
(*Zadokites are Descendants of House of Aaron who Served as Priests During Reigns of Kings David & Solomon*)
 - They Shall Minister to Lord (*Intercession Role of Priests*)
 - They Shall Offer Sacrifices to Lord (*Sacrificial Role of Priests*)
 - They Shall Enter Lord’s Sanctuary (*Inner Court*)
 - They Shall Approach Lord’s Table (*Before the Holy of Holies*)

Note. There is no mention of Zadokites entering the Holy of Holies. Under the Old Covenant, only the High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Lev. 16). Eternal Atonement was provided by Jesus Christ who entered the Heavenly Sanctuary (Heb. 9) fulfilling the Old Covenant & inaugurating the New Covenant, and who is Enthroned in the Holy of Holies as High Priest & Lord during His Millennial Reign.

 - b) Priestly Vestments for Inner Court Service
 - Linen Garments & Turbans (*Symbolizing Purity*)
 - No Wool or Anything Causing Sweat

- c) Requirements for Priests
 - Clean Appearance
 - Pure Behavior & Lifestyle
- d) Priests Shall Teach the People
 - Distinguish Between Sacred from Profane / Clean from Unclean
- e) Priests Shall Judge Capital Cases
- f) Priests Shall Observe Ceremonial Laws, Festivals & Holy Days
- g) Laws of Purity for Priests
- h) Priests Have No Inheritance (*Property*) in Israel
 - “..... I (*Messiah & Lord*) am their inheritance; I am their property. (*Ezek. 44:28*)
- i) Dietary Laws of Priests
 - Priests Shall Eat Cereal, Sin & Guilt Offerings
 - Choicest First Fruits Belong to Priests
- 4) Sacred Land Inheritance Belongs to Messiah Ezek. 45:1-8
 - a) Land Inheritances Apportioned by Lord
 - b) Sacred Tract for the Lord
 - For His Sanctuary
 - For Priests & Ministers of His Sanctuary
 - For Levites & Ministers of Temple
 - c) The City (*Jerusalem*)
 - Parallel to Sacred Tract
 - For Whole House of Israel
 - d) The Prince's Inheritance (*Ruler of Israel Under the Authority of Messiah - King of Kings & Lord of Lords*)
 - Section Bordering Sacred Tract & City
 - e) Israel's Tribal Properties (*See Part II.D.2.c Above*)
- 5) Establishment of Weights & Measures Ezek. 45:9-12
(*Laws of Accuracy, Honesty & Equity*)
- 6) Prescribed Sacrifices & Offerings Ezek. 45:13-17
 - a) Cereal Offerings & Oil (*Symbolizing Fulfillment of New Covenant*)
 - Cereal = Christ the “Bread of Life”
 - Oil = Holy Spirit throughout Church Age
 - b) Sheep for Sacrifices & Holocausts
(*Recalling Messiah's Fulfillment of Old Covenant's Blood Sacrifices*)
 - Peace Offerings & Atonement Sacrifices
 - c) Duty of Prince
 - Provide Sacrifices & Offerings on Holy Days (*Celebration of Messiah's Fulfillment of Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts*)
 - Offer Atonement Sacrifices on Behalf of Israel (*Celebration of Messiah's Sacrifice of Atonement*)
- 7) The Passover Festival Ezek. 45:18-24
(*Celebration of Messiah's Fulfillment of Passover in His First Advent*)
(*See Passover Festival within “Holy Days, Festival & Feasts – Part II” Study*)
- 8) The Feast of Tabernacles Ezek. 45:25
(*Celebration of Messiah's Fulfillment of Feast of Tabernacles at His Second Coming*) (*See Feast of Booths/Tabernacles within “Holy Days, Festival & Feasts – Part II” Study*)

- 9) The Sabbath Ezek. 46:1-7
(Celebration of Jesus Christ as “Lord of the Sabbath”)
(See Sabbath within “Holy Days, Festival & Feasts – Part II” Study)
- a) Inner Court’s East Gate Remains Closed on 6 Working Days (*Creation*)
 - b) East Gate Opened on Sabbath (*God’s Day of Rest*) & New Moon
(Messiah - Lord & Creator)
 - Prince Enters, Stands & Worships at Doorpost
 - Priests Offer Sacrifices & Worship
 - People Worship at Door of Gate (Outside)
 - c) East Gate Remains Open Until Evening (*Start of a New Day*)
- 10) Ritual Laws Ezek. 46:8-15
- a) Access to the Lord / Messiah
 - People Enter Temple to Worship Lord on Festivals
 - Enter North Gate Leave by South Gate, or
 - Enter South Gate Leave by North Gate*(Represents People Walking through Old & New Covenants)*
 - Prince Accompanies People (*Instructor & Intercessor*)
 - b) Prince Offers Sacrifices
 - On Feasts & Festivals
 - Freewill Offerings - East Gate Opened
 - Daily Holocausts & Cereal Offerings Required for All People
(Daily Celebration of Messiah’s Sacrifice of His Body “Cereal Offering”, and His Blood “Holocaust”)
- 11) The Prince & His Inheritance Ezek. 46:16-17
- a) Property Given by Prince to His Sons are Permanent Possessions
(“Sons of God” – People Saved / Resurrected)
 - b) Property Given by Prince to Servants Reverts Back to Prince on Jubilee
(Natural People – Periodic Recalling / Invitation of Lord’s Atonement)
(See Year of Jubilee within “Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part II” Study)
- 12) Temple Kitchens Ezek. 46:19-24
- a) Temple Chambers
 - b) Cook Offerings Before they are Sacrificed
 - Offerings Taken to Outer Court to be Sacrificed on Altar
 - Avoid Risk of Transmitting Holiness to People

Observations & Opinions. New Law (Kingdom Covenant) Summary. *The New Law is centered on the Lord's Presence (i.e. Messiah) Enthroned in the Temple (Center of Worship).*

1. *The Law points back to the Mosaic Covenant in its rituals, etc. with a selected Priesthood (the House of Zadok – a remnant of House of Aaron - who served in David's / Solomon's Kingdom which prefigured Messiah's conquest & reign.)*
2. *Blood Sacrifices (fulfilled by Christ's Sacrifice) point back to Jesus' Crucifixion & Christian Eucharist. (Note the configuration of Sacrificial Ceremonies and the Table of the Lord.)*
3. *The Prince is puzzling. He seems to have a special intercessory role and position between the people and Messiah. He may be the resurrected King David whom Messiah appoints a Prince/Ruler over Israel during the Millennial Kingdom.*

The New Law looks like a merging of Jewish & Christian Covenants to form a New Kingdom Covenant.

- c. The Wonderful Stream (*Symbolizing the Holy Spirit*) Ezek 47:1-12
 - 1) Water Flowing from Temple

(Holy Spirit Pouring Out from Messiah's Presence)

- 2) Expanding from Trickle to Great River
(Filling the Earth with Spirit of God)
 - 3) River Banks Full of Trees *(Abundance)*
 - a) Trees Bear Fruit Every Month
 - Fruit for Food *(Nourishment)*
 - Leaves for Medicine *(Health)*
 - 4) Flows to Arabah *(Dead / Salt Sea – Symbolizing Curse of Sin)*
 - a) Empties into Sea *(Representing the Gentile Nations)*
 - b) Makes Salt Water Fresh *(People Redeemed & Purified)*
 - c) Swamps Remain Salty *(Symbolizing Unrepentant People)*
 - 5) Animals Flourish & Multiply *(Restoration of Nature)*
- d. Annual Pilgrimages by Gentile Nations Zech. 14:16-19
- 1) “All who are left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall come up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the feast of Booths.” *(Zech. 14:16)*
 - a) Worship Messiah – King of the World
 - b) Celebrate Feast of Booths/Tabernacles (“Sakkot”) Lev. 23:33-43
(Israel's Feast of Booths/Tabernacles is a 7 Day Celebration that Commemorates the Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Egyptian Bondage when He Provided Israel Shelter in the Wilderness.)
(Celebrating the Lord's Deliverance of the Gentile Nations from the Bondage of Sin, and Messiah's Providence in His Kingdom.)
 - c) Celebration Required by Messiah
 - Penalty of Drought*(Celebration Required to Keep Gentile Nations Refreshed by Holy Spirit)*
- e. Worship the Lord God
- 1) “..... All mankind shall come to worship before me *(Messiah – Son of God)*, says the LORD.” Isa. 66:23
 - a) Build & Strengthen Relationship with Messiah – Lord
 - b) Open Peoples' Hearts to the Lord
 - c) People Shall Learn the Ways of the Lord
 - d) For Well Being of People & Nations
 - e) Salvation of the People
 - f) People Shall Rejoice in the Lord. “On that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, ‘Holy to the LORD.....’” Zech. 14:20-21
- f. Praise & Thanksgiving
- Psa. 21; Psa. 29; Psa. 45; Psa. 47; Psa. 98; Psa. 145; Isa. 12; Isa. 25
- 1) Selected Verses from Israel's Songs:
 - a) “..... Give to the LORD, you heavenly beings, give to the LORD glory and might; Give to the LORD the glory due God's name. Bow down before the LORD'S holy splendor!” *(Psa. 29:1-2)*
 - b) “May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you! May the nations be glad and shout for joy; for you govern the peoples justly, you guide the nations upon the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you!” Psa. 67:4-6
 - c) “Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; worship the LORD with cries of gladness; come before him with joyful song. Know that the LORD is

God, our maker to whom we belong, whose people we are, God's well-tended flock. Enter the temple gates with praise, its courts with thanksgiving. Give thanks to God, bless his name; good indeed is the LORD, Whose love endures forever, whose faithfulness lasts through every age." Psa. 100

- 2) Excerpts from Isaiah's Prophecies:
 - a) Lord's Mercy. "On that day, you will say: I give you thanks, O LORD; though you have been angry with me, your anger has abated, and you have consoled me." (*Isa. 12:1*)
 - b) Lord & Savior. "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior." (*Isa. 12:2*)
 - c) Joy of the Lord. "With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day. Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name." (*Isa. 12:3-4*)
 - d) Praise the Lord. "Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth." (*Isa. 12:5*)
 - e) Abiding Messiah. "Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!" (*Isa. 12:6*)
 - f) Lord Provider. "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." (*Isa. 25:6*)
 - g) Compassionate Redeemer. ".....The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken." (*Isa. 25:8*)
 - h) Lord's Salvation. "On that day it will be said: 'Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!'" (*Isa. 25:9*)

4. Restoration of Nature (Reversing the Effects from the Curse of Sin on Man & Nature)

Excerpts from Isaiah Prophecies:

a. Land Healed

- 1) "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song....." Isa. 35:1-2
- 2) "Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water; The abode where jackals lurk will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus." Isa. 35:6b-7
- 3) "..... I will open up rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the broad valleys; I will turn the desert into a marshland, and the dry ground into springs of water. I will plant in the desert the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and olive; I will set in the wasteland the cypress, together with the plane tree and the pine, That all may see and know, observe and understand, That the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it." Isa. 41:18-20
- 4) "In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, For I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink." Isa. 43:19b-20

- b. Humanity Healed (Spiritually, Emotionally & Physically)
- 1) “Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing.” Isa. 35:3-6a
 - 2) “Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.” Isa. 35:10
- c. Restoration of Animal Kingdom
- 1) “Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra’s den, and the child lay his hand on the adder’s lair.” Isa. 11:6-8
- d. World Renewed
- 1) Messiah Renews Mankind Isa. 65:17-25
 - a) Peace of Mind. “Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight” (*Isa. 65:17-18*)
 - b) Joy & Happiness. “I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people. No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying” (*Isa. 65:19*)
 - c) Health & Longevity. “No longer shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime; He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years, and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed.” (*Isa. 65:20*)
 - d) Peace & Prosperity. “They shall live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant; They shall not build houses for others to live in, or plant for others to eat. As the years of a tree, so the years of my people; and my chosen ones shall long enjoy the produce of their hands. They shall not toil in vain, nor beget children for sudden destruction; For a race blessed by the LORD are they and their offspring.” (*Isa. 65:21-23*)
 - e) Lord’s Assurance. “Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hearken to them.” (*Isa. 65:24*)
 - f) Nature Healed. “The wolf and the lamb shall graze alike, and the lion shall eat hay like the ox (but the serpent’s food shall be dust)” (*Isa. 65:25a*)
 - g) Lord’s Protection. “None shall hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.” (*Isa. 65:25b*)
 - 2) Messiah Lord of Nature Zech 14:6-7
 - a) “On that day there shall no longer be cold or frost. There shall be one continuous day, known to the LORD, not day and night, for in the evening time there shall be light.”
 - Effect on Nature (*Physical Description of Spiritual Effects*)
 - No Cold or Frost (*Zeal for the Lord Abounds*)
 - Continuous Day: No Day or Night (*Jesus the Light of the World: Illuminates the Hearts & Minds of Men*)

5. Universal Abundance & Wealth (Reversing the Curse of Poverty) Isa. 60
- a. Messiah – Zion’s Splendor & Israel’s Blessing. “Rise up in splendor! Your (*Israel’s*) light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you”. (*Isa. 60:1*)
 - b. Nations Blessed & Prosperous. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” (*Isa. 60:3*)
 - c. Wealth of Nations Brought to Israel - Messiah’s Throne.
 - 1) “For the riches of the sea (*Gentile Nations*) shall be emptied out before you (*Israel*), the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.” (*Isa. 60:5b*)
 - 2) “All the vessels of the sea are assembled, with the ships of Tarshish in the lead, To bring your children from afar with their silver and gold, In the name of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.” (*Isa. 60:9*)
 - d. Universal Cooperation. “Foreigners shall rebuild your walls, and their kings shall be your attendants;.....” (*Isa. 60:10*)
 - e. Peaceful & Abundant Societies. “Your gates shall stand open constantly; day and night they shall not be closed But shall admit to you the wealth of nations, and their kings, in the vanguard.” (*Isa. 60:11*)
 - f. Universal Reverence. “They shall call you ‘City of the LORD,’ ‘Zion of the Holy One of Israel (*Messiah*)’.” (*Isa. 60:14c*)
 - g. Israel Pride of the Ages. “Once you were forsaken, hated and unvisited, Now I will make you the pride of the ages, a joy to generation after generation.” (*Isa. 60:15*)
 - h. Abundance of Wealth. “In place of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron, silver; In place of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron.....” (*Isa. 60:17*)
 - i. Wealth from Global Peace - Messiah the Prince of Peace. “.....I will appoint peace your governor, and justice your ruler. No longer shall violence be heard of in your land, or plunder and ruin within your boundaries. You shall call your walls ‘Salvation’ and your gates ‘Praise.’” (*Isa. 60:17-18*)
 - j. Knowledge & Wisdom to Gain Wealth – Messiah Our Source. “No longer shall the sun be your light by day, Nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night; The LORD shall be your light forever, your God shall be your glory. No longer shall your sun go down, or your moon withdraw, For the LORD will be your light forever, and the days of your mourning shall be at an end.” (*Isa. 60:19-20*)
 - k. Wealth from Honest Gain. “Your people shall all be just, they shall always possess the land, They, the bud of my planting, my handiwork to show my glory.” (*Isa. 60:21*)
 - l. Fiscal Growth & Strength. “The smallest shall become a thousand, the youngest, a mighty nation” (*Isa. 60:22a*)
 - m. The Lord’s Promise. “I, the LORD, will swiftly accomplish these things when their time comes.” (*Isa. 60:22b*)
6. Universal Knowledge of Lord (Reversing Curse of Man’s Ignorance of God)
Excerpts from the Prophets:
- a. “There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water (*Holy Spirit*) covers the sea (*Gentile Nations*).” Isa. 11:9
 - b. “Then shall you know that I, the LORD, am your God, dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall pass through her no more. And then, on that day, the mountains shall drip new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk; And the channels of Judah shall flow with water: A fountain (*Holy*

Spirit) shall issue from the house of the LORD, to water the Valley of Shittim.”
Joel 4:17-18

- c. “But the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the LORD’S glory as water covers the sea.” Hab. 2:14

7. Satan's Final Rebellion (To Regain Dominion of Earth) Rev. 20:7-10
- a. “When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison. He will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. They invaded the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them. The Devil who had led them astray was thrown into the pool of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”
- 1) Satan Released at End of His 1,000 Year Imprisonment.
(At the Conclusion of Messiah’s Millennial Reign on Earth).
 - 2) Satan Seduces Nations & Gathers for War *(Mankind Living in Millennium Kingdom who have NOT Accepted Messiah Jesus as Lord & Savior are Open to Satan's Lies and Rebellion)*
 - a) They Invade Whole Country *(Israel)*
 - b) They Surround Beloved City *(Messiah’s Capital - Jerusalem)*
 - Where God's People are Encamped *(Mankind Saved & Resurrected)*
 - 3) Fire from Heaven Devours & Destroys Satan & Rebellious Armies
 - 4) Satan Captured & Thrown into Lake of Fire *(Satan Eternally Damned in Hell)*

Comment. This rebellion proves that Man (with his free will) has the capacity to sin and (without yielding to the will of God) will rebel against God, even in a perfect society. Man; therefore, cannot blame his personal sin on circumstances, temptation or evil influences.

8. The Final Judgment Rev. 20:11-15
- a. “Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.”
- 1) Great White Throne *(Absolute & Righteous Authority)*
 - a) One *(Godhead)* Enthroned
 - b) Earth *(Mankind's Domain)* & Sky *(Satan's Domain)* Fled from His Presence
 - 2) All the Dead Were Judged Before God’s Great White Throne
(Death: Mankind's Curse for Sin)
(Dead from All Generations/EPOCHS – People NOT Alive in Christ's Kingdom)
 - a) Sea Gave Up Dead
(Sea = Symbolizes Pagan Nations, i.e. Outside God's Grace)
 - b) Death & Hades (Hell) Gave Up their Dead
 - c) Death & Hades Itself *(All Demons, Principalities & Powers)* Thrown into

Lake of Fire (*Eternal Damnation Without Defense*)

- d) Lake of Fire is the Second Death
(*Eternal Death – Eternally Separated from God*)
- e) Each Person Judged According to their Deeds (*Person's Life & Works*)
- f) Anyone (*Mankind*) Who's Name (*Individual*) NOT Found in Book of Life
(*God's Elect / Known to God*) Thrown into Lake of Fire

Comments. *Those Men not accepting God's Salvation (Names Not Written in God's Book of Life) were judged for their works; and failing God's perfect sinless standard (Achieved Only by Christ Jesus) are judged to Eternal Damnation.*

PART III - ETERNITY

A. God the Son's Fulfillment of His Messianic Rule

1 Cor. 15:20-28

1. Messiah - Son of God - Presents His Kingdom to Father God
 - a. "..... then comes the end, when he (*Messiah*) hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death," (*1 Cor. 15:24-25*)
 - b. God Is All and In All (*Perfect Unity between Triune God & Man*)
 - 1) "When everything is subjected to him (*Jesus Christ*), then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all." (*1 Cor. 15:28*)

B. The New Creation

Rev. 21:1 – 22:5

1. New Heavens & New Earth Rev. 21:1-8
 - a. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth (*Physical & Spiritual*) had passed away, and the sea (*Pagan Nations*) was no more." (*Rev. 21:1*)
 - 1) God Destroys All Reminders of Sin, Recreating / Renovating those Realms
 - b. New Jerusalem - Holy City of God (*God's Capital & Throne*)
 - 1) Coming Down Out of Heaven from God. "I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (*Rev. 21:2*)
 - a) Beautiful as Bride Prepared to Meet Her Husband (*Pure and Adorned*)
 - 2) Loud Voice from Throne (*God's Announcement*): "..... Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God)." (*Rev. 21:3*)
 - a) They Shall be God's People
 - b) He Shall be their God Who Shall Always be with Them
 - c) He Shall Wipe Every Tear from their Eyes
 - d) There Shall be No Mourning, Wailing, Pain
 - e) Former World has Passed Away
 - *God Totally & Eternally Saves Us from Sin & All the Effects of Sin; Eternally Uniting Himself with Us*
 - c. One (*Godhead*) Sat on Throne: "Behold, I make all things new!" (*Rev. 21:5a*) (*New Created Order*)
 - 1) Write These Matters Down - Words are Trustworthy & True!
 - a) Words Already Fulfilled (*Creative Spoken Word of God*)
 - 2) I AM (*YAHWEH*) the Alpha (*Beginning of Creation*) and the Omega (*End of Creation*), the Beginning and the End (*Omnipresent Lord God*)
 - a) Anyone Who Thirsts (*Seeks After Righteousness*) I Will Give to Drink Without Cost (*God's Grace / Gift*) from Life-Giving Water (*Holy Spirit*)
 - b) He Who Wins the Victory (*Overcomes through Christ*) Shall Inherit these Gifts
 - c) I Will be His God & He Shall be My Son (*Co-Heir with Christ Jesus*)

2. The New Jerusalem Rev. 21:9 – 22:5
- a. One of 7 Angels Who Held 7 Bowls Filled with 7 Last Plagues, Said:
(Speaks to All Those Who Passed God's Judgments - God's Perfect Justice)
- 1) "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." *(Rev. 21:9b)*
(Those Eternally United with Christ)
 - 2) Holy City Jerusalem Coming Down Out of Heaven from God
(Christ's Eternal Abode Prepared for His Bride)
 - a) Gleamed Splendor of God *(Perfect Creation)*
 - b) Radiance of Precious Jewel like Diamond *(Precious, Beautiful & Enduring)*
 - Like Jasper, Clear as Crystal
 - c) High Massive Walls *(Impenetrable)*
 - 12 Gates with 12 Angels Stationed *(Guarding Entrance)*
 - 12 Gates with Names of the 12 Tribes of Israel
(Perfect Obedience & Fulfillment of Law Required for Entrance)
 - d) Foundations of City
 - 12 Courses of Stones *(Solid Foundation)*
 - 12 Names of Apostles of Lamb
(Foundations Built on Gospel of Jesus Christ)

Note: Perfect Obedience & Fulfillment of the Law was Obtained by Jesus Christ and Transferred to Those Accepting His Gospel of Salvation.

- e) Measurements of City
 - Perfectly Square *(Perfectly Proportioned / Equitable)*
 - 1500 Miles (12,000 Furlongs) in Width, Length & Height
(Perfectly Dimensioned)
 - 144 Cubits (~ 216 Feet) High Wall
(12 Tribes of Israel Representing Fulfillment of Old Covenant x 12 Apostles Representing Fulfillment of New Covenant = 144 Cubits)
- f) Construction Materials *(Precious & Everlasting)*
 - Jasper Walls
 - City was Pure Gold, Clear as Glass
 - Bejeweled Foundations
 - Gates of Pearl
 - Streets of Pure Transparent Gold
- g) No Temple in the City *(God's Presence / Throne)*
 - "I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb *(Jesus Christ).*" *(Rev. 21:22)*
- h) No Sun or Moon *(Natural Luminaries)*
 - Glory of God Gives Light *(Illuminated by God's Glory)*
 - Its Lamp is the Lamb *(Jesus Christ the Light of World)*
 - Nations Walk by Its Light *(Illuminated by Jesus Christ Savior of World)*
 - Kings of Earth Bring Treasures *(Symbol of Christ's Ultimate Authority)*
- i) Gates Always Open During Day & there is No Night
(Total Freedom & Understanding)

- j) Treasures & Wealth of Nations Brought There
(Wealth in Christ; Freedom from Want)
 - k) Nothing Unclean Shall Enter *(Free from Sin & All Effects of Sin)*
 - l) Inhabitants: Those Whose Names are Written in Lamb's Book of Life
(God's Elect / Known to God through Christ Jesus)
- 3) River of Life *(Symbol of Holy Spirit)*
- a) River of Life-Giving Water
 - b) Sparkling like Crystal *(Pure)*
 - c) Flowed from Throne of God & Lamb *(Holy Spirit One with Father & Son)*
 - Down Middle of Streets *(Nourishes the City from God's Throne)*
 - d) Either Side of River Grows Trees of Life *(Symbol of Eternal Life)*
 - Producing 12 Fruits *(Ever Present Fruits of Holy Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23)*
 - Leaves Serve as Medicine
(Total Healing of All Infirmities & Disabilities)
(Freedom from Physical, Emotional, Mental & Spiritual Disease)
 - e) Nothing Accursed Found There
(Freedom from Death - Curse of Sin)
- 4) “The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.” *(Rev. 22:3) (Total Unity: Inhabitants with Triune God)*
- a) Inhabitants Shall See Him Face to Face
 - b) Inhabitants Bear His Name on Foreheads
(Total Obedience: One with God)
 - c) Lord Shall Give them Light *(Illuminate their Spirits)*
 - d) Inhabitants Shall Reign Forever *(Co-Heirs with Christ)*

GOD ALL IN ALL!