

CRYSTALLIZATION –STUDY OF 1 AND 2 KINGS, Week 4**Solomon's Splendid Kingdom Typifying Christ's Kingdom in the Millennium**

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-24; Psa. 72:1-8, 11, 17-19; Rev. 11:15; 20:4, 6

- 1 Kings 10:1 And the queen of Sheba had heard of Solomon's fame in connection with the name of Jehovah, and she came to test him with hard questions.
- 1 Kings 10:2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels bearing spices and with very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she spoke all that was on her heart to him.
- 1 Kings 10:3 And Solomon answered every matter of hers; there was nothing hidden from the king that he did not answer her.
- 1 Kings 10:4 And when the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built
- 1 Kings 10:5 And the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service and apparel of his ministers and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings that he offered up at the house of Jehovah, there was no more spirit in her.
- 1 Kings 10:6 And she said to the king, The word that I heard in my land concerning your deeds and your wisdom is true,
- 1 Kings 10:7 But I did not believe the words until I came and my own eyes saw. And indeed the half was not told to me; your wisdom and prosperity far exceed the report that I heard.
- 1 Kings 10:8 Happy are your men! Happy are these your servants, who attend you continually and hear your wisdom!
- 1 Kings 10:9 Blessed be Jehovah your God, who has delighted in you and set you upon the throne of Israel. Because Jehovah loves Israel forever, He has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.
- 1 Kings 10:10 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold and a very great store of spices and some precious stones; never again did so great an abundance of spices come as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.
- 1 Kings 10:11 Moreover Hiram's fleet, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great many almug trees and precious stones.
- 1 Kings 10:12 And the king made of the almug trees a banister for the house of Jehovah and for the king's house, and lyres and harps for the singers; such almug trees have not come nor have been seen again to this day.
- 1 Kings 10:13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked for, besides that which King Solomon gave her from his bounty. And she returned and went to her own land, she and her servants.
- 1 Kings 10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold,
- 1 Kings 10:15 Besides that which came through the traders and through the traffic of the merchants and through all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land.
- 1 Kings 10:16 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; he put six hundred shekels of gold upon each large shield.
- 1 Kings 10:17 And he made three hundred smaller shields of beaten gold; he put three minas of gold upon each smaller shield. And the king put them in the Lebanon Forest House.
- 1 Kings 10:18 And the king made a large ivory throne and overlaid it with the finest gold.
- 1 Kings 10:19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was rounded at its back; and there were armrests on either side next to the place of the seat, and two lions stood next to the armrests.
- 1 Kings 10:20 And twelve lions stood there upon the six steps on either side. Nothing like it had ever been made in any kingdom.
- 1 Kings 10:21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the Lebanon Forest House were of pure gold; none were of silver, which was not considered as anything in the days of Solomon.
- 1 Kings 10:22 For the king had at sea a fleet from Tarshish as well as Hiram's fleet. Once every three years the fleet from Tarshish came bearing gold and silver and ivory and apes and peacocks.
- 1 Kings 10:23 And King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in wealth and in wisdom.
- 1 Kings 10:24 And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
- Psalms 72:1 O God, give Your judgments to the king, / And Your righteousness to the son of the king.
- Psalms 72:2 He will judge Your people in righteousness, / And Your poor with justice.
- Psalms 72:3 The mountains will bear peace to the people, / And the hills, in righteousness.

- Psalms 72:4 He will judge the poor of the people; / He will save the children of the needy / And crush the oppressor.
- Psalms 72:5 They will fear You as long as the sun endures / And as long as the moon endures / Throughout the generations.
- Psalms 72:6 He will drop like rain upon mown grass, / Like abundant showers dripping on the earth.
- Psalms 72:7 In His days the righteous will flourish, / And there will be an abundance of peace / Until the moon is no more.
- Psalms 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
- Psalms 72:11 And all the kings will bow down before Him; / All the nations will serve Him.
- Psalms 72:17 His name will be forever; / As long as the sun endures, His name will spread; / And men will be blessed in Him; / All the nations will call Him blessed.
- Psalms 72:18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, / Who alone does wondrous deeds;
- Psalms 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; / And may His glory fill the whole earth. / Amen and Amen.
- Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Day 1

- 1 Kings 4:20 Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing.
- 1 Kings 4:24-25 For he had dominion over all the area west of the River, from Tiphseh to Gaza, over all the kings west of the River; and he had peace on all sides around him. And Judah and Israel dwelt securely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan to Beer-sheba, throughout all Solomon's days.

I. **Solomon's splendid kingdom, with his prosperity under the rich blessing of God, is a type of Christ's kingdom in the millennium—1 Kings 4:20—5:18:**

- A. Chapters 9 and 10 in 1 Kings portray the highest peak of Solomon's glory among the nations.
- B. Solomon was glorified in the kingdom of Israel with the **splendor of his kingdom**; this is a **prefigure of Christ in the millennium**—vv. 1-24.

Day 2

- Psalms 24:1 The earth is Jehovah's, and its fullness, / The habitable land and those who dwell in it.
- Psalms 24:7-8 Lift up your heads, O gates; / And be lifted up, O long enduring doors; / And the King of glory will come in. Who is the King of glory? / Jehovah strong and mighty! / Jehovah mighty in battle!

II. At His second coming Christ will take possession of the earth, which has been given to Him as His possession, and will **establish God's kingdom on the whole earth**, thus recovering God's right over the earth—Psa. 24:1:

- A. Psalm 24:7-10 unveils the **victorious Christ as the coming King in God's eternal kingdom**.
- B. Jehovah is Jesus, and Jesus is the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Triune God, who is **strong in fighting and is victorious**—Rev. 5:5.
- C. He is the **One who will come back in His resurrection with His overcomers** to possess the earth as His kingdom—Dan. 2:34-35; 7:13-14; Joel 3:11; Rev. 11:15; 19:13-14.

Day 3

Matthew 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Luke 1:32-33 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father, And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

III. Psalm 72 is on the **reigning Christ**, typified by the reigning Solomon:

- A. Psalm 72 is actually a psalm on King Solomon, who is a **type of Christ as the reigning One**—Matt. 12:42:
 - 1. **Christ** as the son of David is the One who inherits the throne and kingdom of David—1:1; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Luke 1:32-33.
 - 2. After His life of suffering on earth, typified by the sufferings of David, Christ ascended to the heavens, where He is now **reigning as the King**, typified by Solomon—1 Cor. 15:25; Rev. 17:14.
- B. The reigning Christ is typified in Psalm 72 by the reigning Solomon (Matt. 1:1; 22:42) in his prosperous and flourishing time (1 Kings 9—10), as indicated by the title of this psalm and by the first verse:
 - 1. Psalm 72 reveals **Christ reigning over the earth**, with all the kings bowing down to Him and all the nations serving Him—vv. 1-8, 11.
 - 2. Psalm 72 is a **glorious picture** of what it will be like for the Lord to **recover, possess, and reign** over the whole earth—vv. 17-19.
 - 3. The **reign of Christ**, typified by Solomon, **will be in the millennium in the age of restoration**—Rev. 20:4, 6; Matt. 19:28.

The reign of Christ typified by Solomon will be in the millennium in the age of restoration. *"He will judge Your people in righteousness, / And Your poor with justice. / The mountains will bear peace to the people, / And the hills, in righteousness"* (Psa. 72:2-3). This indicates that the **reigning of Christ** will be in **righteousness and in justice for peace**. He will be feared by the people throughout the generations as long as the sun and the moon endure. As Christ reigns, He will drop like rain upon mown grass and like abundant showers dripping on the earth for the flourishing of the righteous and for abundance of peace on earth as long as the moon lasts. Verse 8 says, "He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth." From "sea to sea" means from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea. The river mentioned here is the Euphrates. As Christ exercises His dominion, **all the nations will serve Him**.

Verses 12 through 15 speak of Christ's favor to the needy and their response to Him. He will deliver the needy when he cries, and the poor when there is no one to help him. **He will have pity on the weak and needy and will save the souls of the needy, redeeming their soul from oppression**. Verse 15 tells us of the response of the needy to the reigning of Christ. "He shall live and to Him shall be given / The gold of Sheba; / And prayer shall be made continually for Him; / He shall be blessed all the day long."

In verse 16 we see that the reigning of Christ will be a **blessing to all the earth in prosperity**. *"There will be an abundance of grain on the earth, / Even at the tops of the mountains. / Its fruit will wave like the forests of Lebanon, / And those of the city will blossom like the foliage of the earth."* Then in verse 17 we have the response of the blessed ones to Him. "His name will be forever; / As long as the sun endures, His name will spread; / And men will be blessed in Him; / All the nations will call Him blessed." (*Life-Study of the Psalms, chapter 29*)

Day 4

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

IV. “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever”—Rev. 11:15:

- A. The kingdom of Christ is the millennium; it is also the kingdom of God—20:4, 6; Matt. 16:28; 13:41, 43.
- B. In the aspect of the kingdom as the kingdom of Christ and of God, Christ reigns with God; we may also say that Christ reigns as God—Rev. 11:15.
- C. The kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of Christ at His coming back after He executes His judgment upon the nations—Dan. 7:13-14; 2:44-45.
- D. In Revelation 11:15 the Lord’s reigning forever and ever is the Lord’s reigning in the millennial kingdom and in the new heaven and new earth for eternity—22:5.
- E. All the **overcomers** will reign with Christ for a thousand years, and all the **saved ones** will reign forever and ever in eternity—20:4, 6; 22:5.

The Enjoyment of the Priesthood and the Kingship in the Millennium

Verse 6 also says that the overcomers “shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” The **overcomers** will be **priests to contact God and co-kings with Christ to reign over the nations in the millennium**. As priests they will bring man in his need to God and minister God to man, and **as kings they will bring God in His authority to man and represent God to shepherd man**. This is a reward to them. The believers who are defeated in this age will forfeit this reward. However, after being dealt with by the Lord in the millennium, they will participate in the service of God and in the kingship in the new heaven and the new earth for eternity.

Today the proper Christians bring man and man’s need to God and Christ, and they also minister God and Christ to man. Also, they **bring God’s authority to man and represent God to man**. As we share in the upper section of the millennium, we shall be both priests and kings. We shall meet the need of both God and man, bringing man to God and God to man. Through our priesthood and kingship both God and man will be fully satisfied. We shall be a priestly and kingly people, a people far beyond anything of the second death. In this realm, there will be no weakness, no sickness, no trouble, and no hardship. How wonderful this will be! (*Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 56*)

Day 5

Zechariah 14:16 And everyone left from all the nations that went forth against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zechariah 8:22 Indeed, many peoples and strong nations will come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of Jehovah.

V. After the Lord Jesus deals with the believers, the Jews, and the nations, He will bring in the millennium—the kingdom of Christ and of God on earth for a thousand years—20:4, 6:

- A. The **millennium** refers to the time after Christ comes again as King to rule the world and before the new heaven and new earth.
- B. During the millennium **all the nations will come to Christ**—Zech. 14:16.
- C. In the Old Testament there are many verses concerning the millennial kingdom—Psa. 2:6, 8-9; Isa. 2:2-5; 11:1-10; 65:20-25; Zech. 8:20-23; 14:16-21.
- D. In Acts 3:21 the times of the **restoration of all things** refers to the millennium:
 1. This restoration will affect not only man but also the entire universe—the heavens, the earth, the animals, and even the trees.
 2. **Everything** that was cursed through the fall of man **will be restored**—Isa. 11:6; 30:26.
- E. The millennium will still be used by God as an **age of preparation**:
 1. During this age God will **perfect the saints** who have not been perfected during the age of the church so that they may be qualified to enter into the New Jerusalem for God's eternal kingdom.
 2. During the millennium God will also **purify** the restored nations to be the people on the new earth.
- F. The believers in Christ the Son of God have been regenerated into the kingdom of God, and they are in the church life, living in the kingdom of God today, but not all believers, **only the overcoming ones, will participate in the millennium**—John 3:5, 15-16; Rom. 14:17; Rev. 12:10-11; 2:26-27; 3:21.

The millennium will be the last age in God's old creation. In order to understand this properly, we need to realize that the universe is composed of three periods. The **first period** was the time before Adam, the pre-Adamic age. No one can tell how long that period of time was. The **second period** of the universe extends from Genesis 1:2 through the end of the coming millennium. Following this second period, there will be the **third period** of the universe—the new heaven and the new earth with the New Jerusalem—which will last for eternity.

The second period of the universe is the **period of accomplishment**, the time during which God accomplishes His eternal purpose. The period of accomplishment began with the creation of man. The second coming of the Lord Jesus will not end this period of accomplishment, because the old heaven and old earth will continue for another thousand years after the Lord's coming back. Those one thousand years will be a continuation of the period of accomplishment. The Lord's second coming will be even a further step in the accomplishment of God's purpose. Therefore, **God's accomplishment of His purpose began with the creation of man and will be completed not at the time of the Lord's second coming but at the end of the millennium.**

The **millennium** will be the last and most crucial part of the accomplishment of God's eternal purpose. We need to stress this point strongly because throughout the centuries many Christian teachers have held the concept that when the Lord Jesus comes back everything will already be completed. According to this concept, the Lord's coming back apparently means the end of the old universe and the beginning of the new heaven and the new earth, for a wonderful period of time, the millennium, will begin. But no matter how wonderful the millennium will be, during that time the old heaven and the old earth will remain in existence. At most, the **millennium will be a time of restoration**. The old heaven and old earth will be restored during the millennium, but they will not yet be changed from the old to the new. The changing of the old heaven and earth into the new heaven and earth will require another thousand years. Hence, the period of time from the creation of Adam until the second coming of Christ will issue in the restoration of the universe, but it will not result in the renewal of the universe. That will require another thousand years. After the last thousand years have passed, the entire universe will be changed from the old to the new. Then there will be the new heaven and the new earth with the New Jerusalem. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament: The Church, the Kingdom, and the New Jerusalem, chapter 245*)

Day 6

Matthew 16:28	Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.
Matthew 17:2	And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.
Matthew 13:43	Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

VI. What is described in Matthew 16:28—17:5 is a **miniature of the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens in the millennium.**

- A. The center of this miniature is the **glorified Jesus**, and with Him are Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament overcomers, and Peter, James, and John, representing the New Testament overcomers—vv. 1-3.
- B. On the mountain with the Lord Jesus, Peter, James, and John had a **foretaste** of the coming manifestation of the kingdom—16:28—17:3.
- C. For the Lord Jesus to be **transfigured** means that His humanity was **saturated and permeated with His divinity**; this transfiguration was His glorification—v. 2:
 1. The **transfiguration**, the shining, of the Lord Jesus was **His coming in His kingdom**; where His transfiguration is, there is the coming of the kingdom— Mark 9:1-4; Luke 9:27-31.
 2. The transfiguration of the Lord Jesus was the **realization of what He is**.
 3. The **kingdom** is the **shining of the reality of the Lord Jesus**; to be under His shining is to be in the kingdom—Rev. 22:4-5.
 4. In the millennium the **overcoming believers will be with Christ in the bright glory of the kingdom**: “then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”—Matt. 13:43a and footnotes 1 and 2.

The Greek word rendered “transfigured” in Matthew 17:2 is the same as that translated “transformed” in Mark 9:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; and Romans 12:2. The same Greek word is used also in Philippians 3:21. The point here is that **for the enjoyment of the jubilee we need transfiguration, transformation.**

The New Testament age is the age of the jubilee. However, this is not yet the time of the full application of the jubilee. The full application of the jubilee involves transfiguration. Do you know when the Savior was transfigured in full? He was fully transfigured in His resurrection. The transfiguration on the mountain was on a small scale. But when the Lord was resurrected from among the dead, He was fully transfigured. He now remains in this state of transfiguration. According to Philippians 3:21, **when He comes back, we all shall be transfigured.**

Presently our transformation, or transfiguration, **is taking place in our soul**. Our spirit has been regenerated, and our soul is being transformed. **A matured believer is one who has been fully transformed in his soul, that is, transformed in his mind, will, and emotion.** Such a believer only needs his physical body to be transfigured at the coming of the transfigured Savior. This transfiguration of the body is called the redemption of the body by Paul in Romans 8:23. The redemption of the body is also the entering into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. Paul’s word in Romans 8 indicates that although we are in the jubilee today, we are not yet in the jubilee in a full way. When our body has been fully redeemed, fully transfigured and transformed, then **we shall be brought into the freedom of the glory of the children of God, and that will be the jubilee in full.** (*Life-Study of Luke, chapter 22*)