

Sermons on the Biblical Hope

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The Continuation of the Kingdom

The Glories to Follow

The Biblical Hope: Part XI

1 Pet 1:10-12; Isaiah 2,9,11; Daniel 2, 7

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I. Inauguration, Continuation, Consummation (Phil 3:10-14; Mk 4:26-29)

II. The Glories to Follow (1 Pet 1:10-12 cf. Luke 24:46-47)

¹⁰ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

III. Isaiah’s Visions of the Messianic Kingdom

A. The Latter Days (Is 2:1-4 cf. Heb 1:2; 12:18,22)

¹ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD’s house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isaiah announces that the latter-day glory of Mt. Zion would be incredible. You who believe in Christ, “have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire” but “you have come to Mount _____ and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb 12:18, 22). We who believe in Christ have come to the mountain which Isaiah saw.

B. The Increase of His Government (Is 9:6-7 cf. 42:4; Lk 1:31-33)

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah promises that Jesus will extend His rule throughout the earth, causing _____ to prevail. So Isaiah promises later in one of his Servant Songs, “He will not fail nor grow discouraged until He has established righteousness in the earth and the coastlands shall wait for His law” (Is 42:4).

C. The Gentiles Shall Seek Him (Is 11:1-10 cf. Rom 15:8-13)

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. [Son of _____]
² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. [Sevenfold Spirit – Rev 1:4] ³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; [He loves righteousness

and is righteous] He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. [He shall rule righteously] ⁶“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, [He will convert _____ men into righteous men who love peace] For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. [How full?] ¹⁰“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”

IV. Daniel’s Visions of the Kingdom

A. The Divine Kingdom (2:31-45 cf. Mk 1:15)

As Nebuchadnezzar gazed at the statue, he saw a stone cut out without hands strike the feet of the statue and the statue was destroyed while the stone itself “became a great mountain and filled the whole _____” (2:35). During the time of the fourth kingdom, Rome, God Himself would establish “a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (2:44).



B. The Human Kingdom (7:1-14 cf. Rev 13:1ff)

¹³ “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That _____ peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

In place of the beastly pagan kingdoms that ruled by force and strength, would come the Son of Man, ruler of a truly human kingdom, a universal kingdom of justice and righteousness.

V. Further Prophetic Visions of Worldwide Expansion (Jer 16:19-21; 23:5-6; Mic 5:4-5; Hab 2:14; Zech 9:9-10; Mal 1:11,14)

VI. Conclusion (Rom 15:8-13)

⁸Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.” [Ps 18:49] ¹⁰And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” [Dt 32:43] ¹¹And again: “Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” [Ps 117:1] ¹²And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.” [Is 11:10] ¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.