

When Jesus Christ returns, he will rule the world. Zion will be established as the throne of the Messiah, King of the world.

Isaiah 2:1-2

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

The hills and mountains provided a natural fortress for cities and also served as a location for idol worship. The house of the Lord will be exalted above all government and all religion.

Jerusalem had been the pilgrimage center for Israel; in the last days it will become so for the whole world. All the nations will flow to Jerusalem to worship God when the Messiah will rule the world. He will teach the world out of Zion.

Isaiah 2:3

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 3:17

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

What a glorious day when people no longer walk after the stubbornness of their own hearts! Jesus Christ, the King, will judge among the nations, and his judgments will be absolutely just. For the first time since Adam and Eve, there will be no more war and preparation for war. Weapons of war will be made into tools of agriculture; hence a complete multilateral world disarmament will occur.

Isaiah 2:4

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All the prideful people of the world will be brought low. Only the Lord will be exalted in that day.

Verses 10-12, 17

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Idolatry will be completely eliminated, never to be seen again. Only the true God and His Messiah will be glorified among men.

Verses 18-21

And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

The wrath of God will be poured out against all ungodliness. You may want to view Psalms 2:1-12, 110:1-7, Zechariah 14:1-21, Amos 5:18-20, Obadiah, Zephaniah 1:14-18, Ezekiel 38:18-39:29.

Jesus the Christ will reign with WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL and MIGHT, KNOWLEDGE and FEAR OF THE LORD. He will have the ability to render right decisions at the right time. He will rightly appraise all situations and make right decisions in all matters. The Messiah will also have the might and power to execute those decisions.

Isaiah 11:1-5

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And 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;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The principal function of a ruler is to judge and to reign with authority. Every ruler of every country has failed, but Christ will not fail. His judgment will not be based upon the ordinary sources of information — what he sees or hears. For absolute justice, one must have absolute knowledge.

Because today is not the day of the Lord, we must contend with much evil. All of our dealings with worldly people are peppered with extortion, lies, deceit, cheating, etc.. However, the new kingdom is coming!

Isaiah 16:4 and 5

...for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hastening righteousness.

The peace that the Messiah will bring will not only effect mankind; the animals will live in peace with

each other as well as with man. Man once again will have dominion over the animal kingdom as Adam and Eve once had.

Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Today most of the earth is uninhabitable. When Christ reigns as King of the world, the earth will change, and deserts will blossom.

Isaiah 35:1 and 2, 6b and 7

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

...for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

The weapons of war that will be made into tools of agriculture apparently will be needed because the earth will bring forth abundant vegetation. Not only will the desert be changed, but also the mountains will be brought low, and valleys exalted.

Isaiah 40:4

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Those who have believed in Christ will be transformed when he returns. The corruptible must be made incorruptible, and the mortal be given immortality, at which time sickness no longer will have its way in our lives.

Isaiah 35:3-6a

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompense; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing....

Ours is a glorious Hope! We are to live in light of His Coming Kingdom.

Isaiah 2:5

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.