

# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY

## Christ Reigns on the Earth

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*“... with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,  
and a thousand years as one day.” (2Peter 3:8)*

The devastation of the last plagues renders the earth desolate and lifeless, “without form and void” for a thousand years - the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium. Those in covenant, go with Christ to the Father’s House, where they spend 1000 years in preparation for the priesthood. They will serve under Christ, to govern the nations who will be raised. At the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium they will return to the earth, to rebuild and restore. Many from “the nations” will come to know the LORD.

The events describes in this study cannot take place during the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium. It follows then, that this must describe the 8<sup>th</sup> millennium - **The 8<sup>th</sup> Day**. The priesthood (Israel redeemed) cannot serve until the 8<sup>th</sup> day, and “the rest of the dead” cannot live again until a thousand years have passed. *If you have not already done so, please read these studies at our website as a necessary foundation for this study: “Millennium,” and “Kingdom of Priests.”*

### **The 8<sup>th</sup> Day**

1. Israel will return to “the land.” (The Greater Exodus)  
They will build and restore.
2. Ezekiel’s Temple will be built.
3. The healing river will flow out.
4. Nations will be resurrected.
5. Messiah will reign on David’s throne.
6. The priesthood (Israel) will “rule with Christ” over the nations.
7. Many from the nations will come to know the LORD.
8. Gog of Magog will lead a rebellion to overthrow Christ and Jerusalem.

### **ISRAEL WILL RETURN TO THE LAND**

*The prophetic books, from Isaiah to Malachi, include so many passages repeating the promise of healing, restoration, and a return to the land for Israel, that we cannot give the full text of each passage here. This is a major theme in the prophetic books. We will try to give the highlights, with a list of references so that you can study this topic for yourselves. A detailed event by event description is NOT the purpose of the prophecies. They give us a sweeping overview, with the promise of eventual victory over all enemies and of return to a perfect relationship with the LORD. We would encourage each student to read the full context of each passage given here.*

*Some of the prophets called the rulers to account for idolatry and gross violations of the covenant which would soon separate Israel and Judah from their God. Some warned of destruction and death or slavery after the protection of God was removed from the land. Some gave additional details about the destruction of surrounding nations, and even of the “whole earth.” Some wrote more about the return to the land, and about those events which would take place in the land after that return. Some of the prophetic books give details about the calling of the prophet, about his experience of persecution, or about things which happened during his captivity - but beyond these details, the two main themes remain very clear.*

*The writings of every prophet, from Isaiah to Malachi, are centered around two main themes:*

- 1. disobedience resulting in destruction and 2. return with healing.*

***As you read through these prophecies, look for the elements listed at the beginning of this study.***

**Isaiah 2:1-4** And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that **the mountain of Jehovah's house** shall be established on the top of the mountains, (kingdoms) and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations shall flow unto it**. And **many peoples** shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, 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 Jehovah from Jerusalem. And **he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples**; and 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 any more. (ASV)

*NOTE: The involvement of “many peoples” is obvious. They “go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob” - a reference to the Temple.*

**Isaiah 11:11-16** The “Rod from the stem of Jesse” will slay the wicked [at the Second Coming]. Then “the wolf will lie dwell with the lamb” and “the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD.” This “root of Jesse” [Messiah] will “stand as a banner to the people”; and “**the Gentiles will seek Him.**” “In that day the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left” ... He “will assemble the outcasts of Israel,” and “gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” ... “There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.”

*NOTE: The LORD brought back a very small remnant of His people, from Babylon in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. This was **the type**. We will see “a remnant” delivered from “Babylon” when Jesus returns in glory. AND we will see a remnant from Assyria which was NOT seen in day days of Ezra.*

**Isaiah 14:1** “For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, **and settle them in their own land**. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.”

**Isaiah 35:1-10** Notice the context. The healing and **return of the “ransomed”** (v. 10) **follows the general destruction of earth and the nations.**

Additional references: Isaiah 14:1-2; Isaiah 27:6; Isaiah 27:12-13; Isaiah 31:35;  
Isaiah 37:31-32; Isaiah 43:1-7; Isaiah 49:20-22; Isaiah 54:1-10;  
Isaiah 56:1-8 (Gentiles also will be included in this gathering.)

## JEREMIAH - PROMISES OF RETURN

**Jeremiah 16:14-21** “‘Therefore behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ 15 ‘but, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ **For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.**”

*THIS IS THE GREATER EXODUS*

**Jeremiah 23:3-8** “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds;” ... A king called “The Branch of Righteousness” will come to reign over the earth. .... “‘Therefore, behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of **the house of Israel** from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ and **they shall dwell in their own land.**”

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*NOTE: THE CURRENT NATION OF ISRAEL DOES NOT FULFILL THIS PROPHECY! The “return” of Jews to the land which became the modern nation of Israel following WWII was NOT an event brought about by miracles which rivaled those of the first “exodus” from Egypt. We saw no plagues, no opening of a “red sea,” no water brought from a rock, no manna from heaven. We saw only a persecuted, war weary people fighting their way into a portion of the ancient homeland of their ancestors. The Temple has not been restored to the Son of David. The lion does not lie down with the lamb. No. We must look to the future for a full and forever deliverance and return of the “whole house of Israel.” Daniel was to receive his inheritance - but there has been no resurrection.*

**Jeremiah 24:5-7** The LORD promises to bring back a small remnant called the “good figs.” He would give them “a heart to know Me” (New Covenant Promise). I believe the “good figs” are those raised in the first resurrection - the priesthood.

**Jeremiah Chapter 30:3** “‘I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,’ says the LORD. **And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers...**”

*NOTE: The LORD had divorced the 10 Northern tribes-called Israel or Ephriam at that time. (Jeremiah 3:8). Yet there were faithful individuals within the 10 Northern tribes. Christ knows each person, and will faithfully resurrect each one, and return him/her to the “promised land.”*

*NOTE: Many students of prophecy believe that the 10 Northern tribes were “branches broken off” and were replaced by new Gentile believers who were “grafted” into their place (Romans 11). They believe that the “Israel” - spoken of in passages describing the return or the new covenant - is the Israel made up of new Gentile believers along with Judah - believing Jews. I personally believe that many, from both Israel and Judah, were broken off “because of unbelief.” Exactly where Gentile believers are grafted in (into which tribe) I do not know. There are 12 gates into the city. There is no gate labeled “Gentiles Enter Here.” New believers must be assigned to a tribe before they can enter The City. WE DO KNOW that we are grafted into “the greater commonwealth of Israel” (Ephesians 2) through Christ.*

**Jeremiah Chapter 31** (v.6) Ephraim (a name for the 10 Northern tribes) will return to Zion. Israel and Judah will enter into a “new covenant” with the LORD. The outcome of this covenant - “they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.” “For I will remember their sin no more.”

*NOTE: Again and again we will see that the “new covenant” is made with redeemed Israel, in the land, AFTER they have been gathered. At the last Passover, Jesus said “this cup is the new covenant in my blood.” His death would bring about the fulfillment of God’s promise. A gathering, healing, and restoration of Israel.*

**Jeremiah 32:37-41** Gathering - everlasting covenant made with those who return.

**Jeremiah chapter 33:7-18** “**And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return,** and will rebuild those places as at the first.” ... They will be “a name of joy, a praise, and an honor **before all nations of the earth,** who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble ...” A descendant of David will reign, and “execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.”

*NOTE: The picture presented of Israel and Judah, together again, their dead resurrected, healed and restored while “all the nations of the earth” witness this and “tremble” tells me that this scene takes place after the second resurrection (the resurrection of “the nations”) which takes place 1000 years after the second coming (Rev. 20:5).*

*Other texts: Jeremiah 17:24-25; Jeremiah 46:27-28; Jeremiah 50:4-5, 19-20*

**Jeremiah 50:19-20** “**But I will bring back Israel to his home,** And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan; His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days and in that time,’ says the LORD, ‘The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found; For I will pardon those whom I preserve.”

*NOTE: When the remnant of Judah returned from Babylonian captivity, the LORD did not pardon all their sin. And today, the citizens of the present nation called Israel have not been especially pardoned by the LORD. No. It remains to be accomplished.*

## **PROPHECIES OF RETURN - FROM EZEKIEL**

**Ezekiel 11:13-20** The Lord would watch over the remnant who survived the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem. He would gather them, and would give them the land of Israel. Then he would “give them one heart” and would “put a new spirit within them.” (*This is the New Covenant promise.*)

**Ezekiel 20:40-44** All the house of Israel will serve the LORD GOD on “My holy mountain.” (v.41) “... I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles.”

*NOTE: The “Gentiles” - “the nations” raised to life after the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium.*

**Ezekiel 28:25-26** “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the site of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.”

*NOTE: The land area promised to Abraham covered approximately 48,000 square miles. This would compare with the area covered by the state of Mississippi.*

**Ezekiel 34:11-30** After the LORD has brought his sheep back to their own land, He will set up “one shepherd over them” - a descendant of King David. “I will make a covenant of peace with them.”

**Ezekiel chapter 36:24-27** “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;” ... “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” (v.33) (Ezekiel 36 cont) “... On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities I will also enable you to dwell in the cities and the ruins shall be rebuilt.” (v.36) “then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. ...”

*NOTE: “The nations which are left all around you” - those raised in the second resurrection.*

***Please notice: The New Covenant is made with the “whole house of Israel” AFTER they have returned to the land.***

*NOTE: First the gathering of Israel (AT THE SECOND COMING) - then the complete forgiveness - then the new covenant realized. The nations (resurrected - after the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium) “see and know that the LORD has done this.*

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** "Therefore prophesy and say unto them, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, Oh my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, Oh my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord."

***NOTE: RESURRECTION - THEN RETURN*** *Also note that the “dry bones” seen by Ezekiel “are the WHOLE house of Israel” (Ezek. 37:11). The very recent return of biological descendants of Jacob to the present nation of Israel does NOT fulfill the prophetic vision given to Ezekiel. The recent “return” does not include “the WHOLE house of Israel.” The dead are missing. Most descendants (living or dead) of the 10 Northern tribes are missing. The vast majority of those who have been “grafted in” through Messiah are missing. The prophet Daniel would be included in this prophecy. He never left Babylon. He was told, “for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”*

## **THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD TO BE RESTORED IN THE KINGDOM**

**Ezekiel 37:15-27** The LORD will gather the children of Israel. Judah and Israel will be joined into one kingdom - never to be separated again, with one King - from the line of David (v.24). The Lord will then make an everlasting covenant of peace with those He has gathered.(v.26) **“My tabernacle also shall be with them; ... The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”**

*NOTE: “The nations will know” WHEN “My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” The Temple restored cannot be built during the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium - the earth is desolate. Here we see Israel returned, and the Sanctuary restored in the midst of “the nations” who KNOW that the LORD has chosen Israel.*

*NOTE: Ezekiel (a captive in Babylon), saw the “whole house of Israel” resurrected, gathered, and returned to “the land” (Ezekiel 37:11). Then the prophet was shown “a city,” and “a temple.” The Temple shown to Ezekiel in vision has never been built. Yet God’s word will be fulfilled. (Isa. 55:11). Ezekiel’s Temple measures 210 feet high. The technology for such high rise building, did not exist in that day. The Holy City, New Jerusalem - which will descend only after the earth is cleansed completely of sin and sinners - measures 345 miles on a side and 345 miles high. It is enormous - compared with Ezekiel’s Temple.*

*ANIMAL SACRIFICES: There are Bible students who believe that animal sacrifices will again be offered in this rebuilt Temple, because such were seen in the vision given to Ezekiel. I do not believe that this will be the case. The vision was given to Ezekiel during the time of the Babylonian captivity. The Israelites would indeed return to the land at the end of the 70 years. (This is the type.) They would rebuild the city and the Temple. If Ezekiel had been shown the future Temple WITHOUT the animal sacrifices, the returning Jews would have assumed that this system was not longer necessary, and it would have been discontinued. **But it was not yet time. THE True Lamb had not yet been offered.** The Temple constructed by the returning captives did not match the vision seen by Ezekiel, but a healing stream did flow out from Jerusalem - the blood of Christ and His Holy Spirit - which brought healing of spirit to those who accept HIM.*

Like so many other prophecies, the vision of Ezekiel’s Temple will be completely and perfectly fulfilled. The “whole house of Israel” will be returned to the land. (This did not happen in the time of Ezra.) They will build the Temple seen by Ezekiel. In this Temple - Christ WILL BE the Lamb, and the High Priest. All Israelites will serve as priests, helping those who come in faith to claim the sacrifice of Christ, as the one true offering. This vision of the rebuilt Temple, with a priesthood convinces me that many of those raised after the 1000 years will indeed come to Christ, accepting HIM as their Savior. He will also be “the Prince” reigning on David’s throne. **If the work of redemption was finished at second coming, there would be absolutely NO NEED for a Temple, with a priesthood. In the earth finally healed, John saw “no Temple” - only “the throne of God and of the Lamb”** (Revelation 21:22; 22:1,3).

**Micah 4:1** “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 peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations 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 the law shall go forth, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; 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 any more.”

**Haggai 2:6-9** “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; (at the Second Coming) and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and **I will fill this temple with glory,** says the LORD of hosts. ... The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former’ says the LORD of hosts. **And in this place I will give peace,**’ says the LORD of hosts.”

*NOTE: Here again we have a prophecy with a dual application. The presence of Christ in the rebuilt Temple of Herod’s day, did bring “greater glory” to that House. But there has been no peace, as yet, in Jerusalem. For this, we must look to the coming kingdom of Messiah on earth.*

*Isaiah 2:2-3; Isaiah 60:13-14 (whole chapter - Gentile kings bring riches to Jerusalem to beautify the House of Lord.– Gates always open) Micah 4:1-8 (Mt. Of Lord's house shall be established - many nations shall flow to it.)*

**Ezekiel 44:5,9** Only those circumcised in heart AND flesh may enter.

**Zechariah 14:20** There will be no Canaanite in the house of the LORD.

*NOTE: The circumcision of the flesh will take place when we are “changed in a moment” on the day Christ returns in glory. The “flesh” will be cut away, and we will receive immortal spiritual bodies (I Cor. 15:44 and Joshua 5:3)*

**Amos 9:11** ““On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,’ Says the LORD who does this thing.”

*NOTE: I believe this passage strongly suggests that some descendants of Esau, and many Gentiles, will come to faith in Messiah, after the Temple is restored on Mt. Zion. And of course--- this will happen on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day.*

## **THE HEALING STREAM AND THE SECOND RESURRECTION**

**Ezekiel chapter 47** In the vision of the Temple to be built, Ezekiel saw a stream, flowing from under the right side of the Temple, flowing south of the alter and out the threshold toward the East. The stream became a river which was too deep to cross, and where this river flowed, everything came back to life. (v.9) “And it shall be that every living thing that moves, where ever the rivers go, will live.”

**Joel 3:17-18** “So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again. And it will come to pass in that day, ... A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Acacias.”

**Zechariah 14:8** “And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea, in both summer and winter it shall occur. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be –‘The LORD is one, and His name one.’”

**Revelation. 22:1** The “River of water of life” will flow  
from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

**Revelation 20:5** “But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.”

*Who are the “rest of the dead”? They are the people of all ages whose names were never written into the Book of Life. They did not enter into covenant - not because they refused, but because they were ignorant. They were innocently ignorant of the LORD and of His Law. They may have died as children, or have been mentally compromised, or simply have lived in a place - at a time when the LORD was unknown. They will live again, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day, and will be given an opportunity to choose Jesus Christ as their King.*

**Psalm 104:30** “You send forth Your spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.”

## **ISRAEL - THE “KINGDOM OF PRIESTS” WILL REIGN WITH CHRIST - THE HIGH PRIEST&KING**

*NOTE: Christ was anointed as a “priest forever.” (Heb 5:6; Heb 7:21; Psa. 110:4)*

**Isaiah 61:4-9** “And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. (The returned) Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. (The nations) **But you shall be named the priests of the LORD**, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have **double honor**, (the inheritance of the firstborn) And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land **they shall possess double**; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant. (The New Covenant)” Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, (Nations) And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed.”

**Revelation 2:26-27** “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations – He shall rule them with a rod of iron.”

**Revelation 5:9-10** “... For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made (aorist tense) us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

**II Timothy 2:12** “If we endure, **we shall also reign with Him.**”

**Revelation 3:21** “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

**I Corinthians 6:2** “Do you not know that **the saints will judge the world?**”

**Matthew 19:28** (spoken to the disciples) “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

### A STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE PUT IN PLACE

Christ the King.

The 12 apostles.

The 24 elders of Revelation.

The 144,000.

All of Israel - Now “priests of God and the Lamb”

**Ezekiel 44:23-24** describes **the role of the priests** who serve in the New Temple. They will judge, decide disputes, and teach the law, just as they did during the time before Israel had an earthly king.

(Lev. 9:1, Exo. 29:35, Lev. 8:33-35, Deut. 21:5, Deut. 33:8).

**Nehemiah 8:8** “So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them (the people) to understand the reading.”

**Obadiah 20-21** “And the captives of this host of the children of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites ... Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD’s.”

*NOTE: I believe “the saviors” to come will be the “Priests” serving under Christ, who will judge the nations-including “the mountains of Esau.”*

## **MANY - FROM THE NATIONS - WILL COME TO KNOW THE LORD**

*Consider the young child in Samaria - sacrificed to Baal, or the young child in New York city abused by a parent, who dies at the age of three years. What will become of these children. They did not live long enough to choose the LORD, yet our God is “not willing that any should perish” (II Pet 3:9). Every human being must have the opportunity to know the LORD. Whole nations have lived and died without ever knowing the God of Israel or His Son, Jesus Christ. I believe they will be resurrected and will be given that opportunity. Only when “this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people” can the “end” truly come. (Matthew 24:14).*

**Isaiah 66:18** “It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and see My glory.”

**Jeremiah 16:19-21** (Verses 14-15 describe the promised return of Israel to the land) “The Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth ...” “I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is the LORD.”

**Zechariah 2:1-12** Jerusalem to be inhabited as a “town without walls” (Ezek. 38:11) because of the multitude (v.4) “**Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people** ...” (v.11) “The LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land and will again chose Jerusalem.” (v.12)

**Revelation 21:24** “And **the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light**, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.”

## **THE NATIONS - AFTER THE RETURN OF ISRAEL TO THE LAND**

*The following are passages which suggest the presence of non-Israelites on the earth, (strangers/aliens/gentiles/the nations) AFTER Israel has been returned to the land.*

**Zechariah 2:11** “Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.”

**Isaiah 2:1-3** “And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations** shall flow unto it. **3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, 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 Jehovah from Jerusalem.” (ASV)

**Isaiah 2:4** “And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and 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 any more.” (ASV) [See also Micah 4:1-3.]

**Isaiah 14:1** For Jehovah will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the sojourner shall join himself with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. (ASV)

**Isaiah 66:18-21** (After the destruction of v. 15-17) For I know their works and their thoughts: the time cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and shall see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them (those raised first) unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, **that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.** And they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations for an oblation unto Jehovah, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith Jehovah, as the children of Israel bring their oblation in a clean vessel into the house of Jehovah. And of them also will I take for priests and for Levites, saith Jehovah. (ASV)

*WOW!! From those who “escape” the destruction and judgment at the Second Coming, the LORD will send “a sign” (witnesses) back to the Nations who have never heard of HIM. These witnesses will then bring many of them to Christ. They will be offered to Christ - like an offering. And He will even take some of them for priests. Imagine being sent to your grandparents, 14 generations back - to tell them about Jesus. (Also compare Zechariah 3:7-8: The “companions who sit before” Joshua the High Priest, will be “a wondrous sign.”)*

**Ezekiel 36:23** “the nations shall know that I am the LORD, ... when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.” (NKJ)

**Ezekiel 36:33** “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35 So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ 36 Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it.”

**Ezekiel 20:33-44** is after the return. V. 41 “I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles.

**Ezekiel 28:25** “hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles”

**Zechariah 8:20-23** “Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities; The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.’ Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD 23 (continued) Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, (Christ) saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”

**Jeremiah 12:14** “Thus says the LORD: ‘Against **all My evil neighbors** who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit—behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. THEN it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land. **And**

it shall be, if they will diligently learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,' .... then they shall be established in the midst of My people."

*NOTE: This one is a bombshell—the evil neighbors of Israel will be plucked out, and then later returned to their lands. If they will learn the ways of Israel and the LORD, then “they will be established in the midst of my people.” This comes AFTER they are returned to the lands. THEN they learn the ways of the LORD. The nations cannot be returned, until the second resurrection which happens on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day.*

## THE MIXED MULTITUDE

*A “greater exodus” suggests other parallels. When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, a large number of mixed blood and other slave peoples came out with them, into the wilderness. These people sojourned with Israel, and they were usually the trouble makers. They were the first to complain. They were first to return to idol worship. (Exo 12:28, Num 11:4)*

*In the prophecies of the gentiles/nations/aliens/strangers who are resurrected after the 1000 years, who are living on the earth with Christ reigning from Jerusalem, with Israel brought back to the land - I believe the picture is presented of a “mixed multitude.” And just as in the first exodus, the mixed multitude (family of Egypt) are the trouble-makers. The term “family of Egypt” refers, I believe, to all of those whose hearts are still in Egypt - still loving their idols and their Pharoah (Satan).*

**Zechariah 14:16-21** And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

*NOTE: Here we have the scene - AFTER the Great Day of the LORD - AFTER Ezekiel's Temple with its healing stream. “Everyone who is left” refers those raised in the first resurrection - The Israel of God. These the LORD has “sent” as “signposts” to the nations, to help them find their way to the LORD GOD OF ISRAEL. From every nation, kindred, and language there will be a few who have come to Christ, and have been raised in the “first resurrection.” These people will be sent back to their kindred, to witness for Christ.*

*NOTE: “The nations” (non-Israelites) are invited to go up to Jerusalem, to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Anciently, the Gentiles were invited only to the Feast of Sakkot - not to Passover or Pentecost.*

*NOTE: The Water Ceremony, performed during the feast WAS a prayer for rain. AND we have nations who will not go up to the feast. They are called “the family of Egypt.”*

**WHAT HAPPENS to this rebellious multitude?  
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## **ADDENDUM**

### **PROPHECIES WHICH DESCRIBE CHILDREN IN THE COMING KINGDOM**

**Isaiah 11: v.6** “little child will lead” the calf and the young lion  
**v.8** “nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole”  
**v.8** “weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den”

**Isaiah 65:20** “no infant mortality”

**Jeremiah 31:8** “pregnant women and women in labor”  
are seen among the Israelites brought back

**Jeremiah 30:18-20** “Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan. Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Their children also shall be as before, And their congregation shall be established before Me; And I will punish all who oppress them.”

*QUESTION: Many faithful Israelites have lost infants and children over these 6000 years.  
When will they be resurrected?*

*Will they come up in the first resurrection?*

*My feeling is that they will not. They cannot enter into the consecration ceremony for the priesthood. They have not yet reached the age of responsible choice. My own belief is that they will come up in the second resurrection, along with others who have not yet chosen Christ as their King. Not to worry though - the 1000 years with the LORD may seem but a day. And these children will grow up - with you, in a wonderful kingdom, ruled by Christ Himself.*

### **DEATH IN THE COMING KINGDOM OF CHRIST**

**Isaiah 65:20** “No more will babies die in infancy, no more will an old man die short of his days-he who dies at a hundred will be thought young, and at less than a hundred thought cursed.” (CJB)

*NOTE: What does it mean-for us to “rule the nations with a rod of iron,” unless it includes the possibility of the death penalty? Christ can heal or even restore to life, one who dies in an accident or one who is murdered by another, but I do not believe He will resurrect one who is executed for murder.*

**Isaiah 65:20** “No more shall there be an infant or graybeard who does not live out his days. He who dies at a hundred years shall be reckoned a youth, and he who fails to reach a hundred shall be reckoned accursed.” (TNK)

*NOTE: This verse has been a puzzler. How could there be death in the kingdom of Christ?  
Answer: Those raised to continue their lives AFTER the 1000 years will be mortal human beings. They*

*have not yet been changed/circumcised. They have not yet received immortal/spiritual bodies. Therefore they CAN DIE.*

## **THE NEW COVENANT IS NOT FULLY REALIZED UNTIL THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY.**

**Ezekiel 36:23-36** "And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD,' says the Lord GOD, 'when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.' **'For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.'** 'Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God....'"

"Thus says the Lord GOD: '**On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities,** I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it.'"

*NOTICE: This transformation is NOT fully realized UNTIL the people have returned to the land.*

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** "Behold, the days are coming says the LORD, when **I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah** – not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;** and I will be their God and they shall be My people."

**Jeremiah 32:37-41** "'... I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, .... They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, .... And **I will make an everlasting covenant with them,** that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.'"

*NOTE: Isaiah 56:3-8 makes it very clear that the "everlasting covenant" will include persons from all nations (non-biological descendants of Jacob).*

*NOTE: The author of Hebrews, repeats the New Covenant promise. (Hebrews 8:10).*