## 5 From Armageddon to The Kingdom

.....'Then the **seventh** angel blew his trumpet, 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 shall reign forever and ever.**" *Revelation 11:15.* 

This is the scripture many have been taught is 'the last trump', blown **at the First Resurrection**, 1 Corinthians 15:52. That trumpet is actually blown by God [1 Thessalonians 4:16], not an angel, and it was blown  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years ago when that Angel sounds! Revelation 11:15 is not a 'last trump' anyway as there is another mentioned later. Also, cf. Numbers 10:1-7 for the real 'last trump'.

Notice the absolute futility of the idea that the Saints could be carried by angels from around the world to Christ in the clouds at the First Resurrection, (for He does not then set foot on the Earth) taken to Heaven, be married to Christ on the Sea of Glass before our Father's Throne, learn "the new song" and perform before their Father, be taught how to rule on earth, see the angels are given the 7 last plagues, learn how to ride a warhorse and how to fight at Armageddon, and finally return to the Mount of Olives with Christ, in time to take part in the battle, all in one day, the Feast of Trumpets!

'And they said, "We give thanks to you, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who always was, for **now** you have assumed your great power and **have begun to reign.**' *Revelation11:17.* 

"Son of man, when the people of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds. Their behaviour before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman's impurity. So I poured out My wrath upon them because of the blood they had shed on the land, and because they **had defiled it with their idols.** I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered throughout the lands. I judged them according to their ways and deeds." *Ezekiel 36:17-19*.

'For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and I will bring you back into your own land. I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances.' *Ezekiel 24-28*.

'This is the land which you shall divide by lot as an inheritance among the tribes of Israel, and these are their portions," says the Lord GOD...' *Ezekiel 47:13 – 48:29.* 

'God "says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the

Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." *Isaiah 49:6. We will act as 'the arm o the Lord' and deliver the remnant of Israel to Jerusalem.* 

'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will give a signal to the godless nations. They will carry **your little sons back to you** in their arms; they will bring your daughters on their shoulders.' NLT. *Isaiah:49:22*.

'I will say to the prisoners, 'Come out in freedom,' and to those in darkness, 'Come into the light.' **They will be my sheep**, grazing in green pastures and on hills that were previously bare. They will neither hunger nor thirst. The **searing sun will not reach them anymore.** For the LORD in his mercy will lead them; he will lead them beside cool waters.' NLT, *Isaiah 49:10*.

'I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out.' *Ezekiel 20:34*.

'Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.' *Jeremiah 31:8*.

'Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.' (Probably Australia) Isaiah 49:12.

'I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' *Ezekiel 20:37-38*.

'The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the *(spiritually)* dead [cf. Matthew 8:22] to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.' *Revelation 11:18*.

'I will restore the fortunes of **my people Israel**, and they shall **rebuild the ruined cities** and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.' *Amos 9:14*.

"And in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streambeds of Judah shall flow with water; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Shittim. Joel 3:18. This indicates that the Dead Sea will be greatly expanded and may even join with the Sea of Galilee, changing the climate of Israel!

Bring all **who claim me as their God,** for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them." *Isaiah 43:7* 

"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.' Isaiah 43:10

'For by fire will the LORD enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the LORD shall be many.' *Isaiah* 66:16.

"and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.' Isaiah 66:19.

'Then the LORD will provide shade for Mount Zion and all who assemble there. He will provide **a canopy** of cloud during the day and smoke and flaming fire at night, **covering the glorious land.** It will be a shelter from daytime heat and a hiding place from storms and rain.' *Isaiah 4:5-6.* NLT.

'Then all the survivors from the nations that came against Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. And should any of the families of the earth not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, then the rain will not fall on them. And if the people of Egypt will not go up and enter in, then the rain will not fall on them; this will be the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. This will be the punishment of Egypt and of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.' Zechariah 14:16-19.

'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. 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 2:3-4.*