

ISAIAH

GOD'S GLORY IN THE KINGDOM

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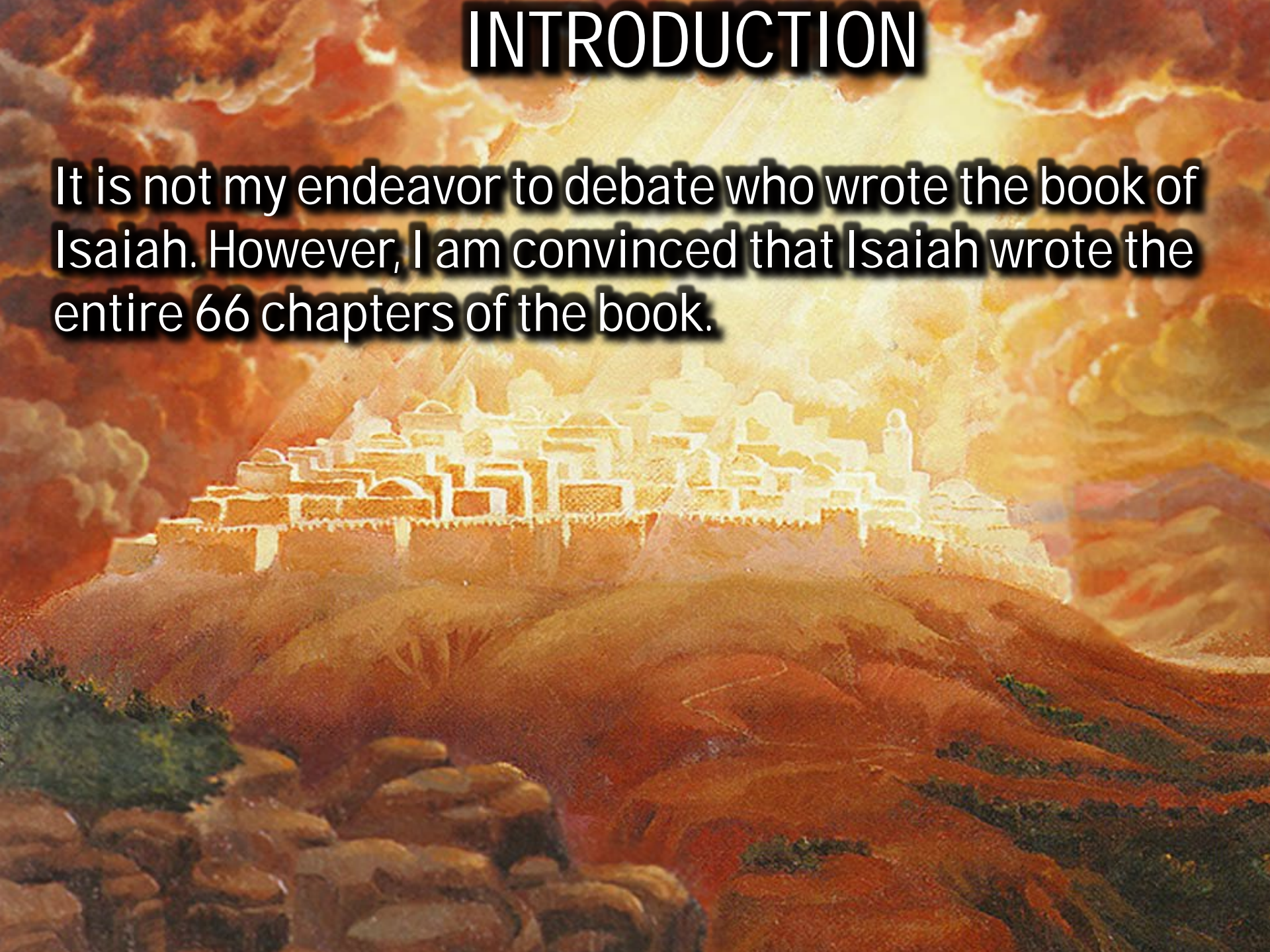
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INTRODUCTION

Ps 145:10-13 – “All our works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, And Your godly ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom, And talk of Your Power; To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts, And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

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It is not my endeavor to debate who wrote the book of Isaiah. However, I am convinced that Isaiah wrote the entire 66 chapters of the book.



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In the next hour I would like to take a broad and overarching view of the Biblical Theology of Isaiah. I plan to look more closely at a few chapters at the beginning of the book and then two chapters at the end of the book while listing the rest of the chapters very briefly by categorizing them if they speak about eschatology.

Dr. Charles Ryrie briefly defines the concept of **Biblical Theology** this way: It "is that branch of theological science which deals systematically with the historically conditioned progress of the self-revelation of God as deposited in the Bible." (Charles C. Ryrie, *Biblical Theology of the New*

Testament, p. 12)

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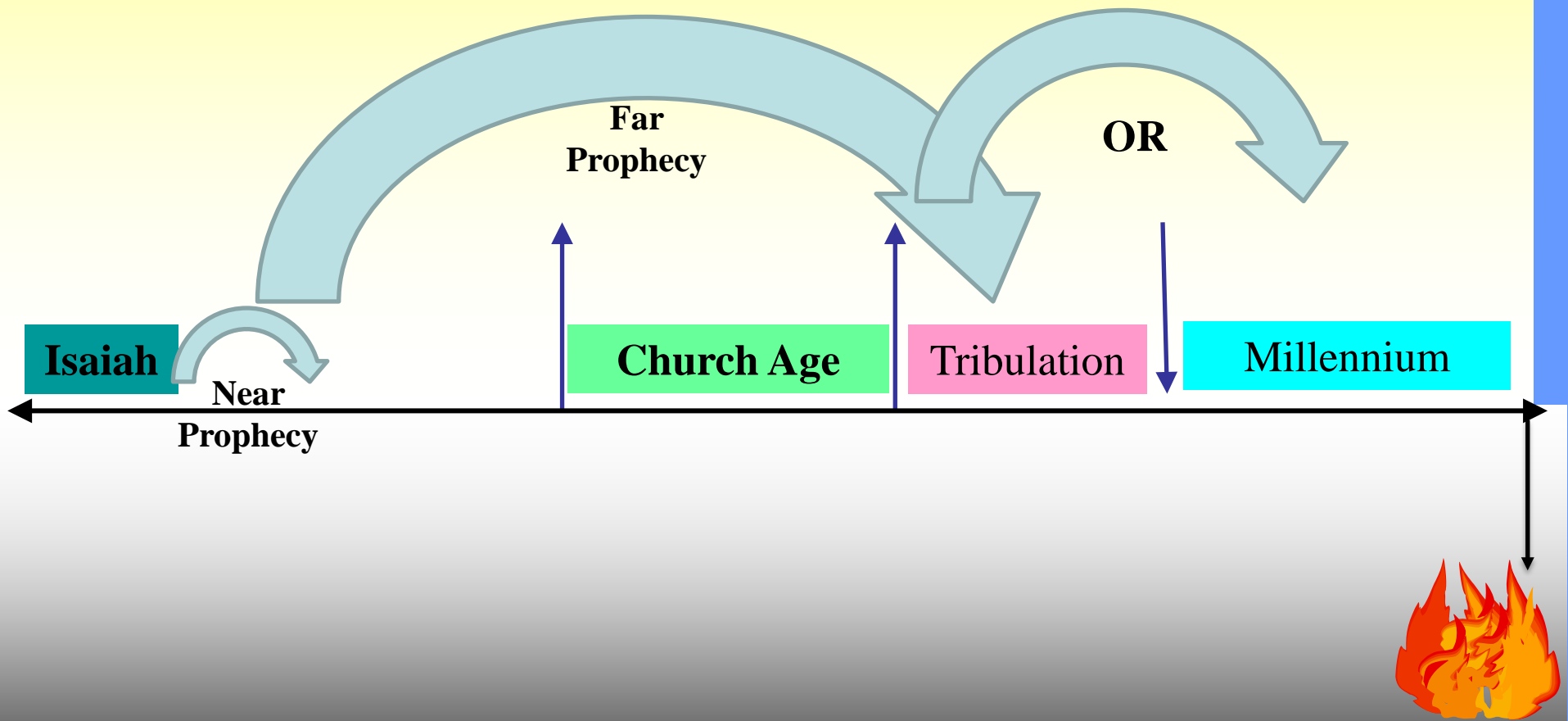


Therefore, I would like to center in on one of the main themes or possibly THE main systematic theology theme of the book of Isaiah. Both comings of our Lord are found in this book, but the dominant advent theme is the Second Coming and the Millennial Kingdom.

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Hermeneutical considerations: The prophet Isaiah in his prophetic writings often prophesied concerning a near future event from his historical perspective (for example years or decades in the author's future, but is past history for us), but in the same context will, at times, use this near future prophecy (which is past history for us now) as illustrations to catapult the reader to events in the **7 year tribulation, the second coming, or millennium.**

Hermeneutical Principle



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Century Edition [Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 1994], 457).

OVERVIEW OF ISAIAH

- A. Denunciation of Judah and Hope of Restoration 1-5
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The Kingdom of Isaiah

Isaiah 2:1-4:6

Notice the *inclusio* verses in
Isaiah 2:1-4 and 4:2-6



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Varsity Press, 1994), 457). We see an *inclusio* bookends in Isaiah 2:1-4 and 4:2-6.

Dr. Randall Price comments on **Isaiah 2:1-4** and **Micah 4:1-3** passages:

“Leading rabbinic commentators such as Rambam, Radak, Ibn Ezra, and Rashi interpreted these passages as occurring in messianic times with a focus on King Messiah, who will teach the nations Torah, arbitrate national disputes, and thereby secure world peace. Modern Orthodox Judaism follows these Sages...”

(J. Randall Price, “Isaiah 2:2-4/Micah 4:1-5: The Restoration of Israel in the Messianic Age,” in *The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy*, ed. Rydelnick & Blum, 785)

Isaiah 2 and Micah 4

Historicists traditionally understand the events in these passages as taking place in the spiritual kingdom of the Church age while the Futurists understand the events to be in the messianic kingdom on earth. Of course, there are also those who would say it has the partial fulfillment in the church age and its full realization in messianic kingdom. **It is my conviction as well as others that these texts (Isaiah 2:1-4 and Micah 4:1-3) are future messianic kingdom texts.**

Isaiah 2-4

Critics have pointed out that a restoration text or kingdom text in chapter 2 seems to be too abrupt to be understood as future, but the immediate context of Isaiah 1:26-28 predicts redemption and restoration and thus, would be natural for Isaiah to expand upon this thought in chapter 2 and following. Notice that the judgment in 2:5-3:26 is followed by the restoration in 4:2-6, and the condemnation in chaps. 5-10 is followed by the restoration of chaps. 11-12. This is a pattern of argument by Isaiah.

(Randall Price, "Isaiah 2:2-4/Micah 4:1-5: The Restoration of Israel in the Messianic Age," 786).

Isaiah 2 -12 Condemnation/Restoration

Even within the "condemnation section of chps. 5-10 appear the messianic texts of 7:14 and 9:6-7 that are built upon the messianic eschatological/restoration texts of 11:1-5, 10-12, and 12:2-6." Again, this is a pattern of argument by Isaiah. Notice the sections of condemnation (Isa 1:23; 2:5-4:1; 5:1-30; 7:1-8:22; 9:8-10:34) alternated with sections of restoration (1:24-27; 2:1-4; 4:2-6; 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-12:6). The basic message is restoration will follow judgment.

Randall Price, "Isaiah 2:2-4/Micah 4:1-5: The Restoration of Israel in the Messianic Age," 786, 790.

Interpretation of Isaiah 2

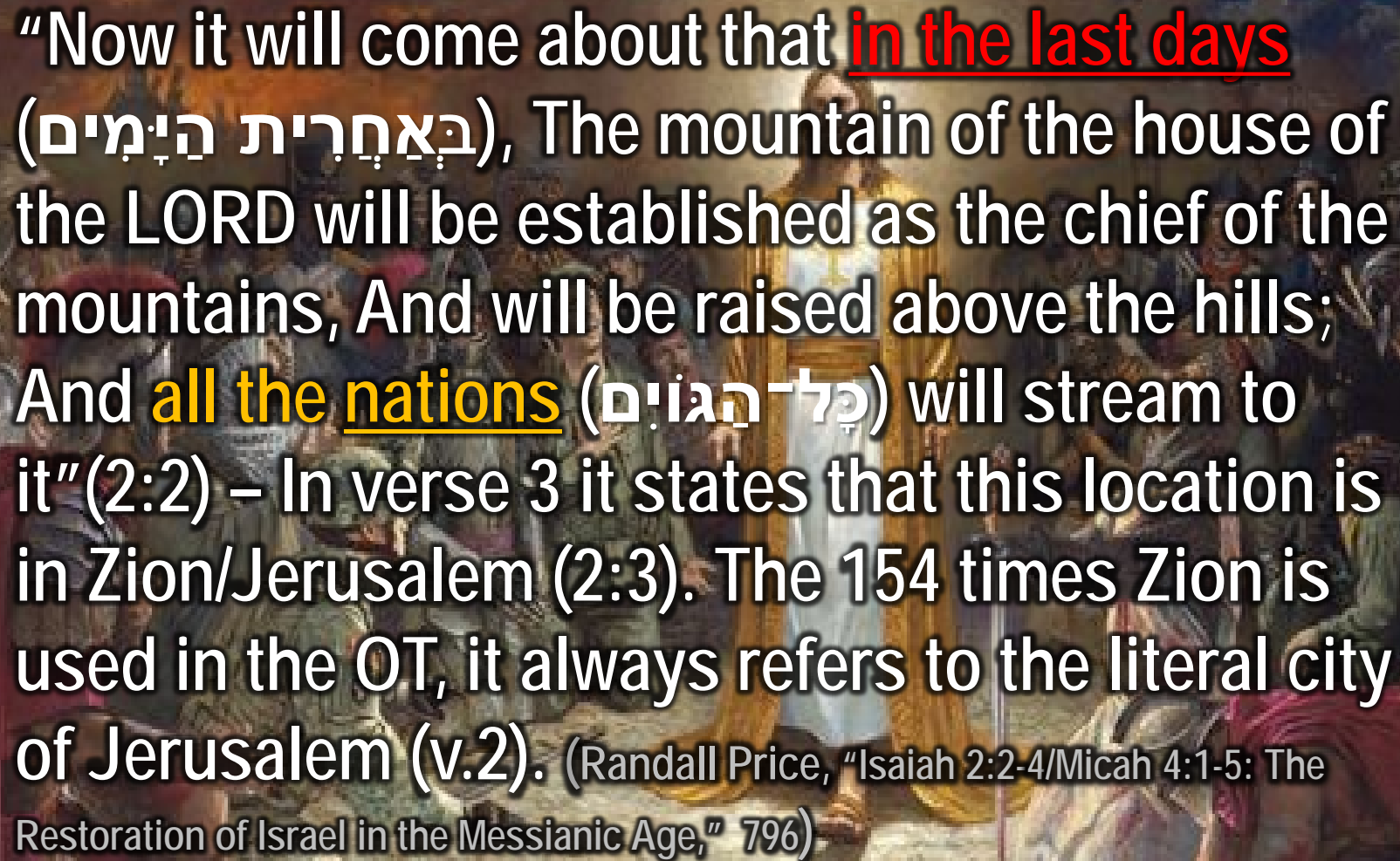
One final brief statement about Isaiah 2:1-4 before we look at the passage. Dr. John Sailhamer's article on the interpretative nature of the passage is worth mentioning. After his critique of the hermeneutics of amillennialism and many of their conclusions, he concludes that Isaiah's vision "fits best in the context of an earthy reign of Christ in Jerusalem as a precursor to the eternal state."

John H. Sailhamer, "Evidence from Isaiah 2" in *A Case For Premillennialism: A New Consensus*, ed. Donald K. Campbell and Jeffrey L. Townsend (Chicago: Moody Press, 1992), 79-102.

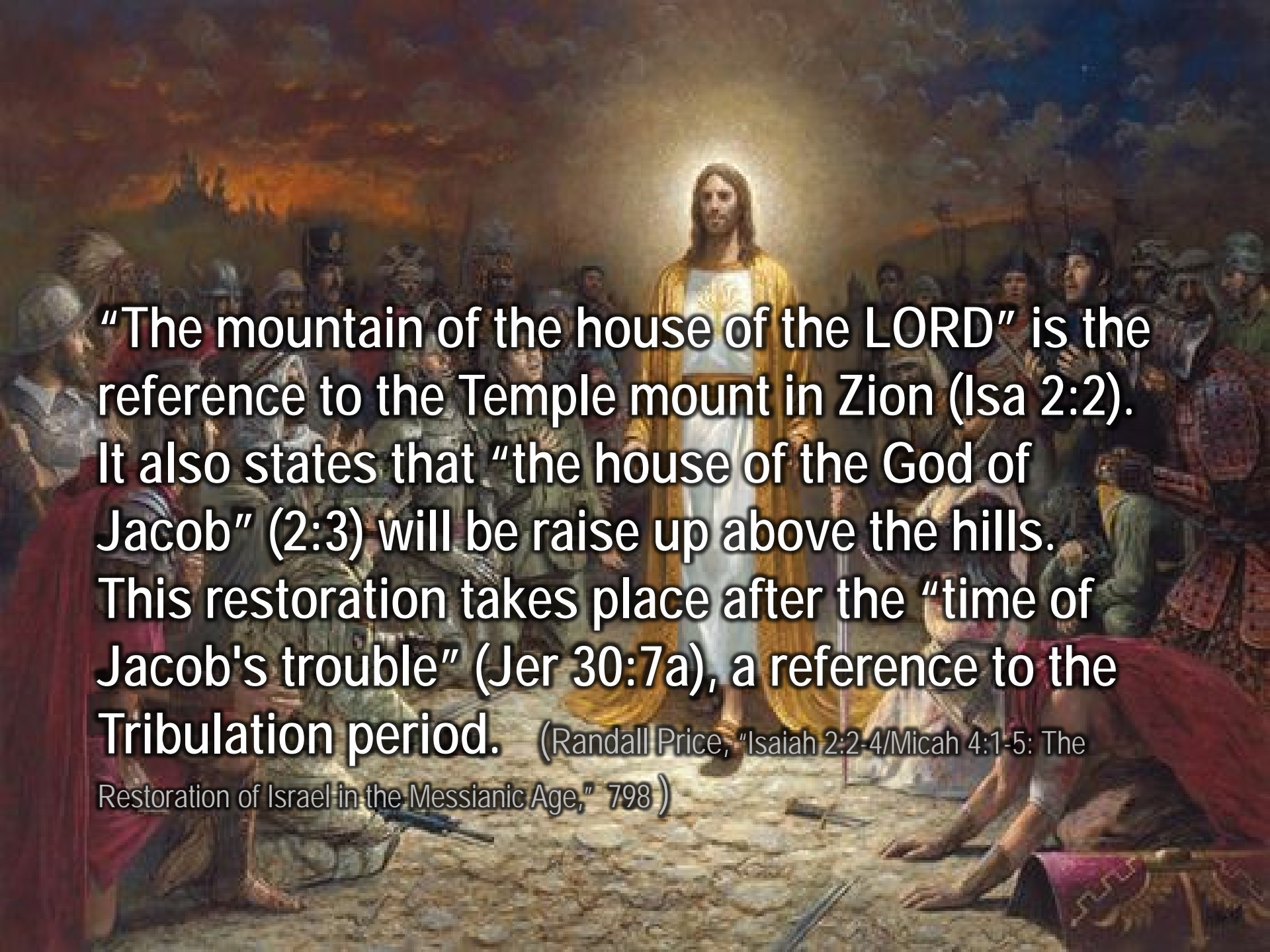
I. The Characteristics of the Kingdom Isa 2:1-22

A. The Portrait of the Kingdom In the Last Days 1-4 (Micah 4:1-3)

1. The Recognition in the Kingdom As Supreme vs. 1-2a
2. All **Nations** Received in the Kingdom vs. 2b
3. The Revelation in the Kingdom: Teaching the **Gentiles** vs. 3
 - a. Teaching the LORD's Ways
 - b. Teaching them to live the LORD's Way
 - c. The LORD's Way spreads from Zion to the world

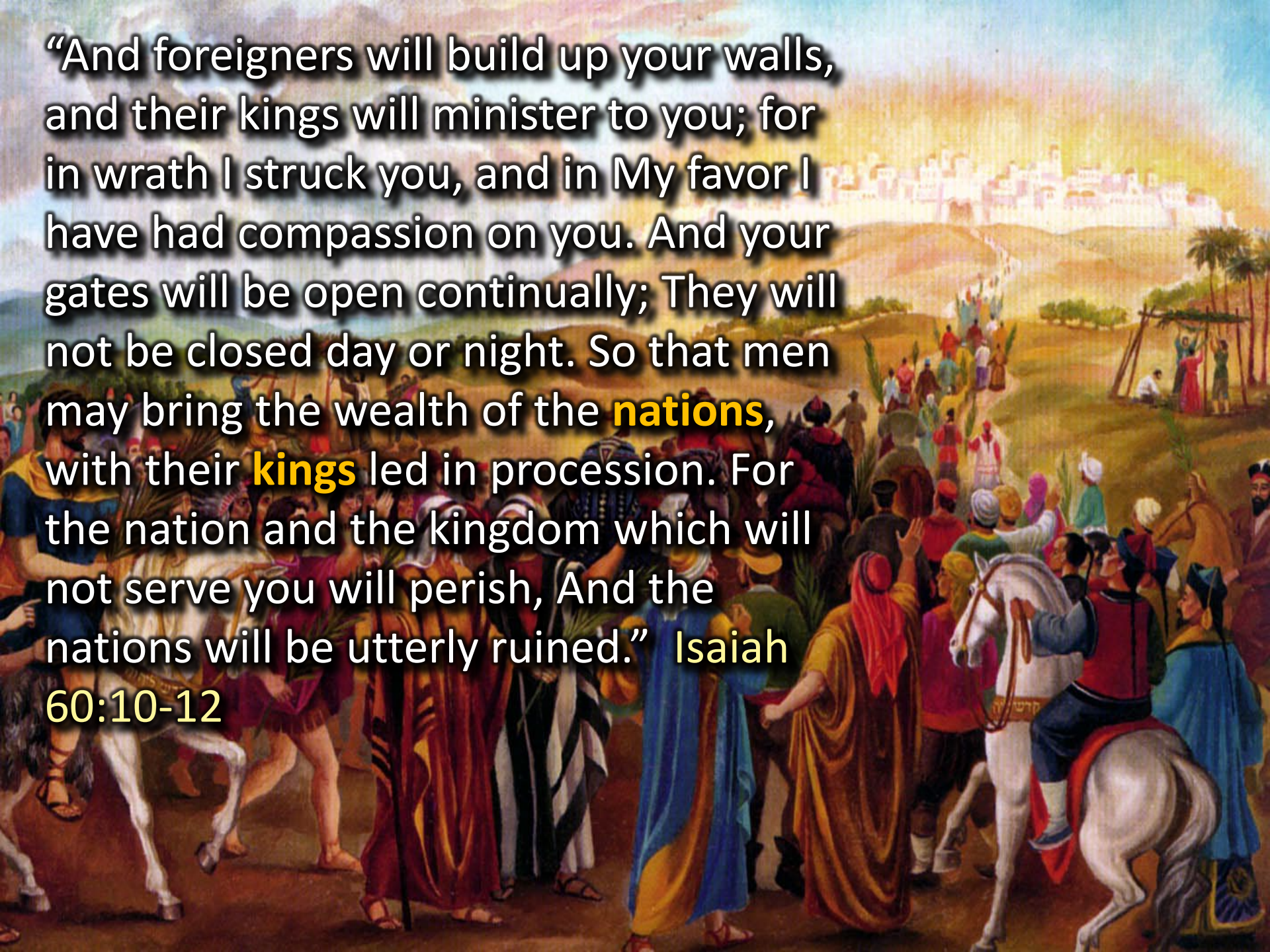


“Now it will come about that **in the last days** (בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים), The mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And **all the nations** (כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם) will stream to it” (2:2) – In verse 3 it states that this location is in Zion/Jerusalem (2:3). The 154 times Zion is used in the OT, it always refers to the literal city of Jerusalem (v.2). (Randall Price, “Isaiah 2:2-4/Micah 4:1-5: The Restoration of Israel in the Messianic Age,” 796)



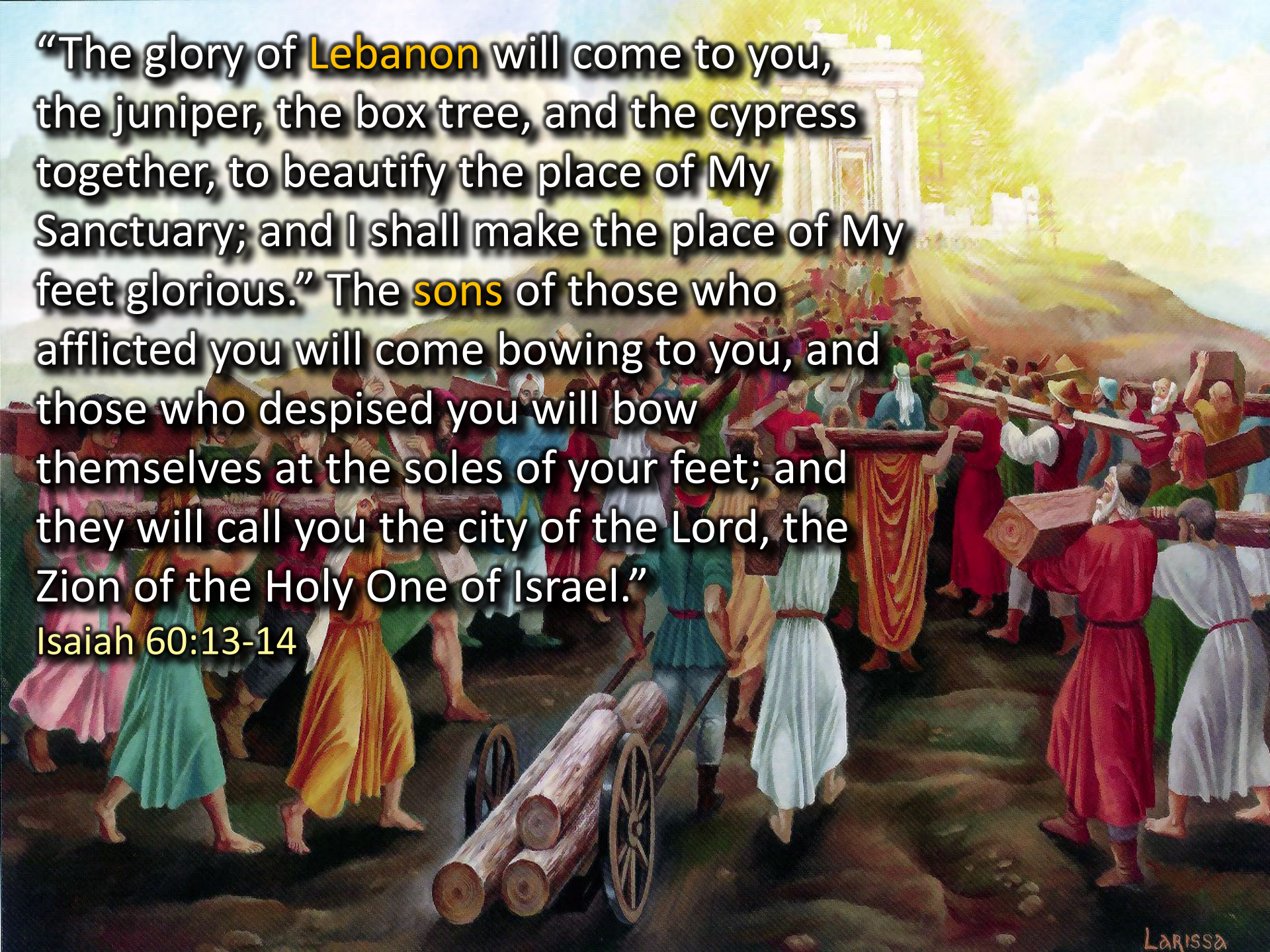
“The mountain of the house of the LORD” is the reference to the Temple mount in Zion (Isa 2:2). It also states that “the house of the God of Jacob” (2:3) will be raise up above the hills. This restoration takes place after the “time of Jacob's trouble” (Jer 30:7a), a reference to the Tribulation period. (Randall Price, “Isaiah 2:2-4/Micah 4:1-5: The Restoration of Israel in the Messianic Age,” 798)

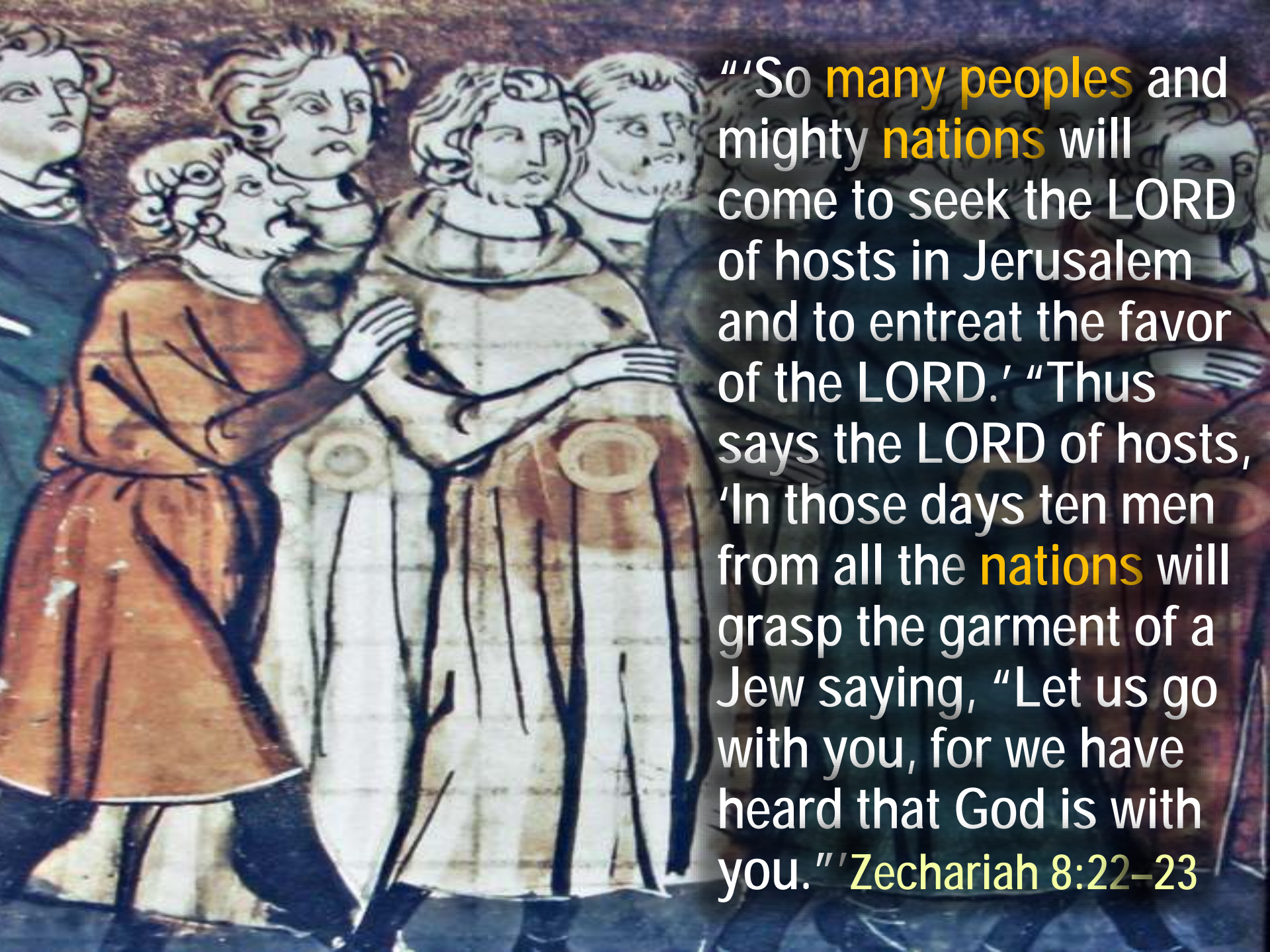
“And foreigners will build up your walls,
and their kings will minister to you; for
in wrath I struck you, and in My favor I
have had compassion on you. And your
gates will be open continually; They will
not be closed day or night. So that men
may bring the wealth of the **nations**,
with their **kings** led in procession. For
the nation and the kingdom which will
not serve you will perish, And the
nations will be utterly ruined.” **Isaiah**
60:10-12



“The glory of **Lebanon** will come to you, the juniper, the box tree, and the cypress together, to beautify the place of My Sanctuary; and I shall make the place of My feet glorious.” The **sons** of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, and those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; and they will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

Isaiah 60:13-14





“So **many peoples** and mighty **nations** will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD.” Thus says the LORD of hosts, “In those days ten men from all the **nations** will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” **Zechariah 8:22–23**

I. The Characteristics of the Kingdom 2:1-22

A. The Portrait of the Kingdom vss. 1-4 (See Micah 4:1-3)

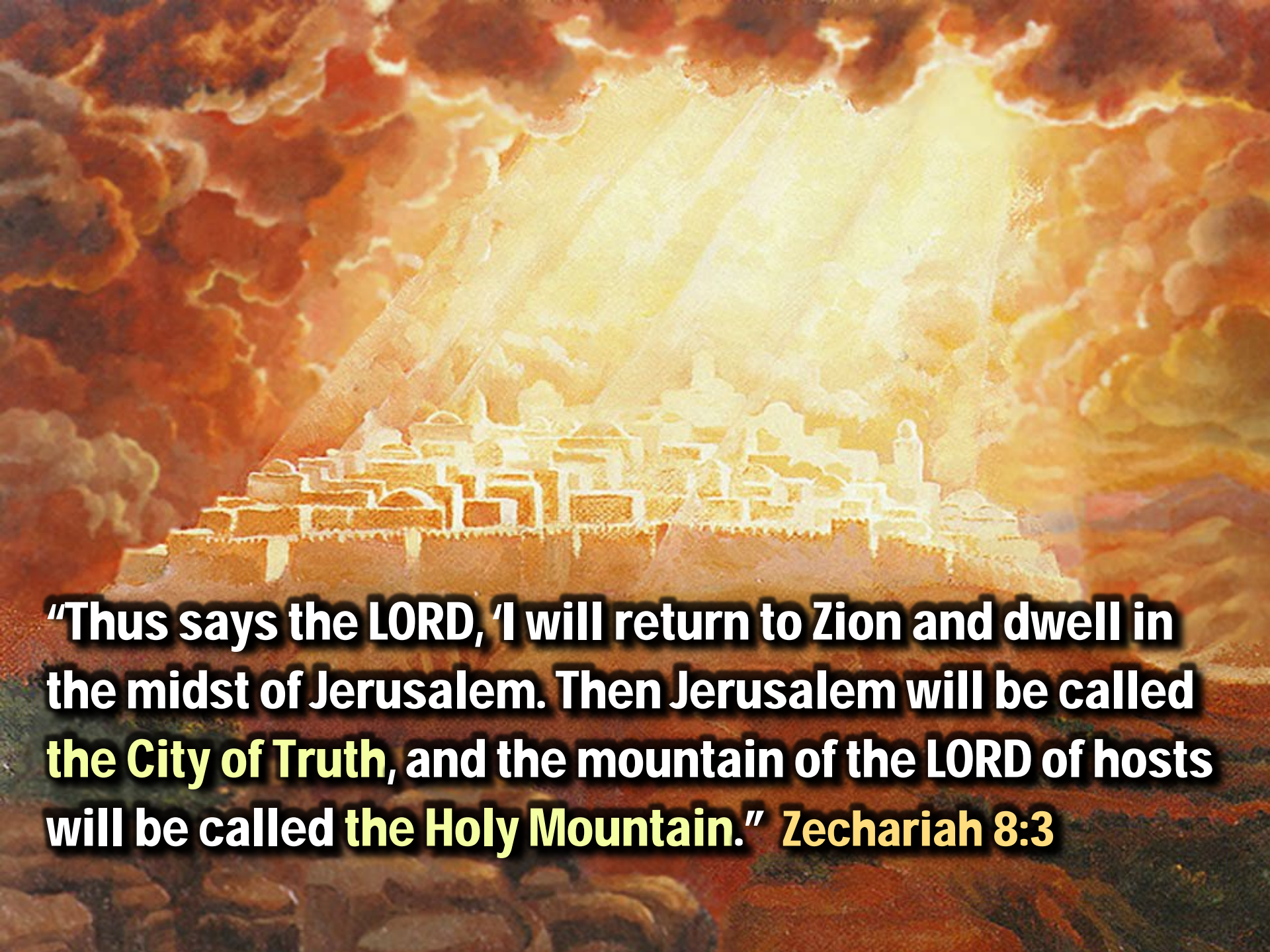
1. The Recognition in the Kingdom vs. 1-2a

2. All Nations Received in the Kingdom vs. 2b

3. The Revelation in the Kingdom: Teaching the Gentiles vs. 3

4. The Rule in the Kingdom vs. 4a

5. The Rest in the Kingdom vs. 4b

A dramatic, golden-hued illustration of Jerusalem on a mountain, with bright rays of light shining down from a cloudy sky. The city is depicted with various buildings and a prominent tower, all rendered in a glowing, ethereal style. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the overall atmosphere is one of divine light and glory.

"Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.'" Zechariah 8:3

“And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one. All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin’s Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the King’s wine presses. And people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.”

Zechariah 14:9–11



For details of the dimensions of the mountain and some of its function, see Ezk 40:1-4; 45:1-8; 48:8-22. According Dr. Fruchtenbaum's calculations from Ezekiel the top of the mountain area will be about fifty-mile square plateau

(Fruchtenbaum, *Ariel's Bible Commentary, The Book of Isaiah*, [San Antonio: Ariel Ministries, 2021], 42).

Dr. Price calculates Jerusalem will increase to approximately 36 square miles. However, he states if one includes the area of the priests, Levites, and prince (city administrator) with their function and storage, it increases to 182 square miles

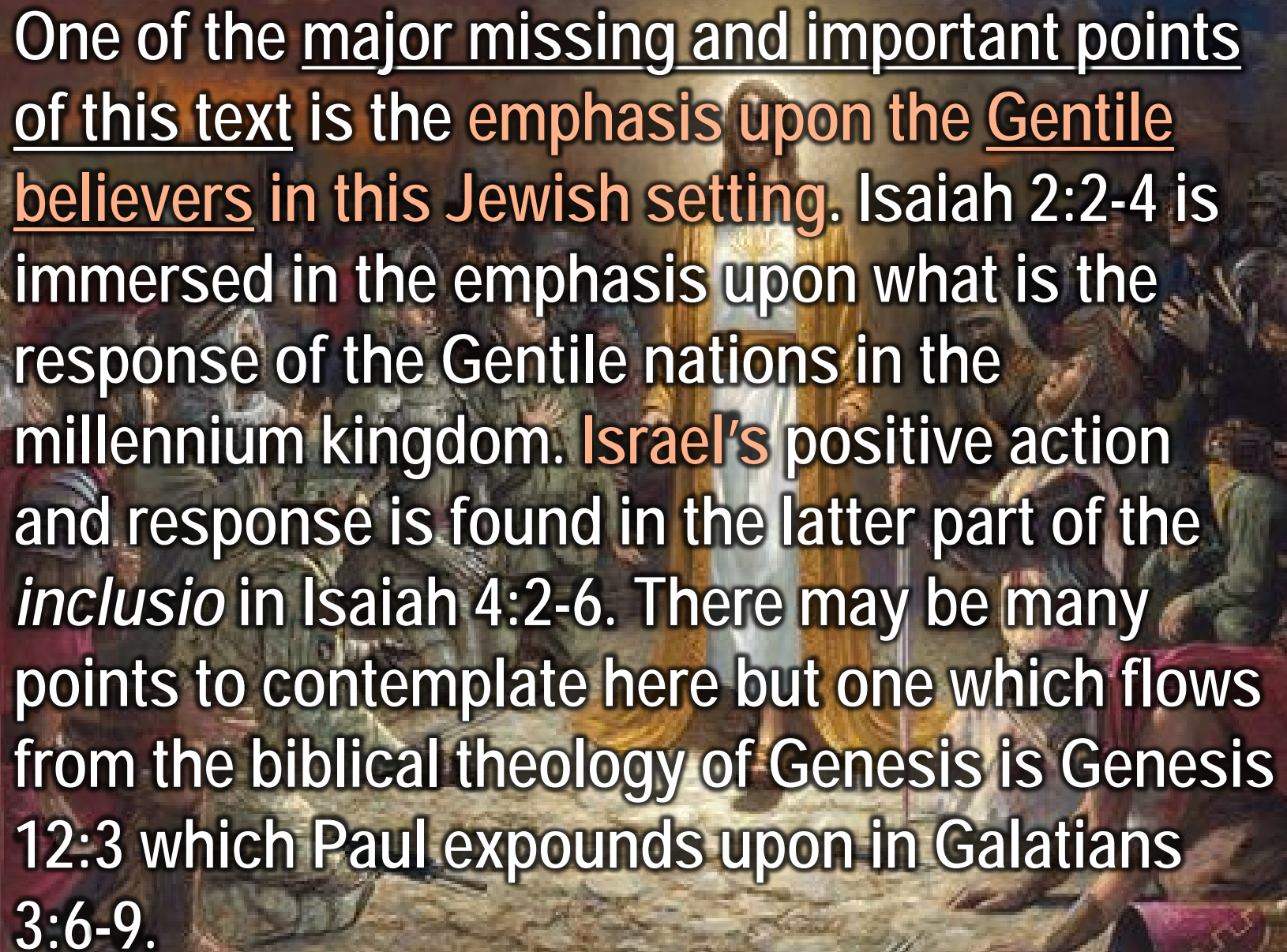
(Price, *Jerusalem in Prophecy: God's Stage for the Final Drama*, rev. and expanded, [2020], 223-224).

Zechariah 14:13-14, 16-17

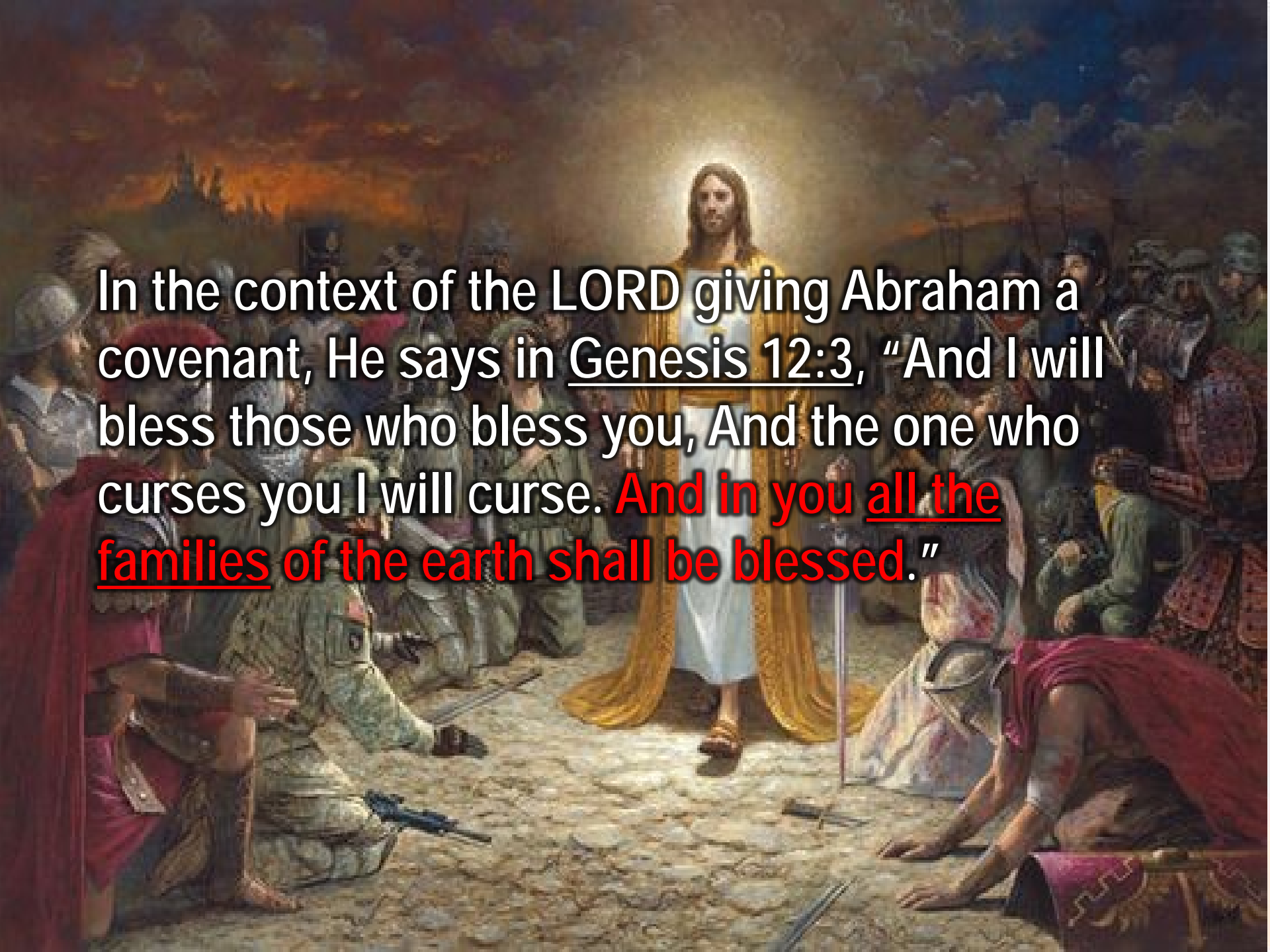
"And it will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another. And Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding **nations** will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance... Then it will come about that any who are left of **all the nations** that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them."

THE EMPHASIS IS CENTERED ON THE GENTILE NATIONS IN ISAIAH 2:2-4

Now it will come about that **in the last days**, The **mountain of the house of the LORD** Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And **all the nations** (כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם) will stream to it. (v.2) And **many peoples** (עַמִּים רַבִּים) will come and say, 'Come, let **us** go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach **us** concerning His ways, And that **we** may walk in His paths.' For the law will go forth from Zion and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (v.3) And He will judge between **the nations** (הַגּוֹיִם), and will render decisions from **many peoples** (לְעַמִּים רַבִּים); and **they** will hammer their swords into plowshares, and **their** spears into pruning hooks. **Nation** will not lift up sword against **nation**, And never again will **they** learn war. (v.4)



One of the major missing and important points of this text is the **emphasis upon the Gentile believers in this Jewish setting**. Isaiah 2:2-4 is immersed in the emphasis upon what is the response of the Gentile nations in the millennium kingdom. **Israel's** positive action and response is found in the latter part of the *inclusio* in Isaiah 4:2-6. There may be many points to contemplate here but one which flows from the biblical theology of Genesis is Genesis 12:3 which Paul expounds upon in Galatians 3:6-9.



In the context of the LORD giving Abraham a covenant, He says in Genesis 12:3, "And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. **And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"



GALATIANS 3:6-9

“Even so Abraham ‘**BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS**’ [Gen 15:6] And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘**ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU** (Gen 12:3).’ So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham the believer.”

The Emphasis of Isaiah on the Nations in the Kingdom:

ISAIAH 2:1-4; 9:3,6-7; 11:10,12; 12:4-6; 14:1-2;
19:18-25; 25:3,6; 42:10; 45:22-25; 49:6,22-23;
54:7-8; 56:6-8; 60:1-16; 61:4-6, 10-11; 62:1-2;
66:12,18-21, 23-24



The Action of the Gentiles



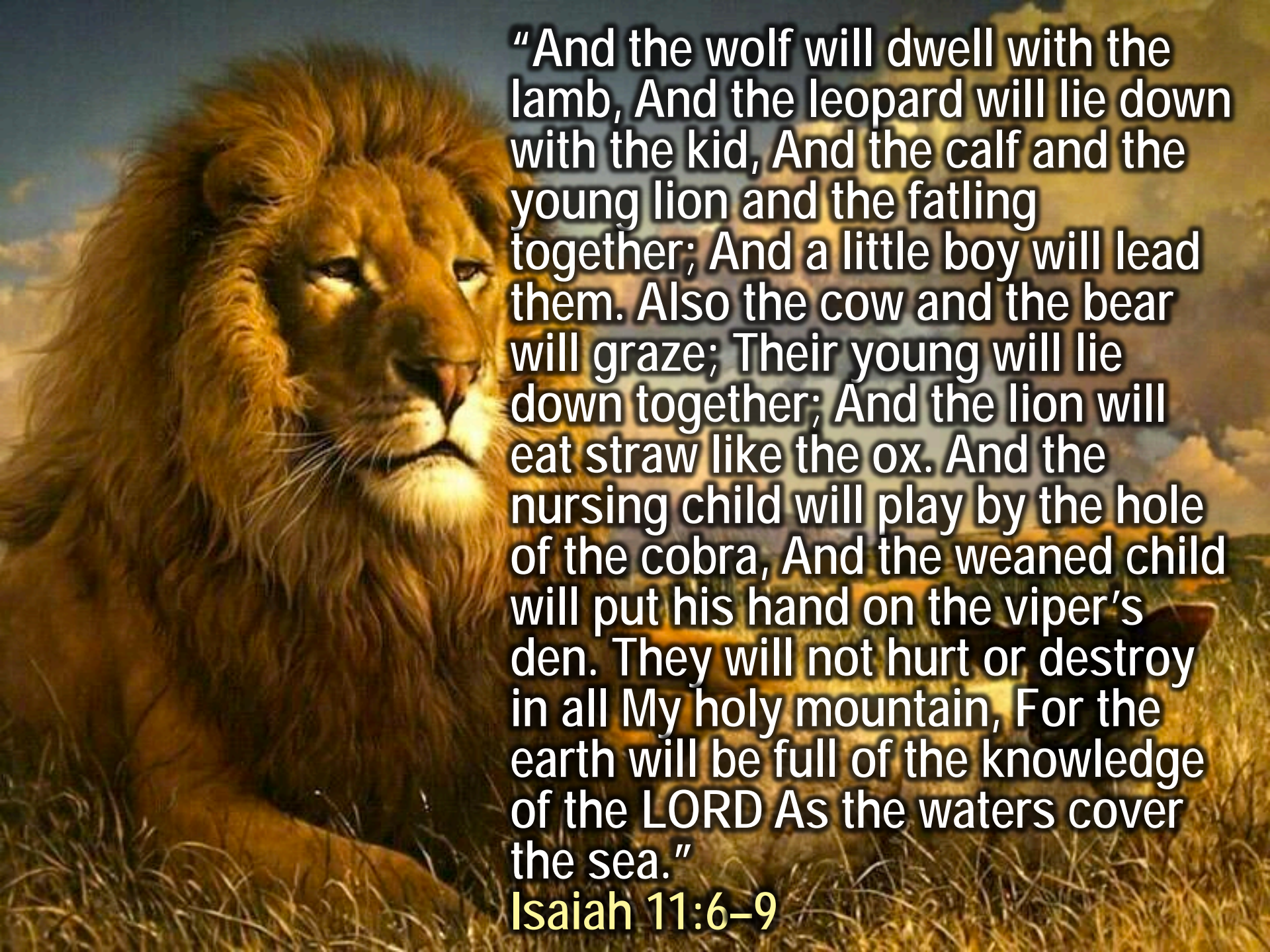
1. Destination: All nations will come to the Temple - Isa 2:2e
2. Encouragement: The nations will encourage each other to come to the Temple – Isa 2:3a-c
3. Purpose: To learn the teaching of the LORD's ways – Isa 2:3d
4. Purpose: To walk in the LORD's path – Isa 2:3e
5. Proclamation: The Word and Law will spread from Jerusalem – Isa 2:3f-g
6. Determination: The LORD will judge between nations – Isa 2:4a-b

Notice one of the big results from the nations coming to Jerusalem and learning from the LORD.....

“And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.”

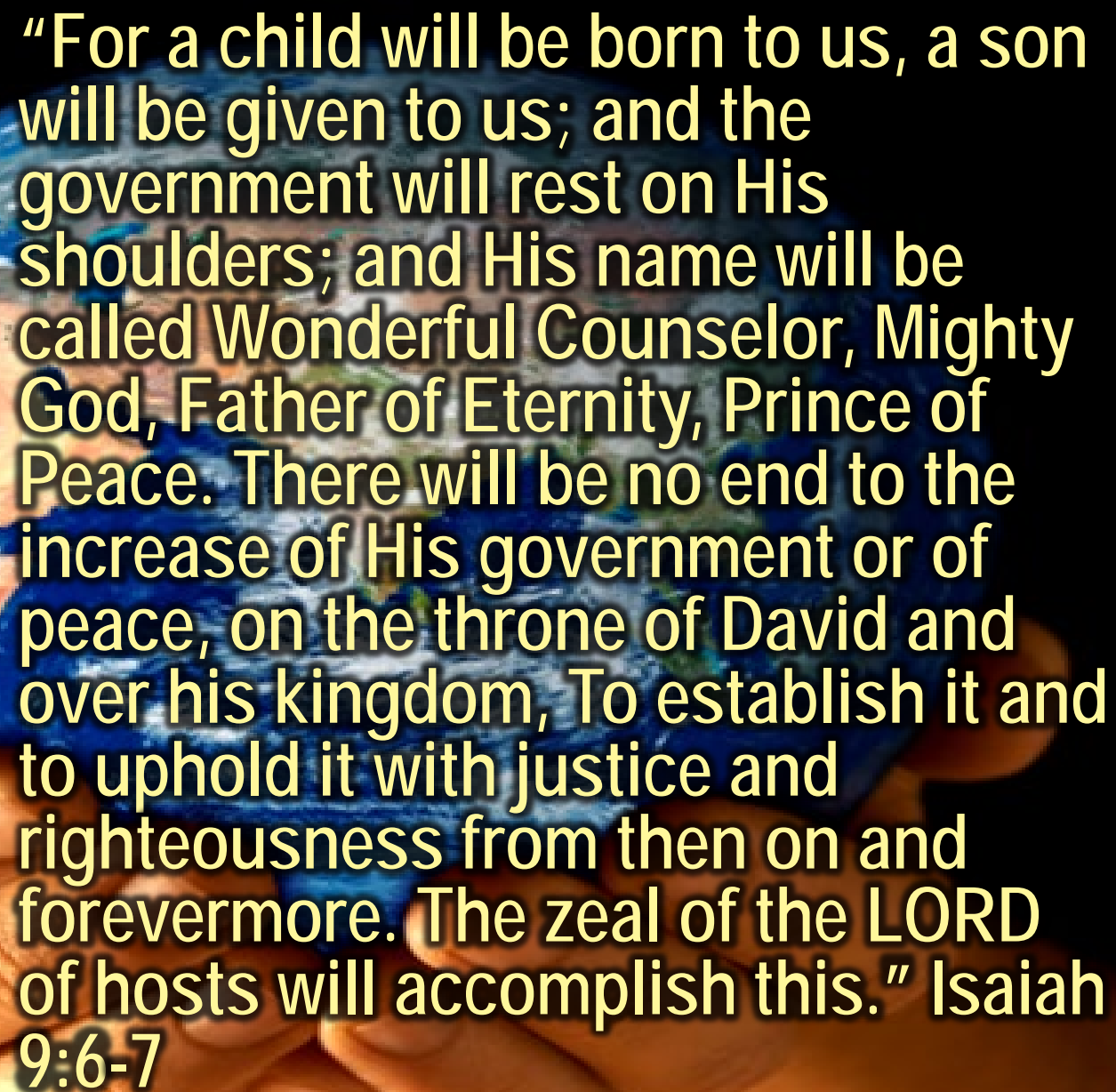
Isaiah 2:4b





"And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 11:6-9

A pair of hands, one larger and one smaller, are shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if cradling the globe, with fingers gently gripping it. The background is dark, making the hands and the globe stand out. The globe shows continents in shades of brown and green, and oceans in blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, in a yellow, serif font with a black outline.

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.” Isaiah 9:6-7

B. The Purging before the Kingdom

2:5-22

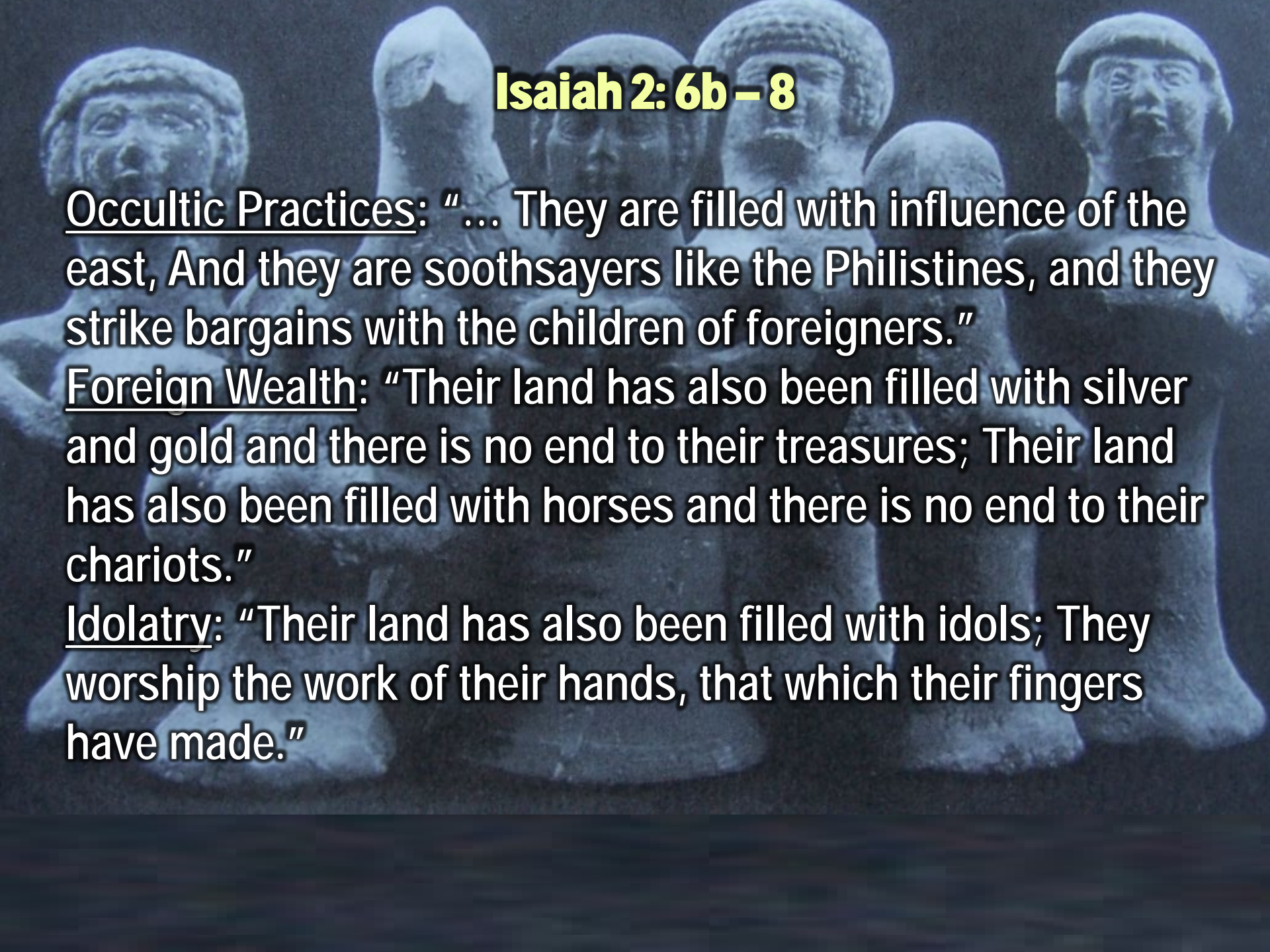
1. The Plea in View of the Purging

vs.5

"Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD."

2. The Purpose for the Purging

vss. 6-11



Isaiah 2: 6b – 8

Occultic Practices: "... They are filled with influence of the east, And they are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike bargains with the children of foreigners."

Foreign Wealth: "Their land has also been filled with silver and gold and there is no end to their treasures; Their land has also been filled with horses and there is no end to their chariots."

Idolatry: "Their land has also been filled with idols; They worship the work of their hands, that which their fingers have made."

Isaiah 2:9–11

The Common Man and the Great Man Not Forgiven: “So the *common* man has been humbled and the man *of importance* has been abased, but do not forgive them.” Isaiah 2:9

Severe Judgment: “Enter the rock and hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.”

Isaiah 2:10

Results of God’s Judgment: “The proud look of man will be abased, And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the LORD alone will be exalted **in that day.**” Isaiah 2:11

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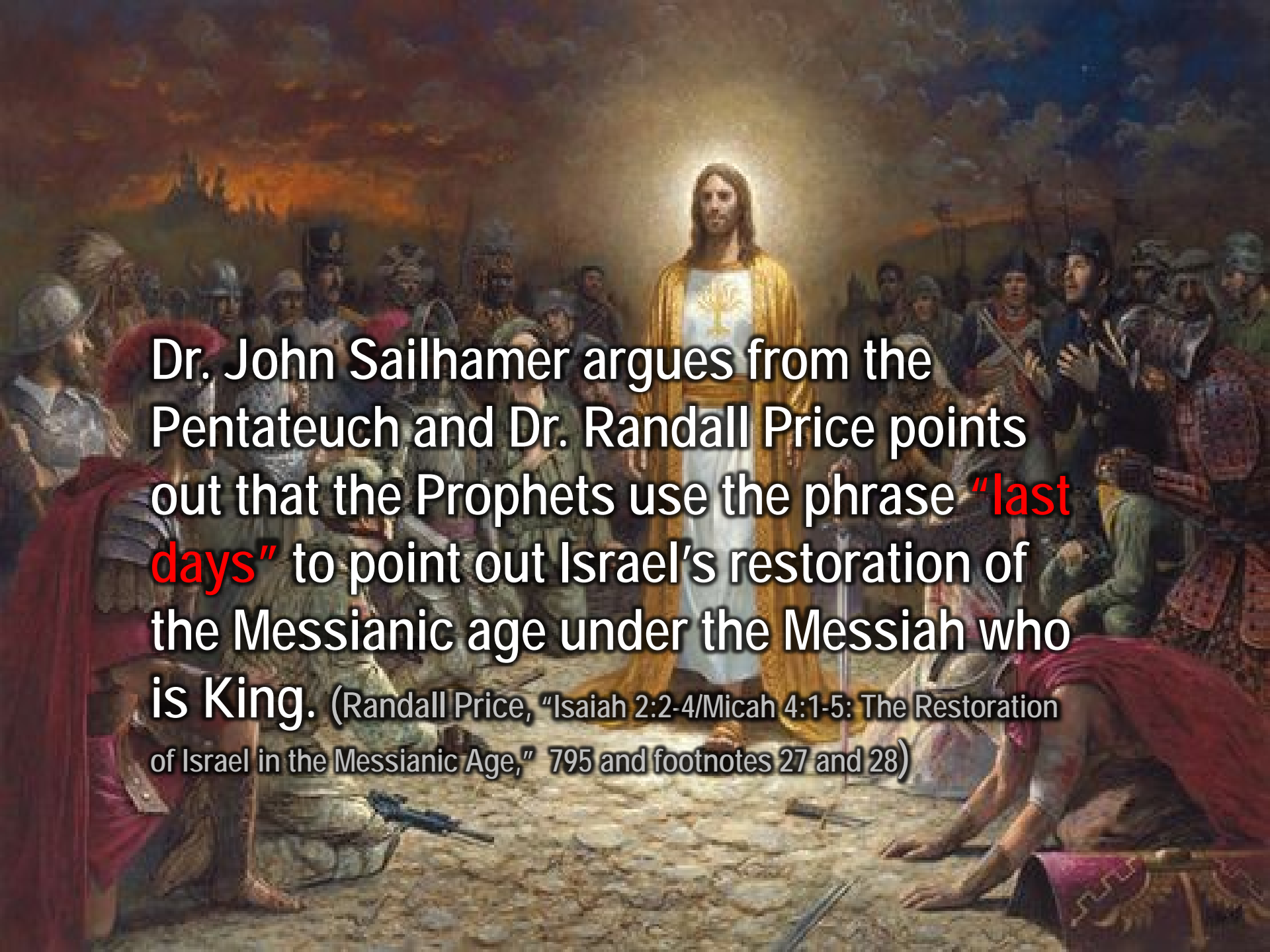
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3. The Performance of the Purging

vss. 12-21



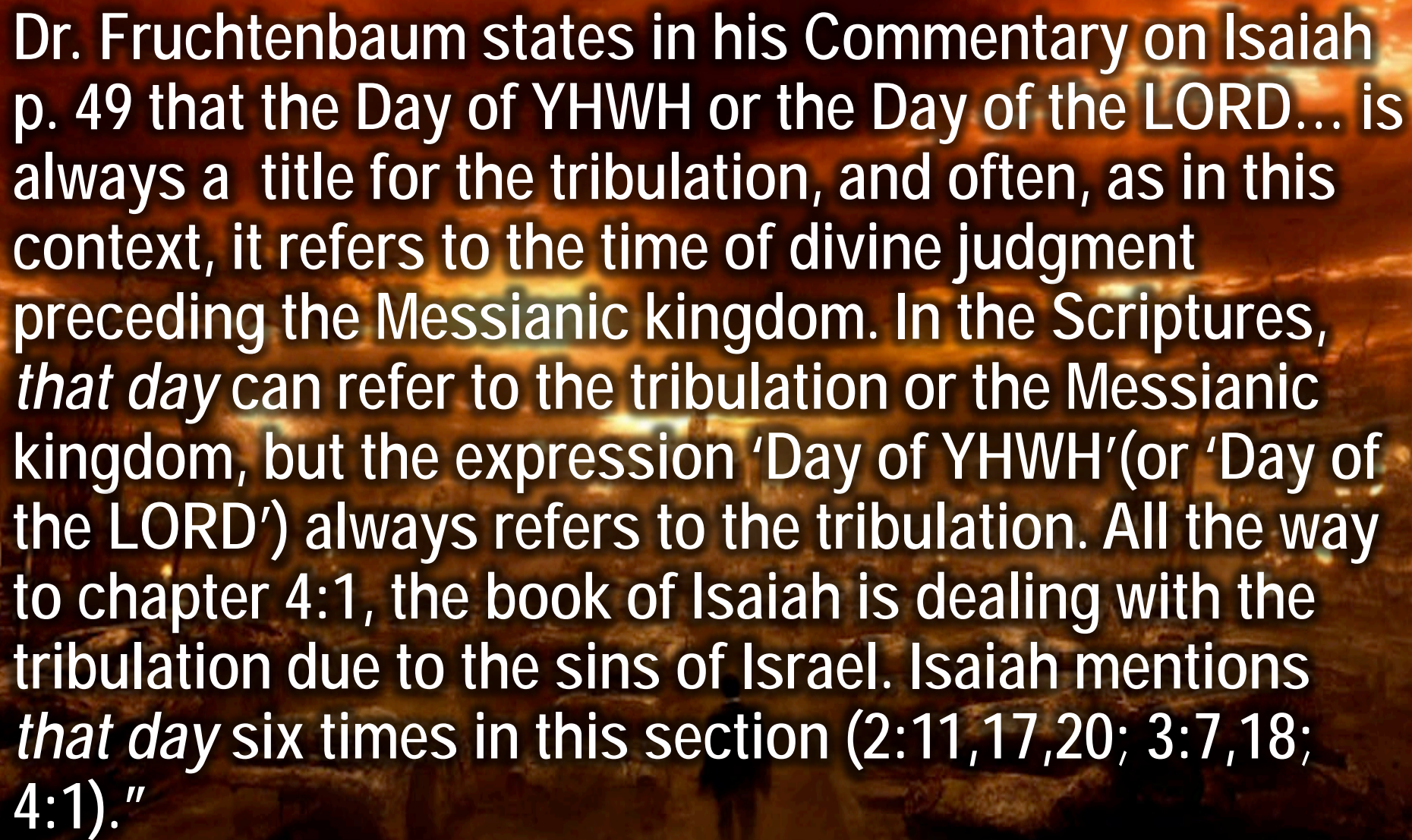
Dr. John Sailhamer argues from the Pentateuch and Dr. Randall Price points out that the Prophets use the phrase **“last days”** to point out Israel’s restoration of the Messianic age under the Messiah who **is King**. (Randall Price, “Isaiah 2:2-4/Micah 4:1-5: The Restoration of Israel in the Messianic Age,” 795 and footnotes 27 and 28)

“... And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day (בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא). For the LORD of hosts (literally: “for a Day of the LORD of hosts” כִּי יוֹם לַיהוָה) will have a day of reckoning...” Isa 2:11c-12a

Isaiah 2:12b-16

“Against everyone who is proud and lofty,
And against everyone who is lifted up, That he may be abased.
And it will be against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up,
Against all the oaks of Bashan,
Against all the lofty mountains,
Against all the hills that are lifted up,
Against every high tower,
Against every fortified wall,
Against all the ships of Tarshish
And against all the beautiful craft.”

“The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased, And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day” (בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא) Isa 2:17 – see also Isa 3:7, 18; 4:1).”



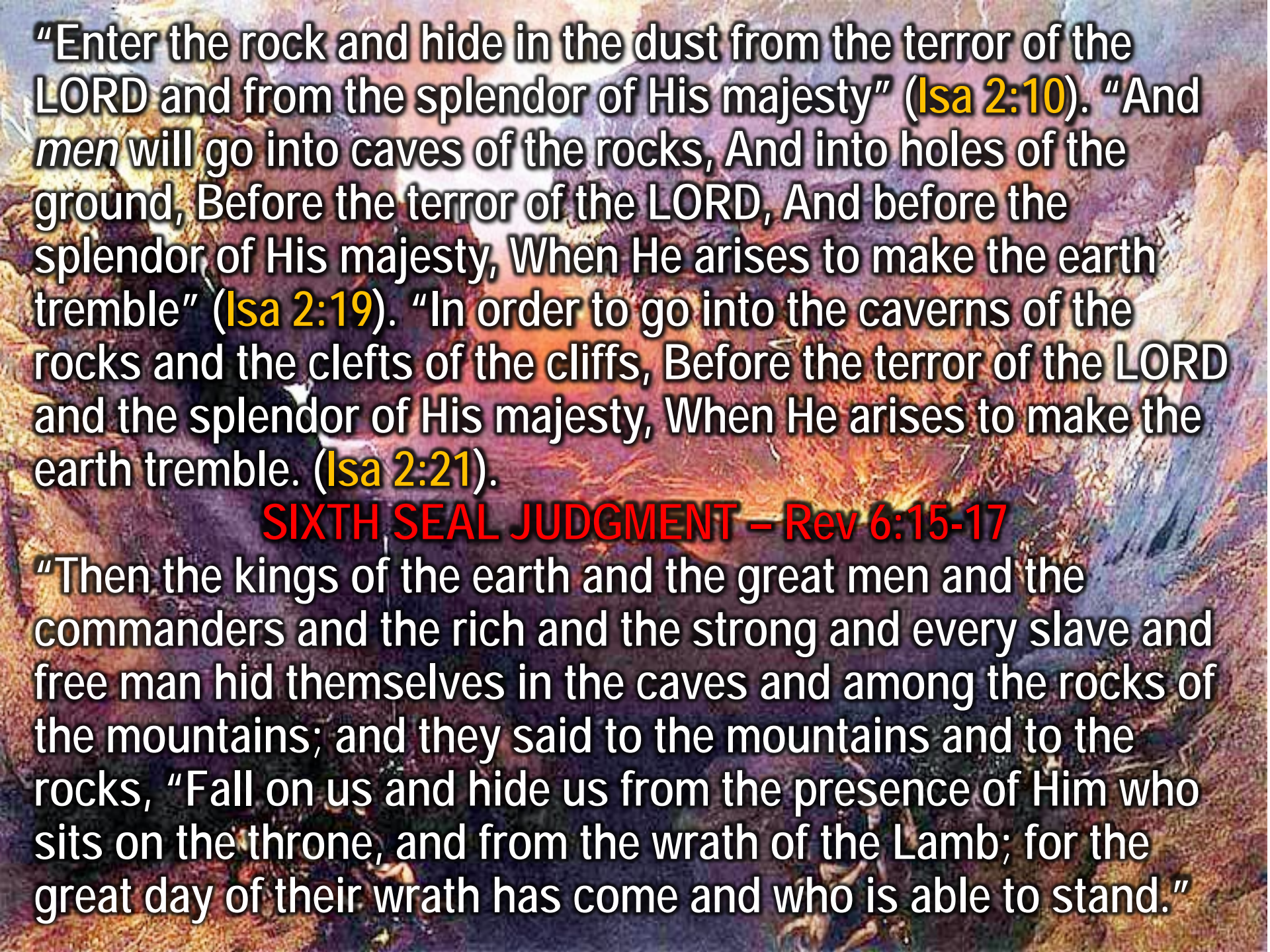
Dr. Fruchtenbaum states in his Commentary on Isaiah p. 49 that the Day of YHWH or the Day of the LORD... is always a title for the tribulation, and often, as in this context, it refers to the time of divine judgment preceding the Messianic kingdom. In the Scriptures, *that day* can refer to the tribulation or the Messianic kingdom, but the expression 'Day of YHWH'(or 'Day of the LORD') always refers to the tribulation. All the way to chapter 4:1, the book of Isaiah is dealing with the tribulation due to the sins of Israel. Isaiah mentions *that day* six times in this section (2:11,17,20; 3:7,18; 4:1)."

THREE MAJOR RESULTS OF THE DOL

v. 17c "And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day (בְּיוֹם הַהוּא)

v. 18 But the idols will completely vanish. v. 19 Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the LORD, And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble. v. 20 In that day (בְּיוֹם הַהוּא) men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship, v. 21 In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble." Isaiah 2:17b–21

1. The humiliation of the proud and exultation of the Day of the Lord (2:11, 17)
2. Idolatry disappears (2:18)
3. The splendor of the LORD's majesty and judgment drives the guilty to throw away their worthless idols and try to hide from the wrath to come as the LORD shakes the earth (2:10, 19-21)



“Enter the rock and hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty” (Isa 2:10). “And men will go into caves of the rocks, And into holes of the ground, Before the terror of the LORD, And before the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble” (Isa 2:19). “In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs, Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble. (Isa 2:21).

SIXTH SEAL JUDGMENT – Rev 6:15-17

“Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come and who is able to stand.”

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2. The Purpose for the Purging

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3. The Performance of the Purging

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4. The Principle from the Purging

vs. 22

A dramatic, colorful painting of a volcanic landscape. In the center, a bright orange and red lava flow cascades down a rocky slope. The sky is filled with swirling, ethereal colors of purple, blue, and white, suggesting a storm or divine light. In the foreground, several figures are depicted in various states of distress or activity on a dark, rocky ground. The overall mood is one of awe and the power of nature.

ISAIAH 2:22

“Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed?”

II. The Decline of the Kingdom

3:1-4:1

A. The Demise of Righteous Control: Indictment of Male Leadership 3:1-15

Men are addressed: "The LORD arises to contend and stands to judge the people. The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people ..." Isaiah 3:12-14

B. The Degeneration of Righteousness: Indictment of Jewish Women and Defeat of men 3:16-24

"In that day the Lord will take away the beauty ... (v.18; see vv. 7 and 4:2). Your men will fall by the sword, And your mighty ones in battle. And her gates will lament and mourn; and deserted she will sit on the ground." Isaiah 3:25-26



TRIBULATION JUDGMENT


“For seven women will take hold of one man **in that day**, saying, “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach! **In that day the Branch of the LORD** will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.” **Isaiah 4:1-2**

III. The Conditions for the Kingdom

4:2-6

A. The Preparer of the Kingdom - **The Branch**

vs. 2



“In that day (בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא)
the Branch (צֶמַח) of
the LORD will be
beautiful and
glorious ...”

Isaiah 4:2a



Messianic Term

of the
LORD



בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא

יְהִי־הַצַּמַּח

"In that day
the Branch of the LORD ..."

"Then a shoot (הַטֵּר) will spring from the stem of Jesse,
And a branch (בִּצְרָה) from his roots will bear fruit." Isa 11:1

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch (צֶמַח);
And He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice
and righteousness in the land." Jeremiah 23:5

"In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous
Branch (צֶמַח) of David to spring forth; and He shall
execute justice and righteousness on the earth."
Jeremiah 33:15

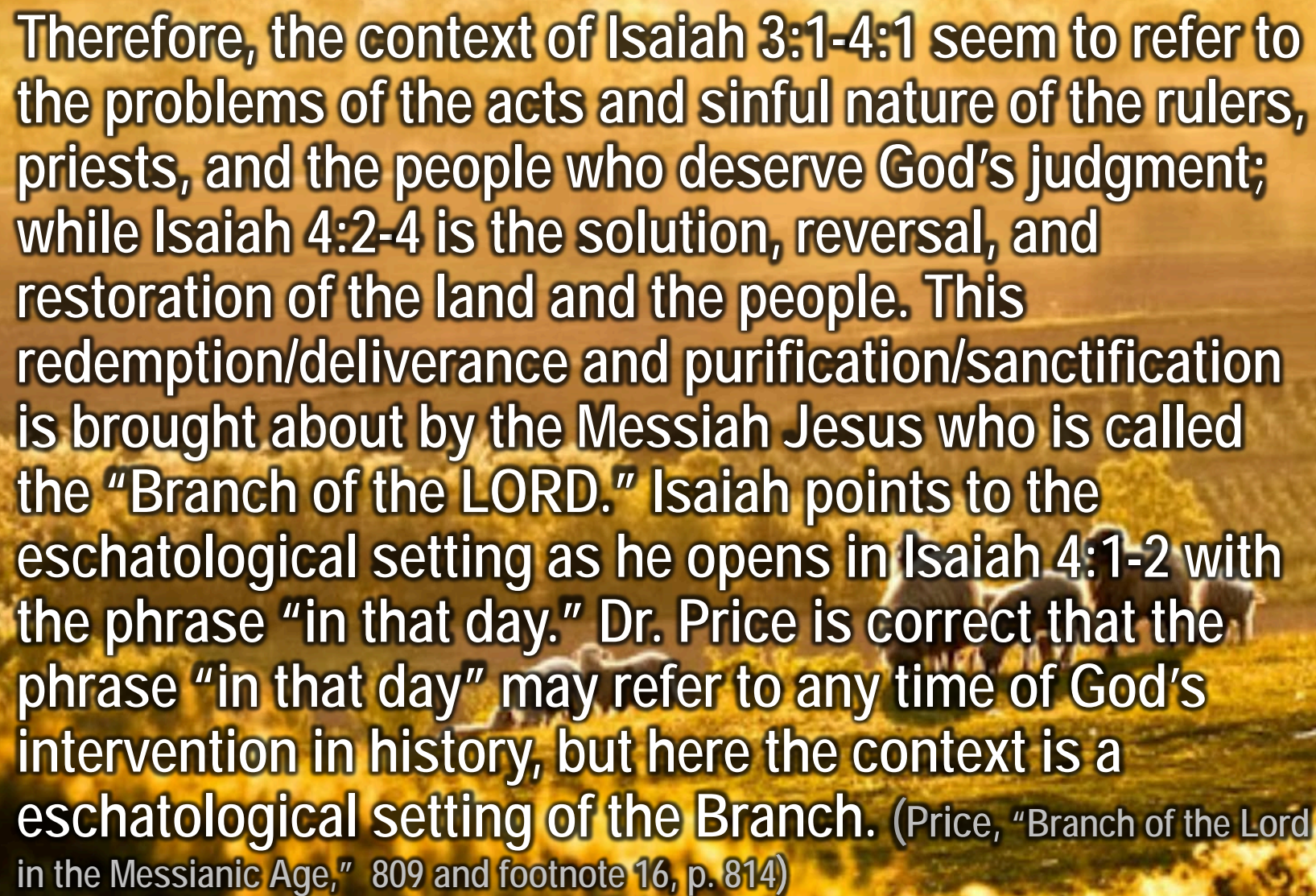
"Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends
...indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold I am
going to bring in My Servant the Branch (צֶמַח)... Then say to
him, Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, a man whose
name is Branch (צֶמַח), for He will branch out from where He
is; and He will build the Temple of the LORD.'" Zechariah
3:8; 6:12

A vibrant, colorful landscape featuring a rainbow in the sky, mountains in the background, a beach with a seagull, and various animals and plants in the foreground. The scene is bright and cheerful, with a mix of green, blue, and purple hues.

“In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.” Isaiah 4:2

The two clauses: “Branch of the LORD” (the Messiah) and the “the fruit of the earth” (restoration in the kingdom) are parallel acts of God to restore Zion. The Branch is further explained in Isaiah 11 and He brings forth the fruit of the kingdom on earth.

(Randall Price, “Isaiah 4:2-6: The Branch of the Lord in the Messianic Age,” in *The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy*, ed. Rydelnick & Blum, 808)



Therefore, the context of Isaiah 3:1-4:1 seem to refer to the problems of the acts and sinful nature of the rulers, priests, and the people who deserve God's judgment; while Isaiah 4:2-4 is the solution, reversal, and restoration of the land and the people. This redemption/deliverance and purification/sanctification is brought about by the Messiah Jesus who is called the "Branch of the LORD." Isaiah points to the eschatological setting as he opens in Isaiah 4:1-2 with the phrase "in that day." Dr. Price is correct that the phrase "in that day" may refer to any time of God's intervention in history, but here the context is a eschatological setting of the Branch. (Price, "Branch of the Lord in the Messianic Age," 809 and footnote 16, p. 814)

III. The Conditions for the Kingdom

4:2-6

A. The Preparer of the Kingdom

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B. The Preparation of the Kingdom

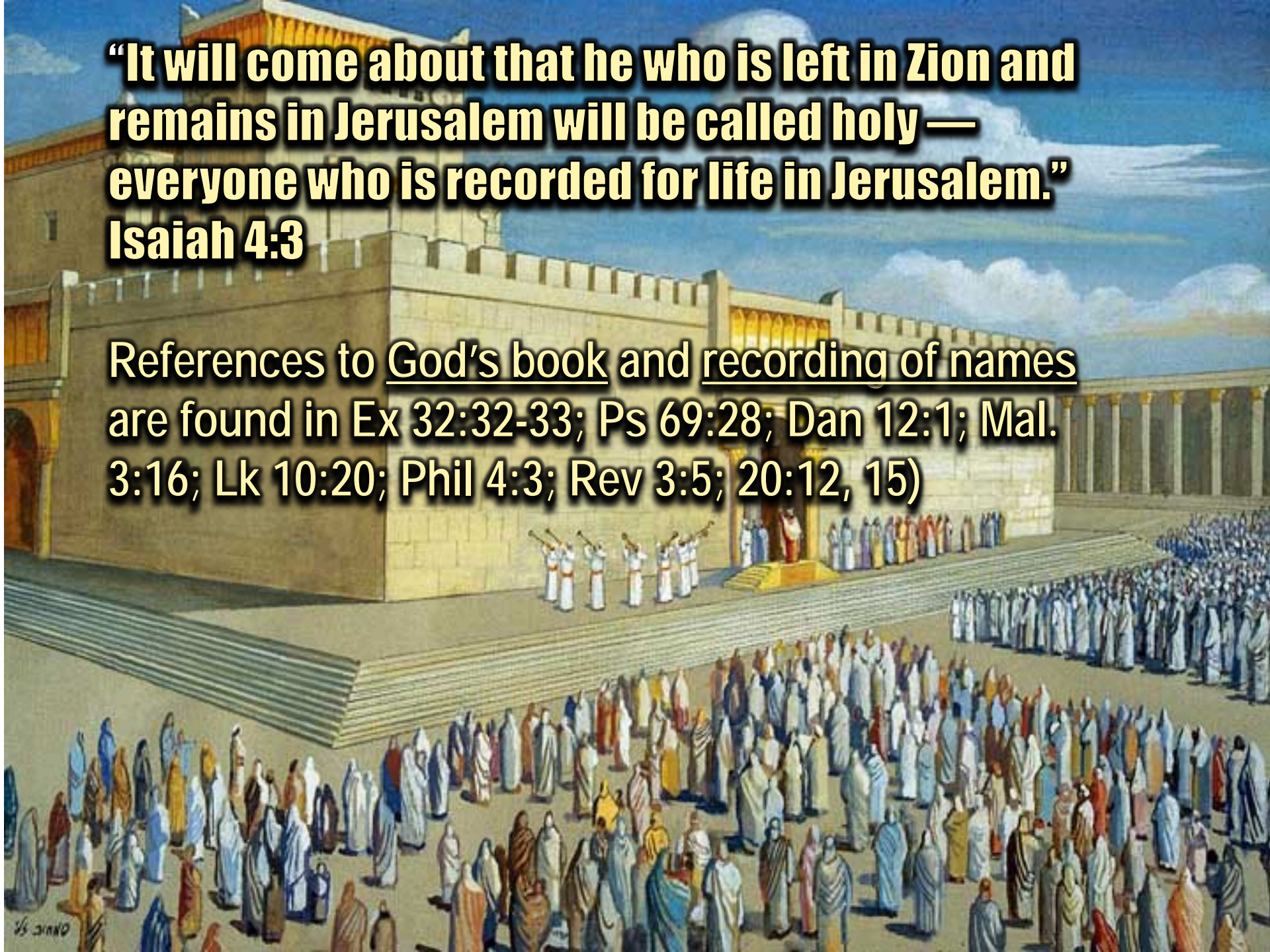
vss. 3-6

1. A Prepared People

vss. 3-4

**“It will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy — everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.”
Isaiah 4:3**

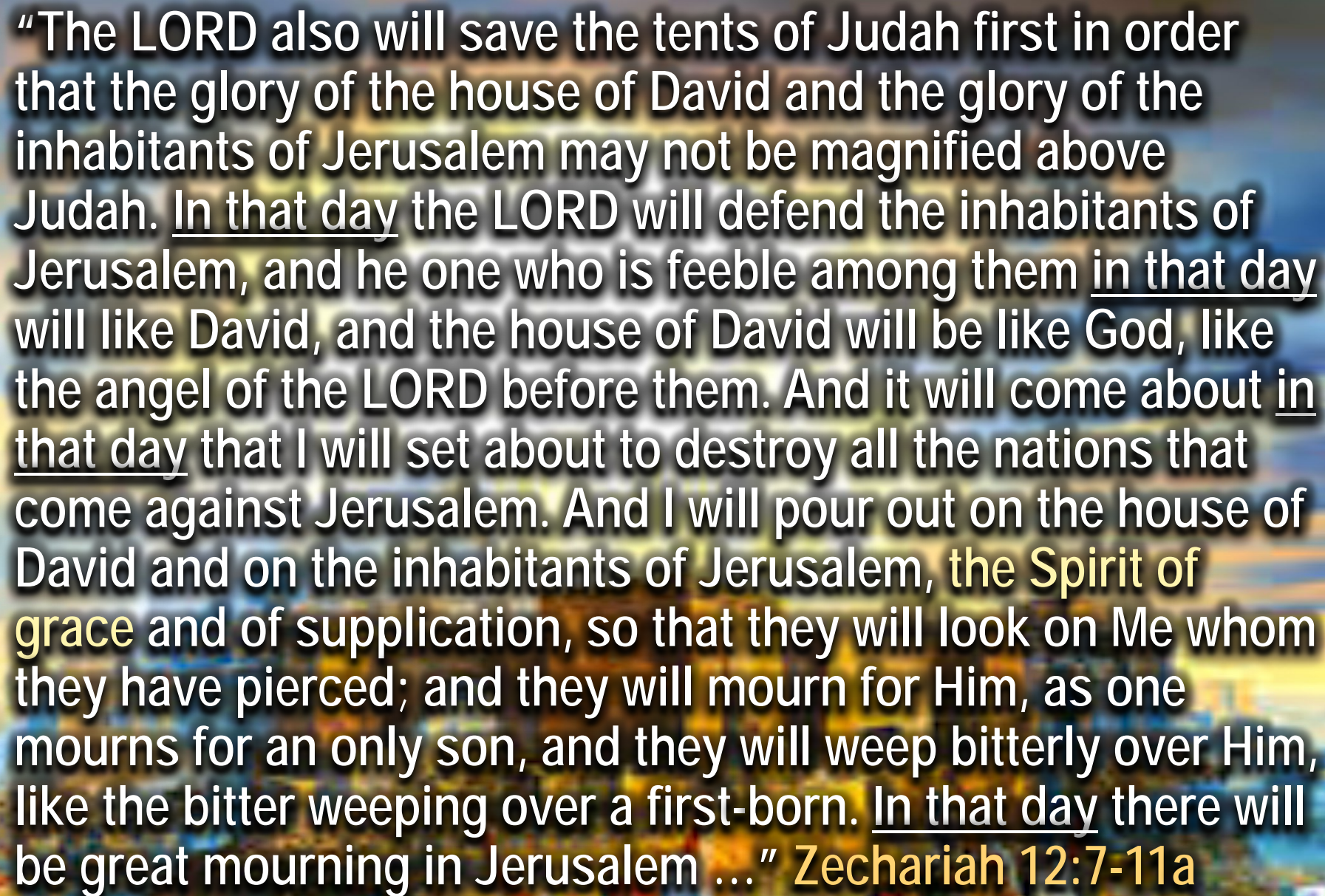
References to God’s book and recording of names are found in Ex 32:32-33; Ps 69:28; Dan 12:1; Mal. 3:16; Lk 10:20; Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5; 20:12, 15)



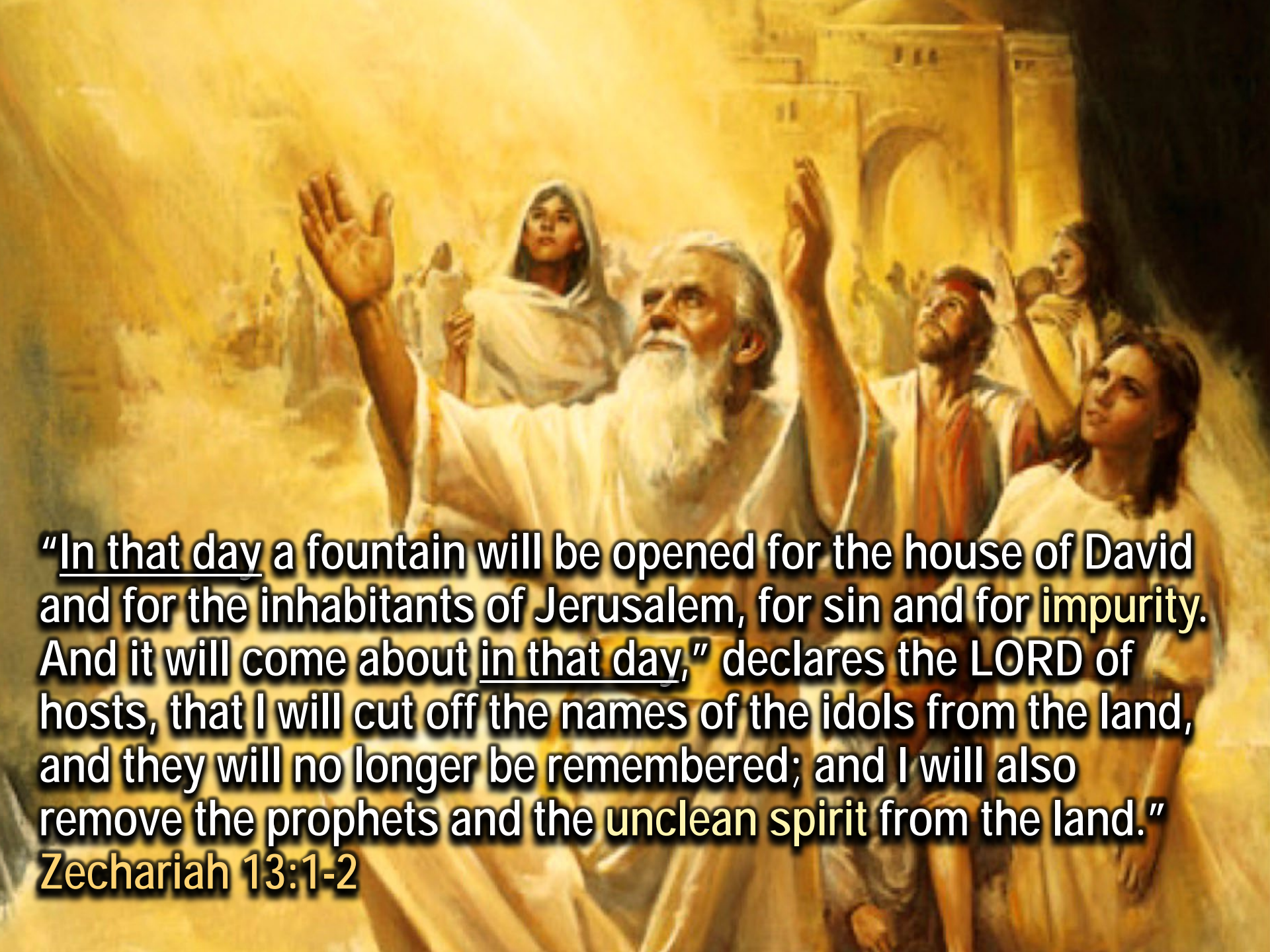
“When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,” Isaiah 4:4

Using the phrase “daughters of Zion” reflects back to the illustration of Isaiah 3:16-4:1 where the sins of the daughters of Zion are highlighted and now the filth of the daughter of Zion are washed away (Isa 4:4). This verse also reveals that Israel is the subject of this context.

“Then all your people *will be* righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, the work of My hands, That I may be glorified.” Isaiah 60:21



“The LORD also will save the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah. In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and he one who is feeble among them in that day will like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them. And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born. In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem ...” Zechariah 12:7-11a



"In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land."

Zechariah 13:1-2

“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be **clean**; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a **new spirit** within you;



and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put **My Spirit** within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. Moreover, I will save you from all your **uncleanness ... ” Ezekiel 36:25–29a**

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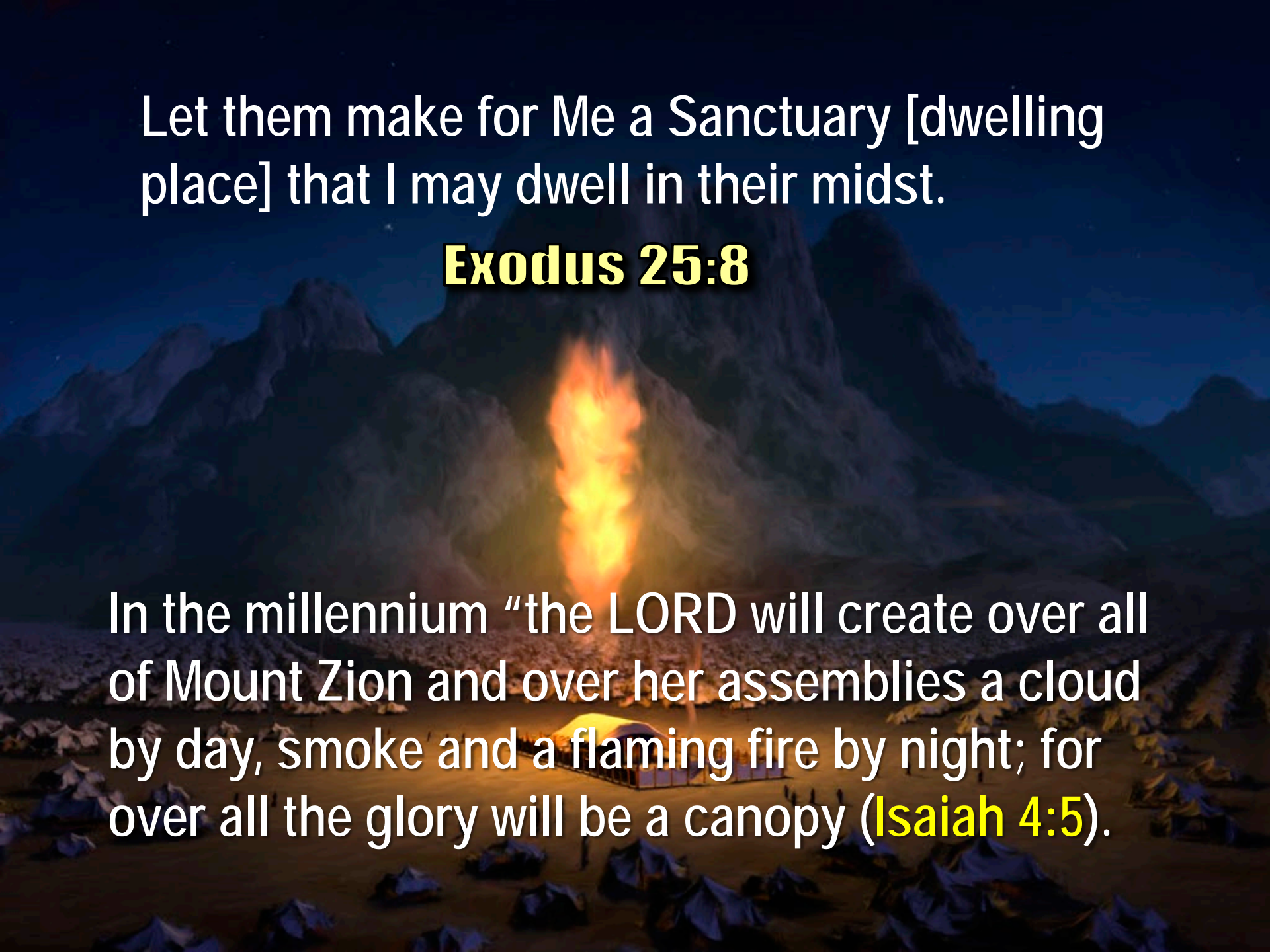
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2. A Prepared Place

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A Prepared Place vss. 5-6

"Then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy. And there will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain."



Let them make for Me a Sanctuary [dwelling place] that I may dwell in their midst.

Exodus 25:8

In the millennium “the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, smoke and a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy (**Isaiah 4:5**).

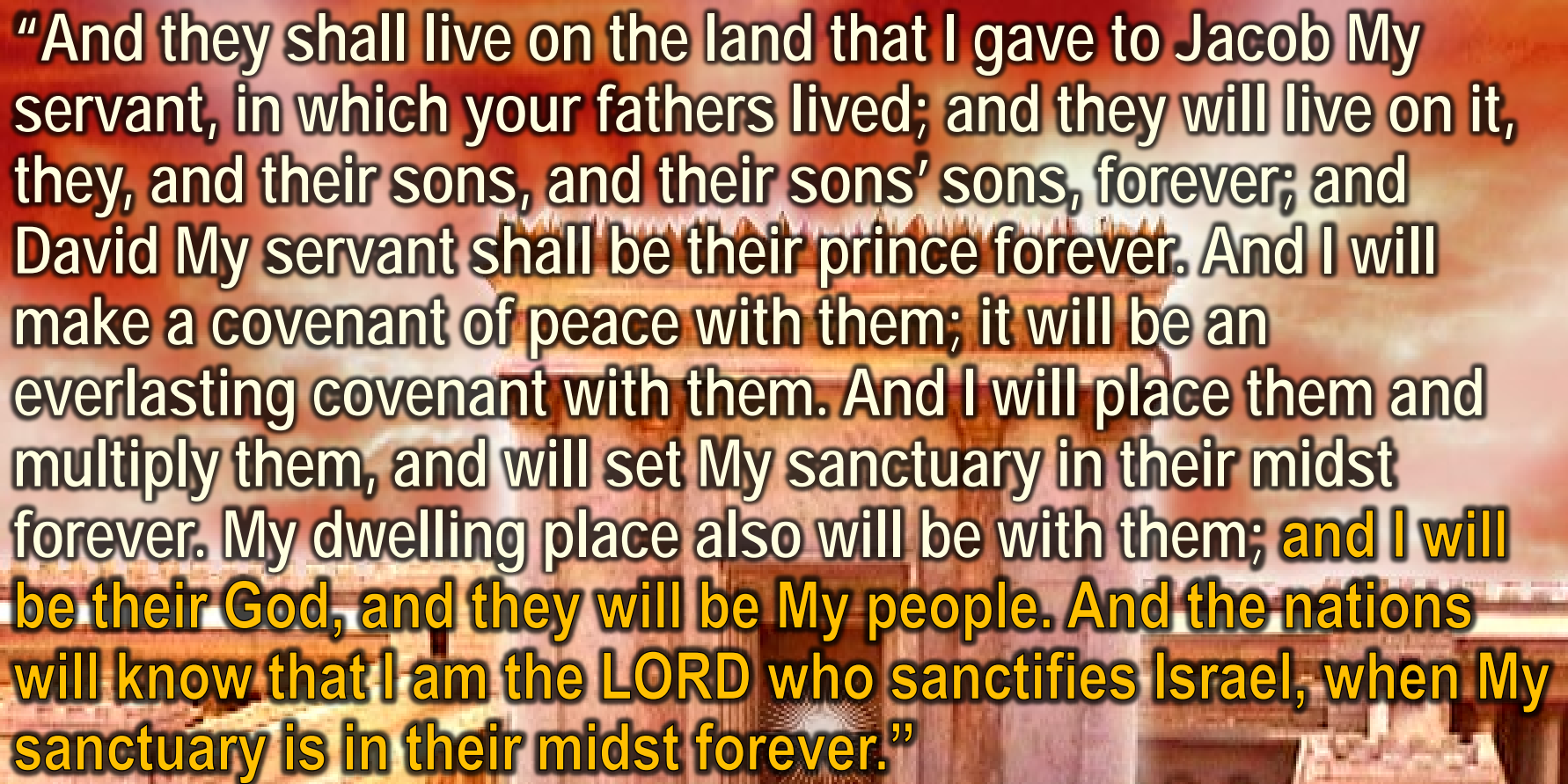
The Future Glory

The Shechinah glory is a visible manifestation of God's presence

Dr. Fruchtenbaum gives us 5 points on the manifestation of the Shechina glory:

1. The Glory is connected with the coming of the LORD in **Isa 11:10** and **40:5**.
2. It will be manifested in the Holy of Holies in Millennial Temple (Ezk 43:1-7a)
3. It will be in their midst and a wall of fire around Jerusalem (Zech 2:4-5)
4. It will be seen by all Israel (**Isa 35:2**)
5. It will cover all of the millennial Mount Zion (**Isa 4:5-6**)

(Fruchtenbaum, *The Book of Isaiah*, 61; *The Footsteps of the Messiah* [revised 2003], 623-627).



“And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons’ sons, forever; and David My servant shall be their prince forever. And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. My dwelling place also will be with them; **and I will be their God, and they will be My people. And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.**”

Ezekiel 37:25–28

ISAIAH AND THE SECOND COMING EVENTS
IS PRESENTED IN THE INCLUSIO OF ISAIAH 2-4

- A. Gentiles: The Millennial Kingdom and the
Gentiles Coming to Zion to Learn from the
LORD – Isa 2:1-4
- B. Exhortation: The Sin and Judgment of
Israel before the Millennial
Kingdom – Isa 2:5-4:1
- C. Israel: The Millennial Kingdom and the
Messiah: Topological changes, Forgiveness to
Israel, and the Shechinah Glory on Mount Zion –
Isa 4:2-6

BRIEF SURVEY OF ISAIAH 7-63 AND SECOND COMING EVENTS

A. The Birth of Messiah and the Promise of His Coming Isaiah 7:1-9:7

**B. The Millennial Reign of the Branch-Messiah
Isaiah 11-12, 14:1-2; 19:19-25**

C. The Little Apocalypse of Isaiah Isaiah 24-27

1. The Great Tribulation – 24

2. Praise for the Millennium – 25:6-8

3. Deliverance of Israel and Resurrection –
26:11-15, 19

4. Regathering of Israel – 27:12-13



**BRIEF SURVEY OF ISAIAH 7-63
AND SECOND COMING EVENTS**

**D. The Change of Israel in the Millennium –
Isaiah 29:17-24**

E. Messiah and His Kingdom – Isaiah 32

**F. Call to the Nations Concerning God's
Judgment (Bozrah) and Millennial Kingdom
Blessings – Isaiah 34-35**

**G. Salvation of both Israelites and Gentiles –
Isa 45:14-25**



**BRIEF SURVEY OF ISAIAH 7-63
AND SECOND COMING EVENTS**

H. Restoration in the Millennial Kingdom –

Isaiah 54:9-17

I. The Coming of the Redeemer to Zion –

Isaiah 59:16-21

J. Israel and the Millennial Kingdom – Isaiah 60

**K. The Restoration and Redemption of Israel
at Messiah's Coming – Isaiah 61-62**

L. Judgment at the Messiah's Coming (Bozrah) –

Isaiah 63:1-6

THE FINALE OF ISAIAH 65:17 – 66:24 AND SECOND COMING EVENTS

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- A The **Hope** of the Kingdom - **Isa 65:17-25**
 - B The Judgment and the Tribulation Temple –
Isa 66:1-6
 - A The **Hope** for Israel (Isa 66:7-14): salvation
(vv. 7-9), rejoicing (vv. 10-11), blessing (vv.
12-14)
 - B The Fiery Judgment of God - Isa 66:15-17
 - A The **Hope** of God's glory in the Kingdom for
Israel and the all the nations – **Isa 66:18-24**

We again have an *inclusio* at the end of the book using the phrase “new heavens and a new earth” in Isa **65:17-19** and **66:22-24**.

ISAIAH 66:18-19

“But I, [knowing] their works and their thoughts [see v. 17], am about to come to gather all the nations and the tongues and they will come and see My glory.”

And I will set a sign among them (?) and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Rosh, Tubal and Javan to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations.

Whichever antecedent is correct, the nations will have the glory of God declared to them!

“Then they [Gentiles] shall bring all your brethren [Jewish believers] from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the LORD, ‘just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.’ ‘I will also take some of them (?) for priests and for Levites,’ says the LORD.” Isaiah 66:20-21

The converted Gentiles will assist the believing Jews back to Jerusalem to the Temple! Again, the antecedent to “them” as priest and Levites (v. 21) is not clear (probably refers to Gentiles). Notice again the activity of believing Jews and Gentiles in the Millennium!

**“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former things shall not be remembered or
come to mind...” (Isa 65:17)**

INCLUSIO

**“‘For just as the new heavens and the new earth
which I make will endure before Me,’ declares the
LORD, ‘So your offspring and your name will endure.’
‘And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from
sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow
down before Me,’ says the LORD. ‘Then they shall go
forth and look on the corpses of the men who have
transgressed against Me. For their worm shall not die,
And their fire shall not be quenched; And they shall be
an abhorrence to all mankind.’” (Isa 66:22-24)**

REMEMBER

Literary Device Called an *"Inclusio"*:

"An *inclusio* involves references to a word, phrase, or theme that occur at both the beginning and the end of a unit of literature."

(Steve Sullivan, *The Isaianic New Exodus in Romans 9-11*, 276) "Inclusio holds a passage together and indicates to listeners the end of a section. The meaning of the repeated phrase is often enriched by what comes in between" (Philip Jensen, "Poetry in the Bible," in *New Bible Commentary: 21st*

Century Edition [Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 1994], 457).

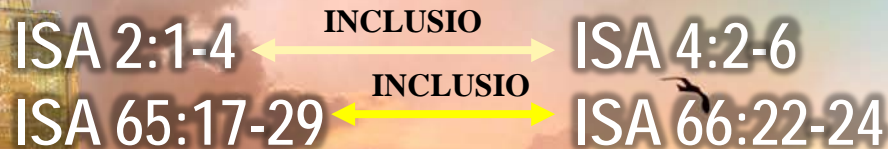
AN ESCHATOLOGICAL OVERVIEW OF ISAIAH AND THE *INCLUSIO* OF 2-4 AND 65:17-66:24

**ISRAEL & the
NATIONS in
the
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**ISAIAH
2:1-4:6**

Beginning

THE MILLENIAL KINGDOM



**ISRAEL & the
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**ISA 65:17 –
66:24**

End

INCLUSIO STRUCTURES

Isa 2:1-4 with 4:2-6

Isa 65:17-19 with 66:22-24

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Isaiah 9:6-7; 11-12; 14:1-2; 19:18-
25; 24-27; 29:17-24; 30:18-26; 32;
34; 35; 42:10-17; 45:14-25; 54:9-17;
55:1-56:8; 59:16-21; 60; 61-62,
63:1-6

**ISRAEL & the
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ISA 65:17 –
66:24

IN THE MILLENIUM **ISRAEL AND ALL THE NATIONS WILL
CONTINUALLY COME TO ZION TO SEE AND LEARN ABOUT
THE LORD'S GLORY AND WORSHIP HIM**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM

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Geographical	Social	Spiritual	Environmental
<u>Increase territory</u> (Gen 15:18; Isa 26:15 ; Obad 17-21)	<u>Universal knowledge of the LORD</u> (Isa 11:9; 54:13 ; Hab 2:14)	<u>Universal worship</u> (Isa 19:21; 52:1,7-10 ; Mal 1:11; Zech 8:23)	<u>Conditions of holiness</u> (Isa 1:26-27; 35:8-10 ; Zeph 3:11)
<u>Topographical changes</u> (Ezek 47:8; Isa 2:2 ; Zech 14:4,8,10)	<u>Reproduction by saints</u> (Isa 65:23 ; Ezek 47:21-22; Zech 10:8)	<u>Rebuilt Temple</u> (Ezek 37:26-28; Hag 2:7-9; Joel 3:18; Isa 66:20-21)	<u>Restoration of Edenic conditions</u> (Isa 11:6-9; 65:25)
<u>Jerusalem as center of world's worship</u> (Isa 2:2-3 ; Mic 4:1-2; Zech 8:3; 14:16)	<u>Unimpaired labor</u> (Ezek 48:18-19; Isa 62:8-9; 65:21-23)	<u>Return of the Shekinah Glory</u> (Ezek 43:1-7; 48:35; Zech 2:10-13; Jer 3:17; Isa 4:5)	<u>Removal of harmful effects</u> (Isa 33:24; 35:5-7 ; Zeph 3:19)
<u>Enlargement of Jerusalem</u> (Ezek 48:35; Jer 3:17; Isa 2:1-2)	<u>Unique language</u> (Zeph 3:8-10; Isa 66:5-6)	<u>Revival of sacrificial system</u> (Ezek 43:13-27; 45:13-25; Isa 56:7)	<u>Restoration of longevity</u> (Isa 65:20)

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<u>Name of Jerusalem changed</u> (Isa 62:2-4)	<u>Freedom from war/enemies</u> (Isa 2:4; 14:3-7; Zech 9:8; 14:10-11; Amos 9:15)	<u>Restoration of Sabbath and ritual feasts</u> (Ezek 44:24; Zech 14:16; Isa 56:2-5)	<u>Increase in daylight</u> (Isa 4:5-6; 30:26; 60:19-20; Zech 2:5)
<u>Jews return and live in the Land</u> (Ezek 36:24; 37:25; Isa 66:20)	<u>Peaceful society</u> (Isa 11:6-9; 65:21; Hos 2:18; Zech 9:10)	<u>Spiritual obedience under New Covenant</u> (Ezek 36:25-28; 37; Jer 31:31-34; Isa 59:20-21)	<u>Economic prosperity</u> (Isa 30:23-24; 35:1-7; Amos 9:13-15; Joel 2:21-27; Isa 60:5-11)
<u>Reversal of Land's desolate condition</u> (Ezek 36:33-36; Isa 62:4)	<u>Justice</u> (Isa 9:6-7; 32:16; Jer 30:9; Ezek 34:32; Hos 3:5)	<u>Satan/demons bound; no spiritual deception</u> (Rev 20:1-3; Isa 14:12-15)	<u>Universal access to Israel</u> (Isa 2:2-3; 11:16; 56:6; Jer 3:14-15)

TWO PHRASES OF THE KINGDOM: MILLENNIUM & ETERNAL STATE

The Millennium	Eternal State
Focus: Jesus' reign (Rev 20:1-6; Zech 14:9)	Focus: The Father and Son's reign (1 Cor 15:25-28; Rev 21:22, 22:1, 3)
The people in the nations are able to sin (Isa 65:20; Zech 14:16-19)	The people in the nations are not able to sin (Rev 21:27; 22:3)
Righteousness and justice will dominate the time, but still some sin and death (Isa 65:20)	Righteousness and justice reign supreme and no sin or death (Rev 21:4,7-8,27)
The curse on the ground is removed (Isa 30:23; 35:1-2,7; Zech 14:10-11)	The removal of the curse is final and permanent (Rev 22:3)
Sin greatly reduced & there is marriage and childbirth (Isa 65:18-25)	Sin is removed and marriage does not exist (Rev 21:4-6; Mt. 22:30; Lk 20:34-36)
Jerusalem is center and prominent (Isa 2:1-4; 4:2-6; Mic 4:1-3; Zech 14:14b; Isa 60:11)	New Jerusalem coming down from heaven as the tabernacle of God (Rev 21:1-3, 10)
The millennial temple (Ezk 37:26-28; 40-48; Isa 2:4; 27:6; Zech 6:12-13)	The Father and Son are the temple (Rev 21:22)



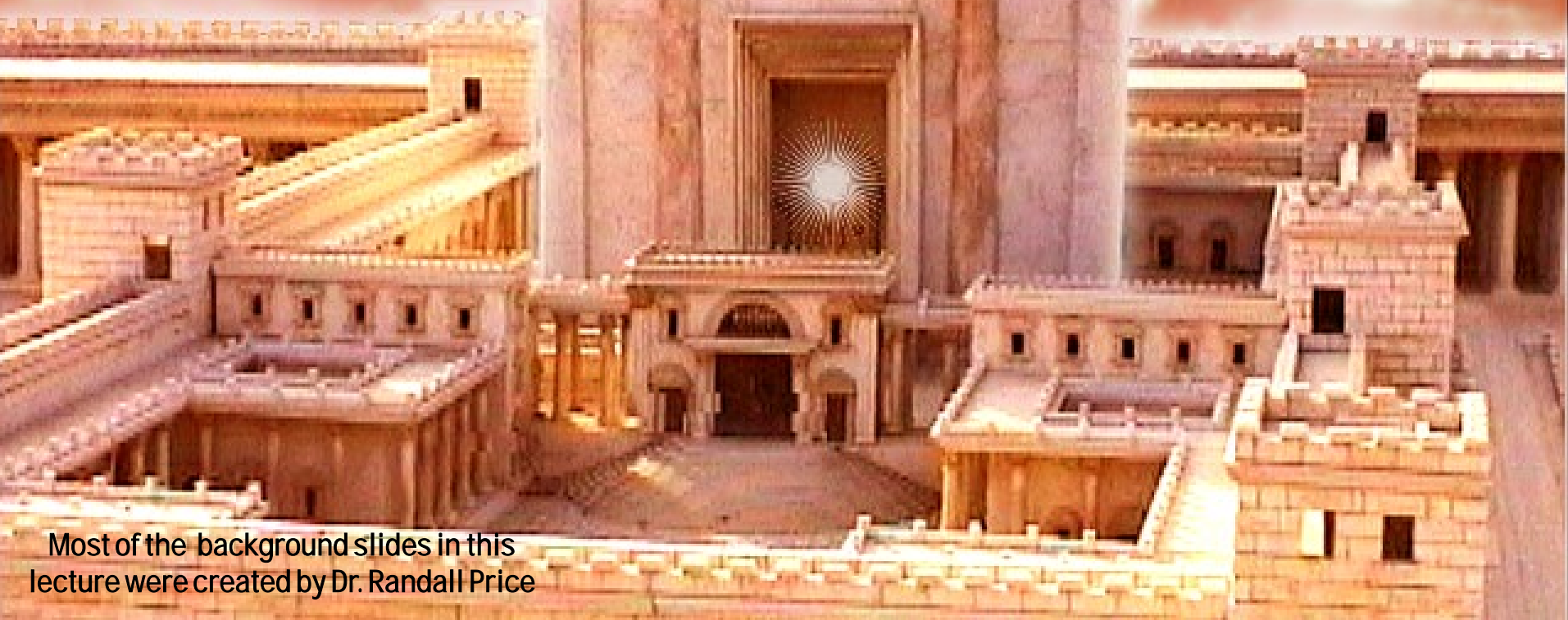
**REMEMBER WHAT JESUS SAID:
"TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN
AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD."
John 3:3**

FINAL EXHORTATION

Ps 145:10-13 – “All our works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, And Your godly ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom, And talk of Your Power; To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts, And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

ISAIAH

GOD'S GLORY IN THE KINGDOM



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APPENDIX MATERAIL



PASSAGES IN ISAIAH DEALING WITH SECOND COMING EVENTS

(I don't presume that I have listed every verse in Isaiah)

1. Isaiah 1:26-28; 2:1-4, 9-21^{***}
2. Isaiah 3:25-4:1-6^{***}
3. Isaiah 9:3-7 (7:14)
4. Isaiah 11:1-16^{***} (Isa 12:1-6 – A song of praise anticipating the millennium)
5. Isaiah 13:5-22 ? Babylon and the world
6. Isaiah 14:1-8

PASSAGES IN ISAIAH DEALING WITH SECOND COMING EVENTS

7. Isaiah 19:16-25 ? (Isa 18:7)
8. Isaiah 21:9 (Isa 22:20-25?)
9. Isaiah 24:1-23 (esp. 21-23) – Rev 16:17-21
10. Isaiah 25:1-12 (millennium)
11. Isaiah 26:1-21 (esp. 14, 19)
12. Isaiah 27:1-13 (esp. 6, 12-13); 28:14-29?
13. Isaiah 29:17-24; 30:18-26 ?

PASSAGES IN ISAIAH DEALING WITH SECOND COMING EVENTS

14. Isaiah 32:1-20 (esp. 9-14 women, 15-20 millennium)^{***} (Jer 23:3-6)
15. Isaiah 33:1-24?; 34:1-17 (Bozrah v.6) (Rev 6:12-14)
16. Isaiah 35:1-10 (kingdom)
17. Isaiah 40:6-31 (restoration of Israel)
18. Isaiah 41:1-29 ?
19. Isaiah 42:1-13 ?

PASSAGES IN ISAIAH DEALING WITH SECOND COMING EVENTS

20. Isaiah 42:14-25?
21. Isaiah 43:1-13
22. Isaiah 43:14-28 (Rev 18)
23. Isaiah 44:1-23 (history and millennium)
24. Isaiah 45:14-25
25. Isaiah 48:1-22 history/prophecy

PASSAGES IN ISAIAH DEALING WITH SECOND COMING EVENTS

26. Isaiah 49:1-26 history/prophecy
27. Isaiah 50:1-11 Servant of the Lord
28. Isaiah 51:1-23 millennium
29. Isaiah 52:1-12 millennium
30. Isaiah 54:11-17 millennium
31. Isaiah 56:1-8 history/millennium
32. Isaiah 59:20-21 (Rom 11:26-27) Second coming ***

PASSAGES IN ISAIAH DEALING WITH SECOND COMING EVENTS

33. Isaiah 60:1-22 millennium
34. Isaiah 61:1-3 (1st and 2nd coming Lk 4:18-19);
vv. 4-11 millennium
35. Isaiah 62:1-12 millennium
36. Isaiah 63:1-6 Judgment at the Second Coming
(Rev 19:13) (Bozrah)
37. Isaiah 65:17-25
38. Isaiah 66:15-24

See also Dr. John Walvoord, *The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook*
(Wheaton: Victor Books, 1990), 92-120, 672-681

1ST Coming	Trib & 2nd Coming	Millennial Kingdom
ISAIAH 7:12-14	ISAIAH 2:12-4:1	ISAIAH 1:26-27
8:11-15	6:11-13	2:2-4; 4:2-6
9:1-3	10:20-23	9:3,6-7
9:6-7	13:1-22	11:1-12:6
11:1	14:3-27	14:1-2
40:3-4	17:12-14a	19:19-25
42:1-9	19:16-18	25:1-12
48:16	21:11-17	26:1-19
49:1-7	24:1-23	29:17-24
50:1-11	26:20-27:1-13	30:18-26
52:13-53:12	28:14-29	31:4-9
61:1-2a	32:9-14	32:1-8
65:1-7	33-34	32:15-20
	40:5-11	35:1-10

1ST Coming	Trib & 2nd Coming	Millennial Kingdom
	41:8-30	42:10-17
	42:23-25	44:3b-5
	43:1-7	45:14-25
	44:21-22	49:19-21
	49:7-18,22-26	54:1-17
	51:1-23	55:1-56:8
	56:9-57:21	60:1-22
	59:9-21	61:4-11
	61:2b-3	65:17-25
	62:1-12	66:10-14
	63:1-19	66:18-24
	65:8-16	
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	66:15-17	