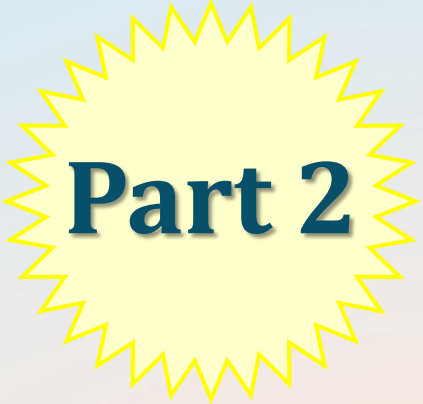


The Church in Prophecy



Part 2

The Heavenly Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:1-4

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Prophecies

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❖ Isaiah's prophecies.

○ Isaiah highlighted Israel's sins.

- A state of desolation. ***Isa 1:7-8***
- A state of harlotry. ***Isa 1:21***
- Influenced to disobey.
Isa 2:6-8

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Isa 3:1-15

Isa 3:16 – 4:1



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- ❖ Isaiah's prophecies.
 - Isaiah highlighted Israel's sins.
 - Day of reckon was coming.
Isa 2:12-22
 - God would take away and judge their leaders.
Isa 3:1-15
 - God rebuked the vain and worldly women of Judah.
Isa 3:16 – 4:1

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- The mountain of the Lord's house would be exalted above all the hills and mountains of the world.
vs 2



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❖ Isaiah's prophecies.

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- All nations would flow to the mountain of the house of the Lord. Many people will say, *"Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord."* **vs 3**



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 - *"In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious;..." Isa 4:2*



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❖ Isaiah's prophecies.

○ The Branch of the Lord. ***Isa 4:2-6***

• Prophecies and the Branch.

- Isaiah prophesied, *"There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,...*

Isa 11:1-2; cf. Mt 3:16-17



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❖ Isaiah's prophecies.

○ The Branch of the Lord. ***Isa 4:2-6***

- Prophecies and the Branch.
 - Isaiah prophesied, *“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.”*
Isa 11:10; cf. Rom 15:12; Rev 22:16



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- Jeremiah prophesied, “*Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness...*”

Jer 23:5-6



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❖ Isaiah's prophecies.

○ The Branch of the Lord. *Isa 4:2-6*

- At this time the Lord would wash away the *“filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst.” vs 3-4*



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❖ Isaiah's prophecies.

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- The Lord would “*create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.*” **vs 5**



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- ❖ Isaiah's prophecies.
 - The Branch of the Lord. ***Isa 4:2-6***
 - The Lord would provide a shelter, comfort, and protection for those who remain in Jerusalem and are holy. ***vs 6***



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❖ Zechariah's prophecy. *Zech 8:1-3*



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- The Lord would return to Zion and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
- Jerusalem would be called...
 - The city of Truth,
 - The Mountain of the Lord of Hosts, and
 - The Holy Mountain.



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Prophecies Fulfilled

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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ *“...in the latter days...” Isa 2:2-4*

Isa 2:2-4

Mark 1:15

Acts 2:17

Eph 1:10

Gal 4:4

Heb 1:2



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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

- *“...in the latter days...”* **Isa 2:2-4**
 - When Jesus began His teaching, He said, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand...”* **Mark 1:15**

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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ *“...in the latter days...”* **Isa 2:2-4**

- Peter said, *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;..”* **Acts 2:17**

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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ *“...in the latter days...”* **Isa 2:2-4**

- Paul wrote, *“...that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ.”* **Eph 1:10**

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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ *“...in the latter days...”* **Isa 2:2-4**

- Paul referred to it as *“when the fulness of time had come”* God sent Jesus to *“redeem those who were under the law.”*

Gal 4:4

Isa 2:2-4

Mark 1:15

Acts 2:17

Eph 1:10

Gal 4:4

Heb 1:2



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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

- *“...in the latter days...” Isa 2:2-4*
 - The writer of Hebrews wrote regarding the teachings of Jesus that God had *“in these last days spoken to us by His Son.”*
Heb 1:2

Isa 2:2-4

Mark 1:15

Acts 2:17

Eph 1:10

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- ❖ Prophecies fulfilled.
 - After Jesus' resurrection.

Luke 24:47

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:22-36

Acts 2:16-21

Joel 2:28-32



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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ After Jesus' resurrection.

- Just before His ascension, Jesus told His apostles *“that repentance and remissions of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”* **Luke 24:47**

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Acts 1:8

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:22-36

Acts 2:16-21

Joel 2:28-32



The Heavenly Jerusalem

❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

- After Jesus' resurrection.
 - Jesus also said, *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* **Acts 1:8**

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- ❖ Prophecies fulfilled.
 - The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. ***Acts 2:1-4***
 - They preached the message of Jesus Christ and salvation.
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The Heavenly Jerusalem

- ❖ Prophecies fulfilled.
 - The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. **Acts 2:1-4**
 - We also see a reference to the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.
Acts 2:16-21; cf. Joel 2:28-32

Luke 24:47

Acts 1:8

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Acts 2:16-21

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- ❖ Prophecies fulfilled.
 - The events of Pentecost. ***Acts 2***



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❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ The events of Pentecost. **Acts 2**

- The gospel ("*word of the Lord*") began going forth from Jerusalem on Pentecost.

- Isaiah wrote, "*For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*" **Isa 2:3**



The Heavenly Jerusalem

❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ The events of Pentecost. **Acts 2**

- The church became the exalted
“mountain of the Lord.”

- *Teaches the word of the Lord.*
- *People come to learn God’s word.*
- *Draws people from every nation.*

- *Gentiles included.*

***Rom 9:24-29; Cf. Hos 2:23;
Gal 3:28-29***



The Heavenly Jerusalem

❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

○ The events of Pentecost. **Acts 2**

- Peace within heavenly Jerusalem. **Eph 2:14-18**

- Isaiah wrote, “...*They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;...*” **Isa 2:4**



The Heavenly Jerusalem

- ❖ Prophecies fulfilled.
 - John saw the New Jerusalem.



The Heavenly Jerusalem

- ❖ Prophecies fulfilled.
 - John saw the New Jerusalem.
 - John referred to the New Jerusalem that is from above.
Rev 3:12; 21:2-3
 - *“...I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.” Rev 3:12*



The Heavenly Jerusalem

❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

- John saw the New Jerusalem.
 - John saw the wife of the Lamb.
Rev 21:9-23

- *“...Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.”*
Rev 21:9-11



The Heavenly Jerusalem

❖ Prophecies fulfilled.

- We have *“come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,...”*

Heb 12:22-24



Conclusion

❖ Consider the following:

- “The latter days have come; the mountain of Jehovah’s house has been established above the hills, and all nations have been flowing unto it for nearly two millennia. God judges as He translates the saved into the kingdom of His Son. Zion’s wickedness and the fruits of her idolatry have been judged by Jehovah and purged and cleansed by a fire from His presence, leaving her redeemed and made fit as a dwelling place for Jehovah...

Conclusion

❖ Consider the following:

- “...And the beautiful Branch has appeared, bringing glory to the city of spiritual Jerusalem. It is the only kingdom on earth sustained and extended by a spiritual rather than physical sword; it is the only place where true peace can be found.” (*A Commentary on Isaiah, Hailey, pg. 62*)

Conclusion

- ❖ You can be a part of the heavenly Jerusalem today.
 - Leave the “valleys of the world” and come to the mountain of the Lord and learn from His word.
 - Repent of your sins and be buried with Christ through baptism. ***Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4***
 - Become a part of the kingdom which cannot be shaken. ***cf. Hebrews 12:28***