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Jesus is returning – He is in the process of coming (Rev. 1:7). His coming for the Church is imminent – at any moment.

Jesus' second coming encompasses two phases:

- The rapture of the Church (Jewish and Gentile believers in Jesus). There will be no signs before the rapture. The next event on God's prophetic clock for the Church is the rapture.
- Jesus physical Second Coming to the earth. There are multiple signs in Scripture prior to His physical Second Coming. The next event on God's prophetic clock for Israel is the signing of the peace treaty with the antichrist.

Following the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage of the Lamb in heaven, Jesus is physically coming to earth. He is returning to cleanse the earth, to take back His inheritance (Psa. 2), to judge His enemies, to end Satan's deception, to restore Israel, and to set up His Kingdom on earth.

Some would suggest that the Rapture and the physical Second Coming of Jesus are the same event. A careful study of all Biblical references to the Second Coming clearly shows that the Rapture and the physical return of Jesus to the earth are two separate phases of His Second Coming.

RAPTURE

Christ comes for His own in the  
Air (I Thess. 4:17)

Christians are taken to the  
Father's house (Jn. 14:1-3)

The Church will be in heaven  
(Jn. 14:3)

It could occur at any moment  
(I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:50-54)

There are no signs preceding it  
(Rev. 22:20)

It affects believers only  
(I Thess. 4:13-18)

PHYSICAL 2nd COMING

Christ comes WITH  
His own to the earth (Rev. 19:14)

Resurrected saints  
remain on earth  
(Rev. 19 & 20)

Christ sets up His kingdom  
on earth (Rev. 20:4-6; Isa. 2:1-4;  
Zech. 14:4ff)

It cannot occur until the end  
of the seven-year Tribulation period  
(Matt. 24:29-31)

There are numerous signs  
preceding it (Matt. 24:3-33)

It affects all humanity  
(Rev. 19:11 – Rev. 20:15)

RAPTURE

It is a time of joy (I Thess. 4:18)

It occurs before the day of wrath  
(I Thess. 5:9)

There is no mention of Satan (note  
The omission of Satan (Jn. 14:1-3;  
I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:51-52)

The judgment seat of Christ occurs  
after the Rapture (I Cor. 3:9-15;  
II Cor. 5:9-11). See Rev. 4 - the  
24 elders have rec'd their crowns.  
Tribulation begins in Rev. 6

There is the marriage of the Lamb  
(Rev. 19:7)

Only Christ's own will see Him  
(I Thess. 4:13-18)

The Rapture occurs some time before  
the Tribulation

*I Thess. 4: 16-18 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.<sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

Jesus will reign over the world as King. Is He sitting on the throne of David in Jerusalem now (Luke 1:31-33)? NO! Where is Jesus now? He is seated at the right hand (place of authority, honor, power) of God the Father (Psa. 110:1 [quoted in Matt. 22:41-45 and in Acts 2:33-35]; Acts 7:56 [standing at the right hand of God – seemingly to welcome Stephen]; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 1:3; Heb. 10:12; Heb. 12:2). Jesus is currently interceding for us...coming against Satan's accusations of believers (Rev. 12:10).

BUT JESUS will PHYSICALLY RETURN TO EARTH as we're told IN SCRIPTURE (Rev. 19:11ff; Zech. 14:4) and establish His KINGDOM that GOD has promised throughout Scripture. Will Jesus, upon His return, immediately establish His Kingdom?. NO! There will be a 75-day interval between the end of the Tribulation and the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom. WHY?

PHYSICAL 2nd COMING

It is a time of mourning (Rev. 19:11  
- Rev. 20:15)

It occurs after the  
Tribulation (Matt. 24:29ff)

Satan is bound in the abyss  
for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-3)

There is no mention of the  
judgment seat of Christ  
His physical second coming

His bride descends w/ Him  
to earth (Rev. 19:9, 11-14)

Every eye will see Him  
(Rev. 1:7)

The physical second  
coming occurs prior to  
the Millennial reign of Christ

Dan. 12:11-12 - *And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up (mid-Trib), there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.* <sup>12</sup> *Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.*

From the time of the middle of the Tribulation at the abomination of desolations, when the image of the antichrist is set up in the temple, there will be 1290 days. We've been talking about 1260 days equaling the last 3.5 years. The first half of the Tribulation is 3.5 years and the second half of the Tribulation is 3.5 years. Daniel mentions an 30 additional days. And then a blessing is noted in v. 12 of Dan. 12 for him who waits and comes to the 1335 days. Here we have an additional 45 days. It appears that what we have is a 75-day interval between the end of the Tribulation and the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom. Why? Suggested reasons for the additional 75 days:

- Israel will be regathered following the Tribulation (Matt. 24:31).
- Jewish people who survived the Tribulation will be judged (Matt. 25:1-30 – parable of the ten virgins [bridesmaids] and the parable of the talents).
- Gentiles who survive the Tribulation will be judged (Matt. 25:31-46 – sheep and goat judgment).
- OT saints and Tribulation saints will be resurrected and, as some teach, they will be rewarded (Dan. 12:1-3; Isa. 26:19; Luke 19:11-27; Rev. 20:4)
- The abomination of desolation will be removed (Dan. 9:27b).
- The Millennial Temple will be constructed or the construction will at least begin (Eze. 40-48; Zech. 6:12-13).

WHY do we call Jesus rule and reign on earth the MILLENNIAL KINGDOM? The phrase “Millennial Kingdom” isn't in Scripture! Revelation 20 tells us, six times, that there will be a span of time – we're told that span of time is 1,000 years. The Bible is SPECIFIC about this span of time. The word *millennium* comes from the Latin word, *mille*, meaning “one thousand,” and *annum* mean “year(s)”. The Greek word *chilias* means “one thousand.” *Chilias* is the word that appears in the Greek manuscript of Revelation 20 six times...defining the duration of Jesus' kingdom after the seven year Tribulation.

There are some theologians who say that “the Millennium is found only in one passage of the Bible...and that one passage is in the book of Revelation which we can't understand literally.”

This 1,000 years - LITERAL 1,000 years (noted SIX TIMES in one chapter – Rev. 20) is the KINGDOM OF GOD that we read about throughout the OT – esp. in the prophetic writings.

CONSIDER MUCH: We're NOT dependent on Rev. 20 solely for our understanding of the Kingdom age. The Kingdom of God is mentioned and described multiple times by the Hebrew prophets – so much so that the Bible would not make sense – it would not fit together – it would not be ONE STORY unless there is a literal kingdom in the future.

During the Kingdom of God on earth:

- Jesus will rule the world (Psa. 2; Isa. 9:6)...
- ...from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:1-3; Micah 4:1-2)...
- ...for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-6)...
- ...the nations shall come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:16)...
- ...and to learn of God's ways ((Isa. 2:2-3; Micah 4:2; Zech. 8:23)...
- ...three feasts will be celebrated (Eze. 45:18-25 – new feast, Passover, and the Feast of Tabernacles)...
- Only believers will enter the Kingdom of God on earth at the outset (John 3:3; Matt. 25:25:31-46)...
- ...and will be marked by a unified government (Psa. 2; Isa. 9:6-7; Hosea 1:11).
- Believers, those of the “first resurrection,” (Church Age believers (II Tim. 2:12), OT saints (Dan. 12:1-2; Matt. 19:28; Luke 19:11-27) and Tribulation saints and martyrs (Rev. 20:4-6) will co-reign with Jesus.
- The twelve Apostles will judge the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:29-30).
- All weapons of war will be destroyed; there will be no wars (Isa. 2:44; Micah 4:3).
- The knowledge of the LORD will be worldwide (Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14).
- There will be peace (Isa. 9:6-7), justice (Isa. 11:3-5; obedience (Dan. 7:27), holiness (Eze. 36:24-31; Eze. 37:23-24), the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29) and an increase in joy (Isa. 9:3-4; Isa. 14:7).
- Children will be born (Isa. 11:6; Isa. 65:20, 23; Jer. 30:20) by those in their natural bodies (survivors of the Tribulation).
- There will be a prolonged life expectancy for those in their natural bodies (Isa. 65:20).
- There will be comfort for those who would sorrow (Isa. 65:19), a removal of sickness (Isa. 33:24; Jer. 30:17), healing of the blind and lame (Isa. 35:5-6), fruitful, enjoyable labor (Isa. 62:8-9).
- There will be harmony among animals (Isa. 11:6-9; Isa. 65:25; Eze. 34:25).
- Great changes in the environment (Isa. 35:1-2, 6b-7; Isa. 55:13).
- A Millennial temple in Jerusalem where animal sacrifices will be made for atonement (Eze. 45:15-17).
- Some teach that the Kingdom of God on earth will be known as “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb” (Rev. 19:9).
- This glorious time of celebration takes place on the earth and will include the Jews saved during the Tribulation period (the bridesmaids of Matt. 25:1-13).

The OT has substantial passages on the Millennial Kingdom when the Messiah will reign. More prophetic material in the OT is devoted to the subject of the Millennium than to any other topic. The following is a list of ten of the most important OT passages on the coming Kingdom: Isa. 2:1-5, Isa. 11:1-16, Isa. 32:1-20, Isa. 35:1-10, Isa. 60:1-22, Jer. 31:1-40, Jer. 33:1-26, Eze. 37:14-28, Amos 9:11-15, Zech. 14:6-21.

Ten key titles of the Millennium:

- The Kingdom which shall stand forever (Dan. 2:44)
- The mountain/kingdom of the Lord's house (Isa. 2:2)
- His Kingdom – the one which shall not be destroyed (Dan. 7:14)
- The Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 3:2; 8:11)
- The Kingdom of God (Mark 1:15)
- The Kingdom (Matt. 16:28)
- The world to come (Heb. 2:5)
- Times of refreshing (Acts 3:19 NASB)
- The period of restoration of all things (Acts 3:21)
- A Kingdom that cannot be shaken (Heb. 12:28)

Are we in the Kingdom of God – the 1,000 year reign of Jesus now? We need to answer that question by briefly looking at three main views: the amillennial view, the postmillennial view, and the premillennial view.

What these three views have in common:

- Jesus will rule over a glorious Kingdom
- Jesus will one day return to this world literally, physically, visibly and glorious as the Judge of all the earth

Points of disagreement:

- *When* will Jesus reign? Is it at this present time or yet to come?
- *How* will Jesus reign? Spiritually in heaven or literally on earth?

#### Amillennial view

- “Amillennial” means “no millennium.” BUT we need to ask each person who calls himself an amillennialist what they believe. It's not fair to make a blanket statement. Let me, however, give you some of the teachings of several believers who regard themselves as amillennialists.
  - There will be no future, literal, earthly kingdom.
  - They believe the Kingdom of Christ is unfolding during the present age, between the first and second advents of Jesus.
    - Jesus is reigning in a present spiritual Kingdom. Jesus reigns spiritually over the Church in the hearts of believers and in heaven over the souls of the redeemed.
  - “One thousand years” symbolizes a “long period of time.”
  - Satan was bound at the first coming of Jesus as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection.

View held by a large portion of Protestantism, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Greek Orthodox/Greek Catholic Church. Augustine viewed the 1,000 years in Revelation as having reference to the Church Age. This was the view of John Calvin and Martin Luther.

### Future events according to Amillennialism:

Development of the Church Age  
 The Second Coming of Christ  
 The general resurrection of all people  
 A general judgment of all people  
 Eternity

### What does Scripture teach?

The Kingdom of God will be a literal, earthly kingdom:

- 1) Christ's feet will actually touch the Mount of Olives prior to the establishment of His kingdom (Zechariah 14:4, 9).
- 2) During the kingdom, the Messiah will execute justice and judgment on the earth (Jeremiah 23:5-8).
- 3) The kingdom is described as being under heaven (Daniel 7:13-14, 27) – on earth.
- 4) The prophets foretold of dramatic earthly changes during the kingdom (Acts 3:21; Isaiah 35:1-2, 11:6-9, 29:18, 65:20-22; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Amos 9:11-15).
- 5) The chronological order of events in Revelation indicates the existence of an earthly kingdom prior to the conclusion of world history (Revelation 20). (Cleansing of the earth)
- 6) The promised earthly Kingdom of God, in Jesus day', was the long-anticipated rule and reign of the Messiah (Luke 1:30-33).

### Postmillennial view

- Postmillennialism teaches that the return of Christ will come after the Millennium because Christians will make the world better. The Millennium is the entire period of time between the first and second comings of Christ. Christ returns after the Millennium is completely over.

- Some have used Matt. 24:14 in supporting this view...*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.* Jesus is not speaking to the Church; He is speaking to the Jewish disciples and answering their question re: the time of His coming and the end of the age. Jesus is telling them what will transpire during the Tribulation when the 144,000, the two witnesses, and the angels will be preaching/proclaiming. Tribulation saints come to faith through their trust in the blood of the Passover Lamb.

- Postmillennialism lost popularity when WWI hit...when it no longer appeared that conditions in the world would improve.

- The Millennial Kingdom is not a literal thousand years but a golden age that the Church will usher in during this present age by preaching the Gospel. The Millennium will grow as believers in Jesus exercise more and more influence over the affairs of this earth. Ultimately, the Gospel will prevail, and the earth will become a better and better world, after which time Jesus will appear to usher in eternity.

Daniel Whitby (1688-1726), a Unitarian minister from England is usually credited with the development of this view. With all the advances in technology, science, the industrial revolution, the idea that man could bring in the Kingdom of God made sense. WW I followed closely by WWII dealt postmillennialism a blow.

Future events – same as Amillennialism.

### Premillennial view

- Premillennialism teaches that Jesus will return to earth before the Kingdom of God and Jesus will establish His Kingdom!
- We have seen this from the flow of the book of Revelation. Jesus Himself, in teaching the disciples what to pray, said, “Our Father Who are in heaven, hallowed (holy) be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, ON EARTH as it is in heaven...”
- The Messiah’s kingdom is the stone that we read about in Daniel 2:31-38, 44 that will come out of the mountain and crush all the previous kingdoms having existed ON EARTH; and as chaff, those EARTHLY Gentile kingdoms. These Gentile kingdom have LITERALLY been fulfilled and Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome – as they were known in their day – have ceased to be. Antichrist’s kingdom will come about in the future. ALL semblances of these empires will be destroyed as they are of the world system! Empowered by Satan – the god of this world!
- The stone from the mountain is the cornerstone – Jesus – Who will reign as King of the kingdom of God ON EARTH!
- ALSO note the 6 bullet points on page 6 under “What does Scripture teach?”
- We were introduced to the scroll in Rev. 5 which appears to be the title deed to the EARTH. That scroll will be opened after the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl of judgment has been poured out upon the rebellious earth. By opening of the scroll, the Lamb takes as His inheritance the earth which has been cleansed - the earth that has been RESTORED (the curse having been reversed). Jesus’ inheritance includes an enduring kingdom and the title deed to the earth (Psa. 2:6-8).
- The entire earth will be restored! Dan. 7:27 - *Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.*

### THE PURPOSE OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

To give Jesus His inheritance:

Psa. 2:7-9 - *I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession....*

Psa. 110:1-2 - *The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” <sup>2</sup> The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! (See the nations raging against the LORD and His anointed in Psa. 2:1-2)*

Heb. 1:2 – Jesus is God the Son, *whom He has appointed heir of all things.*

To redeem the creation:

- Without a literal Millennium under the reign of Jesus, God’s purpose for this world can never be fully realized. The curse will be reversed and God will fulfill His original purpose for the earth. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God

pronounced a series of five curses. These five curses were given against the serpent, Satan, the woman, the man and nature (Gen. 3:14-19). From that time until today, the earth has been cursed as evidenced by “thorns and thistles.”

- There will be harmony within the animal kingdom and animals will revert to becoming plant eaters as they were originally in creation (Gen. 1:30).
- The earth will become productive (Isa. 35:1-7).
- Man will be given dominion over creation.

#### To fulfill the Biblical Covenants:

In the unconditional/unilateral (fulfillment dependent upon God alone/one-sided) Biblical covenants, God made very specific promises to Israel through the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12; Gen. 15....), the Land Covenant (Gen. 17; Deut. 30; Isa. 14....), the Davidic Covenant (II Sam. 7; Luke 1:30-33...), and the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34; Jer. 33; Eze. 36:24-27....). None of these four covenant has been literally fulfilled. Jesus, the Son of David, will fulfill them when He comes to sit on the throne of David and rules over the house of David from the City of David, which is Jerusalem. Jesus will fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant and its promises of the land, seed (THE Seed), and the blessing – all expanded in the Land Covenant (with its promise of the land), The Davidic Covenant (with its promises concerning David’s house, throne, and kingdom), and the New Covenant (with its promises of a new heart, the indwelling of the Spirit, the forgiveness of sins for Israel as a nation).

The Kingdom of God on earth is not an option. It must occur for God to keep His promises.

#### Who will NOT be living in the Millennial Kingdom? Satan!

Revelation 20:1-3. Satan will be bound for one thousand years! The binding of Satan is evidence that the Millennial reign of Christ is yet future. Do we comprehend that Satan will not simply be restricted? He will be totally inactive during the Millennium! During the Millennial Kingdom, with Satan bound, God will manifest His perfect righteousness and also give man an ideal state in which to live and worship Jesus. All outward sources of temptation must be removed so that those in their natural bodies giving birth to children with natural bodies will demonstrate what they are apart from Satanic influence. Because they will still be “natural,” they will be subject to the weaknesses of a mortal body, and will still be prone to sin.

The central focus of the Millennium is not Satan; it is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is His time of revelation. Jesus, in all His glory, will sit enthroned over a rule of righteousness and peace.

#### The Millennial Temple

Eze. 40:1 through 46:24 addresses the Millennial Temple. The glory of God will return to the temple and make His dwelling place there (Eze. 43:1ff). Ezekiel had seen the glory of God depart from the first temple, Solomon’s temple, in Jerusalem (Eze. 8 through 11). Note: the glory of God did not return to the second temple. In Ezekiel’s vision of the



Millennial Temple there is no High Priest. There will be a stream of healing waters flowing from the Millennial Temple (Eze. 47). Jesus will reign from the throne of David (Luke 1:31-33; Acts 15:15) in Jerusalem (Psa. 132:13-14, 17-18; Isa. 2:2).

Ezekiel saw in his vision a literal building that has not yet been erected.

- There is an immense number of details given concerning the Temple's dimensions, parts, and contents. If Scripture devotes such detail to this Temple, we can safely assume that it will be as literal as the Tabernacle in the wilderness and as Solomon's Temple.
- If the Millennial Temple is not to be a reality, how are we to understand the glory of God returning to this Temple? The glory of God departed from Solomon's Temple (Eze. 8-10). AND, the glory of God returns taking the reverse path He took in His departure from the Temple prior to the Babylonian exile.

Feasts celebrated in the Millennium: a Feast of the New Year (Eze. 45:18) never before celebrated emphasizing holiness in the Temple (to "cleanse the sanctuary"); the Feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread (Eze. 45:21-24) – the foundation of God's plan of Redemption; the Feast of Tabernacles (Eze. 45:25) – "the feast" on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. The Feast of Tabernacles (God dwelling with man) is fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom. All nations will be required to appear in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. Those who do not travel to Jerusalem for Tabernacles will be denied rain. If Egypt does not appear in Jerusalem for Tabernacles, they will be denied rain and they shall receive the plague – as other nations who do not keep this feast will receive! (Zech. 14:16-18). Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement, Pentecost, and Trumpets will not be celebrated in the Millennial Kingdom.

#### Animal sacrifices in the Millennial Temple?

"If Jesus' sacrifice is the once-for-all sacrifice to expiate (pay for) sin (Heb. 9:12), why should animal sacrifices, which could never take away sin (Heb. 10:4), be offered during the Millennium"? Exactly – that's what we need to note first – the blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin in the OT. So, the blood of bulls and goats will not take away sin during the Millennium. Some teach that the Millennial offerings will be memorials – that people living in the Millennial Kingdom will need a reminder of the ugliness of sin – the cost of sin to God. The shedding of blood in the Millennial Temple will visibly remind them that only Christ's blood can take away sin. However, nothing in the text indicates the sacrifices are memorials. Millennial sacrifices are to make atonement: Eze. 45:15, 17, 20 - *And one lamb shall be given from a flock of two hundred, from the rich pastures of Israel. These shall be for grain offerings, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, to make atonement for them,* says the Lord GOD....

<sup>17</sup> *Then it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed seasons of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel.* "... <sup>20</sup> *And so you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple.*

Atonement is the Hebrew word, *kippur*, which means “to cover.” Animal sacrifices will be offered in the Millennial Kingdom to cover the worshippers’ ceremonial uncleanness because God will be dwelling on earth in the midst of sinners living in their natural, unresurrected bodies. Without blood sacrifices these impure worshippers will defile God’s holy Temple when they come to worship Him. Atonement wipes away and purges uncleanness (Heb. 9:13). The purging will be required in the Millennial Temple because the presence of God will once again be dwelling in the land. This was never the purpose of Jesus’ sacrifice. His sacrifice dealt with the internal cleansing. Sacrifices in the Millennium will not be a substitute for God’s plan of salvation; they will not change the way a person is redeemed. Salvation has always been and will always be by grace through faith in Jesus and in His shed blood on the cross. Nor will these sacrifices diminish Christ’s work on the cross (Heb. 10:10). It is Christ’s death, not animal sacrifices that take away sin.

More to consider: though animal sacrifices and priests have no place since Pentecost, this does not mean that they will have no place in Israel after the rapture of the Church. The Scriptures make a clear distinction between Israel and the Church. The fact the Church will have finished its work on earth by the time of the rapture doesn’t mean that God will have finished His work of instruction, testing, and sanctification in Israel.

During the Millennial Kingdom God will vindicate Israel before the eyes of all nations (I Sam. 17:46; Isa. 60-61)

*Isa. 60:1-3 - Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

*Isa. 43:1-5 - Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. <sup>2</sup> And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. <sup>3</sup> It was like the appearance of the vision which I saw—like the vision which I saw when I came to destroy the city. The visions were like the vision which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. <sup>4</sup> And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. <sup>5</sup> The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.*

In Ezeiel 44:2 Ezekiel is told that the eastern temple gate “is to remain shut because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered through it. During the Kingdom of God on earth in the future, when Jesus rules and reigns, the glory of the LORD will NOT depart from the temple as He had in Eze. Chapters 8 through 11. The LORD will be among His people

Ezekiel 48:35b ends with the name of the city from that day – YHWH Shammah – the LORD is there!

How GLORIOUS!