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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

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Jacob's Trouble Pt 5

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Continuing



Clues for the Detectives in Isaiah 24-27

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- We finish our study of the Old Testament Apocalypse, Isaiah 24-27.
- We are in the doxology section (26-27) following the judgment that is called Jacob's Trouble and his restoration (24-25).
- Typical of a doxology the events of history and of God's promises are recounted. Conclusion—
- Judgment will be very hard for those of the Abrahamic Promise but this to shall pass and an unheard of glory will follow.

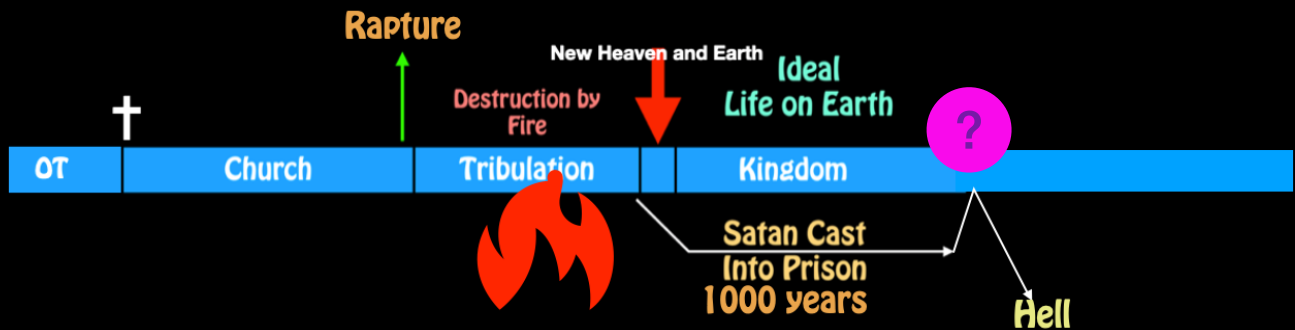
The Sovereign God

- Don't we have the similar challenge as believers in this AGE OF CORRUPTION, lawlessness and unrighteous acts.
- This too shall pass!
- As Jesse (8/14/22 p.m.) ran through the categories of God's sovereignty last Sunday—we the friends of the Abrahamic Covenant—welcome the same assurances—to wit—that this indignation will run its course. In the mean time—disengage!
- “Come, my people, enter into your rooms And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation runs its course. (Isaiah 26:19)

Do Not Engage in State Staving Will our state survive?

- Broadbent “The following period (a d 325) of nearly two hundred years shows that the **union of the Church and the State, even when the powers of the mightiest Empire are put into the Church’s hands, do not enable her to save the State from destruction,** for, in abandoning the position which her very name implies, of being “called out” of the world, and of separation to Christ, she loses the power that comes from subjection to her Lord, **exchanging it for an earthly authority that is fatal to herself.”** p 51

The Proposed Certainty



Questions about the timing and extent of the New Heaven and Earth includes the New Jerusalem.

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Certainty is lost in Spiritualizing

- The idea that uncertainty exists in Eschatology is a hold over from those who allegorize or spiritualize the text **stripping away any certainty.**
- Sure there are some verses that need to be straightened out because of past abuse **but we believe that Eschatology owns as equal certainty as any other category of theology.** At least we are pursuing the question with that hope.

Certainty is lost in Spiritualizing

- Can you imagine when the prophets spoke to Israel that Israel should expect that there would be uncertainty in his message?
- What is the point of a message if it has missing words or truth (representing uncertainty)?
- Israel was to understand the prophet in the literal sense delivering the message with a high degree of certainty.
- There is no reason that the church should lose this certainty — unless someone is attempting to confuse the sheep.

- In order to test “our certainty” about the nature of the kingdom we made (are making) a list of the good things that happen in the kingdom and the bad things that happen in the kingdom.
- This was the conclusion last week—

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Isaiah 24-27



- Looking for—
- Good things in the Kingdom?
 - We Made a list—
- So far there are only good things seen in the Kingdom —therefore there is no need for the Eternal State to achieve perfection.
- Bad things in the Kingdom?
 - Nothing made the list—
- If there are no bad things in the Kingdom we need not wait for the Eternal State for perfection.

Isaiah 27



- To be fair we have one more chapter to analyze.
- Note: Our task is to keep looking in **all of Isaiah** for things for the Good and Bad lists.
- Or explicit statements of the *Eternal State*.

Clarification from Last Week

- I said that in our text (26) that the Lord will reign/live with his people however, **that promise is not explicitly stated in Isaiah 26** but is in other places as (Ezekiel 37:26–28) ““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.” ’ ””**

Clarification from Last Week

- (Revelation 21:3–5) “And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.””

The Lord Occupies the City

The City is connected with Messianic reign

- “In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
“We have a strong city; He sets up walls and ramparts for security. “Open the gates, that the righteous nation (people) may enter, The one that remains faithful. “The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You. “Trust in the Lord forever, For in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock.” (Isaiah 26:1–4)
- The city without the Lord is not secure—but the Lord of the city is the everlasting Rock.—Just to be clear.

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- (Isaiah 27:1) "In that day the Lord will punish Leviathan the fleeing (piercing) serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword,
 - "Even Leviathan the twisted [crooked] serpent; And He will kill (ruin, destroy) the dragon who lives in the sea." (Med. sea or Nile River?)
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The Proximity of the Nations

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"In that day" — Jacob's Trouble

- (Isaiah 27:2–3) “In that day, “A vineyard of wine, SING OF IT! “I, the Lord, am its keeper; I water it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day.”
- Reminiscent of the earlier **Isaiah vineyard tended by the Lord of Israel.**
(Think of this as the Abrahamic Promise—it's people.)
- Isaiah 5:7: “For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel And the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.”

The Lord's Vineyard—In Judgment

- (Isaiah 5:25) “On this account the anger of the Lord has burned against His people, And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down. And the mountains quaked, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this His anger is not spent, But His hand is still stretched out. He will also lift up a standard to the distant nation, And will whistle for it from the ends of the earth; And behold, it will come with speed swiftly.” (Tribulation Talk.)

The Lord's Vineyard—In Judgment Extra Skip

- “No one in it is weary or stumbles, None slumbers or sleeps; Nor is the belt at its waist undone, Nor its sandal strap broken. Its arrows are sharp and all its bows are bent; The hoofs of its horses seem like flint and its chariot wheels like a whirlwind. Its roaring is like a lioness, and it roars like young lions; It growls as it seizes the prey And carries it off with no one to deliver it. And it will growl over it in that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks to the land, behold, there is darkness and distress; Even the light is darkened by its clouds.” (Isaiah 5:26–30)

Abrahamic Promise—Of a Sovereign God

- (Isaiah 27:4–5) (v 3 I guard it day and night) ““I have no wrath. Should someone give Me briars and thorns in battle, Then I would step on them, I would burn them completely. “Or let him rely on My protection, Let him make peace with Me, Let him make peace with Me.””
- God’s first action is not wrath. Wrath is His reaction—to those who oppose Him.

In the Kingdom Israel will Flourish

- (V6) “In the **days** to come Jacob
 - will take **root**, Israel
 - will **blossom** and **sprout**, And they
 - will **fill the whole world**
 - with **fruit**. (Isaiah 27:6)

Do these
suggest a
process?

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- **These are figures not allegory. There is a literal truth in each expression. We understand this technique. We use it all the time, as comparisons.**

Dealing with a Consistent God

- “Like the striking of Him who has struck them (nations), has He struck them (Israel)?
 - “Or like the slaughter of His slain (nations), have they been slain (Israel)?” (Isaiah 27:7)
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- The strike of God has struck Israel as He has struck their enemy.
 - Similarly, in the slaughter of the nations, He has also slain Israel.
 - Favoritism is not a characteristic of God’s judgment. God does not favor Israel. But he does hold Israel accountable because He has chosen them. Judgment begins in Israel!

Dealing with a Consistently Sovereign God Repentance of the Nation

- (Isaiah 27:8–9) “You contended with them (Israel) by banishing them, by driving them away. With His **fierce** wind He has expelled them on the day of the **east** (hot desert) wind.
- “Therefore “**THROUGH THIS**” Jacob’s iniquity will be forgiven; **And this will be the FULL PRICE of the pardoning of his sin:** When he (Israel) makes all the altar stones like pulverized chalk stones; When Asherim and incense altars will not stand.” Note: Israel will pass through a period of idolatry that will end with the B. Captivity.

The Lord's Vineyard—In Judgment

- “For the fortified city (as Jerusalem) is isolated, A homestead forlorn and forsaken like the desert;
- There the calf will graze, And there it will lie down and feed on its branches. When its limbs are dry, they are broken off; Women come and make a fire with them, For they are not a people of discernment, **Therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them. And their Creator will not be gracious to them.**” (Isaiah 27:10–11)

The Lord's Vineyard—In Judgment Two National Territories

- “In that day the Lord will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates (Isaiah’s Babylon?) to the brook of Egypt,
- “and you (Israel) will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel. (The end of Israel—Now Gentiles?) (Isaiah 27:12)



The Lord's Vineyard—In Judgment Two National Territories

- (The end of Israel—Now Gentiles?)
- U 13 It will come about also **in that day** that a **great trumpet will be blown**, and those who were perishing (ceasing) in the land of **Assyria** and who (Gentile elect?) were scattered in the land of **Egypt** will come and worship the Lord in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 27:12–13)

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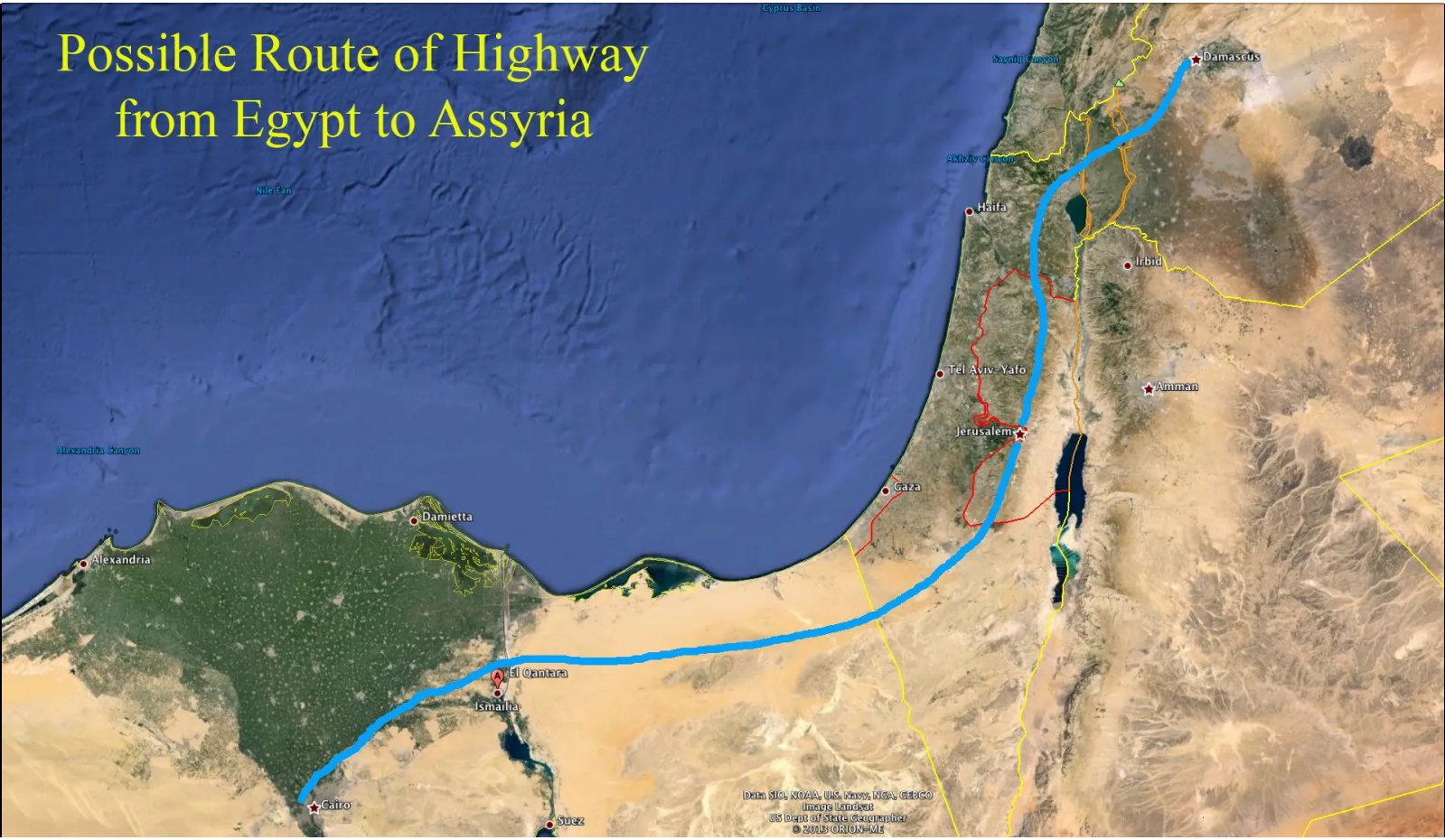
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- “In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”” (Isaiah 19:23–25)

The Eternal Gospel is Preached to the Nations

- “And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to **preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;**” (Revelation 14:6)
- The judgment of the nations in Matt 25 delivers the Gentiles into the Kingdom. As Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 27.

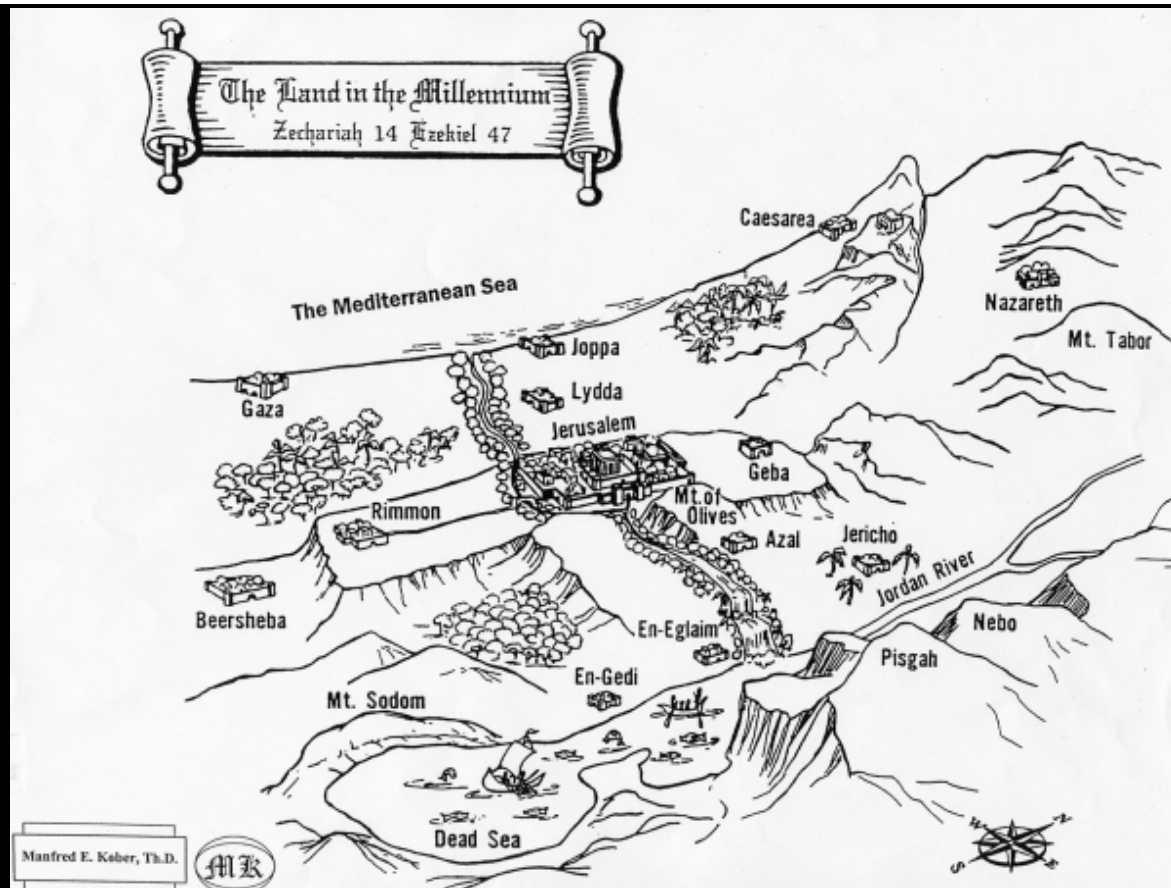
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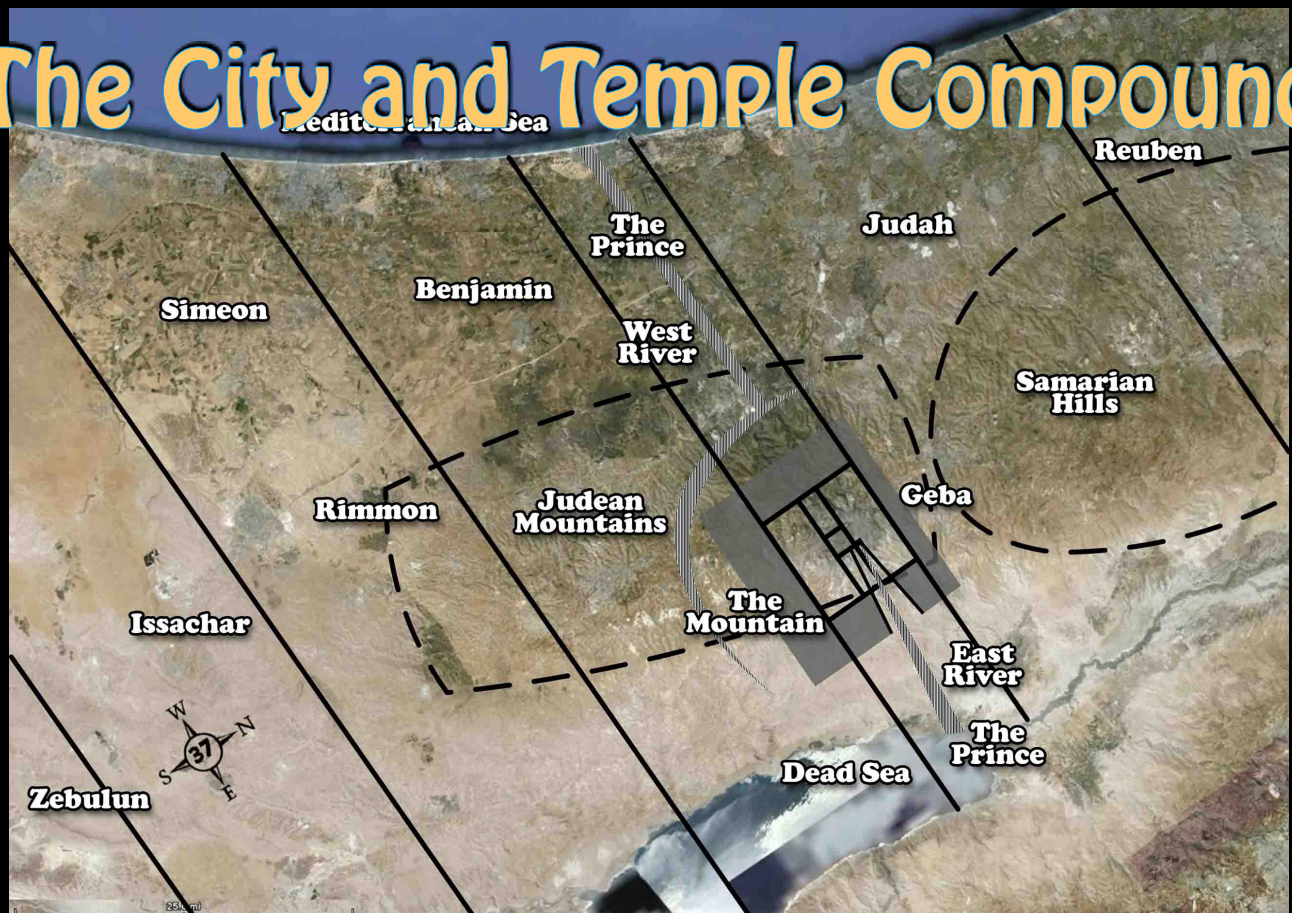
Dramatic Changes in Geography

- “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. People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.” (Zechariah 14:9–11)

- The Land is reconfigured for the Kingdom for the Millennium.
- Here the land is not otherwise reconfigured.



The City and Temple Compound



Section ends of Positive Note

- Repeating: “In that day the Lord will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, and you will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel.
- It will come about also in that day that a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt (represent whole earth) will come and worship the Lord in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 27:12–13)

The Glorious Kingdom has Come!

- We end this section on a high note. The Kingdom will fulfill the promises made to the Jews.
- All the families of the earth are also blessed in the Kingdom evidence in this section as well.
- It is remarkable that these promises are made early (think of Deut) for the encouragement of the Sons of Promise—the faithful will need this to know how this promise of Abraham will work out.

Back to Reality in the Next Section

- In the next section we face the reality that the Kingdom has not yet come in Isaiah's day nor has it made its appearance since then.
- Don't be tricked by the scoffers—when Jesus came He came preaching the kingdom but the people were not ready to receive it. He cut off the promise for that generation and all those who reject His claims.
- But he will pick up the pause flag, as Jacob's Trouble winds down—we have just witnessed the beginning of the Eternal Blessings promised the people of Promise.

Thus far—

