Orlando Bible Students—Special Study—January 27, 2013 Prophecies of the Kingdom—Isaiah 35:1-10

General references: Expanded Bible Comments; Volume 1, pp. 215-218; Reprints pp. 1771-1773

Part I: covering verses 1, 2, 6 (last part), & 7—Conditions pertaining to the earth in the Kingdom.

- 1. What changes in the literal earth will take place as a result of the Kingdom? Gen. 3:17-18; Ps. 67:6; Ps. 107:35-37; Ezek. 34:27; Rev. 22:3 it will become like the garden of Eden be a paradise
 - a. Gen 3:17-18: curse of the earth removed
 - b. Psa. 67:6: earth will yield her increase
 - c. Psa. 107:35-37: no longer barren, nor thirsty, deserts are gone;
 - d. Ezek. 34:27: earth, trees will yield; man be secure in the land; broken the yoke, delivered from him who ensnared;
 - e. Rev. 22:3: no more curse
- 2. What <u>symbolic</u> meaning might be associated with the terms in these verses such as: wilderness and solitary place being glad; desert rejoicing and blossoming; waters and streams breaking forth; parched ground and thirsty land becoming pools and springs of water; grass growing where dragons previously lived? Is. 41:17-20; Is. 55:12-13; Rev. 21:6; Rev. 22:1-2, 17 desolate places will become habitable; deserts will be no more; water will be prevalent; it means the earth will no longer be cursed and will support life; not barren or dying but alive, living; truth will spread over the earth;
 - a. Isa. 41:17-20: open rivers, springs not just literal but water of truth;
 - b. Isa. 55:12-13: mountains and hills break forth in joy; trees clap; entire earth (and its people) will rejoice in God's blessings
 - c. Rev. 21:6: give the water of life without cost truth plus regular water
 - d. Rev. 22:1-2, 17: river of water of life, tree of life, take of the water of life without cost; free to all

Part II: covering verses 5, 6 (first part)—Conditions pertaining to man in the Kingdom.

- 3. What will be man's physical condition in the Kingdom, and why is it important that it be as the prophet describes? Is. 33:24; Matt. 4:23-24; Matt. 9:35; 1 Cor. 15:35, 38 the curse and its affects are removed from mankind giving man the capability to understand, accept and follow the message of truth in the kingdom;
 - a. Isa 33:24: physically perfect, curse removed, no longer sick; because forgiven their sins
 - b. Matt. 4:23-24: all diseases, sicknesses healed;
 - c. Matt. 9:35: every kind of sickness and disease healed.
 - d. 1 Cor. 15:35,38: God gives it a body as it pleases him;
- 4. In a <u>symbolic</u> sense, what will be meant by man having his: blind eyes opened; deaf ears unstopped; lameness changed to leaping; and dumb tongue singing? Ps. 146:5-8; Is. 29:18; Is. 32:1-4; Is. 42:6-7 eyes –see truth, deaf hear the truth; lame be able to follow the truth; dumb praise God
 - a. Psa. 146:5-8: spiritual eyesight opened to see the truth;
 - b. Isa. 29:18: deaf will hear words of truth from the book; see the truth with their minds/hearts
 - c. Isa. 32:1-4: eyes will see, ears will hear the truth; mind of hasty discern truth; tongue will speak clearly.

- d. Isa. 42:6-7: open blind eyes (to God, righteousness), prisoners out of dungeon (death), prisoners from darkness (of Satan)
- e. Heb 12:13 lame no longer be turned out of way, healed of lameness;

Part III: covering verses 8-10—The "Way" of the Kingdom.

- 5. What is the "way of holiness," and what are some of the details of this way as described in verses 8 & 9? Is. 11:9; Is. 62:10; Jer. 31:33-34; Rev. 20:1-3
 - a. Isa. 35:8-9: way to holiness, perfection; it will be for wayfaring men no longer seduced; no devil, fallen angels, oppressive men on the path to prey on mankind; it will be for redeemed;
 - b. Isa. 11:9: earth, animals at peace; no shall hurt nor destroy for the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea;
 - c. Isa. 62:10: cast up a highway the way of holiness; stones or obstacles removed inequality, poverty, injustice, oppression, drugs, gangs, etc.; life up a standard for the people to follow the example of Christ; righteousness/perfection.
 - d. Jer. 31:33-34: put God's law in their inward parts, write it on their hearts, become their God, they become his people (adopt his principles/character), they shall all know, iniquity forgiven, sin forgotten;
 - e. Rev. 20:1-3: adversary bound to not deceive the nations during the 1,000 years;
- 6. What will be the result of the Kingdom arrangement as described in verse 10? Is. 25:8-9; Is. 51:10-11; 1 Tim. 2:3-6; Rev. 21:3-5
 - a. Isa. 25:8-9: death no more, no more tears, rebuke of his people (Israel) removed, God will save Israel, they will be glad and rejoice, this is our God
 - b. Isa. 51:10-11: made a way for ransomed through sea (no more raging masses of mankind); mankind will come to Zion will songs, everlasting joy; obtain job and gladness; sorrow and sighing will flee away;
 - c. 1 Tim. 2:3-6: all men to be saved (from Adamic condemnation) and come to a knowledge of the truth; Jesus ransom will be testified to the human family;
 - d. Rev. 21:3-5: tabernacle of God (kingdom) with men; relationship re-established becomes their God, his people; no more death, pain, sorrow, tears, crying; all things are made new;

Conclusion: covering verses 3-4—Encouragement in advance of the Kingdom.

- 7. We live in the midst of much trouble in the earth. In light of our study, however, how should verses 3 & 4, as well as other scriptures, be of encouragement to us? Job 4:3-4; Ps. 30:5; Zeph. 3:8-9; Heb. 12:12, 28; 2 Pet. 3:12-13
 - a. Job 4:3-4: these promises strengthen our feeble knees; His words hold us up;
 - b. Psa. 30:5: God's anger is limited by time; joy cometh in the morning;
 - c. Zeph. 3:8-9: God's anger consumes this present evil world; then He turns to the people a pure language (truth) that they may all call upon Him; this should inspire us
 - d. Heb. 12:12,28: lift up the hands hanging down; strengthen the feeble knees; we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be moved; serve God with reverence and godly fear;

e.	2 Pet. 3:12-13: look for new heavens and new earth be diligent to be found in him, in peace, without spot, blameless;