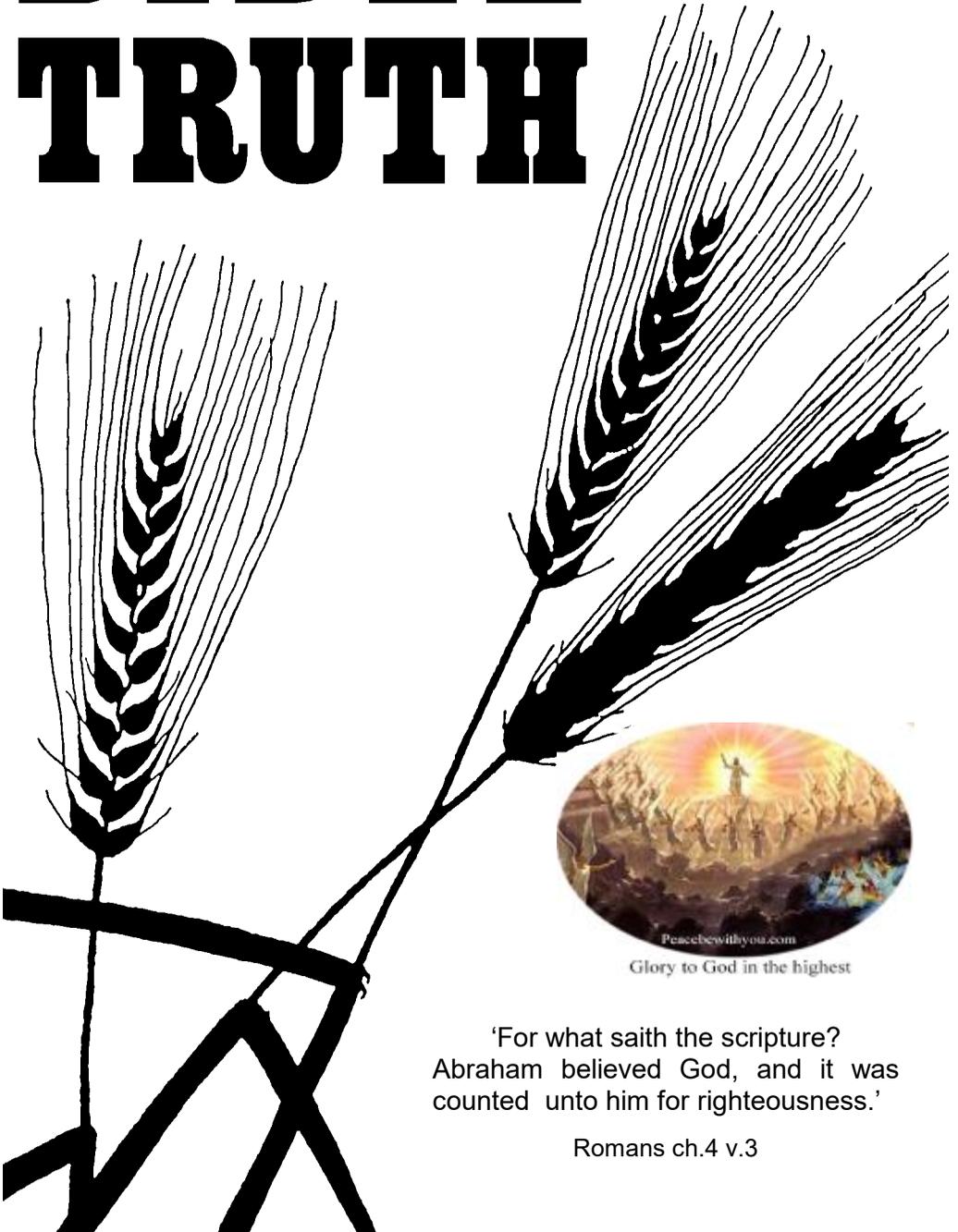


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'For what saith the scripture?  
Abraham believed God, and it was  
counted unto him for righteousness.'

Romans ch.4 v.3

# THE REIGN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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*Following Christ's return, the first stage of His reign on earth will be for one thousand years.*

'... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.'

Revelation ch.20 vv 4-6

This will be the fullest form of the spiritual, but literal and visible Kingdom of God upon earth (see Luke ch.21 v.31). Satan will be bound for this period, and the nations will enjoy freedom from his power.

'And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.'

Revelation ch.20 vv 2-3

The elect will return with Christ to the earth, and those who have shown themselves worthy in this life, will exercise authority over the people who survive the judgments at Christ's appearing to the world.

'And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:'

Revelation ch.2 v.26

Before the Millennium the separate houses of Israel and Judah will be re-united, and they will return again to Palestine.

'In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.'

Jeremiah ch.3 v.18

Ezekiel chapters 47- 48 describe how the land of Palestine will be re-allocated to Israel and Judah. Palestine will be enlarged so that it is truly the land from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates, which God promised to Abraham.

Jesus Christ will reign in equity and righteousness upon the Throne of David at Jerusalem, as King of Israel.

‘... the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.’

Isaiah ch.9 vv 6-7

‘And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.’

Micah ch.4 vv 2-3

There will be no sickness or disease and hospitals will be redundant.

‘Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing ...’ .

Isaiah ch.35 vv 5-6

During the Millennium many people will learn to love the Lord, while others will obey Him under compulsion. At the end of the Millennium, when Satan will be released, (see Revelation ch.20 vv 7-8), he will again tempt the nations. However, Satan and his followers will be defeated and he will be consigned to the lake of fire.

‘And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.’

Revelation ch.20 v.9

The dead of all ages will then be resurrected to appear before the final judgment throne of God.

‘And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.’

Revelation ch.20 v.12

It is certain that those who have rejected God's offer of pardon for their sin, in Jesus Christ, have sealed their own eternal ruin and punishment.

'And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.'

Revelation ch.20 v.15

When all the Lord's enemies are subject to Him, then He will again become subject to the rule of God the Father, in all the ages to come.

'And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.'

1 Corinthians ch.15 v.28

Jesus Christ will rule as King of Israel for all eternity.

'And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.'

Luke ch.1 v.33

After the universe has been cleansed by fire God will create a new earth, of which the new, heavenly Jerusalem will be the capital city. In Revelation chapters 21 and 22, John literally describes for us what he has been shown regarding this beautiful city. He saw the city shining brilliantly, with a light streaming through its walls, gates and foundations. Within the city he saw the glittering streets, the crystal river and the tree of life.

This wonderful place will be the eternal home for those who have been redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, at Calvary. The elect of God will know and love the Triune God, and enjoy His fellowship for ever and ever. This is the consummation of God's plan of redemption.

'... Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, ... '

Revelation ch.21 v.3