

From, “The Setting Up of God’s Kingdom”
***Last Day Delusions* — Allen Walker**

“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.” Verse 9.

This verse does not tell us where the Holy City comes from to be here on the earth at the end of the “thousand years.” This information we gather from Revelation 21:2: “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” It is this city, whose “builder and maker is God,” that is attacked by the wicked. But “fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” This brings the end of the “thousand years.”

“He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.” Revelation 21:5. In the glorious age introduced by this verse, the “Prince of Peace,” “the seed of David according to the flesh,” will sit on the “throne of David” restored in the New Jerusalem. Then will the meek “inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5) Then Jeremiah 23:5 will be a reality: “Behold, the days come, said the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the Earth.” This will be the true return of Israel to the land of Palestine and Jerusalem. When Jesus said to the Jews, “Behold, your house is left unto you desolate,” He forever forsook the “Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.” From that day until Jesus comes, the eyes and expectations of His people are to be focused on “Jerusalem which is above,” and which is “the mother of us all.” How tragic that the futurists have their eyes, their hopes, their hearts all set on the old Jerusalem: the sin-ridden, blood soaked, Christ-rejecting Jerusalem. Rather than looking toward old Palestine, the true people of God join Abraham in looking “for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God”. All the beautiful kingdom promises of the Old Testament will have their fulfillment when the earth is made anew and “shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.” Then will be realized the promise to Mary: “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

How fitting all the names and titles! Jerusalem means “habitation of peace.” It will be the capital of the kingdom of peace, and on the throne will be the Prince of Peace. To those who enter there, the promise is made, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:5. There will be ended the long history of sin and suffering. The character of God stands vindicated in righteousness, and “every creature” unites in exclaiming, “Just and true are thy ways.”