

Part 3 – The Queen’s Rejoicing

In part 2 we learned about the King of kings’ mighty sword which He uses to slay the wicked ones before His marriage to Zion *and* to His ‘elect’ bride (the Body of Christ). And when He returns, He will use that mighty sword to ‘cut down’ all lies and falsehoods, even destroying all of Satan’s means of deception (propaganda and such) as 2 Pt 3:10-12 tells us, among other places. We also saw that the king’s ‘ride’ is quite majestic. While the best horses were usually used for kings such as Hezekiah, our King of kings rides an amazing flying vehicle that is quite majestic; for it’s faster and more powerful than *any* kind of ‘flying vehicles’ we have even today. And that’s what Jesus Christ (and His holy angels) will return in to depose Satan, and all other wicked ones, from power on earth. We also learned about the ‘arrows’ of the Lord; how they can be literal ‘arrows’ of lightning (coming from those awesome flying vehicles of war He and His holy army ride in) but spiritually, His ‘arrows’ (as is His Sword) are words of truth which pierce deeply into the heart of His enemies. As John 3:19-21 says, wicked people *hate* the truth because it exposes their evil works. Yet, that’s exactly the sword and arrows that will deeply pierce them when Jesus Christ returns. For, He will establish an eternal government *based upon* truth, humility (meekness) and righteousness. There will never again be a wicked government (or king, or rulers of any sort) governing in heaven, or on earth, once Jesus Christ returns. We also learned that God Himself anointed Jesus Christ to be the King of kings *and* the High Priest *forever*. That’s why verse 8 spoke of the same spices used in the anointing oil of the Tabernacle being upon the King’s garment when He’s in the ‘ivory palaces’, which is symbolic for His new Temple during the Millennium.

So, we now come to the part of this chapter which will begin to speak of the ‘Queen’ – the ‘woman’ Hezekiah married and who symbolizes the ‘woman’ Jesus Christ will marry also. And for Jesus, the marriage is two-fold because He’ll not only spiritually ‘marry’ Zion, in Jerusalem, but He’ll also spiritually ‘marry’ His faithful servants; and that is also when we will be rewarded eternal life! So, without further a due, let’s look at the next verse...

Psalms 45

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

While words ‘honourable women’ actually mean *valuable* (#3368), it’s likely this is referring to what we call ‘maid of honors’ of the bride (as the *Companion Bible* points out). The fact that king’s daughters were ‘maids of honor’ at the wedding shows how this wedding is truly ‘full of royalty’. And it’s possible this refers to the many ‘gentiles’ (people of other races than Israel) will come out of great tribulation, *having washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* (Rev 7:14) and thus will also be able to be *before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them* (vs 15). As Gal

3:26 says, we are all the children of God *by faith in Christ Jesus* – and *if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise* (Gal 3:29). Further, speaking of the 'New Jerusalem' in the eternity, we're told in Rev 21:24 that: *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

Moreover, the queen standing 'on the right hand' refers to her being on the 'right hand' of the king she is marrying. But, what does that mean? Well, we know that Jesus Christ is in heaven sitting at the right hand of God (Ps 110:1, Matt 26:64, Acts 2:32-36, Acts 7:55-56, Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20-23, Col 3:1, Heb 1:1-3, Heb 8:1, Heb 10:10-13, Heb 12:3, 1 Peter 3:21-22). And Rev 1:20 tells us that the seven Churches are in His 'right hand'. So, essentially, if you are a faithful servant of Jesus Christ (part of His body – the Body of Christ) then you are what we would call His 'right hand man' - simply because you are a *servant* of His; you are part of His *government*. And notice the Queen is arrayed 'in gold of Ophir'. Gold from Ophir (a gold region in the East, #211) was the *finest* gold in those days. It was one of the places Solomon got gold from (1 Kings 9:28, 10:11). So, it was not only very pure gold but also very valuable (rare) and it symbolizes the value of this soon to be 'Queen' (Rev 21:18, Rev 21:21). Keep in mind now, the 'Queen' includes both women *and* men, for we are *all* going to *spiritually* 'marry' Jesus Christ, so long as we remain faithful to Him. But truly, this outward garments of this Queen only reflect here inner beauty. As it is written in the book of revelations...

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

*7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.***

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Rev 19:6-9

And Peter also spoke of this in his epistles. The 'adorning' we (as followers of Jesus Christ) should have on is in the *hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a **meek and quiet spirit**, which is in the sight of God of great price* (1 Peter 3:3-4). And the Proverbs also speaks of the characteristics of this Queen...

*10 Who can find **a virtuous woman**? for her price is far above rubies.*

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Prov 31:10-12

25 ***Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.***
26 *She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.*
27 ***She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.***
28 *Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*
29 *Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.*
30 *Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but **a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.***
Prov 31:25-30

And, as we've previously learned, Hezekiah was married to a woman named Hephzi-bah (2 Kings 21:1). But this historical account was only a 'type' for the future wedding of the King of kings with Jesus Christ. And when He 'marries' Zion, she will have a 'new name' of Hephzi-bah because, the Lord (YHVH) will *finally* delight in her (Isa 62:4-5, Isa 54:5-8). Ezekiel 16 tells us how our Heavenly Father metaphorically 'married' this location and we know from 1 Chron 21:18-22 that this was when David was king; which is why God had Solomon build His Temple there (1 Chron 28:5-10). But, after that time, Zion (Jerusalem) became very corrupt due to the sins of Israel (and Judah) and that's why she became displeasing. However, when Jesus Christ returns, and cleans up the wickedness done in the city (the *worst* abomination is when Satan himself will rule from that location, Dan 9:27, Mth 24:15, Mk 13:14, Lk 21:20, 2 Thess 2:3-4, Rev 12:9-17) *then* He will rule *forevermore*. So, because Jerusalem will be inhabited with a *righteous* King and His *righteous* government (His new wife: the Body of Christ) she will *finally* be a delight to God (which is what Hephzi-bah's name means).

Psalms 45

10 *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;*

The word '**hearken**' means *to hear intelligently* (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc., #8085) and the word '**consider**' means *to see* (#7200) plainly or even to observe. The word '**incline**' means *to stretch* (#5186). So, the soon to be Queen is told to hear and listen very carefully to what's about to be said: she's then told to 'forget' her own people and her father's house. Truly, this is as it should be. As Gen 2:24 says: *Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother; and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* They are 'one flesh' through the children they have together, of course. And Jesus also reiterated this...

3 *The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?*
4 *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,*

*5 And said, **For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?***

*6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. **What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.***

Matt 19:3-6

While this still applies to physical marriage [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/261>], it also applies to the *spiritual* marriage of Jesus Christ. And thus, those who want to be married (spiritually) to Jesus Christ *must* forget (put away and never go back to) the idolatrous (satanic) ways of the world, and cleave to God Almighty, through Jesus Christ. As Paul explained to the Corinthians, in 2 Cor 11:2-3, we must remain chaste (spiritual) virgins for Jesus Christ and not be beguiled by Satan's lies. For if we follow (and worship) Satan then *we are no longer spiritual virgins*. And while we've all sinned and fall short of God's glory (Rom 3:23) – and thus can be forgiven our sins through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ (Rom 3:24) - when Satan himself is on earth, we *cannot* worship him or else we simply will not be allowed to 'wed' Jesus Christ because (again) *we won't be spiritual virgins anymore!* As Jesus so forthrightly warned in Mth 7:21-23, many will come to Him claiming He is their Lord but only those that actually DO the will of God will be allowed to 'enter the kingdom of heaven' - which means be spiritually married to Him because they'll be allowed to reign with Him and be given eternal life. But to those who have worshiped Satan, He will say: *I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*. Strong words but they are true. Those who worship Satan are workers of iniquity. So, when we accept Jesus Christ, we must follow Him and continue to do so our entire life if we want to be a virgin bride for Him. Learn more in the following studies...

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Psalm 45

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

The only way our 'King' (Jesus Christ) will greatly desire us is if we are beautiful *on the inside*. That means we worship Him and no other! As Rom 14:17 says, *the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*. So, if we want to be desired of the Lord (*spiritual virgins*), we *must* put off our 'old man' *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), and not serve sin any longer (Rom 6:6). We do this by *renewing in the spirit of our mind* (Eph 4:23) through knowledge from God's Word (Col 3:10) because that is what creates the 'new man' in us - it is our 'inner beauty' that Christ truly desires because it is *created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24). As Ps 96:9 says, we should *worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness*! Another point here in this verse is that, this word for "Lord" is

different than commonly used. It's actually '*Adown* or (shortened) '*Adon* (#113), which means **sovereign**, i.e. **controller** (human or divine). Apx. 4 VIII 3 in the *Companion Bible* further says that this '*Adown* is the Lord (YHVH) as Ruler on earth. And indeed, Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords; therefore, we *should* worship Him, and Him *only*.

Psalms 45

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

As the outline of the *Companion Bible* points out, this verse is speaking of the Queen's 'suppliants', which means those who are petitioning or humbly imploring one's favor. Now, the 'daughter of Tyre' is likely either the queen of Tyre or the people of Tyre personified (see *Companion Bible* notes). 'Tyre' (also called Tyrus) simply means *a rock* (#6865) because part of the city was on a rocky peninsula (island). And it was a famous commercial city in those days. The *Smith's Bible Dictionary* has a really good write up about this city, and the following is a portion of it...

Hiram king of Tyre sending cedar wood and workmen to David, for building him a palace; and subsequently in the book of Kings, in connection with the building of Solomon's temple. It is evident that under Solomon there was a close alliance between the Hebrews and the Tyrians. Hiram supplied Solomon with cedar wood, precious metals and workmen, and gave him sailors for the voyage to Ophir and India, while on the other hand Solomon gave Hiram supplies of corn and oil, ceded to him some cities, and permitted him to make use of some havens on the Red Sea. (1 Kings 9:11-14; 26-28; 10:22) These friendly relations survived for a time the disastrous secession of the ten tribes, and a century later Ahab married a daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, (1 Kings 16:31) who, according to Menander, was daughter of Ithobal king of Tyre.

But, in Ezekiel 28, we also see the 'prince' and 'king' of Tyrus (i.e. Tyre) used as a metaphor for Satan himself. Their economic system of trade was nearly undistinguishable to Satan's system (weaponizing economics for his own greed), which is a large part of what caused Satan to become corrupted and rebel against God Almighty (as Ezek 28 also details). So, Tyre (Tyrus) is thus symbolic of economic might (corruptly so); it was a mighty trading town even though it was small. And so, when this verse says that 'daughter of Tyre' will bring the King's Wife a *gift* and that *even the rich among the people shall intreat her favour*, it shows that she has so much power (more power than even Tyre) that they are trying to (as we say today) 'get on her good side'. This is most easily explained when we look at Rev 3, when Jesus is speaking to the Church Philadelphia (vs 3), of whom Christ says that they have kept His Word and not denied His name (vs 8). This is one of two Churches (along with Smyrna, Rev 2) that Jesus Christ found no fault with because, as He says in Rev 2:3 and 3:9, they knew who the **false** Jews are. And *that's* why in Rev 3:9, Jesus tells Philadelphia that He will *make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say*

they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Only those who do not bow a knee to Satan when he is on earth pretending to be God (Rev 12, 2 Thess 2) will be spiritually married to Jesus Christ. That's because they are *spiritual* virgins. They've put on the wedding garment of 'fine linen', which is righteousness (Rev 19:8) and have *not* denied Jesus' name *and* have *faithfully* kept (guarded and protected) His Word (without spot, 1 Tim 6:14). So, even those false Jews [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/295>] – of which the economic system of Tyre symbolizes - will bow at her (Jesus' wife's feet) because she is at Jesus' 'right hand', per verse 9 in this Psalm 45. So, even those who used to be 'rich and mighty' will be humbled before Jesus Christ's righteous government (wife), when He returns; and you can bet they'll be trying to obtain her favor! Nevertheless, she (like her husband, Jesus Christ) 'cannot be bought off' (corrupted) for truth and righteousness will forever rule when Jesus Christ reigns with His faithful 'wife' (Ps 45:4).

Psalm 45

13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

This is now explaining the bride's 'apparel'. The word '**glorious**' means (in the context of this verse) **magnificence** (#3520) and the word '**within**' means **towards the face** or **indoors** (#6441). So, basically, the writer (Psalmist) is looking into the bridal chamber where she's waiting for the wedding at. The notes in the *Companion Bible* say this essentially means that she's 'all glorious (sitteth enthroned) within'. In other words, the Psalmist sees nothing but beauty and glory when looking at the bride. And that is truly how Jesus Christ (our soon to be spiritual husband) feels about us, when we wholeheartedly repent and turn back to our Heavenly Father. And no matter how we look on the outside (even if we're aged quite a bit), if our 'inner man' is clean in His sight, He considers us to be glorious within too, because we've got the Word of God and the Holy Spirit within us helping us to kick off the 'old man' and put on the 'new man' which is made in the image of our Heavenly Father's *righteousness and holiness* (Eph 4:24). As Paul wrote in 2 Cor 4:16: *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* Now the word '**clothing**' here is interesting because it not only means **a garment** (literally or figuratively) but, by implication (euphem.), it can also mean **a wife**. So, it's definitely talking about the wedding garment of the bride. As we learned before, this is metaphorically speaking of *the fine linen, which is the righteousness of saints* (Rev 19:8). And the word '**wrought**' means **a brocade** (fabric with raised patterns in gold and silver); and by analogy, it means a (reticulated) **setting of a gem** (#4865).

And also, the word '**gold**' does mean **gold** but, figuratively, it can also mean **something gold-colored** such as **oil** and comes from an unused root that means **to shimmer** (#2091). For a physical example of this, check out how much gold was used in the Tabernacle of Moses in Ex 25 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Exodus/158]. But to understand this spiritually, we can look to

Rev 21 which tells us how ‘new’ Jerusalem will be adorned. Indeed, there will be much gold there as well as many precious stones. But this only signifies the beauty of *righteousness* that will rein there because Jesus Christ will be ruling the world, with His ‘bride’, who are the Body of Christ. Truly, the Word of God teaches us that there are some things much more precious than physical gold; even though physical gold can buy you most any physical ‘thing’ that you want. For example, Ps 19:9-10 tells us that the judgments of the Lord (YHVH) are more precious than even the finest of gold. And that’s why the king Hezekiah declared that to him, God’s Laws are better than *thousands* of gold and silver, even the finest of gold (Ps 119:72, 127). And the reason is that God’s Laws (yea, all of God’s Word) gives us wisdom and understanding, which (as Prov 3:13-14 declares) is better than silver and gold simply because, if you have wisdom, you don’t need a lot of money. Many people foolishly waste their money and it having more than you know how to manage often ends up corrupting one’s heart and mind (as Paul warns in 1 Tim 6). That’s why Prov 16:16 exclaims: *How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!*

Moreover, Prov 22:1 also tells us that *a good name* [as in Christian] *is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold*. And in Prov 25:11-12 says that *a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprovew upon an obedient ear*. You can have all the gold and silver in the world but to those who don’t have God’s Word (and the wisdom and understanding that comes from it) in their heart and mind, that wealth will actually become a snare to their soul; they’ll end up having many more problems than they had when they were ‘poor’. Further, since our Heavenly Father (and Jesus Christ) are our example to pattern our heart, mind and life after, we should know that these are *not* things that our Heavenly Father even considers of great value because, as He says in Hag 2:8: it all belongs to Him anyway! What He truly desires is our sincere love and obedience. And that cannot be bought with gold and money. True love and loyalty is simply not something money can buy. Which is why Peter tells us that *the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ* (1 Peter 1:7). And further to that, he also points out that our soul and spirit are not *redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot* (1 Peter 1:18-19). So, just as our love, and loyalty, to God Almighty cannot be ‘bought’ with gold or silver (or any earthly riches), so too our soul cannot be redeemed with physical things. Only the blood of Jesus Christ was able to redeem our soul and atone for our sins. That’s why our faith in Jesus Christ is so very precious; both to us and yet also to our Heavenly Father. And that’s why this ‘bride’ we’re reading about here in Ps 45 is adorned with gold; it symbolizes the spiritual (inward) beauty of those who sincerely (without coercion) love our heavenly Father *and* follow Him faithfully. *That’s* more precious than all the gold in the world!

Psalm 45

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

The first word ‘**brought**’ means **to bring with ‘pomp’**, as in a royal wedding (#2986). And the words ‘**raiment of needlework**’ mean **variegation of color**; specifically, **embroidery** (#7553). So, it’s likely speaking of an embroidered robe. And again, the bride has maid of honors who are all virgins, showing that she doesn’t associate with those who are not spiritually pure. Ps 119:63 explains this when saying: *I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts*. As Paul says in Eph 5:11, we are to *have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them*.

Psalm 45

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

This verse is speaking of the bride and her maid of honors *finally* being brought into the palace for the wedding. The word ‘**gladness**’ means **blithesomeness** or **glee** (#8057) which is similar to the word ‘inditing’ in verse 1 (which meant to ‘gush’ with joy, #7370) and ‘**rejoicing**’ means **joy** (#1524). So, everyone involved is excited for the marriage! Yet, even before that time we can rejoice. As Jesus told us in Matt 5:11-12, we should rejoice even when we’re persecuted because we know that our reward for enduring the hard times – and faithfully serving Him despite being persecuted – will be *great* rewards when Jesus Christ returns. And, as Peter reminds us, when Jesus Christ returns, we will indeed *rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory* because we’ll finally ‘receive’ the ‘end’ (result, the fruit) of our faith, when we are given the salvation of our souls with eternal life (1 Peter 1:6-9). Further, in Rev 18:20-21 we’re told we will rejoice greatly when we see ‘Babylon’ (Satan’s wicked ‘beast’ system) be totally destroyed, just as 2 Pt 3:10-12 describes. We won’t have to put up with lies and wicked propaganda anymore. And finally, Rev 19:7 also tells us that we’ll greatly rejoice when the ‘marriage of the Lamb [Jesus] comes. That is, *only if we are a part of it!* All those who whored after Satan (worshiped him) will be crying their eyes out, as Rev 18 also tells us.

Psalm 45

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

This translation is a bit hard to understand. The word ‘**instead**’ means **in lieu of** (#8478) and the word ‘**princes**’ means **a head person (of any rank or class)** (#8269). So, what this verse is essentially saying is that: instead of rejoicing in her father’s glory (which she had formerly done), the bride will now rejoice in her children she has with new husband (the King), because her children will be princes (great rulers) on the earth. Remember, in verse 10 she was told to forget her father’s house and that’s because *she’s about to become a part of a new family*; that of

her husband. And together, she and her husband will create a *new family* whose children will be honored because they are princes. And what this means for us two-fold because it applies both to now and also when Jesus Christ returns. First off, when we sincerely accept Jesus Christ that means we put off our past sinful life and become part of a new family, the Body of Christ. As Paul said in Rom 6:6-7: *our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.* Paul then went on to explain to the Colossians that, when we put off our ‘old man’ (who wanted to sin) and put on the ‘new man’ (who *wants* to do what’s right, and studies God’s Word to learn *how* to do so, *from the heart*) we learn to keep our mind on Him (His Word, His Will) and not on things of the earth (our ‘past life’). We no longer desire the lusts, pride and such that we used to and we work to put away our sins, the best we sincerely can. As we continue to study God’s Word wholeheartedly, the Holy Spirit will help us learn how to change from the inside out (Col 3:1-10). And Peter also explains this in several places in his epistles...

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

*14 As obedient children, **not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance**;*

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:13-16

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

*2 That he **no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.***

3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

*6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but **live according to God in the spirit.***

1 Peter 4:1-6

So, just as the bride puts off her former life to be part of a ‘new family’ with her new husband, so too must we do. And, if we remain faithful followers of Jesus Christ then we’ll also be allowed to be part of His eternal government that reigns with Him when He returns (Rev 20:4-6). And, at that time, we’ll put off our old flesh body and get a new body that is eternal; and we won’t

lament about our old life in the flesh (for we have long separated our heart from the ‘lusts of the flesh’). That’s why, when Jesus Christ returns, we’ll not remember our toils and tribulations from this earth age. Instead, we will be extremely joyous; truly beyond what we can comprehend right now. As Jesus told His disciples shortly before His death...

16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

*20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, **but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.***

*21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: **but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.***

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

John 16:16-22

This verse also has a dual meaning, for the disciples would indeed weep and lament when Jesus Christ was killed on the cross (Mth 26:75, Mk 16:10, Lk 23:21, John 20:11), while the world rejoiced. But, the disciple’s sorrow for losing Jesus to death was turned into great joy when they saw Him alive again (Mth 28:8, Lk 24:52). And even after Jesus ascended into heaven, and they were persecuted (just like Jesus warned they would be) they still had great joy because they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52). Likewise, the sorrow those who are living today feel when they are persecuted for being faithful to Jesus Christ will be turned into great joy when He returns to reward them for their faithfulness *and* punish those who were not faithful (especially those who persecute His faithful followers). This is why Jesus said, *blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted* (Matt 5:4). As Isaiah 61:2 says, *the day of vengeance of our God IS what comforts all that mourn* (Rev 6:9-11). Our sorry truly will be turned into joy when we see the King of kings (the *true* Jesus Christ) coming back to earth to take over and put an end to all wickedness.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:27-28

After all things written in the Scriptures, pertaining to the Second Advent (things that happen before and at that time), come to pass *then* Jesus will return. And let's never forget that Satan *has* to be kicked out of heaven, to earth, *before* the true Jesus Christ returns... *because* it is written that His enemies will be made His 'footstool' before He returns (Ps 110:1, Heb 10:12-13). Isa 66:1 tells us that *heaven is God's throne, and the earth is His footstool* - therefore, Satan and his fallen angels *will be* kicked out of heaven *to earth* (as Daniel, Rev 12 and 2 Thess 2 declare) *before* Jesus Christ returns. In 2 Thess 2:6, Paul explains that Satan's being kicked out of heaven, to earth, is one of the main things that's 'holding up' the return of Jesus Christ. And while those who are faithful to Jesus Christ will mourn when they see nearly the entire world worshipping Satan as though he really is the Messiah (2 Thess 2, Rev 13), we must remember the time is *very soon* that our mourning and sorrow will be turned to joy when Jesus Christ returns. After all, Jesus told us the time of deception has been shortened for the 'elect's sake' because the tribulation will be so great (Mth 24:21-22). And in Matt 10:22, Jesus warns us that *ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved*. Only those who remain faithful to the true Jesus Christ (and don't apostatize to the false messiah, Satan) will be joyful when the true Jesus Christ returns. All the others will be so grieved in their heart when they realize what they've done (worshiped Satan instead of Jesus Christ) that they'll wish for rocks to fall on them because of their shame (Isa 2:19-22, Rev 6:15-17).

Jesus also uses an analogy that can easily be understood because it's something very common: childbirth. And He uses it elsewhere too. The word 'sorrows' in Mth 24:8 and Mk 13:8 (where Jesus is explaining the things that will happen shortly before He returns) is #5604 and means: *a pang or throe, especially of childbirth*. So, this analogy is vital for us to remember. For, just as a woman travails in childbirth – meaning, her pains become increasingly more painful and closer together - so too will the prophecies Jesus warns us about in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Luke 21 (along with the book of Revelations and the Old Testament prophets) come closer and closer together until the false Messiah finally arrives. Once Satan is kicked out of heaven, to earth, (with his fallen angels) then it's only five months (Rev 9:5,10) until the *true* Jesus Christ returns. [Note that, five months is less time than it takes for a human babe to gestate in its mother's womb.] But, going back to the analogy: once the babe is finally born, *the pain vanishes* as does the memory (of just a few moments earlier) of childbirth. Instead, she's *totally focused* on her newborn baby. And, she cannot help but be *filled with joy*, especially when she gets to hold it for the first time. So, Jesus uses the pain that a woman naturally feels when giving birth, as well as the immense joy she feels when first seeing and holding her new baby, ***to explain to the disciples (and us today) of both the pain they (and we) will experience and the joy they (and we) will feel afterwards when Jesus Christ has returned and we are found by Him to be faithful servants worthy of, not only eternal life, but also being allowed to serve Him forever!***

So, all the pain and horror we will experience when Satan's tribulation is going on – the persecutions we'll have to endure as well as the pain of seeing so many well-intended (yet Biblically illiterate) Christians follow after Satan wholeheartedly... all of this will be forgotten once Jesus Christ returns. And remember, Jesus is *not* returning to take a 'special' group of Christians out of the earth and then leave everyone else to fend for themselves (i.e. a 'rapture'). No, Jesus is leaving His servants *here on earth* to witness to the world that Satan is *not* really the Messiah, in hopes some will repent for it *before* the true Messiah returns. And you can be sure we won't be well received for it. Jesus has told us what will happen to us in many places, as have the prophets and the disciples. But still, Jesus wants us to stay on earth (not taken out of the earth, as He said in John 17:15) *to witness for the truth*. That's why we are to put on the Gospel armor (Eph 6) – so we can be faithful witnesses and warn others to repent before Jesus Christ returns. But again, **the moment we see Jesus returning, all the pain we've endured will vanish as joy fills our heart because we know it's all over**. The time for the Millennium has begun and all evil will be punished while the faithful to Jesus Christ will be rewarded. We must *always* remember this for *it's what keeps us going* when times get tough. Always remember, that no one will be able to take your joy from you when you have been told by Jesus Christ: *well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord* (Matt 25:23).

Psalm 45

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

This is now the Psalmist speaking of himself again and he indeed did memorialize the 'queen' (as well as the King) by writing about her in this Psalm. And Jesus Christ's 'wife' (the Body of Christ) will indeed be praised forever simply because they are the chosen few who are allowed to rule with Jesus Christ, forever. So truly, *the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance* (Ps 112:6).

To the chief Musician, for the sons of Korah upon Alamoth

This Psalm now ends with the subtitle '*To the chief Musician*', which (as we've learned already) means 'to He that has the victory' or 'to He that gives the victory' – which, of course, is Jesus Christ (apx 64). The *Companion Bible* notes that: having been written for the marriage of Hezekiah, the Psalm was handed over for public use, as the glorious antitype (prophecy) of the marriage of the Messiah, in a yet future day (i.e. Rev 19:7-9). And it's again written for the 'sons of Korah'. It's one of only two (Ps 87 being the other one) Psalms where the Title is given at the beginning as well as the end. These two Psalms are thus 'discriminated' for good reason. This Psalm 45 speaks of the marriage of the Messiah (Jesus Christ) and Psalms 87 speaks of the 'Blessedness of the Dwellers in Zion' – in other words, what joy the new 'Queen' will feel once

she is married. Now the word ‘**Alamoth**’ here means ‘*relating to maidens*’ or *virgins*. (apx 65 II). And this shows why this phrase should be at the end of this Psalms 45 and *not* at the beginning of chapter 46 (which most Bibles show it being at). Psalms 46 doesn’t speak of virgins but this Ps 45 does quite a bit. Not only is the bride a virgin but so are her maids of honors. And thus ‘**Alamoth**’ shows us that the Bride of Christ associates with others in the Body of Christ *instead of* those who whore after false gods (Satan) and idols (lusts of the flesh). So, this Psalm is really a joyous Psalm because it causes our minds (and hearts) think about the glorious time when Jesus Christ shall return to set all things right. The time when He punishes the wicked ones and reigns forevermore with His faithful Bride in the city Jerusalem, which will be cleansed before He takes the throne...

10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

*12 Therefore **they shall come and sing in the height of Zion**, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and **they shall not sorrow any more at all.***

*13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: **for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.***

*14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and **my people shall be satisfied with my goodness**, saith the LORD.*

Jer 31:10-14

AMEN.