

Chapter 2 - The Coming Golden Age

Humanity has always longed for the coming of a Golden Age. Poets and fiction writers have imagined a time when crime and greed would cease; when there would be no poverty; when all mankind would live together in happiness, enjoying peace and plenty. Many efforts have been made to produce such a situation, but none of them have been really successful. Never has a sizable portion of the earth experienced such a Golden Age for any great length of time. There is no way, aside from God's revelation of the future, in which mankind can tell whether this earth is ever to enjoy such a period.

Yet when we turn to the Bible we find that it has many passages that declare without question that such a Golden Age will occur upon this earth. We shall not try to look at all of these passages, or even at many of them, since our present aim is simply to notice a few of the principal things that God has clearly revealed about the future. One absolutely clear passage should mean far more to us than a dozen in which part of the language might be capable of various interpretations.

Let us examine ~~particularly~~ a few Biblical passages that are so very clear that no one can reasonably doubt that they present as a definite fact the promise that God is going to establish such a Golden Age upon this earth. First, we shall look at Micah 4:1-4, which reads as follows:

1. But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow into it.
2. 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.