

bring in the Age of Glory. It can only come as a result of a divine action. Christ himself will destroy the wicked one with the breath of his lips; by His own power He will set up His great kingdom of righteousness upon this earth. These three passages taken alone prove amillennialism to be impossible; taken in connection with the remainder of the Scripture they strongly suggest that only the premillennial view does full justice to the facts of the Bible.

Isaiah 11:10-16

The remainder of this chapter describes events which are to take place just prior to the beginning of the Millennium. Verse 10 parallels the description in Micah 4:2 and Isaiah 2:3 of the coming of the nations to seek the root of Jesse.

The verse ends with a curious phrase: "His rest shall be glorious." The Latin Vulgate translates "resting place" as "sepulcher," and takes this to be a prediction of the glory of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. It is so interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church. The American Standard Version renders the word "rest" as "resting place." The Hebrew word bears out this interpretation, for it has a preformative which quite generally indicates a place. Yet examination of the cases where this word is used in the Hebrew Bible show that there is not even one place where it is used to indicate a sepulcher. It is never used of a grave, but rather of a place where there is real rest. It would be better to relate it to the call of Christ to come unto Him and find rest. The nations are to come to Jerusalem, because it is there that the Lord will provide His place of rest for them.

Verses 11-16 describe events just prior to the beginning of the Millennium. Many of these events, doubtless, are still future, and it is difficult for us to understand exactly how these predictions will be fulfilled. Perhaps some of the details will become clearer as the time approaches.

In the political sphere changes sometimes occur very rapidly. These events may happen very soon; yet it is also possible that there may still be quite an interval of time before they occur.

We cannot necessarily be sure what each detail of these verses represents, but we can be sure that they describe real