

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 72:18 – 19

"Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen." Psalm 72:18 – 19

The seventy-second psalm give us a glimpse of how the Old Testament saints viewed the coming of Messiah's reign. His reign would be in righteousness and it will endure forever. Within His Kingdom's reign the poor would be protected from exploitation and the kings of the earth would honour Messiah. During this world-wide reign the name of the Lord God of Israel would be over all the earth!

At His first coming among us Messiah brought His Kingdom's reign from the future's vagueness to the immediacy and practicality of the now and personal. For the believer He taught us to believe for the Kingdom's full coming at His second advent, yet He clearly taught us that the Kingdom has already come and that we are to be experiencing it in its near fullness in the now! (Matthew 6:10; 17:21; Colossians 1:13)

Those awaiting only a future kingdom miss the exciting and wondrous living of His kingdom in present manifestation!

"Lord, may my life be so filled with Your glory today that those around me will see You! It is my prayer that their lives will come into sharp contrast with Your glory. May Your Kingdom that is in me now, spill out into the world today! In Jesus' Name!"

¹ We can expect to see in our lives, in the now, all that Jesus did and taught while He walked the earth. We can expect healing and health, prosperity and blessing, authority in His name over sickness, disease, demons, and even weather and death at His leading. However, we yet look forward to the resurrection and its accompanying benefits – new bodies, the final defeat of death, etc. Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 15:52-54; 1 Thessalonians 4; 2 Peter 3:9-13

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