

The Millennial Kingdom of Christ

PART I

For our Scripture lesson this evening I have read passages from the books of Isaiah, Micah, and the Revelation of St. John. Our text is found in Revelation 20:6—“Blessed and holy is he that hath part

in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

All three of these writers wrote in dark days. The hearts of men were being hardened. Persecution was either already present, or in view for the near future, for those who would be true to the Word of God. Under similar circumstances God permitted each of these three inspired writers to receive a glimpse of the future blessings which were in store for the people of God. To many of us the present time seems quite similar to the days in which Isaiah, Micah, and John wrote. Humanly speaking things appear very dark. Unbelief is rampant. In many lands the preaching of the Gospel is being

forbidden, or at least greatly hindered. From the human standpoint the future of Christianity appears anything but hopeful. At such a time it is important that we lift up our heads, not allowing our vision to rest entirely upon the difficulties of the day, but receiving encouragement from the glorious promises of future blessing which God has given in his Word.

It is interesting to note the similarity of the vision of future blessing which was granted to each of these three writers. It may all be summed up in the words stated in Revelation 11:15—“The kingdoms

