

that Christ will return to an unconverted world, and that upon His return, He will immediately hold the last judgment, without introducing any earthly kingdom either before or after His return.

The verse ends with a curious phrase: "His resting place shall be glorious." The Latin Vulgate translates "resting place" as "sepulchre", and takes this to be a prediction of the glory of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. It is so interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church. <sup>The</sup> Revised Version renders the word "rest" as "resting place". The Hebrew word bears out this interpretation, for it has a preformative which quite generally indicates that a place is referred to. However, examination of the cases where the word is used in the Hebrew show that not once does it indicate a sepulchre. It is never used of a grave, <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ 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 indeed ~~to~~ ~~be~~ there that the Lord is to have His place of rest for them.

The remainder of the chapter, verses 11-16, indicates 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 they are to be fulfilled. As the days grow nearer, the details possibly may become clearer. Things in the political sphere can sometimes occur very rapidly. It is possible that these events may happen very soon. On the other ~~///~~ hand, there may still be quite an <sup>necessarily</sup> interval of time before they come to pass. We cannot ~~/~~ be sure what each detail of these verses represent. This we can say with certainty; they describe real events, indicate real ~~////~~ circumstances which the Lord is going to bring about. The Scripture is not a book of riddles or of vague promises, but a book of definite & specific statements, sometimes expressed in beautiful, poetic language, but always true and dependable.