

The Invitation

Lesson Four • Isaiah 55:12-13

An Event Too Awesome to Miss

The Best Invitations Are “Open Doors” to MORE AWESOME Events!

“For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” Isaiah 55:12-13

What Is More Awesome than Even the “Awesomeness Fest”?

The coming of Christ’s Millennial Kingdom and the NEW CREATION!

Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 19:1–22:5

God’s Invitation to an Event Too Awesome to Miss

1. WHO Gets to Experience God’s Most Awesome Event?

- Everyone who RESPONDS to God’s invitation in Christ. (vv. 1-7)
“Everyone who thirsts...Come...Come...Yes, come...Come to Me...Seek...Call...forsake...return...”
- No one who REJECTS God’s invitation in Christ. (65:11-14)

2. WHEN Will This Most Awesome Event Take Place?

- PARTIALLY in the ***past*** when Israel was led out of the Babylonian captivity back to the Promised Land in 538 BC.
See Ezra 1; Nehemiah 1
- SPIRITUALLY in the ***present*** whenever the risen Christ leads His followers out of spiritual captivity into spiritual victory.
See Matthew 11:28-29; John 7:37-39; Luke 4:16-21; Acts 2; Galatians 5:22-25

- COMPLETELY in the ***future*** after Christ returns to reign 1,000 years, when all of God’s people will be led out of this fallen world into the New Creation.

See Isaiah 65:17-19 and Revelation 21:1-8

3. WHAT Will This Most Awesome Event Be Like?

- 1) PERSONAL Joy
- 2) TOTAL Peace
- 3) ROYAL Kingdom
- 4) UNIVERSAL Harmony
- 5) REVERSAL of the Curse
- 6) MEMORIAL to the Lord
- 7) ETERNAL Fulfillment

Dangers to Avoid When Receiving an Invitation to an Awesome Event

- 1) Don’t MISS the event by not responding to the invitation.

*Trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord **TODAY**!*

“The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price...He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” Revelation 22:17, 20 (ESV)

- 2) Don’t MISTAKE responding to the invitation with actually attending the event.

*Delight in what’s coming **more than** what’s already here!*

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)