THREE ANOINTINGS OF DAVID

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We realize from countless scriptures that King David of Israel was a type or picture of "The Christ," Jesus and the church.

Ezek. 37:21-24

Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, ...and bring them into their own land, ... And **David my servant shall be king over them.**

We realize that this scripture and many other similar ones, are referring not to David literally but to his son Jesus.

Luke 1:30-33

Fear not, Mary,... for thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

...and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever.

Like David, Jesus was born of the tribe of Judah, in the town of Bethlehem. The name David is mentioned 1135 times in the scriptures. Sixty two chapters of the bible are devoted to the history of his life.

Why so much detailed history of one man? Because we believe the experiences of David's life are a prophetic type or picture of events in the life of Jesus and His church, past, present and future.

The events are divided sequentially by three separate anointings of David as king. We'll touch on these briefly now in order to get an overview of what they picture.

Divine Plan Chart

The first was when he was a young lad and was anointed by Samuel to be Israel's prospective future King. This pictured our Lord's anointing with the Holy Spirit at Jordan to be earths prospective future King.

David's 2nd anointing was when he became actually king, but it was only over the one tribe of his own people, the tribe of Judah. Picturing our Lord becoming actually King at his 2nd presence in 1874. But he is only recognized as king by His own people, his faithful watching Church members.

David's 3rd anointing was when he became King over all 12 tribes of Israel. Picturing the beginning of the Mediatorial reign when Christ will be recognized as King by all mankind.

Because of time we will be able to cover only a few of the more outstanding events under Davids first two anointings, and a greater number under David's 3rd anointing which pictures the kingdom.

The first anointing of David as prospective king was by Samuel, when David was still a young man. Samuel was instructed by God.

1 Sam. 16:12,13

And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him, and the **Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.**

Thus David was anointed king many years before he actually became King. This was a picture of our Lord who was anointed with the holy spirit at Jordan.

His anointing pictured God's selection of him to be earth's future king in a prospective sense. His first advent was not to reign, but to die as a ransom for mankind. It would not be until his 2nd advent when he would come to reign as actual king.

The ultimate purpose of Jesus 1st and 2nd advents is exemplified in Heb. 2:14, where speaking of Jesus it says:

Heb. 2:14

... that through death he might **render powerless** him that had the power of death, that is, the **devil**.

When it says Jesus will render Satan powerless, it includes both his actual destruction, as well as eliminating all the evil effects of his sinful influence, so that mankind could eventually reach perfection.

The beginning of the removal of Satan's influence was at our Lord's 1st advent. It was pictured by an event that took place just after David's 1st anointing.

1 Sam. 17:16,45 NAS

And the Philistine (giant named *Goliath*) came forward morning and evening for **40 days**, and took his stand... **taunting Israel**.

David picked up 5 stones from a brook, and with a sling hurled one stone which killed Goliath. The giant Goliath we believe pictured the influence of the great evil giant Satan.

Goliath's name means exiled. Referring to the process of expelling one from their native land. We believe this event pictured the beginning of the process of evicting Satan's influence from the face of the earth. It pictured the work of our Lord during the 3 1/2 years of his first advent.

The beginning of the slaying process of the giant Satan took place immediately after his anointing at Jordan. The 40 days of Goliath's taunting Israel, pictured the 40 days and nights Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by the giant Satan.

Mark 1:13 NAS

And he was there in the wilderness 40 days being tempted by Satan.

Just like Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. We recall how Jesus then began the slaying process of Satan's influence by slinging a pebble of truth from the brook, IT IS WRITTEN!

The work of our Lord continued to undermine the influence of Satan, as he drove out the demons on several occasions of those who were possessed by Satan.

Then our Lord ended his first advent by dying as a ransom, which was the prerequisite, to ultimately render Satan and his influence powerless.

These events of our Lord against Satan in his first advent, were but the beginning of the gradual removal of Satan's influence in the earth. We say beginning and gradual removal of Satan's influence, because as our study progresses we will see that in addition to the slaying of Goliath,

David and his men later slew **4 other giants**. The last of which will be antitypically slain in the little season. These giants were **all the sons of "The Giant," Goliath.**

The reason David picked up 5 stones from the brook, was God's way of telling us there would be 5 giants to kill, one stone for each. Thus showing us Satan's influence would be removed in a gradual fashion. We'll come back to these 4 other giants a bit later.

Divine Plan Chart

Events in David's life after he slays Goliath we believe picture events that occur to Jesus body members the church, during the Gospel Age, prior to our Lord's 2nd anointing as King in 1874.

We will find this period in David's life basically divided in 2 parts.

- 1. When David was favored by Saul.
- 2. When David was persecuted by Saul.

At first David was well received by King Saul. David was his musician, poet, armour bearer and warrior. But then, when David's popularity among the people gradually increased, Saul became very jealous of David and tried to kill him on several occasions.

For years till the death of Saul, David had to flee from place to place in the wilderness running from a wicked king bent on his destruction.

Saul thus is a picture of **Satan's false nominal religious system during this Gospel Age** time period.

Called in the scriptures by various names, the man of sin, the mystery of iniquity, Anti-Christ, Babylon, all referring to a false Christian Church.

At first, the church as the body of Christ, was well received and appreciated, as David was by Saul. But as the influence of the true church increased, jealousy resulted and the false counterfeit church began a long period of persecution upon the true church. They strove to remove all who were not in agreement with their false doctrines, just as Saul ever strove to kill David.

This in turn caused the true church to flee for their lives into the wilderness condition we read of in Rev. 12:6

Rev. 12:6

And the woman (picturing the true church) *fled into the wilderness*, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there 1260 days.

The 1260 days pictured the period of the Dark Ages of papal persecution upon the true church, from 539 AD to 1799, a period of 1260 years.

The period of David's persecution by Saul finally ended with the death of Saul who was killed in a war with the Philistines. Saul's death pictured the end of Papal supremacy and the end of persecution to the true church, when in 1799 during the French Revolution Napoleon Bonaparte took the Pope of Rome prisoner to Paris.

Shortly after Saul's death, David moved to *Hebron* which was the capitol of the tribe of Judah. There at the age of 30 David was *anointed king the 2nd time*.

2 Sam. 2:1

And it came to pass after this, that ...the LORD said unto David, Go up unto *Hebron*. And the men of Judah came, and there they **anointed David king over the house of Judah**.

Thus at David's 2nd anointing at Hebron, he became an actual King, not just prospectively as at his first anointing. But his kingship was limited, for it was only over the one tribe of his own people, the tribe of Judah. The other tribes of Israel did not recognize David as their king in any way.

Thus we can see how David's 2nd anointing and becoming actually king, beautifully pictures our Lord's 2nd anointing and becoming actually king, when he returned in 1874 to begin setting up the spiritual phase of the kingdom.

Notice David's anointing as actual king took place at Hebron.

"Hebron" is Strong's word 2275, and it means "Seat of association."

This harmonizes with the thought brought to our attention in Rev. 11:15

Rev. 11:15-18

And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our **Lord**, **and of his Christ**; and he shall **reign for ever and ever...** and the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come.

We notice that at the time the 7th angel sounded (which was 1874), Jehovah and our Lord begin a joint universal reign in association with one another, that will last forever.

Notice of necessity this is a different reign, than the Lord's reign of a 1000 years. For this reign will last forever.

Divine Plan Chart

This reign of Jehovah and his Christ that will last forever coincides with the 3rd dispensation "fullness of time" line on our chart. It begins with our Lord's 2nd presence and it will go on forever.

Similarly, God and Christ now assume control to remove the God of this world Satan, and their reign of having oversight over the earth will last forever.

But at the present time this reign is only recognized by a few. Just as David's reign in Hebron was only recognized by the one tribe of his own people of Judah, so our Lord's present reign is only recognized by his own people, his faithful watching true church. They are the only ones who know he is invisibly present in the process of setting up his kingdom.

Shortly we'll consider David's 3rd anointing when he became king over all Israel. It pictures the beginning of the Mediatorial reign. The time when the entire world will recognize that the 1000 year reign of Jesus and his church as kings and priests has begun.

David's 2nd anointing when he was king over Judah only, was a time of removing those left of Saul's evil house. Picturing this present Harvest time. As we see on our chart, it's the time the false counterfeit church goes to it's destruction.

Two years before the end of this period of David's reign, Abner, Saul's army general appointed the youngest son of Saul named Ish-bosheth, to be king over the other eleven tribes of Israel in opposition to David.

Saul's general Abner is shortly killed, and the house of Saul's dynasty comes to an end when his son Ish-bosheth is killed by two of his own soldiers.

Similarly this harvest time is a time of trouble to bring about the removal of all of Satan's evil institutions. As Saul's general tried to return the kingdom of Saul by installing Saul's

son as king, so Satan will try to reinstall the power of Babylon, mother and daughters. But their power will be short lived.

Rev. 19:19-20

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, (our returned Lord) and against his army.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet (false religious systems)...These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Picturing their destruction.)

Saul's evil dynasty came to an end when his son Ish-bosheth was killed by his own soldiers, just as in another picture of Babylon, Jezebel will be killed by her own eunuches.

Thus the death of Saul's son pictures the final destruction of Satan's nominal religious house, Babylon.

It was immediately after this that David was anointed King for the 3rd time.

2 Sam. 5:3-5 NAS

So all the **elders of Israel** came to the king at Hebron; and king David made a **covenant** with them before the LORD at Hebron; and they **anointed David king over Israel**.

David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years **over all Israel and Judah**.

This 3rd anointing of David becoming King over all 12 tribes of Israel, pictures the beginning of Christ's Mediatorial reign, when all mankind will recognize our Lord and the Church as kings and priests, as contrasted with his 2nd anointing when only his own people (the church) recognized his kingship.

It will be the time the earthly phase of the kingdom will begin with the resurrection, and judgment of sheep and goats that Matt. 25:31 refers to.

Matt. 25:31

When the Son of man shall come in his *glory, and all the holy angels with him*, then shall he sit *upon the throne of his glory*.

It will be the time the church will be complete, (all the holy angels will be with him,) then he will sit on the throne of his glory, and the Mediatorial reign will begin. Jesus 3rd anointing as King then takes place.

It will be a 1000 year reign of resurrection, blessing and judgment of all mankind.

The reign of blessing could then begin because the church will be complete, and Jesus ransom merit will be applied, allowing the New Covenant to be inaugurated.

Bro. Russell has suggested (in reprints 4640, 4555, 3109) "The New Covenant will not be made with Israel directly, but rather it will be made with the Mediator who will be acting on behalf of Israel."

(It's as if our Lord has the power of attorney to seal the covenant on Israel's behalf, guaranteeing they will fulfill it.)

This would then allow the Ancient Worthies to be resurrected prior to Israel's conversion, and still be under the New Covenant already in effect.

Now notice in the next few scriptures, how the sequence of events of David's 3rd anointing follows this sequence of the inaugurating of the New Covenant.

1 Chron. 11:3 NAS

"So all the **elders of Israel** came to the king at Hebron; and David made a **covenant** with them before the LORD at Hebron; and they anointed David king over Israel."

The elders we believe picture the ancient Worthies.

David makes a covenant with THEM. That is they will be the first ones to come under the New Covenant arrangement, that would have already been made with the Mediator on behalf of Israel.

The Elders then anoint David King over all Israel. Picturing how the Ancient Worthies will be the first in the kingdom to recognize Christ as King.

But all Israel will soon recognize our Lord as king as well. Notice the sequence of what follows in the next verse.

1 Chron. 11:4-8 NAS

"Then David and all Israel went to *Jerusalem*, and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land were there...and David *captured the stronghold of Zion (that is the city of David)...and he built the city all around."*

David captures the city of Jerusalem, making it his capital. Then he immediately proceeds to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, with all Israel rejoicing in it's return.

Picturing how in Jacob's Trouble God will fight for Israel as in the days of old. Jerusalem will be recaptured, and will become the capital of the world.

Israel and all mankind will rejoice as they recognize Christ, as King and enter into the New Covenant arrangement.

The events that followed in David's reign we see aptly portray the work of the entire *Mediatorial reign and the little* season.

It was a time of **warfare**, as David gradually **conquered all the land originally promised to father Abraham**.

By the end of his reign David and his men completed the task of *driving out all the Canaanites enemies from the promised land.*

Then, after a 40 year reign of conquering enemies we're told finally there was peace in the land.

2 Sam. 7:1

The LORD had given him (David) rest round about from all his enemies.

David's son Solomon referred to how David's reign destroyed all God's enemies in:

1 Kings 5:3,4

"Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, *until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.*

But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent."

David conquering all enemies putting them under his feet,

CHART OF MESSIANIC AGE

pictures how the reign of Jesus and the church will gradually remove all the effects of sin from the hearts of mankind, as they progress up the highway of holiness in the kingdom.

Until finally the promised land of everlasting life for all ages to come, will be fully obtained. Just as David conquered all the promised land. All effects of sin, and all God's enemies will have been destroyed, including the greatest enemy of all Satan.

Notice how it says David reigned until the LORD Jehovah put all his enemies under the soles of his feet. And the result was there was neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

Yes all evil, and the great adversary Satan, the father of all evil, will be no more, for all will be destroyed in the little season. Just as with Christ's reign in 1 Cor.15:24, & 25.

1 Cor. 15:24,25

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."

When David finished his reign we were told there "was "neither adversary or evil occurrent," throughout the land.

Yes, - all evil, - and all God's enemies, including the greatest enemy or adversary of all Satan, will be destroyed by Christ's reign.

Now we would like to consider the details of David's final battles, which eliminated all his enemies. It involves the slaying of 4 additional giants we spoke of earlier.

It portrays the same overall lesson of how the reign of Christ head and body, will destroy all the evil effects of Satan's influence throughout the kingdom, and at the end of the little season will destroy Satan himself.

The account is in 2 Samuel 21:16-22.

In each of three wars a giant who was a descendant of "THE GIANT," is killed by David and his men.

Each of the three giants are killed at a location called "Gob".

The word "Gob" is Strong's = 1359 and it means "PIT"

Picturing to us that these three giants are killed during the time that **Satan is fully bound, being cast into a "PIT".**

The first giant **"Goliath"** that David slew earlier, pictured the **beginning of the removal of Satan's influence** from the earth during Jesus 1st advent.

The three additional giants slain while Satan is in the pit, pictures the *Mediatorial reign* when the effects of sin caused by Satan's influence will be removed.

This leaves one giant left, that as we will see will be killed in the little season.

The first three giants that are slain are referred to in 2 Sam. 21:16-19. Then in the next verse we read:

2 Sam. 21:20-22 NIV

"In still another battle that took place in *Gath*, there was a huge man with *six fingers on* each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty four in all. He also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel he was struck down."

"These four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and his men."

Recall the other three were slain in "GOB," meaning "PIT," or the time when Satan was bound in the pit. Notice this final giants death, takes place at "GATH."

The word "Gath" is Strong's = 1661. It means a "WINEPRESS" where grapes are tread.

Just as the Gospel Age Harvest ends in a "winepress" of destruction of Satan's evil systems, so the Kingdom Harvest ends with a final "winepress" of destruction in the little season, in which the 2nd death class as well as the giant Satan will be destroyed.

Coming back to this final giant scripture:

2 Sam. 21:20-22 NIV

"In still another battle that took place in Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty four in all. He also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel he was struck down.

These four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and his men."

Notice this final giant to be killed had 24 fingers and toes.

Recall for a moment how David divided the priesthood of Israel into 24 divisions. Picturing 24 divisions of the Church under Christ. Perhaps picturing 12 divisions of a Kingly function, and 12 divisions of a priestly function, when they reign as kings and priests in the kingdom.

This last giant to be killed had 24 fingers and toes. Picturing how Satan and the 2nd death class in the little season, would try to replace Christ and the Church as mankind's Kings and Priests, feeling they would be superior. But their attempt will be futile and they will be destroyed as we read in:

Rev. 20:7-9 NAS

Satan will be released from his prison, And will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together for the war.

And they **surrounded the camp of the saints,** ...and fire came down from heaven, and **devoured them.** And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire.

Thus the beginning of the removal of Satan's influence began in our Lord's first advent, pictured by the slaying of Goliath.

It will end with the slaying of three more giants in the kingdom while Satan's in the pit, and a final fourth giant being slain in the little season. Five giants in all.

But WHY 5 Giants to picture Satan's influence??

Because Satan's evil influence upon mankind is thru the *FIVE SENSES* thru which we perceive the stimuli of the outside world.

Thus picturing how all evil influences upon the five senses of mankind, will be wiped away forever after the little season. Satan will be no more.

In the very next verse after the final giant is killed David offers a prayer that beautiful depicts the ending of Christ's reign. The next verse following the prayer we read:

2 Sam 23:1 NAS

"Now these are the last words of David."

They really weren't David's last words. Perhaps it's God's way of telling us that the slaying of the 24 fingered and toed giant (picturing Satan's destruction,) should be considered as the last event of Christ's reign which David's life portrayed.

David's reign however does end shortly after the slaying of the 5th giant. What is described after is how David made complete provisions for the building of a permanent temple for God, that we know as Solomon's Temple.

PHOTO OF TEMPLE

This is one artist sketch of the temple, and palace area. Notice it has many other auxiliary buildings and courts beside the main sanctuary of the Holy and Most Holy.

We have learned in the past many lessons from Solomon's Temple regarding the church, which is represented by the main inner sanctuary building of the Holy and Most Holy. As in 1 Cor. 3:16 which says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

But in today's study we want to consider a 2nd application. The broader picture of the entire temple complex with all it's auxiliary buildings and courts.

CHART OF THE AGES

We will find that overall it portrays a similar picture as that of the Messianic Age pyramid on our chart of the ages. For it has areas and provisions for all 4 classes of mankind.

Priests = Church,

Levites = Great Company,

Princes = Ancient Worthies,

All Israel = Mankind overall.

Thus we believe that:

When Solomon's Temple is considered in it's *Entirety*, it pictures

All four classes of mankind in

Direct Covenant Relationship With God,

After they have passed their test of the Little Season.

Solomon in referring to the Temple said in 2 Chron. 6:1,2

2 Chron. 6:1,2 NAS

"Then Solomon said,.. I have built Thee a lofty house, and a place for thy dwelling for ever."

Ezek. 43:7 (NAS) refers to a similar picture of Ezekiel's Temple.

"This is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where *I will dwell* among the sons of Israel forever."

In other words, the Temple pictures God's final dwelling place, which will be in the hearts and minds of God's consecrated people for all eternity.

Bearing this in mind, let's go on to see the beautiful lessons portrayed by David making all the provisions for the building of the Temple.

First he **Bought The Land** for the Temple, which was on Mt. Moriah.

This you recall is where Abraham was going to offer his son Isaac in sacrifice.

Buying the land thus pictured how our Lord **bought the human race by becoming a** ransom for all.

Next He provided the *complete architectural plans* for the Temple.

1 Chron. 28:11-12 NAS

Then David gave to his son Solomon the *plan* of the porch of the temple, its buildings, its storehouses, its upper rooms, its inner rooms, and the room for the mercy seat, and *the plan of all that he had in mind.*

The providing of the plans would seem to picture how our Lord provided all the **principals of perfect love**, that would be required for anyone to enter the temple condition of everlasting covenant relationship with God

Then David provided the **MATERIALS** for building the Temple.

1 Chron. 29:2 NIV

"Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God, ...gold, ...silver, ...brass, ...iron, ...wood, ...onyx stones, ...inlaid stones, ...turquoise stones, ...precious stones, and marble stones in abundance."

We have seen how the overall temple pictures people, in whose perfect hearts God will dwell.

Thus David providing the *materials* would picture how Christ will *raise mankind from* death and then assist them in every way to attain eternal life.

When the temple was actually built, picturing mankind entering into direct covenant relationship with God, we're told it was without the sound of a hammer or iron tool.

Portraying how the transforming work of shaping, chiseling and polishing will all have been over, for it was accomplished in the kingdom.

Finally we're told the people of Israel also gave materials for building the temple. Gold, silver, precious stones, brass and iron.

1 Chron.29:9-11

Then the people rejoiced, ... because with **perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD**;

and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

What a beautiful way to express how mankind with PERFECT HEART, (that is they have already reached perfection,) will give of themselves in absolute perfect consecration, to finalize the completion of the New Covenant being written in their hearts.

The next day were told **David's reign comes to an end**. We read in:

2 Chron. 29:20-23

And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a 1000 bullocks, a 1000 rams, and a 1000 lambs, ... And they made Solomon the son of David king

The ending of our Lord's 1000 year reign is thus depicted by the offering of 1000 bullocks, a 1000 rams, and a 1000 lambs.

Solomon is then made king, to picture our Lord's reign ending, with the kingdom then being turned over to the Father, that God might be "ALL IN ALL." As brought out in:

1 Cor. 15:24-28

Then **cometh the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death....**

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that **God may be all in all.** (RSV Become everything to everyone.)

We may have wondered why David did virtually everything to provide for the temple, but he didn't build it? Because the temple picture is an event that happens after Christ's reign is finished.

This scripture shows that when the reign is over Christ turns the kingdom over to God. God becomes (as the Revised Standard Version has it), "everything to everyone." This is what the temple pictures. The completion of the New Covenant being written in mankind's heart.

It will be the time after the little season is over, - all enemies and evil are destroyed including Satan. So all who remain are only those who love God supremely above all else. God becomes "everything to everyone."

Thus the dwelling place of God will be in the hearts of all his people, who will be in direct personal covenant relationship with God for all eternity.

Finally we may wonder why this scripture says "the last enemy that will be destroyed is death?" For we've often used the phrase, "the 2nd death is not an enemy."

We believe the last aspect of death that will be destroyed, is the fear or apprehension of possible death, that all mankind will have throughout the little season.

Everyone will to some degree be apprehensive in wondering "will I pass the test?" Even as in Gethsemane, the perfect man Jesus feared that he might die eternally for not fulfilling the law perfectly. (Heb. 5:7)

Heb. 5:7

He had offered up prayers ...with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him out of death, and was heard in that he feared.

SUNSET

No other words will be more joyfully treasured in all eternity than when one hears the words, My child don't be apprehensive! You Have Passed Your Test! I love you and I now promise you, You Will Live Forever in perfect happiness!

Just think the effect it will have on each of our hearts as we hear these words, whether as a spirit being or as a perfect human being at the end of the little season.

Thus death, will finally be "swallowed up in victory!" Death began to be swallowed up in victory as mentioned in 1 Cor. 15:54, when the sleeping saints received their reward, putting on immortality.

Death will be fully swallowed up, when all the rest of mankind receive their reward, of everlasting life. It will be fulfilled when the little season is over, and no one any longer will have any fear or apprehension of dying.

They will all know they have been VICTORIOUS over death in it's fullest sense.

How faith strengthening to us to know this glorious completion of God's Plan, and to realize God overruled to have it portrayed in the life of King David thousands of years ago.