

Paul. 1. Cor. 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." The tree bore twelve manner of fruits. This is the twelve pearls written about in Rev. 21:21. The fruit is all his work which he has done and is doing in saving souls. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. These are all his laws to guide the nations. The laws of the nations should all be founded on the word of God. The laws which men make are often very oppressive, but God's laws are all perfect liberty, so that by observing and keeping them, the nations are healed.

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3. And there shall be no more curse ; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it ; and his servants shall serve him.

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In Deuteronomy 28th chapter, God did set before the children of Israel, both blessings and curses. And did let them try themselves if they would obey his laws or not. But in the millennium, he will so fill his people with his holy spirit that they will obey his commandments, and there will be no more curse. They will always remember that he dwells among them, and that the throne is his, and that all the laws are his, both of the nations, and of the churches. And he will remember his covenant and enable them to keep it. Heb. 8:10, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord ; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts ; and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people."

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4. And they shall see his face ; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

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When God hides his face from any people they are in a dreadful condition. Deut. 31:16-18, "And the Lord saith unto Moses, behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers ; and this people will rise up, and go awhoring after the Gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then mine anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them ; so that they will say in that day, are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us ? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they have wrought, in that they are turned to other Gods." But in the millennial period God's children shall see his face, or in other words his face shall shine on them. Num. 6:24-26, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." And his name shall be in their foreheads." We have said much about this in former chapters. They are sealed in their foreheads ; this is the gift of the Holy Spirit in great measure, so that they are always beaming in the light of God's countenance.

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5. And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light ; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

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The day of destruction will then be passed, and all the vials of the wrath of God will then have been poured out. The ten sleeping virgins will then be awake from their dead sleep, the five wise virgins will have gone in with the bridegroom to the marriage, and will have become a