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<u>"In 'that' day</u> the <u>Branch of the LORD</u> shall be <u>Beautiful and Glorious</u>, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those who are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst of it by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning, then the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory shall be a covering." (Isaiah 4:2-5)

Beautiful: from the Hebrew word *lisbi* which means: usually <u>beautiful</u>, or honorable; (from *tsbiy*: meaning: beauty, splendor, and Honor); in the sense of prominence; or obvious splendor; of a very high standard; excellent. As being beautiful: beautifully glorious. Also use as a name of an animal, believed to be the gazelle. To say that something <u>is 'beautiful'</u> <u>means that it is wonderfully pleasing to the senses or mind aesthetically</u>: such as a beautiful sunset, or as in beautiful music, or a beautiful story or poem. In the context of the 'Branch of the LORD' who shall be Beautiful: it is all about of <u>who Jesus is</u>. It is all about the Father's Devine work: His poiema-workmanship, in and through His Son Christ Jesus: His birth, His life, His ministry, His miracles and teachings, and His death on the Cross for our salvation, and His resurrection from the dead, and especially His eternal Reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Truly, the whole good-news story of the life of Jesus - this is what is so wonderfully Beautiful !! Although the word 'Beautiful' is only used once, here, in direct reference to Jesus, His beauty is what believers can sense, and feel, and admire, and appreciate, and desire: even the <u>whole</u> of who Jesus is; and <u>for who He</u> is - for those who believe on Him, and seek Him, and thus 'behold' Him!

Glorious: from the Hebrew word <u>ulekabowd</u> which means: <u>glorious</u>; <u>glory</u>; having honor, splendor, riches, etc., used of various conditions and circumstances; may include abundance of riches & wealth, & dominion; having great honor and dignity of position; having great honor and reputation of character; having great honor and reverence as possessed by God. A common word: usually translated 'glory' or glorious' when used in reference to God; and 'honor' or 'honorable' when used in reference to men. In context: all that is Beautiful concerning Jesus is all that makes Jesus Glorious. All that Jesus Has done for the Father, and for us, is Beautiful. All that Jesus receives in return is Glory: all praise, and honor, and glory, and splendor, and majesty, and power, and dominion, and position at the Right Hand of the Father Most High: all this is what makes Jesus Glorious with a Glory equal to the Glory of God the Father !!!

Beautiful and Glorious: In a certain sense, it truly can be said that all that is Beautiful concerning Jesus IS Glorious; and all that is Glorious concerning Jesus IS Beautiful !! Truly, the whole Life of Jesus, the Father's Anointed-Christ-Messiah, from His human birth in Bethlehem to His Eternal Reign in the Kingdom of God, is all Beautiful and Glorious.

The context of '**when**' the Branch of the LORD **<u>shall be</u>** altogether Beautiful and Glorious is said to be "**in <u>that</u> day**" (Isaiah 4:2); a context, beginning in Isaiah 2:1 to 4:1 which is a '<u>Last Days'</u> <u>prophecy</u>, and which speaks of the Last Days Reign of Christ Jesus. It is as Jeremiah wrote:

"Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will raise unto David **a Righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His Name whereby He shall be called, **The LORD Our Righteousness** (Yahweh-Tsidkenu)." (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

The content of this devotional will focus mostly on the <u>Last Days</u> Beauty and Glory of our Lord, and Savior, and King Jesus.

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Please <u>Consider</u> the Following prophecies, concerning the Eternal Reign of Christ Jesus, in which His Beauty and Glory is manifested:

"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 'And it shall come to pass **in the Last Days**, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the head (i.e. the chief) of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, 'Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And **He** (the Father through Jesus) shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more.'" (Isaiah 2:1-4)

"And there shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch (speaking of Jesus) shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD (God the Father) shall rest upon Him (Jesus), the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, nor reprove after the hearing of His ears. But with Righteousness He shall judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and Faithfulness the belt of His waist. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; and their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the nursing child shall play on the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a <u>Root of Jesse</u>. (speaking of Jesus), who shall stand as a banner (a standard) for the Gentiles; to Him shall the Gentiles seek; and His resting-place shall be glorious." (Isajah 11:1-10)

Please also consider these insights from the Book of Revelation:

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the Throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb (Jesus) as if it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat upon the Throne. And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of saints. And they sang a new song, saying, 'You are worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals of it; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and has made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.' And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, 'Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him who sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever." (see in context Revelation 5:1-14)

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"And he carried me (John) away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <u>having the glory of</u> <u>God</u>. And her Light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; ... And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every gate was of one pearl; and the street of the city was pure gold, like unto transparent glass. And I saw no Temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (Jesus) are the Temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did illuminate it, and the Lamb is the Lamp of it. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in the Light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it." (Revelation 21:10-11,... 21-27)

The Beauty and Glory of the Father & Son cannot be separated; please consider the Following:

"God, ..., has in these last days spoken unto us **through His Son**, whom He has appointed **Heir of All Things**, <u>through whom also He made the worlds</u>; and who being <u>the Brightness of His Glory</u>, and <u>the Exact Image of His Person</u>, and upholding all things by the Word of His Power, <u>when He had by Himself purged our sins</u>, <u>sat down at the Right-hand of the Majesty</u> on High; being made so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels has He (the Father) said at any time, "<u>You are My Son</u>, this day have I begotten You?' And again, <u>I will be to Him a</u> Father, and He shall be to Me a Son! And unto the Son He says, "Your Throne, O God, is forever and ever; a Scepter <u>of Righteousness</u> is the Scepter of Your Kingdom.'" (<u>Hebrews</u> 1:1-5, 8)

Jesus desires, and prays to the Father; that we who believe and know Jesus would behold, and share in His eternal glory:

"And for their sakes I <u>sanctify</u> Myself, so that they also might be sanctified through the Truth. Nor do I pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they **all** may be one; as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You, so that they also may be one in **Us**; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. **And the Glory which You gave Me I have given to them**; so that they may be one, even as We are One; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and has loved them, as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given to Me, be with Me where I am; **so that they may behold My Glory, which You (the Father) have to given Me**: for <u>You loved Me before the foundation of the</u> <u>world</u>." (John 17:19-25)

Jesus is Beautiful and Glorious

Worthy is Jesus the Lamb of God who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing !! For He is the Righteous Branch of the Father !

> Truly Jesus You are the Brightness of the Father's Glory ! In everything You have been, and are, and shall forevermore be:

"Beautiful and Glorious" !!

Truly the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding and Counsel and Might, and Beauty are Yours – Always and Always !! Amen!