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"My desire and hope is that Spiritual Gold will reach our world with the positive message that God is alive and has the answers for the problems facing us today. In his messages on the Spiritual Gold web site, my husband, Richard, takes the Scriptures and breaks them down so that we can understand and receive practical advice as we live one day at a time." —Mary Strauss



Hallelujah!

"For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

Handel's *Messiah*, whose text is made up solely from Biblical quotations, tells the history of salvation. If performed in full, *Messiah* lasts approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes. It begins with quotations of Old Testament prophecies anticipating the birth of the Savior. The second of three parts follows with quotations from the New Testament revealing the fulfillment of this expectation in the birth and passion of Jesus. Perhaps among the most famous text from the oratorio is one we hear often at Christmastime: Part 2, Scene 7, text 44—"The Hallelujah Chorus," which tells of the end of this earth and the final victory and reign of Christ. The text is primarily from Revelation 11:15 and 19:6.

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah!

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev 19:6 KJV).

Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev 11:15 KJV).

King of kings and Lord of lords

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords" (Rev 19:16 KJV; cf. Rev 17:14).

And He shall reign for ever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We pick up the story in context in the Revelation series (*Two Witnesses*) by Dr. Strauss:

When the seventh trumpet sounds in Revelation 15:11, we leave a side note and the chronological progression of the book of Revelation resumes. The announcement is made of the imminent return and triumph of Jesus Christ. A whole chorus of voices report as if it has already happened, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15).

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Dear Spiritual Gold,

"Thank you for making Doc available online. I absolutely love listening to him—the way he explains things just makes sense to me. And the way he said things must be memorable, because they keep popping back into my mind.

"One of my friends is taking a Bible college class on Revelation, and was having trouble understanding the material, so I suggested she check if Doc had taught about Revelation. Sure enough, he did a series and it is online. Now she has it on her iPhone and can listen anywhere and anytime. Her response to me is below.

"To all at SpiritualGold.org, thanks for making the ministry of Dr. Richard Strauss available to this generation. As a 30 year old pastor, I need to keep my spiritual tank filled and I feed off of Dr. Strauss' sermons constantly."

-S.J.D., Claremont, CA

"I love - love Doc. He makes studying so easy and please thank who ever saved his files online. I have been blessed with being able to listen to the study everywhere I go. This morning was so cool! Learning, listening and in awe!"

- Y.S.

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Do you remember back in Matthew 4:8, the devil took Christ up into a high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and said, "All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me"? Our Lord refused to take the kingdoms of the world the easy way. He chose to endure the cross, to pay the penalty for the sin of mankind, knowing that only by dealing with sin decisively at the cross could He reign in righteousness. Had He received the kingdoms of this world from Satan, He would have lowered Himself to a position secondary to Satan—and that is exactly what Satan was demanding. But when He provided an eternal redemption from sin at the cross, He terminated Satan's hope of victory and sealed his doom. And while hundreds upon hundreds of years will have elapsed before Christ's victory is complete, it is absolutely assured. His triumphant return to rule and reign is announced in Revelation 11:15.

It is as good as accomplished. "The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign forever and ever." His 1000 year reign on earth shall usher in the eternal state, and never again will Satan or sinful men rule over the earth. Oh, Satan is going to make a power play at the end of the Millennium, but he will be defeated. He will never rule again.

...We looked ahead briefly to Revelation 19 and we saw something about Jesus Christ returning to be King of kings and Lord of lords. One day He's going to rule the earth. There will be no rebellion against His will.

But right now, today, He wants to be King of kings and Lord of lords in our lives. Have you let Him take that rightful position? Or are there still those areas in your life where you're quite sure that you're going your own way and doing your own thing and resisting His will? There is no joy on that pathway, Christian. Why not turn to Him and submit to His Lordship in your life?

Don't put off till the first of the year or even tomorrow to give Him control over every area of your life. Give Him your whole mind. Give Him your whole body. Give Him your every action so that today of your own life you can gladly sing, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah!"

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