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Old Testament prophecy is filled with promises of universal righteousness and peace under the rulership of David's promised descendant over the restored Kingdom of God -

- “Behold, a king (Jesus) will reign in righteousness, and princes (the faithful believers) will rule with justice” - Isaiah 32:1.
- “...The Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders Heb. zaqen, gloriously” - Isaiah 24:23”. Christ's “elders” is another reference to the faithful believers who will rule under him. The same word is used in 1 Kings 8:1 when “Solomon assembled the elders Heb. zaqen, of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel”, in other words, those who ruled under him.
- “The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse*, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious” - Isaiah 11:9. *Jesse was father of David, alluded to in Revelation 22:16, “I, Jesus, ...am the Root and the Offspring of David ...”
- “I will make them - the children of Israel - one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all...” - Ezekiel 37:22.
- “The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: ‘I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body’.” - Psalms 132:11.
- The 2nd Psalm speaks of the time when Jesus, having returned, has established his kingdom in Jerusalem, and is expanding it, will be met with resistance - “The kings of the earth ... take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed = Messiah = Christ, saying, 3 ‘Let us break Their bonds...’” But God's promise to him is, “7 I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel’.”
- Psalm 72 adds, “8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth...11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.”

The passages of Old Testament prophecy which have been reviewed are only a sampling of those statements which speak of the restoration of that literal kingdom which was ruled by David. How could the Jews, or anyone else, read these and not be instilled with that same hope and desire which the apostles expressed to Jesus before his ascension - “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Could any of these passages speak more plainly concerning the physical return of Jesus to this earth, and of his subsequent assuming of governorship over the nation of Israel? Do they leave any doubt that his Kingdom will, like the Stone in the vision which God sent to the king of Babylon, crush all others and fill the earth?

These prophecies by men moved by the Spirit of God, and which so affected the apostles, were written in such a manner to leave no doubt in their message.