



**CROSS:
A NEW VISION OF THE
MESSIANIC AGE**

BIBLE READINGS

- **Deuteronomy 18: 15-22**
- **Psalm 73**
- **II Corinthians 1:3-11**
- **Luke 18:35-43**

KEY VERSE

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we are consoled by God.” I Corinthians 1:3,4

CROSS

- cross from crux (Latin)
- Roman torture device used for crucifixion
- Introduced to English in the 10th century as the term for the instrument of the torturous execution of Jesus as described in the New Testament, gradually replacing the earlier word rood (a large sized crucifix placed on entrances in Churches)

CROSS

- **1. The crux simplex (I)**
a "single piece without transom."
- **2. The crux decussata (X)**
St. Andrew's cross.
- **3. The crux commissa (T)**
St. Anthony's cross.
- **4. The crux immissa (t)**
Latin cross, cross on which our Saviour died.

Messianic Age

- Daniel 2:37-44
- Zechariah 14:9
- Psalms 110:5-6
- Isaiah 9:3-5
- Isaiah 42:13
- Isaiah 59:17-19
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Psalms 2:8-9
- Psalms 72:8-11
- Isaiah 11:6-9
- Isaiah 65:25
- Amos 9:13-15
- Psalms 72:3
- Isaiah 4:2
- Joel 3:18
- Jeremiah 3:18
- Micah 4:6-8
- Isaiah 60:1-3
- Joel 3:16-17
- Amos 9:11

Messianic Age

- Peace
- Restoration
- His Kingdom
- His Rule
- Righteousness
- Justice
- Reaping
- Splendour & Majesty
- King over the Earth
- Wolf & Lamb – unity
- Without Hunger
- Without Thirst
- Marginalized – Privileged
- Gladness
- Judgement
- Beautiful & Glorious

Cross: Symbol of Vicarious Suffering

- For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps:
1 Peter 2:21
- Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers
1 John 3:16

Cross: Symbol of Salvation

- For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18

Cross: Symbol of Surrender

- And when he had called the people [unto him] with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34-35

- Mark 10:38; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23; 14:27

Are we taking up the Cross daily?

- Are we ready to take up the suffering for God?
- Do we own an assurance of being saved?
- Can we surrender our lives to Christ?

Called to Participate in the Building up of His Kingdom

- Called to take upon the yoke with Christ.
- Called to be mind, eyes, ears, mouth, hand & feet for Jesus.
- Called to be righteous, just and truthful.
- What is our response to lifeless situations around us?
- Are we willing to leave our comfort-zones for the sake of Christ and the Gospel?
- Do we SHARE the Spiritual Happiness that we claim to possess?

Cross & the Messianic Age

saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes— who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

- Revelation 7:12-14

Cross & the Messianic Age

- **Let us be consoled by God at all time**
- **Let us console those who are in any affliction**