

End Times & Wars

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Introduction

Jesus and his disciples had just passed by the temple in Jerusalem. The temple was magnificent, and the disciples were impressed. But Jesus had some bad news for them, and he prophesied about the temple's destruction, saving not one stone would be left standing on another (which happened in 70 AD). That prompted the disciples to ask, when will these things (temple destruction) happen? They added two more questions: what will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age? Those two questions began what has become known as the Olivet discourse (Jesus spoke while at the Mount of Olives). Jesus answered their questions with a lengthy prophecy describing the end times and his return at the second coming. Jesus used references from Old Testament prophecies and added new details, putting the scattered puzzle pieces together to give us a big picture and chronology of what will happen in the end times, and those times are happening now.

Here's just a short word of warning before we move forward. If we follow the scriptures instead of the news and social media, we can have a reliable, consistent, and accurate source of truth about what is happening and what will happen. The words of Jesus and the prophets are unalterable and permanently fixed; things will happen as they foretold; our job in watching the signs of the end and second coming is to see how world events line up with the Bible, not the reverse. Anyone who twists the Bible to fit current events is prone to deception, and deception in its many forms may be the most prominent sign that Jesus warned against. Ok, here we go.

One of the signs Jesus mentions is wars and rumors of wars. The end times will be times of war, becoming more and more frequent, global, and deadly. The Biblical wars are primarily focused on the nation of Israel, as witnessed by how the tiny nation of Israel always dominates the headlines in the news. Matthew 24:3-8 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows. NKJV [birth pangs – grow in frequency and intensity]

Matthew 24:8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish and the time of unprecedented trouble]. AMP

Wars and rumors of wars are signs of the end times; these would be wars on a regional or global scale, especially those that involve the city of Jerusalem and the land of Israel. The Hebrew word for "nation" is ethnos, the basis for our word ethnicity. Global ideological movements will rise against each other, possibly speaking of conflicts between religious, political, racial, and ethnic factions. This type of warfare targets specific groups with smear campaigns to denigrate, isolate, and eradicate.

Modern warfare fights on many levels, including but not limited to financial sabotage, media censorship, propaganda, cyberattacks, food and fuel shortages, biological attacks, illegal immigrant invasions, government corruption, indoctrination in schools, Marxist, Fascist, radical Islamist, and globalist agendas, etc. Behind the scenes are the unseen spiritual forces of a Satanic army of fallen angels and demons. From a Biblical perspective, this warfare is both physical and spiritual. Wars and persecution will predominantly affect the Jews first; they are the most persecuted ethnicity in history, with born-again Christians just behind them. There is a saying regarding persecution: they are coming for the Jews on Saturday and the Christians on Sunday.

Throughout the Bible, whenever a pivotal move of God is about to happen, it is accompanied by a tremendous surge in demonic activity and warfare, and at the birth of Moses and Jesus, the Pharoah and the Ceasar ordered the death of all newborn babies, like our surge in abortions today. Jesus began his ministry after a 40-day battle with Satan, and everywhere Jesus went, the demons would make their human host scream and convulse until Jesus cast them out. We are seeing a rapid rise in demonic activities in the culture.

Worst of all, Satan's war against God has infiltrated the fake "Christian" churches. These hypocrites and perverts promote homosexuality, drag queens, and gay-affirming agendas in the name of Christ. The demons are no longer hidden; they have come out of the closets and are parading down our main streets in the bodies of their human hosts.

> 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.

> 2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

The focus of Satan's attacks and wars will be Christians and Jews, but the land of Israel and Jerusalem, in particular, will be the bullseye and the epicenter of all the end times wars. God has declared strict judgments against anyone who attempts to divide or take the land of Israel from the Jewish nation, especially after he has regathered them from the ends of the earth back to their inheritance after so many centuries. Any nation, confederation, or council that interferes with Israel's national sovereignty and borders and seeks to take or give away their land by conquest or bribes for peace will only bring God's wrath and judgment down on themselves.

All heads of state, the United Nations, and secular and religious world leaders are put on notice by God; whoever that touches Israel touches the apple (pupil) of God's eye. Poke God in the eye and see what happens; there will be severe consequences. The land of Israel and the temple mount in Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling or a heavy stone (a burden) for all the nations until Christ returns.

> **Zechariah 2:8** For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye

> Zechariah 12:1-4² "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness [trembling, κJV] to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ³ And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. 4

> Joel 3:1-2¹ "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; They have

also divided up My land.



The Land of Palestine

The only way to understand end-time battles and wars is to focus on Israel's history, covenants, and prophecies because they are the roadmap that shows how we get from here to the second coming of Christ. Biblically, the nations are only relevant based on how they relate to Israel. Let's start from the beginning; God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, making them his chosen people. A fundamental aspect of God's covenant with Israel is their promised land, their eternal inheritance. God said as long as the sun, moon, and stars were in the sky, Israel would be a nation before him with the land as their perpetual inheritance. Therefore, Satan always tries to destroy Israel and take their land in his war with God. Genesis 13:14-17¹⁴ And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.¹⁶ And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.¹⁷ Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

Deuteronomy 11:8-12 "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, 9 and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.'...¹¹ the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, ¹² a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

1 Kings 9:3 [Solomon at the dedication of the first temple] And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house [temple in Jerusalem] which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 ³⁵ Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): ³⁶ "If those ordinances depart from

before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever."

Roots of the end times Armies

It is incredible how the Bible lays foundations and reveals patterns with unbroken threads that start at the beginning of Genesis and run to the end of the Book of Revelation. Of the many examples for that premise, we will only point out how the regional enemies of Israel that populated the world after Noah's flood will resurface in the end times battles. The references are regarding regions; the people groups may migrate from place to place, but the geographic areas maintain their Biblical identities. The region of Gog and Magog gets mentioned in Genesis, then again around the second coming of Christ, and again in Revelation at the world's final battle before eternity. Look at the following list of Israel's original enemies; the people who occupy those same regions will be Israel's end times enemies. The people may change, but demonic influence over those regions does not.

> Genesis 10:1-14¹ Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. ² The sons of Japheth were **Gomer** [Libya, Algeria], Magog [Turkey], Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech [Moscow]. and Tiras.³ The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah [Turkey]. ... ⁶ The sons of Ham were Cush [Sudan], Mizraim [Egypt], Put [Ethiopia], and Canaan [land of Israel]. 7 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan [Saudi Arabia]⁸ Cush begot Nimrod; ... ¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was **Babel [Iraq]**, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went to Assyria [Syria] and built Nineveh, ... ¹³ Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 14 Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the **Philistines** [Palestinians] and Caphtorim).

Often, archeologists discover and identify lands by their Biblical references. Even though cities may become barren and cease to exist for centuries, the archeologists shovel uncovers them, and they come back to life but perpetually retain their Biblical identities. However, in the spiritual realm, there is a Satanic hierarchy of fallen angels that have differing levels of power and ruling authority over regions of the earth. They never die and are entrenched over global regions, generation after generation. When Daniel prayed, we see that his prayers met with opposition from one of Satan's arch angels, a principal angel or principality, the Prince of Persia (Iran), who still presides over that region today. In the following verses, the angel Gabriel appears to Daniel as he is praying, and Gabriel describes a battle in the spiritual realm over specific regions of the earth [Daniel 8:15-16, 9:21].

Daniel 10:10-14 ¹² Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes**, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with **the kings of Persia.** ¹⁴ **Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.**"

Daniel 10:20-21²⁰ Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. ²¹ But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince. [Michael is one of God's archangels, military general; and a prince over Israel, Daniel 9:25, 10:13, 12:1, Jude 1:9, Revelation 12:7] Now that we have disclosed the spiritual powers that rule over geographic regions let's look at the roots of their human counterparts and the heritage of the enemies of Israel that will engage them in the wars of the end times.

The Arabs

Some of the enemies that Israel will face in end times battles are distant cousins going back to the times of Abraham. Abraham's wife Sarah was barren, and she suggested that Abraham take her Egyptian servant Hagar as a wife and have a child with her so Abraham would have an heir. After Hagar becomes pregnant, her attitude towards Sarah changes, and she despises Sarah. So, Sarah told Abraham to send her out into the desert. Hagar wandered in the desert and thought she would die when an angel appeared to her and gave her a message. The angel said that her son, Ishmael, would be **a wild donkey of a man**, and he would be hostile and fight against everyone. How true! The Arab people have had a history of violence to this day, and they fight with everyone and each other.

> **Genesis 16:9-12** ⁹ Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel added, "**I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.**" ¹¹ The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. **You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery.** ¹² He will be a wild donkey of a **man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.**"

Thirteen years later, God fulfilled his promise, and Sarah gave birth to a son, Isaac. When Sarah saw Ismael, a teenager, mocking her baby, she insisted that Hagar and Ismael get sent away, saying this son of a servant woman would not take her son's inheritance. Ishmael symbolizes those born out of human efforts (works of the flesh); they persecute those born of the promise by the Spirit of God, by faith. Galatians 4:22-31 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, ²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar, ²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia ... ²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. ²⁹ But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

Like his father Abraham, Isaac had two sons, and their descendants became two different nations. The elder, Esau, was hated by God because he despised and sold the blessing of God to gratify his fleshly lustful desires. The other son, Jacob, wrestled with God for the blessing, and God renamed him Israel, which means "prince with God." Esau represents Arabic nations, and Jacob is Israel. What began with the twins wrestling in their mother's womb became two nations, and their descendants have had perpetual struggles, fights, and wars ever since.

> Genesis 25:22-23 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So, she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

> **Romans 9:10-13** ¹⁰ And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac ¹¹ (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might

stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." ¹³ As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

Hebrews 12:14-17 ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; ¹⁶ lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

The Amalekites

One of Esau's sons was named Amalek, and his descendants also became the perpetual enemies of the Jewish people; he was the patriarch of the Amalekites, which became symbolic of the antisemitic spirit that perpetually seeks to exterminate the Jews.

> Genesis 36:15-16¹⁵ These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, ¹⁶ Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom.

When Israel left Egypt and traveled through the wilderness under Moses' leadership, the Amalekites attacked Israel. They did not challenge the military men at the front of the formation, but they came from behind and assaulted the stragglers who were weak and tired at the rear. They used unconventional warfare and a sneak attack on vulnerable citizens, similar to the terror groups of today. **Deuteronomy 25:17-18** ¹⁷ **"Remember what Amalek did to you** on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, ¹⁸ how he met you on the way and **attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary**; and he did not fear God.

God commanded Israel to blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven, but he also said that Israel would have war with Amalek from generation to generation. That sounds like a contradiction, but it isn't. The physical Amalekites got destroyed, but that spirit keeps coming back, time after time. The Amalekites typify a spirit that wants to exterminate the Jewish people. That demonic Chief Amalek has significantly increased his influence and activities today. As Jesus said, the evil spirits walk through the dry ground looking for a house (human hosts) to occupy, and when they find it, they bring demons that are seven times worse. Unfortunately, the spirit of Amalek finds a home in every generation *[Matthew 12:43-45]*.

> **Deuteronomy 25:19** ¹⁹ Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that **you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.**

> **Exodus 17:14-16** ¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; ¹⁶ for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

The next time we see the Amalekites is when Israel's first king, Saul, disobeys God's command to exterminate the Amalekites for what they did to Israel in the days of Moses. **1 Samuel 15:2** This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. 3 **Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death** men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.'"

The prophet Samuel explicitly told Saul to kill ALL the Amalekites and ALL their cattle and sheep. But Saul kept the best cattle and allowed the Amalekite king, Agag, to live. The name Agag means "I will overtop," this man had the spirit of Lucifer, who said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" *[Isaiah 14:13-15]*. The spirit that animated the Amalekites made people think they were above God. Saul ruined his kingship because he felt he was above God's command to kill all the Amalekites.

> **1 Samuel 15:9** But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

Saul was self-deceived; he tried to justify himself by saying that he saved the best cattle and sheep to sacrifice to the Lord (but the steak and lamb chops would be his portion to eat at the sacrifice). Saul obeyed the spirit of Agag by going "over the top" of God's command. As a result of his rebellion, he became tormented by demons. Your master is who you obey *[Romans 6:16]*. Saul obeyed the wrong spirit, and that demon came back to torment him. He made it worse by consulting with a witch and holding a seance, which cost him his kingship and his life.

> **1 Samuel 15:22-23** So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, And to heed than the fat of rams.²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,

and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

In Saul's final day, he went to war and got mortally wounded on the battlefield. Saul was afraid that the Philistines would capture him and publicly torture him to create terror and propaganda. Saul chose death over being captured by the Philistines. The news of Saul's death came to David by a young man who ran from the battlefield with Saul's crown, hoping to get a reward from David.

> 2 Samuel 1: 5-10 ⁵ So David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"⁶ Then the young man who told him said, "As I happened by chance to be on Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning on his <mark>spear</mark>; and indeed, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. 7 Now when he looked behind him. he saw me and called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.' ⁸ And he said to me, 'Who are you?' So, I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' ⁹ He said to me again, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.' 10 So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm. and have brought them here to my lord."

Because Saul refused to kill all the Amalekites, and he got killed by an Amalekite. David questioned where the young man was from; when he heard he was an Amalekite, David was furious that he killed the Lord's anointed and ordered his execution. This evil spirit wants to destroy God's anointed. The Hebrew word for anointed is Messiah; in Greek, it is Christ. Amalek is the spirit of the Antichrist who wants to destroy God's anointed, his kingdom, his people, and his land. **2 Samuel 1:13-16** ¹³ Then David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he answered, "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."¹⁴ So David said to him, "How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?" ¹⁵ Then David called one of the young men and said, "Go near, and execute him!" And he struck him so that he died. ¹⁶ So David said to him, "Your blood is on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.""

Remember Agag, the King of the Amalekites? The Agagites resurfaced during the Medo-Persian Empire with Haman, a prince, overtop all the other princes in the kingdom under King Ahasuerus.

> **Esther 3:1** ¹ After these things King Ahasuerus promoted **Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.**

Whenever Haman walked through the city, everybody would bow or pay homage to him, but one man, a Jew named Mordecai. Mordecai would not bow before any man but only to God. Seeing Mordecai standing defiantly, Haman was filled with hate and rage for ALL Jews and conspired to eliminate the entire race. Yes, the final solution, from the river to the sea, ethnic cleansing, and antisemitism, has been around for centuries before Hitler. Satan has tried to destroy God's chosen people ever since Cain killed Abel.

> Esther 3:5-6 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. ⁶ But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy All the Jews who were throughout the

whole kingdom of Ahasuerus the people of Mordecai.

Haman went to the king and made his case for destroying all the Jews and even offered to pay \$161 million equivalent in today's dollars to cover the expenses of carrying out his holocaust against the Jews. Haman was like some of our billionaires who finance chaos, riots, revolutions, and wars for personal gain.

> **Esther 3:8-11** ⁸ Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other peoples, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore, it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. ⁹ If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries."¹⁰ So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. ¹¹ And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

God miraculously intervened on behalf of Mordecai, Esther, and the Jewish people, and they hung Haman from the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. Also, the Jewish people destroyed all those who sought to kill them with such a great victory that Jews still celebrate it to this day; it is called the feast of Purim.

We have seen how the evil Amalekite spirit will assault the weak, tired, vulnerable citizens using guerilla warfare with sneak attacks, seeking to exterminate the Jewish people and to desecrate anything the Jews esteem as holy. Amalek influenced Hitler, Hamas, and Isis, but unfortunately, God warned Israel that every generation would face this demon until the Messiah, Christ, returns to destroy it and bring peace.

The Philistines

Another ancient enemy of Israel was the Philistines, and most famously the 9'6" giant named Goliath, whom David defeated. The Philistines had five lords that ruled over five cities in the southern area of Israel; one of



those cities was Gaza, which is in the news today for terrorism against Israel. The word "Philistine" literally means immigrant or foreigner. The original Philistines crossed the Mediterranean Sea from Caphtor or Crete as invaders and settled in the territories they conquered.

The waves of illegal immigration (Philistine invasions) are a form of conquest with a profound geopolitical impact today. The Western democracies, Europe and the United States, who committed population suicide have by abortion and homosexuality, are being flooded with hordes of immigrants, most of whom are military-aged men with evil designs. There has been a Muslim (Philistine) population explosion that has swept across Europe and has reached the United States in the governments, universities, and media, bringing with it a flood of antisemitism and antichristian bias. From the days of King David until now, there has been an ancient hatred by those animated by the same evil spirit that moved the ancient Philistines against the people of God, both Jews and Christians.

> **Ezekiel 25:15-17**¹⁵"Thus says the Lord GOD: Because the **Philistines acted revengefully and took vengeance with malice of soul to destroy in never-ending enmity (ancient hostility, old hatred);**¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out **my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the rest of the seacoast.** ¹⁷ I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I lay my vengeance upon them."

As with all the ancient nations that afflicted the children of Israel, God destroyed the Philistine people, but the people who filled the geographic area came under the same demonic influence that incited violence against ancient Israel. Ironically, the Hebrew word for violence is Hamas, which is the name of the terrorist militia based in Gaza. How accurate and relevant is the word of God from the past, present, and future?

> Joel 3:19-20¹⁹ "Egypt shall be a desolation, And Edom a desolate wilderness, because of violence (Hamas) against the people of Judah, for they have shed innocent blood in their land.²⁰ But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

The conflict between the Jews and Romans lasted for decades, and in the year 132 A.D., the Roman Emperor Hadrian, in frustration and hatred of the Jews, took a scorched-earth attitude and devastated the Jews. In his bitterness, he renamed the land of Israel after their ancient enemies, the Philistines. The Latin word for Philistine became interpreted in English as Palestine. There has never been a nation or people of Palestine. Modern Arabs who claim the "land of Palestine" originally came from Egypt, Jordan, and other Muslim countries. And ironically, there isn't even a "P" in the Arabic alphabet, so how can the Arabs claim that Palestine (Israel) is theirs? Even more ironic, these "Palestinians" are so violent that no Muslim country in the world will take them in as refugees. The hatred and violence spread by the Satanic force behind the Palestinian movement is powerful.

Let's be clear about Israel's land disputes. The Romans renamed Israel Palestine out of hatred, and after the Romans dispersed the Jews from their land, one group after another conquered and ruled over Israel's land (until 1948). Israel owned their land thousands of years before the religion of Islam came into existence until the year 610 AD, so Islam has no claim to any part of Israel's land, not Jerusalem, not the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), and not the Gaza Strip. But, as we saw before, Jerusalem is a cup of trembling for all the nations, and those who try to take it will stumble and fall to their ruin. Currently, the Iranian proxies Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis are attacking Israel, with Palestinian protestors around the world shouting from the river to the sea, calling for the genocide of the Jews and the confiscation of their land. That is just the beginning of sorrows for Israel; all their ancient enemies are coming for them with a cruel and ancient hatred, and the violence and terror directed against them will only end after their Messiah, Christ, comes back.

> Luke 17:26 ²⁶ <mark>And as it was in the days of Noah,</mark> <mark>so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:</mark>

> Genesis 6:13-14¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence (Hamas) through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark ...

World Wars I & II

The birth pains of violence, regional conflicts, and wars eventually gave birth to two global wars. The first end-time sign of war began on July 28, 1914, with World War I, and ended on November 11, 1918. After WWI, there were monumental shakings among the nations; Hitler and the Nazis took control of Germany, Stalin and the communist took control of Russia, and Mussolini and the fascist took control over Italy. The British Empire was declining and giving way to the rise of American prominence.

The second global war followed not many years later, on September 1, 1939. Adolf Hitler invaded Poland and later tried to exterminate the Jewish race in concentration camps there. During that time, Hitler formed alliances with the Muslims through the Mufti of Jerusalem, who also wanted to annihilate the Jews. When Hitler came to power in 1933, Persia's Reza Shah Pahlavi became a follower of Hitler, Nazism, and the concept of the Aryan master race. He also wanted help the Nazis against the British control of oil production. The Shah was so obsessed with the Third Reich that in 1935, he changed the name of his country, which had existed for thousands of years, from Persia to "Iran," which in Farsi means Aryan or "Land of the Aryans."



A meeting between the Mufti of Jerusalem, al-Husseini (a radical Islamist), and Hitler took place on Nov. 28, 1941. The Mufti called upon all Muslims to "kill the Jews wherever you see them." In Tehran's marketplace, it was common to see placards that declared, "In heaven, Allah is your master. On Earth, it is Adolf Hitler." The Mufti of Jerusalem organized three Islamic Waffen SS divisions operated under the direct supervision of Heinrich Himmler, who committed atrocities against the Jews in Bosnia.

The Mufti supported the extermination of Jews in the gas chambers in Poland. In 1941, he had a plan to cut off oil from the Allies and give it to the Nazis in exchange for the rapid destruction of the Jews in Eastern Europe and support for an Arab



state. All those plans failed when Hitler and the Nazis suffered defeat, and on September 2, 1945, World War II ended. But the world witnessed a bond between Jew haters, Nazis, and Muslim extremists, which may play a role in the end times wars.

We also saw how quickly professing German Christians, Muslims, and multitudes of various other religious and secular people gave their allegiance to Hitler. The most advanced technology corporation of its time, IBM, also jumped on the Hitler bandwagon to organize, categorize, and ship the Jews like cattle into ghettos, then to death trains, and then to the concentration camps, with their first computer systems. There was a long list of Western supporters of Hitler before the war who, in shame and self-preservation, hid their Nazi leanings after the war. All the Nazi sympathizers and Hitler lovers demonstrate how all the religions, politicians, and ordinary people will follow a charismatic, fiery leader when he, the Antichrist, comes.



1948, Israel is born in a day

On May 14, 1948, Israel became a nation again, which happened in one day, as prophesied. For the Jewish people to survive and regain their land after more than 2,000 years of deadly persecutions while maintaining their religion, language, and culture is a miracle beyond comprehension. The original Hebrew language survived for thousands of years, and if Moses, David, and Isaiah were still alive, Jewish schoolchildren could have a conversation with them and read their writings. The land of Israel had been an abandoned and barren desert, and since the Jews returned to their land, the deserts have blossomed and become fruitful farmlands. Israel's return to their land is the most pivotal sign of the end times and was one of the greatest miracles of all time, and it happened in one day.

Isaiah 66:8 Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

1948 Arab-Israeli War

Immediately after becoming a nation, Israel's Arab neighbors attacked in what has been labeled the Arab-Israeli War. Israel made a Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948, and a coalition of Arab nations attacked them the next day. Israel found themselves surrounded, outnumbered, and ill-equipped, without an air force, and defending a very narrow strip of land; Israel miraculously defeated their enemies by June 10, 1949, and gained 37% more of their ancestral homeland.

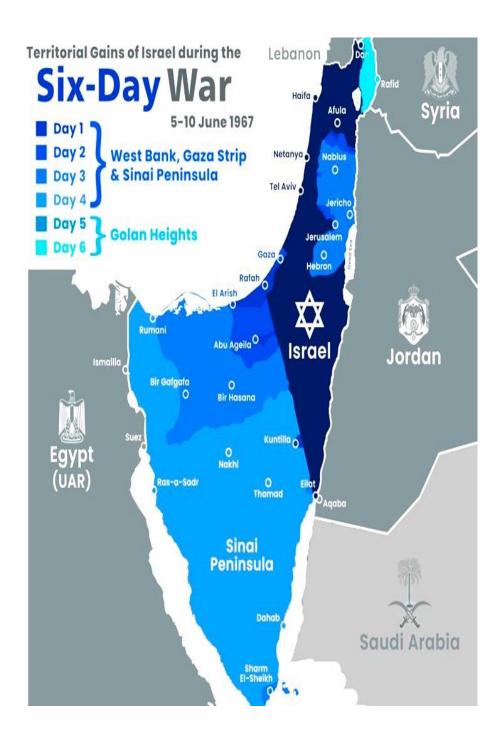
1967 Six Day War, Israel regains Jerusalem

In 1967, Egypt blocked Israeli shipping routes, so Israel conducted a pre-emptive attack on Egypt that drew Syria and Jordan into what became a regional war. Israel made massive territorial gains, including Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria (the West Bank of the Jordan River), the Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, and the Sinai Peninsula up to the Suez Canal.

When Israel regained Jerusalem, it sent global shock waves through the prophetic universe. It laid the foundation for a pivotal theme of end-time prophecy: that there will be a rebuilt Jewish temple in Jerusalem where the Antichrist will enter into the Holy Place in the temple and commit the abomination of desolation. Now Israel has Jerusalem, and the construction of a new temple is next.

> Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Most Bible teachers believe that the Muslim Dome of the Rock, which sits on top of the temple mount, must be destroyed before building the Jewish temple. A Muslim authority currently controls the Temple Mount in an agreement with Israel. The Dome of the Rock is the biggest obstacle to fulfilling the prophecy of a Jewish temple, priesthood, and animal sacrifices that the Antichrist will end and desecrate.



1979 The Shah of Iran toppled

Beginning with Cyrus the Great, who released Israel from Babylon to return to Jerusalem to build the second temple, and until 1979, Iran was also a close ally of Israel and the United States. However, in January 1979, the Shah of Iran fled the country, and a Muslim religious leader named Ayatollah Khomeini, a radical Islamist, took over, making Iran a religious dictatorship and forcing strict Sharia law on the country. The

Avatollah declared the United States the great Satan and Israel the little Satan. Bv November of 1979, the Iranians held 53 Americans as hostages for 444 days and embarrassed the presidency of Jimmv Carter. In their first year of power, the regime in Iran became the world's largest sponsor of terrorism.



Iranian students before the 1979 takeover by the Ayatollah



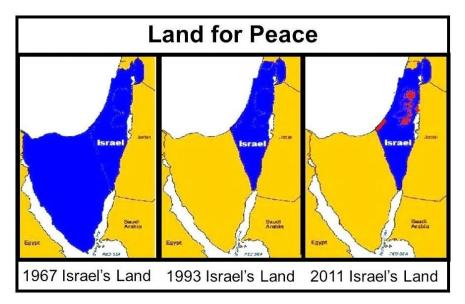
It was inevitable that Iran (Persia) would become enemies with Israel to fulfill the prophecies of Ezekiel regarding the battle of Gog and Magog. The radical Islamist regime in Iran is dedicated to the destruction of the Jews and employs its proxies to attack Israel continuously. About 50 years ago, skeptics would have never guessed that

Israel and Iran would become arch-enemies, which shows how God is arranging the chess pieces into their end-time positions.

1979 Land for Peace, 2 State Solution

In June of 1967, Israel offered to give up the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights in exchange for peace. The peace offer was dead on arrival with what has been called the three NO's: no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, and no negotiation with Israel. But after 30 years of hostilities between Israel and Egypt, in 1979, U.S. President Jimmy Carter brokered a peace agreement that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin signed. Israel agreed to give provisional control over the Sinia Peninsula, which Israel completely turned over to Egypt in 1982.

Although the peace between Egypt and Israel greatly benefited both countries, it set a deadly precedent of land for peace, which has evolved into a two-state solution. God owns Israel's land and has given it to the nation of Israel. God has promised severe consequences to anyone who seeks to divide and take Israel's land, especially Jerusalem. Every attempt to give Israel's land for peace has resulted in some form of calamity, natural disaster, or hostilities.



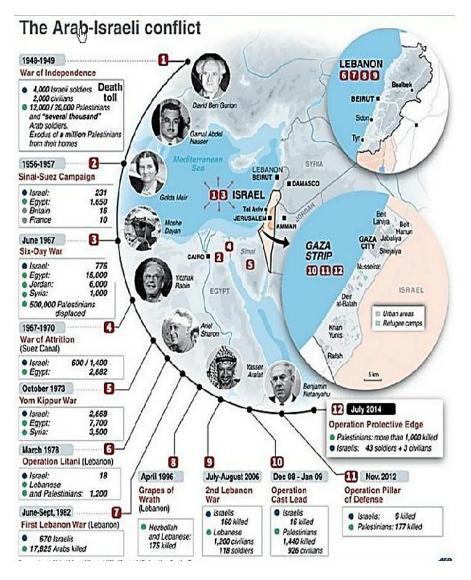
2005 Gaza given to Arabs

To make peace with the Arabs, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon unilaterally introduced a plan to disengage from the Gaza Strip. On August 15, 2005, Israeli authorities removed all the Jewish residents and settlers from Gaza; many had to be physically forced out of their houses and farms to hand their land over to the Arabs free of charge. In 2006, the terrorist militia Hamas took over Gaza and made it an armed terrorist command center from which to launch terror attacks against Israel. From within Israel's borders, both in Gaza and the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), the Jews live under a constant threat of terrorism. The lure of peace and safety will ultimately motivate Israel to make a covenant with the antichrist.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists and Arab citizens from Gaza launched a surprise attack against Israel, precisely on the 50th anniversary of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The cruel torture, rape, and murder perpetrated by Hamas that day against defenseless people was pure evil and demonic. That was the worst slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust. The bodies of Jews were dismembered, beheaded, raped, and burned, and they also took hostages away to Gaza. Hamas beheaded men, women, and children; that ancient form of execution has resurfaced in modern times. That confirms another Bible prophecy that says the Antichrist will behead anyone who refuses to worship him or take his mark.

> **Revelation 20:4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

As of this writing, this war is still active, but we know from the scriptures where it is leading. The Israeli war on Hamas was a colossal birth pang of end-time prophecy because of its profound global impact. Initially, much of the world showed support for Israel, but a tidal wave of antisemitism with protests and propaganda has followed and is increasing. There is a revival of Nazism combined with Islamist hatred for Jews. It's a testimony to the accuracy of the word of God that tiny Israel, about the size of New Jersey, with 9 million Jews, surrounded by 1.2 billion Muslims, hated by multitudes, is the center of attention for the whole world. And Jerusalem is the focal point all the nations.



We are on the brink of WWIII. The United States is not mentioned in the Bible and is **not** in the picture. We can assume that for several reasons. First, a global government will be set up and ruled by a worldwide dictator, the antichrist. All the nations will lose their sovereignty and be under submission to him. Therefore, the United States will fall from its dominant position among the nations. Anyone can see how that could happen: political corruption, financial collapse, weakened military, invasion from illegal immigration, domestic terror attacks, or attacks from foreign powers. Also, the collapse of America as the dominant superpower is inevitable because of the flood of wickedness and perversion in the American culture that invites the judgment of God.

Ring of Fire Psalm 83

The strategy of the Iranian regime has been to build, equip, and fund proxy militias surrounding Israel and have the proxies do their dirty work so they can claim to have clean hands. Iran has Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Syria, the Palestine Authority in the West



Bank of the Jordan River (Judea & Samaria), the Houthi in the Southeast, and others. Some describe this encirclement as a ring of fire; by surrounding Israel from all sides, they hope to overwhelm and defeat them. Because the Iranian proxies are regional, some call it the inner ring of fire. They refer to an international coalition (Gog and Magog) as the outer ring of fire.

That brings us to the first potential end-time battle that some believe was fulfilled in 1948; others think it has possible future fulfillment very soon. Bible teachers may disagree on the details and timing of this battle, but everyone agrees that the underlying motivation of these nations is hatred of the Jews and their genocide. Regionally, it is the radical Islamists that form coalitions to accomplish that goal; there have been countless acts of terrorism, rocket attacks, and global propaganda waged against Israel for their destruction. We are speaking of Psalm 83, which describes Israel as surrounded by hostile neighboring enemies whose only goal is the genocide of the nation of Israel. From the river to the sea is a call to kill every Jew from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea; in other words, wipe the Jews off the map. Whether Psalm 83 is a prayer or describes a prophetic war is disputable. Without question, it represents the day-to-day reality of Israel ever since its birth as a nation.

Psalm 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more." 5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: 6 The tents of Edom [Palestinians/Southern Jordanians] and the Ishmaelites <mark>[Saudis]</mark>: Moab **[Palestinians/Central** Jordanians] and the Hagrites [Egyptians]; 7 Gebal [Hezbollah/Northern Lebanese], Ammon [Palestinians] /Northern Jordanians], and Amalek [Arabs in the Sinai]; Philistia [Hamas/Gaza Strip] with the inhabitants of Tyre [Hezbollah/Southern Lebanese]: 8 Assyria [Syrians/Northern Iragi's] also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah

Destruction of Damascus

The terrorist militia Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy, is concentrated along Israel's northern border. Estimates are that Hezbollah currently has 150,000 missiles pointed at Israel. Much of Hezbollah's military supplies come from Iran through the Damascus airport and then transported to the front lines. On numerous occasions, Israel has disrupted the flow of military shipments from Iran to Hezbollah by bombing the Damascus airport. After the October 7, 2023 attack against Israel, Israel declared war and went into a war footing. At the

time of this writing, Israel is on the brink of war on seven fronts, war zones, including on their northern border with Svria and Lebanon. Israel is fighting for its verv existence.

Alleged Israeli airstrike on Damascus airport killed 11 IRGC chiefs - report





Suppose Hezbollah starts to unleash its arsenal of 150,000 missiles toward Israel. In that case, Israel will have no other option than to flatten Damascus and the surrounding military targets, which they have already proposed to do in the event of further escalation. The Bible tells us that Damascus, which many claim is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, will cease being a city overnight and will be turned into a ruinous heap.

> **Isaiah 17:1-3** The burden against Damascus. "Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They will be for flocks Which lie down, and no one will make them afraid. 3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim, the kingdom from Damascus, And the remnant of Syria; They will be as the glory of the children of Israel," says the LORD of hosts. ... 14 **Then behold, at eventide, trouble! And before the morning, he is no more.** This is the portion of those who plunder us, And the lot of those who rob us.

> Jeremiah 49:23-27 Against Damascus. "Hamath and Arpad are shamed, for they have heard bad news. They are fainthearted; There is trouble on the sea; It cannot be quiet. 24 **Damascus has grown feeble**; She turns to flee, and fear has seized her. Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor. 25 Why is the city of praise not deserted, the city of My joy? 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD of hosts. 27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad."

The previously mentioned conflicts and wars are just stepping stones that will lead to much larger and more deadly wars until the Ezekiel 38 Gog and Magog war that begins the cascade of end-time battles and wars.

Gog & Magog

Israel's regional enemies want to extinguish them because of an ancient hatred. But a different coalition of enemies will rise against Israel with other motives; they will come from distant lands, the outer ring, and their motivation is to conquer and plunder Israel's wealth. The leading players in this battle are Russia, Turkey, and Iran, with the Northern African Muslim countries and the former Soviet satellite countries under Muslim rule. Some Bible teachers include Germany in the coalition, which is possible given their Nazi roots. The Bible gives specific information about this coalition and this battle. Only recently has the chessboard shifted to put the right players in place for this to happen.

After the October 7th 2023 slaughter, the relationship between Russia and Turkey against Israel, has become bitter and more hostile. Russia has troops, nuclear-capable jets, and antiaircraft equipment in Syria but has, up to this time, tolerated Israel doing air strikes on Iranian imports of weapons into Syria. Also, Israel is currently doing air strikes against Hezbollah targets across their northern border, with Russian bases not too far to the north of those targets. Add to that, Russia has entered into military trade deals with Iran to supply weapons used in the Ukraine war. Israel has supported Ukraine by selling supplies to their military, and there was a sizeable Jewish population in Ukraine before the war. The situation is very explosive and could go very bad at any time.

On another front, Western sanctions against Russia and the destruction of Russia's supply pipeline to Europe have created a type of oil war and embargo against Russia, which was Europe's primary source of gas and oil. Ironically, Israel has, in recent years, discovered a vast offshore natural gas field that could make Israel a competitor to Russia, which could potentially threaten the Russian economy. So, God has placed a hook in Russia's (Gog) mouth to pull them to the northern mountains of Israel. The Russia Gog chess piece is moving closer to its final position on the end-time chessboard.

Once upon a time, the Israelis traveled to Turkey for business and vacations until October 7th. Turkey sided with Hamas terrorists against Israel, and now Jews are at high risk of traveling to Turkey or much of the world. The Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, wants to restore the Ottoman Empire and has openly declared he wants to retake Jerusalem, which the Ottomans held for 400 years. Also, Turkey has desperately searched for oil in their offshore waters and failed. So, President Erdogan has tried to negotiate with Israel to broker or transport their gas without success. Erdogan would love to get his hands on Israeli gas fields. Turkey is currently in NATO but is loyal to the Muslim world and also has ties with Russia. We know from prophecy that Turkey will ultimately stand with Russia, not Europe. And so, the Magog and Togarmah chess pieces are almost in position.

There are two main factions of Islam, Sunni and Shia. The majority of Muslims are Sunni, accounting for about 90%, and the minority are Shia, with about 10%, and many times, they are at odds with each other (remember, wild donkey his hand against everyone). The Iranians are Shia, and since Iran is the world's biggest sponsor of terror, the majority of terrorists are Shia Muslims. According to the Shia teachings, they believe that the 12th Imam will arise to conquer and subjugate the world under the iron fist of Islam and Sharia law. The Shia believe they must bring death, destruction, and chaos to the world for the 12th Imam to hasten his appearance. This teaching is why the Islamists are so violent; it is a core tenant of their faith, and they believe that killing infidels or dving a martyr's death in battle will get them great rewards in heaven. The Shia Muslims, in their eschatology (end times teachings), have reversed the roles of Jesus Christ and the antichrist; their twelfth Imam, the Mahdi, is our antichrist. So, we can expect Islamic propaganda, terrorism, and conflicts to increase to bring the Mudhi and an Islamic empire for the Antichrist. Now that Israel has become a nation, it has become the target of the Islamic world. But Israel had to become a nation again for that to be a factor.

The Ezekiel 38 prophecy happens in the "later years," meaning after Israel had been scattered around the world for over 2000 years without a homeland. So, God gave Ezekiel a vision that symbolized Israel in a valley of scattered dry bones, and God said that he would bring the bones back to their land and put the bones back together, put flesh on them, breathe life into them, and make them into a mighty army. Israel's return to its land, as described in Ezekiel 37, had to happen before the Ezekiel 38 battle could happen.

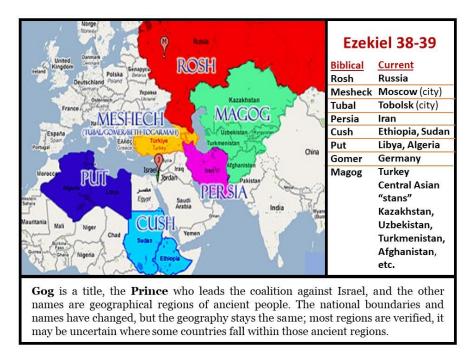
Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ... 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So, I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones. and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ... 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then He said to me. "Son of man, these <mark>bones are the whole house of Israel.</mark> They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' 12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold. O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and <mark>I will place you in your own land.</mark> Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.'"

Ezekiel's vision, where he saw a valley of dry bones, has been fulfilled, which happened on May 14, 1948, when Israel became a nation again. That prophecy said it would happen in the latter years, confirming that we are the generation living in the end times. There were three conditions before the Ezekiel 38 battle could happen: the first was that Israel was a nation in their land, the second was that they would have a powerful army, and the third was that Israel would be dwelling safely in unwalled villages without walls. The first two conditions have been a reality for some time, but the third, Israel's safety and security without walls, is questionable; only God knows how and when that gets fulfilled.

> Ezekiel 38:8 "After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. ... 11 "You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'

Now, let's identify all the nations in the outer ring of fire, the coalition that Gog, the leader, brings together to march to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 38:1 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against **Gog**, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 "and say, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 "I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5 "**Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya** are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 "Gomer and all its troops; the house of **Togarmah from the far north** and all its troops-many people are with you. 7 "Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them.



Then a leader, his title is Gog, from the region of Russia [Magog], along with Turkey, Iran, and a great company of others, will form a coalition to destroy and plunder Israel. The alliances between Russia, Iran, Turkey, and others will have been consolidated and armed to attack and plunder Israel's wealth and natural resources. This coalition will cover the land as a formidable army,

Ezekiel 38:9 "You will ascend, <mark>coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud,</mark> you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

Other than hatred of the Jews, the main goal of this war was to plunder Israel's wealth. Israel has a vast natural gas fields, leading cutting-edge technologies, financial assets, and abundant agricultural products. *Ezekiel 38:12* "to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

Israel will receive no military assistance from other nations, God will be their only hope, and their allies will only question or complain about Gog's motivation for the invasion. The regional allies voicing their concerns about the invasion may result from the Abraham Peace Accords brought about by American President Donald Trump, with Sunni Muslims in neighboring countries, which could include Saudi Arabia and others *[Sheba and Dedan]* recently engaging in talks to normalize relations with Israel. There is no consensus on the identity of Tarshish; opinions vary from the Greek Isles to Spanish ports. Some claim the young lions mentioned are from Great Britain and the United States, but that theory is a stretch and not credible.

> Ezekiel 38:13 "Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'''

From the far north, Russia, with hordes of people, will come to the mountains of Israel's Northern border. God will arrange every aspect of this battle; he puts hooks (creates circumstances) to bring Gog and his coalition against tiny Israel, who will have no help from other nations. God puts together Gog's coalition army in the same way he elevated Pharoah's army to superpower status so that when he destroyed them, it would demonstrate God's mighty power [*Romans 9:15-18].* God reveals specific details of this battle through the prophets thousands of years before it happens so that when it happens, God's word is confirmed, the glory goes to God, and Israel turns to God. Ezekiel 38:14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? 15 <mark>"Then you will come from your place out of</mark> the far north, you and many peoples with you. all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. 16 "You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes." 17 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?

God will fight for Israel by performing numerous miracles using nature and turning Gog's armies to fight against each other. A great earthquake will shake the world so powerfully that the mountains will shift, and all men, birds, fish, and everything on the planet will feel it. Earthquakes and cataclysmic natural disasters will occur during most of the critical events of the end times. Earthquakes will grow more powerful, happen more frequently, and change the landscape of the planet.

> **Ezekiel 38:18** "And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My fury will show in My face. 19 "For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day **there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 'so that the** fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.'

Besides the earthquake, God will pour out a flooding rain mingled with great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. And in the middle of the shaking, floods, rain, hail, and fire, the different factions in the coalition will turn against one another and fight and kill each other (Ishmael/Arabs: wild donkey fights everyone) [Judges 7:22, 2 Chronicles 20:22-23]. Gog and Magog, with all their armies, suffer a devastating defeat and die on the mountains of Northern Israel without Israel lifting a finger; the victory is an undeniable miracle, so God gets all the glory.

> **Ezekiel 38:21** "I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord GOD. "Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 "And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 "Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."

The narrative continues in Ezekiel 39: God will cause Gog's military equipment to malfunction like he caused Pharoah's chariot wheels to fall off when Israel crossed the Red Sea *[Exodus 14:24-25]*. After Gog's hoards die on the mountains of Israel, the vultures and beasts of the field feast on their corpses.

Ezekiel 39: 3 "Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. 4 "You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5 "You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.

Again, God restates His purposes in fulfilling this prophecy: so, his name is not profaned, to make his name known to Israel, and so the nations would know the Lord is God and the Holy One of Israel.

> **Ezekiel 39: 6** "And **I will send fire on Magog** and on those who live in security in the coastlands. **Then they shall know that I am the LORD. 7** "**So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel**, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

After the battle, there will be a massive clean-up effort; the law of Moses is clear about disposing of dead bodies properly to be ceremonially clean. The law has a purification process, but the sizeable numbers involved will take time. Israel will burn the weapons for seven years, and we can speculate what that means, possibly recycling the materials from the military equipment like melting down the metals, reclaiming the oil and gas stockpiles, and special training and equipment to deal with radioactive materials. If it takes seven years to burn weapons, it must be a vast supply of military equipment; possibly, some of that equipment may be due in part to the U.S. military pull out of Afghanistan in August of 2021, where President Joseph Biden left 85 billion dollars in new military equipment in the hands of the Muslim terrorist group, Al-Qaida.

> **Ezekiel 39:8** "Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord GOD. "This is the day of which I have spoken. 9 "Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years. 10 "They will not take wood from the field nor cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them," says the Lord GOD.

Isaiah 9:4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5 **Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.**

When it comes to burying the bodies, there is a hitch; it seems that these bodies may have radioactive contamination and will have to be removed by trained specialists. If someone spots a corpse, the instructions are to notify the authorities, who partition the area and mark it with a flag. There will be a team of professionals whose full-time job will be to dispose of the bodies, and they will likely have special training and wear protective hazmat suits. It will take at least seven months to bury the bodies.

> Ezekiel 39:11 "It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore, they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. 12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. 13 "Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord GOD. 14 "They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and buru those bodies remainina on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months, they will make a search. 15 "The search party will pass through the land: and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up <mark>a marker bu it. till the buriers have buried it</mark> in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16 "The name of the city will also be Hamonah. Thus, they shall cleanse the land."

Again, God states the purpose of this battle. Israel forsook God and remained unfaithful to him, so he hid his face from them, allowed their defeat before their enemies, and scattered them around the world. But God brought this generation of Jews back to the land of Israel so they would know that the Lord is God, and he promised he would not hide his face from them anymore and vowed to pour out his Spirit on the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:23 "The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; **because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them**. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. ... 27 'When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, 28 'then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. 29 'And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

When does the Ezekiel38 battle happen? Opinions vary, but this battle will likely occur before the tribulation for the following reasons: First, it is not the same as the battle of Armageddon at the end of the tribulation, and they don't overlap. It would be difficult to cleanse the battlefield with all the plagues, death, and destruction going on during the tribulation. Then, leaving enough time after the battle to cleanse the battlefield for seven years makes it most likely that this event will occur sometime before the tribulation.

Some distinctions between the Ezekiel 38 army and the Antichrist army will help us see how we are progressing toward the end-times wars. The army taking part in the Ezekiel 38 battle is a coalition of individual nations that maintain their national sovereignty. Russia wants to rebuild the Soviet Empire, Turkey intends to rebuild the Ottoman Empire, and Iran wants a Muslim Empire; none of them want to give up their sovereignty, but after they suffer a defeat to Israel, they will lose their power and sovereignty to the movement for a global government, setting up the new world order of the Antichrist. So, Gog Magog will pave the way for the Beast system.

Ezekiel 38-39 Battle of Gog Magog	Revelation 16, 19 Armageddon
Coalition led by Russia, Turkey, Iran attack	All the armies of the world attack
Armies cross Israel's northern border	Armies lay siege to Jerusalem
Comes to take spoil	Comes to destroy the people of God
There is a protest against the invasion	No protest, all the nations attack
Gog is head of the invasion	Antichrist (the beast) heads the invasion
The Lord uses nature to attack Gog's army	Christ treads the winepress alone (Isa 63)
Gog's armies gather on northern mountains	They enter Jerusalem and begin assault
Gog defeated by nature & infighting	Christ's defeats world's armies alone
Afterwards: designated men bury dead & burn weapons 7 mos., cleanse land 7 yrs. (possible radioactive/nuclear/biologic fallout)	Afterwards is the judgment of the sheep and goats, Angels gather for judgment Millennial kingdom for 1,000 years

The revived Roman Empire, that is, Europe and the West, will form a global government, and eventually, ALL nations with their armies will come under the Antichrist's dictatorship. That means every country will lose its sovereignty. Right now, the Western countries and the European Union are systematically and incrementally surrendering their national sovereignty to the globalists, corrupt politicians, the elites, and all the nongovernment (government) organizations like the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, the World Health Organization, the International Monetary Fund, etc. The globalist's agenda pushed the 2020 shutdowns, invasions of illegal immigrants (Philistines), climate laws, Diversity-Equity-Inclusion, tearing down statues, re-writing history, censorship, etc., so they can erase national identities and borders, sabotage economies, subvert justice, corrupt morals, attack faith, destroy traditional families, and out of the wake of destruction and chaos they will rebuild their global Marxist utopia. They have a goal called Agenda 2030; they want a global government by 2030. After the global shutdowns in 2020, they probably like their odds of reaching that goal.

The Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38 & 39 differs from the one in Revelation 20. The name of the region Magog doesn't change in the Bible; a thousand years later, it's still the same. The time, the leader, the people, and other things are different; they are two separate battles. (see chart)

Magog Ezekiel 38 & 39		Magog Revelation 20	
Ezekiel 38:8	Before millennium (Israel regathered to the land)	Rev 20:1-3	After millennium (Israel in the land 1000 years)
38:2-3; 39:1	Leader of the attack is Gog (a man; political/military ruler)	7, 8	Leader of attack is Satan (released after 1000 years in prison)
38:2-3	Coalition led by Russia, Turkey, Iran invades northern border	8	All nations attack Jerusalem, from 4 corners of earth
38:21	Battle on mountains of Israel	9	Battle is against Jerusalem
39:12-15 39:9-29	7 months to bury the dead 7 months to cleanse the land 7 years to burn the weapons	9-10	Fire from God devours armies, no burials , physical earth, heavens are no more
39:9 -29 40 - 48	Followed by the second coming of Christ & the Millennium Reign	11-15	Followed by the Great White Throne judgment and eternity

Also, the Ezekiel 38 battle may play a part in setting up the tribulation chessboard; with the defeat of the radical Islamists, it may create an opportunity for Israel to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. The temple must be built sometime before the middle of the seven-year tribulation period for the antichrist to commit the abomination of desolation.

The Spiritual Wars

Invisible armies of angels and demons surround us, and there is an unseen battlefield in the spiritual, mental, and physical realms, but we are blind to all of it with our natural eyes. The rise of mental illness, sexual perversion, and drug addictions that corrupt, pervert, self-mutilate, and make homeless give visual evidence of that invisible war. The rise of homosexuality and transgenderism is not new; it is the same demons but new people. The ancient pagan priests of the female sex deities would castrate themselves and dress as women and prostitute themselves. Also, alcohol and drugs have always been used in sorcery and are a portal to the spiritual world. Demons are spirits, persons without bodies, that never die. They seek to use the bodies of human hosts to gratify their lusts, perversions, violence, and hatred to degrade and destroy humankind. That explains the illogical behavior, addictions, phobias, and selfdestructive behavior of people influenced by evil spirits.

demon possession of didn't Biblical examples look supernatural, just extreme. A legion of 6,000 demons made a man in the town of Gadarene live in the tombs of a cemetery like a lunatic isolated from his family and friends, gashing himself with rocks. And when Jesus cast the demons out of the man, the self-destructive demons entered the bodies of a herd of pigs, driving them to commit suicide by jumping over a cliff [Mark 5:1-17]. Other demons made a boy who was deaf and mute throw himself into campfires and have debilitating seizures until Jesus cast the demons out of him to regain his hearing and live a normal life [Mark 9:14-27]. There are many more Biblical examples, but those same demons are still active today, and they are still looking for human bodies they can use to carry out their deeds.

We see areas of lost souls filling the streets of big cities in homeless camps, isolated from family, living with demons of mental illness, gashing themselves, self-destructive, with a miserable life of drugs, prostitution, and crime. We see people surgically mutilating their bodies or their children's bodies to change genders; this is evidence of demonic influence. Demons are not only in the streets; they are in the pews; we are seeing a rise in end-time demonic deception in the church. The Devil likes to be religious, and he goes to church and appears as an angel of light, and has a staff of false apostles, prophets, and fake ministers who teach doctrines of demons [2 Cor 11:13-15; 1 Tim 4:1].

What do we do about it? God has all power and authority and has delegated his power over the demons to us in his name. When Jesus walked the dusty roads of Israel, he cast out demons practically everywhere he went. Before his resurrection, Jesus' last command to his followers was to cast out demons wherever they preach the gospel *[Mark 16:15-18]*. *Our* responsibility as end-time followers of Jesus is to abide in Christ, preach the gospel, and fight against the demonic forces of evil regardless of the consequences. Discerning the spiritual battlefield is essential to our preservation and strategy to move forward.

When the king of Syria sent his army to capture Elisha, Elisha's servant went into a fearful panic. But Elisha could see the battlefield and confidently prayed that his servant's spiritual eyes would be open. Then, the servant saw the mountain covered with an angelic army in chariots of fire surrounding them.

> **2 Kings 6:16** So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." **Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.**

Daniel prayed, and an angel named Gabriel appeared to him and described his battle with a fallen angel who had dominion over Persia [Daniel 10:13]. The Apostle Paul talked about how we battle in prayer with powers, principalities, and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places [2 Corinthians 10:4-5]. A great spiritual battle is underway, and the demonic forces of deception, depravity, and wickedness are on the move, which leads us to the book of Revelation to see the battle map.

Many people avoid the book of Revelation because they don't understand the symbolism, which could be from ignorance, spiritual blindness, or simply because some things will remain mysteries until they are unsealed. However, the word revelation means to reveal, and there is a special blessing for those who read this book *[Revelation 1:3]*; when trying to understand the book of Revelation, a literal interpretation is the best wherever possible. After that, symbolism should be cross-referenced and interpreted by other scriptures. The first example we will look at is Satan's role during the tribulation period.

Satan cast down to earth

Currently Satan is free to go back and forth from heaven to earth, like a roaring lion seeking who he may devour [1 Peter 5:8]. With shocking speed Satan is setting up a global government that his chosen leader, the antichrist, will rule during the seven years of tribulation. This government is represented by seven heads or rulers, and ten horns which are symbolic of ten kings who have power over 10 regions or resources. This kingdom will be loosely organized before the tribulation starts. The following verse speaks of the dragon, then later verses (7-12) tell us that this dragon is the Devil, or Satan.

Revelation 12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, **a great, fiery red dragon having** seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

The identity of the seven heads and ten horns comes from Revelation chapter 18. The seven heads are kings or heads of empires; five are from the past, one was alive in John's time, and one was yet to come, totaling seven kings. In Daniel, he described the Gentile empires from his time to the final empire in the end times. Before Daniel's time, there was [1] Egypt and [2] Assyria, then during his time was [3] Babylon, and he prophesied the rise of [4] Medo-Persia, [5] Greece, and [6] Rome. The Antichrist will rule over a revived [7] Roman Empire to be part of the seven. Then, the Antichrist will die of a headwound and resurrect to reign again as the eighth. So, the [8] Antichrist is of the seven and is the eighth king over a Gentile empire. These are the seven heads on Satan's crown of rulership.

> Revelation 17:10 "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 "And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

The ten horns are ten kings in the Satan's global government. When the tribulation begins, the Antichrist goes forth to conquer [*Revelation 6:2*]; three kings [*horns, Daniel 7:7-8*] will resist the Antichrist's rulership, leading to the Antichrist to uproot them by force. Although he suffers a mortal headwound [*Revelation 13:3*], the Antichrist prevails, and in the middle of the tribulation, Satan coronates the Antichrist with his power and authority [*Revelation 13:2*]. Then, all the kings give their power and authority to the Antichrist.

> Revelation 17:12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

Now that we have identified the seven heads and ten horns associated with Satan's kingdom (that gets transferred to the Antichrist). Let's continue with the narrative of Satan's wars around the tribulation period. There will be a war in the heavens between God's angelic army led by Michael, the archangel, and Satan and his angels. Michael and his angels prevail to cast Satan and all his angels out of heaven.

> Revelation 12:7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Contrary to the popular myth, Satan has not been cast out of heaven yet; that is a future event. The majority of Christians will say that Satan led a rebellion, taking one-third of God's angels with him, and got cast out of heaven sometime in the ancient past. That narrative comes by taking this verse out of context. That brings us to a fundamental rule to interpret the book of Revelation: everything from Revelation 4:1 going forward is a future prophecy. If we remember that rule, we can avoid confusion and error; it will also simplify and provide more clarity to difficult passages.

> **Revelation 4:1** After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

It is interesting to note that when the church is caught up to the heavens in the rapture, Satan and all his angels are cast down. That is why when Satan's powers and principalities are cast down, it is accompanied with the proclamation that the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come. The empty seats of power in the heavenlies that the fallen angels vacate will be filled by the church who will rule and reign with Christ, (we'll explore more about that later).

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "**Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God, day and night, has been cast down**.

After Satan is defeated and cast down, he is full of rage, and the people of the earth will suffer for it. The spiritual warfare on earth will become drastically more difficult.

> **Revelation 12:12** "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.

The Antichrist will become emblematic of the Satanic kingdom, a global government, and the Beast system during the tribulation, the same way Hitler represented the Third Reich and vice versa. When we follow Daniel's visions of future gentile empires, we see how he used various animals to represent those empires, similar to how we think of the American eagle or the Russian bear. Animal depictions describe different character traits. For example, the Antichrist is named the beast, and his depiction gives him attributes of a leopard, bear, and lion, the empires that came before him, directly referring to Daniel's visions of Gentile Empires.

The antichrist's empire will incorporate and perfect all the evil learned from the previous empires. Satan will personally oversee the rise of this kingdom; he will build it and turn it over to the antichrist. Satan offered his kingdom to Jesus, but Jesus rebuked him *[Luke 4:5-8]*. Satan will utilize everything at his disposal, like artificial intelligence, modern technology, and weapons of mass destruction, to make the most powerful, devastating, and controlling empire in history. This empire should be in place before the tribulation begins because the Devil only has seven years to do his damage.

Revelation 13:2 Now the **beast** which I saw was like a **leopard**, his feet were like the feet of a **bear**, and his mouth like the mouth of a **lion**. The **dragon** gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.



Another example of symbolism is the description of the false prophet, called the second beast. This second beast will be part of the unholy evil trinity, Satan, Antichrist, and false prophet. He will have power like the Antichrist, but his assigned task is to deceive the world and force all the world to worship Satan and the Antichrist, or he will kill them. He will be a devil in sheep's clothing. He will have two horns like a lamb (lambs don't have horns), imitating Jesus, but will speak like the Dragon, Satan. The horns represent the power to deceive with miracles and the power to kill. Most Bible teachers believe this will be the Pope, who seems to be the prime candidate for the job. He dresses holy like a saint, but he twists scriptures like that serpent of old, the Dragon, Satan.

> **Revelation 13:11** Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

> Matthew 24:11 <mark>"Then many false prophets will</mark> <mark>rise up and deceive many.</mark>

> 2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted you may well put up with it! ... 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Apart from the Antichrist's human army, demonic armies will get released from the bottomless pit during the tribulation. The demons ascend from the pit like vast swarms of locusts. We can look at that in different ways. First, the descriptions are literal, and these demons will physically manifest as described. Secondly, the descriptions are literal, but these demons are unseen by the human eye. Third, the descriptions symbolize their character and their manifestation can be seen or unseen. Or these are demons that work through human agents, driving them to carry out their evil deeds. Such was the case with the Nazis and, more recently, with the Hamas terrorists who attacked Israel on October 7, 2023. Those attacks were demonic; no sane, rational, normal human being with a conscience can take delight in the rape, torture, and murder of innocent babies, children, women, and senior citizens, as they did without being possessed by demons. Even wild animals take no delight in cruelty and torture as they did.

During the tribulation, demons that sting like scorpions get released from the pit of hell. Could it be actual demons, whether seen or unseen? Could these stingers be microscopic organisms (biological warfare) swarming on land, sea, and air, invading the bodies of their victims? Or could the sting of the scorpion demons come through state-sponsored medical professionals, characters like Hitler's physician Joseph Mengele or Doctor Faouch-ee, who oversee state-run medical tyrannies and do largescale experiments on human guinea pigs? Could they set up swarms of medical sites that administer mandatory shots that trigger toxic biological reactions leading to excruciating pain and death? By one estimation, during the pandemic, 72.3 percent of the world's population voluntarily injected their bodies with an experimental DNA-altering substance. That program was a tremendous success for the new world order as a psyop to prepare the world to submit to global governance in an authoritarian surveillance state. Which also served to preprogram people for future mandates and procedures (mark of the Beast). However it happens, we know that massive swarms of demons will cover the earth and cause unbearable pain.

These demons charge into battle like war horses without turning aside. They bite like lions and make loud, frightening noises like the thunder of chariots. Could this describe actual demons? Or modern tanks and weapons of war? Or both? Everything about them is wildly aggressive, ferocious, tormenting, producing terror, and making life a living hell on earth. They have a king over them, the king of the bottomless pit; his name is Abaddon, Apollyon, or Destruction. Some think this king is Satan or one of his chief lieutenants; whoever it is, they unleash swarms like locusts from the Pit of Hell; they come from Hell. They are not human; they may attack humans directly or through human agents, be seen or unseen, but their effects will be devastating.

> **Revelation 9:1** Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star [angel] fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So, the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the **smoke locusts came upon the earth.** And to them was given **power, as the scorpions** of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, **but only** those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, **but to torment them for five months.** Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the **faces of men**. 8 They had hair like women's hair. and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 And they had breastplates like **breastplates of iron**. and the sound of their **wings** was like the **sound of** chariots with many horses running into battle. 10 They had tails like **scorpions**, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had as king over them the <mark>angel of the bottomless pit</mark>, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**. but in Greek he has the name **Apollyon**.

The mercy of God has kept evil angels imprisoned, holding them back from bringing destruction to mankind. But at an appointed time, God will send one of his angels to release four evil angels, who will kill one-third of the earth's population.

> **Jude 1:6** And the <mark>angels</mark> who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, <mark>He has reserved in</mark> everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

> **Revelation 9:13** Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 So the four angels**, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

The four fallen angels will have an army of 200 million demons behind them, and together, they will slaughter one-third of Earth's population. Some teach that the 200 million is the Chinese military. These verses do not describe human beings but demons who attack mankind. And it is unlikely that it describes military equipment because of the logistics. Men on the war front need people behind them to feed them supplies.

The logistics to provide an army of 200 million soldiers with everything they need on the battlefield, like food, cover, transportation, communications, radar, medical, ammunition, and other support systems, would not be possible. According to the American War Library, the combat-to-combat support ratio in Vietnam was 17 to 1; in other words, it took 17 support personnel to back up each foot soldier or fighter pilot. So, taking a 200-million-man army at a 17 to 1 ratio would require 3.4 billion people to support the effort. Let's say a conservative support ratio would be 3 to 1. It would take 600 million people to support the war effort. And that does not account for where they will get all the resources like food, gas, guns, ammo, vehicles, etc. Given the death, destruction, and chaos of war, it would be virtually impossible and impractical to muster the needed logistics and support for a human army of that size. It is most likely that 200 million demons get released on the earth; whether seen or unseen, they will cause catastrophic losses of one-third of human life across the planet.

Revelation 9:16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the **horses** in the vision: those who sat on them had **breastplates** of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions: and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. 18 By these three plaques a third of mankind was killed by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. 19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their **tails are like serpents**, having heads; and with them they do harm. 20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not <mark>repent</mark> of the works of their hands, <mark>that they should</mark> not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

When we see the death of one-third of the population, we should understand that unchecked, the satanic army could quickly kill the everyone in the world. But God, in his great mercy, restricts Satan's power and sets fixed boundaries to spare mankind and to leave open the opportunity for repentance and salvation. People, in general, are ignorant of how powerful angelic beings are. In one night, one angel killed an army of 185,000 Assyrian soldiers.

2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass on a certain night that **the angel of the LORD went out, and killed** in the camp of the Assyrians **one hundred and eighty-five thousand;** and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses-all dead.

Sometimes, angels can take a physical form and interact with us, but we are unaware they are angels. We see scriptures where God's angels have taken a physical form and usually appear as powerful young men. Angels rescued Lot from the crowds of Sodomites and then blinded the perverts, and in the morning, they dragged Lot and his family out of the city before the fire and brimstone fell.

> Genesis 19:1-26 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

> **Hebrews 13:2** Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing **some have unwittingly entertained angels**.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

We should understand our weakness concerning spiritual powers and be aware that only God is all-powerful, and only by his grace and protection are we safe from Satan's fallen army of angels, demons, and humans. Even Michael, commander of God's angelic army, dared not revile the Devil but said, "the Lord rebuke you' when he fought with the Satan. We can only fight spiritual warfare with spiritual weapons and authority that God gives us. Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

2 Peter 2:9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, 11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 ⁴ The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ, ⁶

We just covered the spiritual aspects of the end times battles; now, we will look at the human geopolitical and military fights that happen throughout the tribulation as we track the antichrist's power struggles to rule the world and how he leads the armies of the nations to Armageddon.



The 4 Horsemen

The four horsemen will be released when Jesus, the Lamb of God, opens the first four seals at the beginning of the tribulation. Each horse has a rider, meaning these judgments and catastrophes are a consequence of man's cruelty to man. It will be similar to Moses' confrontation with Pharoah. There were ten plagues, and with each one, God Almighty used the gods of Egypt, the things they worshipped, to torment the Egyptians. The gods that the corrupt politicians, the elites, and Marxists worship will come back on their heads as plagues and judgments in the tribulation. All the political agendas and destructive policies will reap a harvest of starvation, hyperinflation, oppression, persecution, plagues, wars, torments, and death to make everyone on Earth go through a living hell while the ruling class plays god.

The first rider will be the Antichrist, and he will ride a global

government empowered by Satan. The Antichrist is called the beast, and his global empire is called the beast system. The tribulation period will begin when the Antichrist confirms a seven-year covenant with Israel *[Daniel 9:27.28]*. Many people try to guess the identity of the Antichrist, but we will only know his identity once he confirms the covenant with Israel and the



tribulation begins. So, if there is no tribulation, there is no antichrist, and there is no point in guessing who it will be [2 *Thessalonians 2:3, 6*].

The rider and the white horse, meaning the Antichrist and global government, will wreak havoc for the entire seven years of the tribulation. Once released, the effects of all the other judgments, the riders, seals, trumpets, and bowls, cannot be reversed; all the judgments will have lasting consequences throughout the tribulation period.

The Antichrist will come onto the scene riding a white horse and having a bow but no arrows. There are no arrows, meaning he uses military threats and intimidation, and he doesn't have total control over the world's militaries yet. He may negotiate and promise peace but goes forth to conquer, showing he has enemies to defeat before gaining complete control over the empire. The Antichrist is called the beast because of his character; he is like a vicious wild animal but is also deceitfully charismatic, cunning, and shrewd.

> **Revelation 6:1** Now **I saw when the Lamb** [Christ] opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

> **Daniel 8:23-25** ²³ "At the latter period of their reign, When the transgressors have finished, A king will arise Insolent and skilled in intrigue and cunning. ²⁴ "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power; And he will corrupt and destroy in an astonishing manner and [he will] prosper and do exactly as he wills; He shall corrupt and destroy mighty men and the holy people. ²⁵ "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his hand (influence); He will magnify himself in his mind, He will corrupt and destroy many who enjoy a false sense of security. He will also stand up and oppose the Prince of Princes, But he will be broken, and that by no human hand [but by the hand

of God].

The next horse is red, and its rider is coming to take peace from the world and make wars. This rider has a mega sword, meaning he will utilize tremendously powerful weapons of mass destruction to kill and destroy. Currently, there are a lot of ambitious dictators, globalists, and religious Muslim fanatics who are whipping their war horses and driving the world toward World War III. Who



will be the first to unleash the mega sword to get it started? Will it be a nuke? A biological pandemic, again? A global economic collapse? Destroying the power grids? A cyber-attack?

The world is facing very dark times, and there are numerous ways evil men can unleash mass casualties and death at any time. During the tribulation, the antichrist will wage war against three kings, the two witnesses, and those who refuse to worship him. The whore of Babylon, the harlot church, will be drunk with the blood of the martyrs, then the ten kings will destroy and burn her with fire. Satan's reign during the tribulation will be a very, very bloody time,

Revelation 6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great [mega] sword.

The third horse is black, and his rider brings hyperinflation and famine. There will be a weaponization of the food supply and financial systems, which the powerful and the elites will use to crush the little people into submission and to destroy, conquer, and control all opposition. It will take a day's wage to buy one loaf of bread, which means starvation for millions of the poorest in the world. Whereas the elite will enjoy their fine wines and be unaffected, while the peasants suffer and die.



Revelation 6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So, I looked, and behold, a **black horse**, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

The beast financial system will be high-tech digital fascism, especially in the last 3 ¹/₂ years when no one can buy or sell without the mark of the beast. The government will monopolize all business, trade, food, and natural resources; they will own everything and control everyone's bank account, and you'd better be happy about it. There will be a small elite upper class who will hoard all the riches, having lifestyles of extreme luxury and abundance, while the rest of the world is starving.

When God destroys Babylon, the financial capital, all the merchants connected to the beast system will mourn their loss of revenue and the source of their riches. Let's look at the list of merchandise that the ultra-rich and privileged pamper themselves with while everyone else endures unbelievable suffering.

> Revelation 18:11 "The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more 12 cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; 13 cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle

and sheep; horses and carriages [cars, trucks, SUVs]; and bodies and souls of men.

The globalists are telling us that we will own nothing; they will put us on public transportation because we can't afford electric cars, and there are no charging stations anyway. They have culled (killed) millions of pork, beef, and poultry under the guise of pandemics and climate change, but they want us to eat their bugs, lab-grown meat, and genetically modified foods. They have put farmers out of business through regulations and taxes, forcing them to sell family lands owned for generations while they buy up millions of acres. They have weaponized illegal immigration to bankrupt and displace legal citizens and erase national identities and borders to create global citizens. Globalists control all energy sources on land, sea, and air through international climate treaties made by bought and paid-for politicians and fake scientists who make and implement global policies overriding national sovereignties.

The agenda of the globalists is steadily moving forward, but it is, in reality, the agenda of the antichrist beast system that is emerging into prominence. The beast system will control everything through a Central Bank Digital Currency and programmable digital currency in a dystopian, cashless, surveillance society monitored and governed by algorithms and artificial intelligence.

It is the global elites and Marxists who are riding the black horse of food shortages and hyperinflation caused by their policies and their drive for power, wealth, and control. Ultimately, they will pay a price for trying to play god with nature and human life.

> **Revelation 11:18** The nations were angry, and **Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged**, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, **and should destroy those who destroy the earth.**"

The fourth horse is pale, and his rider's name is "Death," and Hell follows after him. The word pale is interesting; it is the Greek word chloros, which means pale or green. The same word describes green grass in other verses. The color green may imply that the riders are Muslim because green is the most frequently used color to symbolize Islam; green



is the color on their flags, banners, headbands, etc. One of the teachings of Islam is that they need to bring death and mayhem to the earth for the arrival of their 12th Imam or Mahdi, who is the Christian antichrist. With a population of around 1.5 billion people, the Islamists could bring religious wars with waves of death and destruction, and many of them will literally use swords to kill people. Whoever the riders are that bring death and Hell, they will kill over one-fourth of the world's population at one time, and the death tolls will continue to rise throughout the tribulation.

Revelation 6:7 When He opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, **a pale horse** and **the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades** [Hell] followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The Trumpet and bowl Judgments

Following the opening of the seven seals will be the seven trumpets and seven bowls; these are judgments of God, either by man's creation or supernaturally executed. The combination of the cataclysmic natural disasters, the Satanic armies of demons attacking, and the most powerful and devastating weapons developed by mankind will unleash waves of misery and death. With his first-century understanding of things, the apostle John wrote about what would happen in our modern times. There is no way that John could understand or convey what he was seeing except by revelation from God, and the only way he could describe what he was seeing was by painting word pictures using symbolisms. He possibly saw the modern technology, equipment, and warfare of our times that we might recognize and be familiar with if we were to see it. We may be in a time where things that were mysteries in ages past are now clearly seen with our own eves [Daniel 12:9].

One example would be when Jesus describes the stars falling from the heavens. The Greek word for "star" is "aster," where we get the word "asteroid." In essence, he was describing an asteroid storm or meteor shower. There is a similar prophecy of danger coming from the sky where there will be a hail storm with 100-pound hailstones.

> *Matthew* 24:29 *Immediately after the tribulation of* those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from <mark>heaven</mark>, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

> **Revelation 16:21** And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent (100 pounds). Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

On February 3, 2021, the company Starlink, owned by Elon Musk, had 40 satellites fall to the earth due to a geomagnetic storm. The Starlink corporation wants to cover every square inch of planet Earth with internet access, and they are just one company of many. Every major country needs satellites for the essentials of modern life with the internet, banking,



communications, and things that touch every area of life. As a result, we have multitudes of satellites and space junk floating in the skies above our heads. There are estimates that by 2030, we will have 20,000 satellites in orbit, many of which are nuclear-powered, and some weigh more than 15,000 pounds. According to one source, the average weight is 100 pounds.

What if Christ, when he comes, destroys the antichrist system, casts down all these satellites, and smashes them all against the Earth at one time? That would look like a meteor shower or hailstorm as they burn up on reentry, followed by radioactive explosions when they hit. There is also the possibility of a massive barrage of hundreds of thousands of missiles exchanged between nations. The satellite and missiles scenario may be thought-provoking speculation, so what if God supernaturally sends literal 100-pound hail made of ice mingled with fiery lightning bolts and fire? [Ezekiel 38: 19-22] Then again, God may use all those things and bring down everything all at once with the 100-pound hailstorm, fire, blood, missiles, and satellites, flaming down on top of everything, crashing with great explosions, leaving large swathes of destruction. And that would be just one of the many catastrophic events within the seven years of tribulation. Here is that prophecy about hail mixed with fire and blood that burns up one-third of all the trees on Earth.

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded: <mark>And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.</mark>

What many verses may be describing is a nuclear war where an entire region of the world suffers a nuclear attack that devastates 1/3 of the earth's surface, 1/3 of the trees, grass, and vegetation, 1/3 of all the saltwater fish and sea creatures, 1/3 of the military naval vessels, cargo, and fishing ships, 1/3 of the freshwater sources, rivers, lakes, drinking water, and 1/3 of the skies become darkened by atmospheric toxins, smoke, and ash that block the sunlight making the daytime as dark as night. The clouds blocking the sun could be nuclear fallout, volcanic ash, or both.

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And **a third of the trees were** burned up, and all green grass was burned up. 8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and <mark>a third of the ships were destroyed</mark>. 10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers <mark>and on the springs of water</mark>. 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the <mark>water</mark>, because it was made bitter. 12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And **a third of the sun** was struck, <mark>a</mark> <mark>third of the moon</mark>, and <mark>a third of the stars</mark>, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night<mark>.</mark>

We saw how the trumpet judgments happened in proportions of 33 percent, but when the bowl judgments struck what was left, every creature in the sea died, and all the drinking water became toxic.

> **Revelation 16:2** So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and **a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast** and those who worshiped his image. 3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and **every living creature in the sea died. 4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.**

Another possibility is that the toxic clouds of ash and nuclear fallout damage the earth's protective ozone layer in the atmosphere, which allows the sun's ultraviolet rays to blister and burn the skin seven times worse than usual.

> **Revelation 16:8** Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl **on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat**, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. 10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl **on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.**

> Isaiah 30:26 Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, As the light of seven days, In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people and heals the stroke of their wound

Also, it seems there will be radioactive fall-out, with people's flesh dissolving off their bodies, and their faces will feel like flames of fire.

Zechariah 14:12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

Isaiah 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, 8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames. The judgments are frightening, but that's not all; now we will look at the Beast who brings Hell to earth, the antichrist.

Antichrist's battles for dominance

In the book of Daniel, there was a vision of a metallic man, representing future Gentile Empires, with the final empire having two legs of iron. The legs show how the Roman Empire became divided into East and West; the capital in the West was Rome, and the East was Constantinople, which later the Muslims conquered and renamed Istanbul. The Geographical division represents two capitals, and two cultures, a division between East and West that still exists today. In the West is the ancient city of Rome, with the Vatican, which is



still the religious capital of all Roman Catholics. In the East is the mystical city of Babylon, which will be the financial capital; with an international port, it will be the hub of all business and trade in the beast system.

The feet represent the revived Roman Empire that will be the kingdom of the Antichrist. The feet have ten toes, meaning a division of ten kingdoms or regions with ten kings. The toes and the feet are of iron and clay, incompatible materials, with military and economic differences having strengths and weaknesses. Because they are regional, there may be divisions along ethnic, cultural, and religious lines. And three of the strongest kings (horns) will challenge the Antichrist.

So, one foot would represent the West and the European Union, and the other would represent the East dominated by Islamic nations; both have aspirations for global dominance. There is a third element, the communist world, with their different agendas. However, Russia, Iran, and Turkey get defeated in the Ezekiel 38 battle. And the Chinese are the poster child for the globalists who want to implement their dystopian surveillance and control techniques. So, eventually, the world will fall into two camps (East-West) and then into one (Global government). The antichrist will have to bring all these factions under his control but will never have true unity, only fearful submission. Until then, the struggles will go back and forth. The Muslim countries have conquered about 65% of the old Roman Empire, and they are currently waging war with Europe with waves of illegal immigration with a view of a global Islamic Empire. We can see the turmoil, chaos, and violence from such a volatile clash of these cultures; iron and clay don't mix. Hold on, there's a bumpy road ahead of us.

Daniel 2:32 "This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 **"its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.**

The Antichrist must put down all uprisings that challenge his position, so he will destroy three kings (rulers, presidents, mullahs) that stand in the way of his quest for total world dominance. We may assume that those three kings had armies and that they would have been subdued by force and treachery. So, the Antichrist plucks up and eliminates three heads of state to tighten the reins of power. In doing so, he demonstrates the viciousness of the Beast; he is terrible; with iron teeth, he breaks into pieces and tramples his enemies.

> Daniel 7:7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns [rulers]. 8 "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one [antichrist], coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns [kings] were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Daniel 7:19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; 20 "and the ten horns [rulers] that were on its head, and the other horn [antichrist] which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

Besides dealing with three kings who threaten his power, the antichrist has more problems; he gets confronted by two Old Testament-style prophets who have supernatural power from God. They come from the mold of Elijah and Moses, and their home base is the city of Jerusalem. These two prophets unleash droughts and plagues, turn water to blood, and they can call down fire from heaven to destroy their enemies. The witnesses have $_{3 1/2}$ years to fulfill their ministries, and when they have completed their mission, the antichrist rises from the bottomless pit to make war with them and kill them. Their dead bodies will be in the streets in Jerusalem for $_{3 1/2}$ days, and the media will live-stream the entire event in the sight of the whole world. But after $_{3 1/2}$ days, a voice calls them from heaven, and they will be resurrected and caught up to heaven as the world watches.

Revelation 11:3 "And **I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days** [3 ^{1/2} years], clothed in sackcloth." ... 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire **proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner**. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. <mark>7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.</mark>



Ok, let's back up and look at that picture again. First, the whole world sees the witnesses resurrected at one time. Two thousand years ago, they had no television or cell phones. For centuries, skeptics used this verse to disprove the Bible. They couldn't see how that prophecy could happen even 100 years ago, but technology has caught up to the Bible. Today, without any questions or doubts, we know how the whole world will see the two witnesses rise from the dead, although the social media lords may try to block, de-platform, or socially shame anybody who carries it.

Another thing, when did the beast rises from the bottomless pit? How and when did the antichrist die? Was it from the conflict with the three horns? Did the two witnesses, who had the power to kill their enemies, cause him to die? Zechariah tells us that his right eye will be blinded, and his arm will go limp.

> **Zechariah 11:17** "Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! <mark>A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded."</mark>

A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded." Zechariah 11:17



The all-seeing eye is a pagan symbol going back to ancient Egypt, is used as a logo by Free Masons, and is on the US dollar bill. A single eye can also represent the Antichrist, and many modern celebrities and artists embrace that spirit when they cover one eye in their photos.

When Antichrist rises from the dead Satan coronates him with his 7 heads and 10 crowns, and gives him his power and authority. At this point Antichrist becomes Satan incarnate, the son of perdition.

> **Revelation 13:1** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast [antichrist] rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon [Satan] gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly

wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

After the antichrist rises from the bottomless pit, the people of the world will be stricken with fear, asking who can make war with him. He defeated three kings and two mighty prophets of God, he was killed and came back from the dead. He will appear to be the Messiah to Jews, Jesus to Christians, the Mahdi to Islamists, and all the other religions will have to worship him or be killed by him.

> **Revelation 13:4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

A fake (?) rising from the dead is the ultimate impersonation of Jesus Christ, which he exploits to intimidate, deceive, and control the world. The fake resurrection scenario brings to mind the angel Gabriel's battle with the Devil over Moses' body [Jude 1:9]. Did Satan have plans back then to pull off a fake resurrection using Moses' body? The Antichrist's apparent resurrection will be a mighty tool of Satan to deceive the world. Immediately after receiving Satan's power, the Antichrist begins to blaspheme against God and everything and everyone in heaven. So, no more Mister Nice Guy. The true nature of the beast comes out, and he is given power for 3 ¹/₂ years to make war with the saints and to kill them.

Revelation 13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. **7 It was granted to him to make** war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.



Antichrist, False Prophet, Image of the Beast

The abomination of desolation

We don't know how or when Jerusalem will have a third temple. The temple construction happens sometime before the middle of the tribulation period. The big mystery is what happens when the Dome of the Rock, a Muslim building that stands where the temple, needs to be built. Israel will have a temple, a priesthood, and animal sacrifices, but it may be part of the seven-year covenant with the Antichrist. The temple that gets constructed will end up being the Antichrist's temple, and God will not sanction it. Israel's sacrifices on that altar will be an abomination to God because of Israel's covenant with the Antichrist, and they are still a secular nation. Neither their temple nor the covenant will protect them from their deal with the devil.

Isaiah 66:1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word. 3 "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb,

as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations, 4 So will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; Because, when I called, no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight."

Once the Antichrist becomes possessed by Satan, he goes into a blasphemous rage, enters the Jewish temple in Jerusalem, declares himself to be a god, and sets up an image of himself in the holy place. Antichrist defiles the temple, rendering it unclean, ending the priestly services and putting an end to the daily sacrifice. That act of blasphemy is called the abomination of desolation by Daniel and Jesus. At that moment, the Antichrist has broken his covenant with the Jews and for the next $_{3}$ $_{1/2}$ years he will make war with the saints and kill them; that time is called the great tribulation, or Jacob's trouble [Jeremiah 30:7], it will be the worst time of all times.

Daniel 9:26 ... the prince who is to come [antichrist] ... But in the middle of the week. He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

Daniel 12:11 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), When the Jews confirmed the covenant with the Antichrist, thinking they would escape death at his hands. However, when their covenant gets annulled, they will be the first ones to get swept away in an overflowing scourge and trampled to death.

> Isaiah 28:14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, 15 Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves." ... 17 Also I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place. 18 Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.

The following 3 ¹/₂ years will be hell on earth in which Jerusalem, the temple, and the Jewish people will get trampled down by the Gentiles [nations].

Revelation 11:2 "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

Jesus gave one word of warning to the Jews who would be in Jerusalem at that time: Run!!! Drop everything and go! Don't go inside the house to grab anything; run for your life, run to the mountains as quickly as possible. Run! And remember what happened to Lot's wife when she turned around to look back for one last glimpse of Sodom. She became a pillar of salt. Don't look back, just run! Luke 21:21 "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 "For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Matthew 24:16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Luke 17:31 "*In that day*, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise, the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. 32 **Remember Lot's wife!**

Image & Mark of the Beast

After the abomination of desolation, the world will worship Satan and the Antichrist. The Antichrist will have a prophet that works with him, like a fake John the Baptist going before a fake Jesus; together with Satan, they are the evil trinity, with a (fake) resurrection, lying signs, and wonders. He is called the second Beast or the False Prophet, He looks like a lamb in religious garb but speaks like Satan,

Revelation 13:4 So they worshiped the dragon [Satan] who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast [antichrist], saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" ... 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

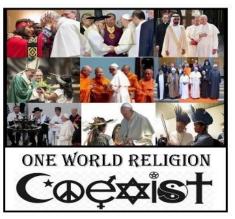
The Roman Catholic Pope is a prime candidate for the role of False Prophet. With over a billion followers, he has a lot of political and religious clout. The False Prophet will kill



anyone who does not worship the image of the Antichrist. The Roman Catholic churches are full of idolatry; the Pope would have no problems sitting up an idol of a man and bowing down before it. Also, Roman Catholic Popes have a long history of torturing and killing their opposition, as they did during the Catholic Inquisitions; their Jesuit priests were extremely cruel and performed some of the worst tortures in history.

The current Pope is a Jesuit, although there could be a different Pope by the time the Antichrist comes. Also, the Catholic church blended Roman mythology and idolatry with Christianity, starting around the year 320 AD. They renamed pagan statues after the apostles, turned pagan temples into churches, etc. The False Prophet will comingle every religion in the world together to worship the Antichrist. The "coexist" movement of the world's religions will become a one-world religion to worship the Antichrist, whether by deception or intimidation. Catholic, Protestant, Islamic, Hindu, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science, pagans, witches, spiritists, and every religion worldwide will worship in the church of the Beast, becoming the Harlot church, the bride of the Antichrist.

Can vou imagine the response if the Pope started live-streaming miraculous signs on all media, like calling down fire from heaven? He would have a tremendous global impact, and how many followers would he have? He could deceive the whole world, and that's exactly what the False Prophet will do. The

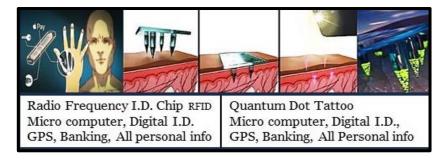


False Prophet will talk the world into making an image of the Antichrist; then, he gives breath to the image of the Beast. We can only speculate about what this image is, but it will appear to come to life and speak, and the people must worship this image or get killed by the false prophet. Beheading seems to be his preferred method of execution, possibly pointing to him using Islamic clerics in his administration who would gladly behead the infidels, or maybe he beheads people because he's a sick, twisted, demon-possessed psychopath.

> **Revelation 13:11** Then I saw another beast [false prophet] coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose <mark>deadly wound was healed.</mark> 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both <mark>speak and cause as many as would not worship</mark>

the image of the beast to be killed.

The False Prophet will also force the world to take the mark of the Beast, or they will be unable to buy or sell anything. **Let's speculate** on how this plays out because we are the first generation with the technology to fulfill this prophecy, so we have insight that other generations did not have. The mark will be a stamp on the surface or in the skin of the right hand or forehead that gives a visible and electronic stamp of allegiance and submission to the person of the Antichrist. The mark will work as a digital passport and is on the body, so it can't be stolen or hacked, and a person's physical body will be linked 24/7 to the cloud, transmitting vital data about heart rate, blood pressure, alcohol, or drug use, GPS coordinates, etc.



Payments happen by scanning the hand or the forehead or are transmitted to scanners as a person walks by. The Beast use algorithms, artificial intelligence, technology will surveillance cameras, cell phone data, GPS tracking, social media. Google searches, and government and medical records. It will track food, fuel, electric, and water consumption, and all available data gets linked to the Beast government system, which grants access to the financial system. Once online in the system, its algorithms will analyze that person's DEI (Diversity-Equity-Inclusion) score, their carbon footprint, social media posts, political activities, etc., to assign them a score to determine "IF" or what they can buy. The system will control 100% of the money using a programmable digital currency that links to a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). The algorithm will determine what or how much groceries, clothes,

transportation, etc., a person can buy. It will also control how much electricity and water each home can use. The Beast system will micro-manage every aspect of human life and make the world a dystopian global prison under a 24-hour a-day, 365 days-a-year, high-tech surveillance tyranny (see China). At least, **that's the way we assume it will happen**, given the current information.

The false prophet will force people to take the Beast's mark or number on the right hand or their forehead. The two main languages of the Bible, Hebrew and Greek, combine the alphabet and the numeric system. So, it looks like A=1, B=2, C=3, etc. So, if you take the Antichrist's name alphabetically and total the letters numerically, the total will be 666.



Revelation 13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, **to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,** 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is six hundred and sixty-six (666)

Someone might think the surveillance society doesn't sound bad; it is being promoted today as a convenient and easy life. If

you get chipped with an RFID chip (Radio Frequency Identification Chip), You can open doors without keys and pay by swiping your hand; it can act as a digital ID, medical passport, travel passport, and so forth.



But when they block access to your money, to travel, to medical treatment, and your food, it stops being fun. If anyone refuses to take the mark of the Beast, they have no access to money; they can't buy or sell, and face the death penalty for breaking the law. People will be between a rock and a very, very hard place. If they take the mark, they can buy and sell, **BUT** in a maximum of $_{3 1/2}$ years, at their death, they go straight to Hell.

Revelation 14:9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

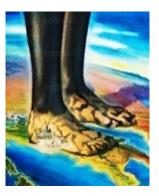
It's a fearful thing: refuse the mark of the Beast and get beheaded, but go to heaven. Or, take the mark of the Beast and live 3 1/2 years longer, but die and go to hell. Jesus gave the proper mindset in these situations.

Luke 12:4 "And I say to you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

The decision should be easy: will it be heaven or hell? A great reward will be waiting for those who stand for Christ and refuse to bow before the Beast; they will receive an eternal martyr's crown and will rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium. **Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I** saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Two feet, Two cities

The beast system has two key cities that seats of power: religious and are financial. In Daniel's Metallic Man, the final kingdom, which was the Roman Empire, had two legs of iron and two feet of iron mixed with clay. The Roman Empire became divided into the West (Rome) and the East (Constantinople, now Istanbul). The feet represent a revived that will Empire Roman be the antichrist's global government.



The Vatican, headed by the Pope has been the **religious capital** of the West for over 1500 years, controlling kings and countries, amassing lands and great wealth, waging wars, and killing religious opposition. The Vatican, i.e., the Pope, still yields considerable power and influence worldwide. **[Revelation 17]**

The future **financial capital** of the world will be in the East, Babylon (not Wall Street). The big question is whether that will be a literal rebuilt Babylon or a symbolic designation of an existing city. Saudi Arabia is building a city named Neom in a region not far from ancient Babylonia. They claim that Neom is the city of the future, with cutting-edge technology that they claim will change the world. Regardless of their results, one day, there will be a new global center of finance and commerce for the Beast system in a city symbolized by Babylon.

[Revelation 18]

	Rev 17 Religious Harlot - v	ersus - I	Rev 18 Financial Babylon
Dan 2:42	Western Foot - Rome West: Judeo/Christian roots, secular, paganism, atheism	Dan 2:42	Eastern Foot Constantinople (Istanbul) East: Muslim rule & oil money, Communism, Marxism
Rev 17:16	Antichrist & Kings hate the Harlot with her coalition of the world's coexist religions	Rev 18:3	Kings & merchants love trading with financial Babylon and are made rich by her global fascism
Rev 17:9	Rome / Vatican City sits on 7 hills, and about 50 miles to the nearest sea port (15 to sea)	Rev 18:17-19	Babylon is by sea, has a shipping trade, sea captains will mourn when she is destroyed
Rev 17:6	Religious Harlot drunk with blood of saints & martyrs of Jesus, she kills for religious reasons	Rev 18:24	Financial Babylon sold sorcery (Greek: pharmakeia) drugs, big pharma & tech, global corporations, she kills the saints & prophets for profit
Rev 17:15 12:5 &17; Rev 6:9; 7:9-17; Matt 25:31-46	Religious woman sits on many waters meaning multitudes of people: the manchild, a remnant with the testimony of Jesus, martyrs, Jews, sheep & goats	Rev 18:12-14	Financial Babylon has a long list of luxury items and choice foods she ships to the kings and elites: gold, cattle, wine, oil, human trafficking, etc., the elites live with abundance in luxury while the earth is starving
Rev 17:16	The Kings hate, destroy, and burn the religious Harlot	Rev 18:17-23 18:11,15	God judges, and destroys Babylon in one hour, shocking the world

There is an interesting verse that may or may not add some color to the picture. In Revelation 12, the woman has two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness for $_{3}$ $_{1/2}$ years. In Zechariah, we see a similar picture of a woman in a basket with two women with great wings carrying her to a house built for her in Babylon. The beast system has two women, the religious harlot and the financial Babylon.

Revelation 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 ¹/₂ years).

Revelation 12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 **But the earth helped the woman**, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Zechariah 5:5 Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what this is that is appearing." 6 I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a measuring basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land." 7 Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket <mark>sat a woman!</mark> 8 He said, **"This is wickedness," and** he pushed her back into the basket and pushed <mark>the lead cover down over its mouth.</mark> 9 Then I looked up and there before me were **two women, with** the wind in their wings! They had wings like <mark>those of a stork</mark>, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth. 10 "Where are they taking the **basket?"** I asked the anael who was speaking to me. 11 He replied, <mark>"To the country of Babylonia to build</mark> a house for it. When it is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."

Most Bible teachers say that the woman in Revelation 12 is Israel, and we would agree that Israel will be one with the woman, and she will flee into the wilderness. But the next time we see the woman, she is coming out of the wilderness, riding on the back of the Beast. The women, which includes Israel, become part of the Beast system, and the Beast carries them on his back. Israel became part of the Antichrist's system when she became bound to him by covenant [Daniel 9:27-28; Isaiah 28:15-18].

> **Revelation 17:3** So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Later, when God is about to send judgment against Babylon, He speaks from heaven to his people, Israel, and says, "Come out of Her, my people!" Israel could not come out of herself, showing that Israel was part of the woman, Babylon, and had to "come out of her" before God would judge and destroy Babylon. Israel begins the tribulation as a secular nation and does not turn to God until the end of the tribulation.

> **Revelation 18:2** And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, **"Babylon the great is fallen, is** fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." 4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

There will be wars and rumors of wars. There will be wars against the two women, the Harlot and Babylon, and the secular leaders, ten kings, destroy the religious leaders and institutions of the Harlot religions. Then Christ destroys Babylon, the Beast system, armies of the nations, the False Prophet and the Beast, and anything that would defile his Millennial kingdom. Christ is the rock of ages; he is the stone cut out without hands who will destroy all the kingdoms of this world to establish the earthly and eternal kingdom of God, to complete Daniel's vision of the metallic man.

Daniel 2:43 "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45 "Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold-the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Let the wars begin.

War against Babylon Mother of Harlots

The Antichrist forms a working relationship with the woman when she rides the back of the Beast system. The leaders of the world's religions prostitute themselves and push their sheep to the Antichrist to save their necks. The Harlot religions do dirty deals with the Devil, but after he gets what he wants, he hates, abuses, and destroys them. Think of all the Lutheran Pastors who sold their souls to Hitler to save their necks; where are they now? (it rhymes with Hell)

> **Revelation 17:1** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, **"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,** 2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." 3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And **I saw a woman**

<mark>sitting on a scarlet beast</mark> which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

"The woman" represents the world's religions, a great multitude of people who comprise a large percentage of the world's population. Combining all the world's religions into one cup is a dangerous concoction. Some of these religious groups are mortal enemies and have slaughtered each other for centuries.

When it comes time to bow to the Antichrist, the False Prophet's executioners will gladly kill the heretics that they already hate. You can imagine an Islamist terrorist who believes that the Antichrist is the Twelfth Imam, the Mahdi, and if he sees a Christian who refuses to bow to his Mahdi, he will gladly torture and take his head off with a sword. The Harlot will have a gold cup, which symbolizes communion, but her cup is full of the blood of the saints who refuse to bow to the Antichrist. It is open season to kill the believers in Jesus, and there will be a great multitude of martyrs, and the Harlot gets drunk on their blood.

> **Revelation 17:4** The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

> **Revelation 13:15** He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak **and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed**

Revelation 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The Harlot is drunk on power also; the one world religion would have about 1.9 billion Muslims, 1.2 billion Hindus, 500 million Buddhists, and 2.4 billion Christians, of which about 1.4 are Catholics, that's about six billion people, and that not counting the myriads of other religions.

> **Revelation 17:15** Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

The Antichrist and the ten kings (horns) will be secular Satan worshippers, and they hate the Harlot (religious people). Once the Beast firmly controls the multitudes, he and the ten kings will destroy, humiliate, and burn down all the religious institutions. Then, whatever was dividing the kings gets resolved, or out of absolute fear of the Antichrist, all the ten kings unite behind the Antichrist and agree to give their kingdoms to the Beast.

> **Revelation 17:16** "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17 "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

After the Antichrist has dealt with three obstinate kings, the two witnesses, and getting rid of religious people, and he finally has all ten of the kings behind him, he decides it is time to go to war with God and attack Jerusalem.

Armageddon

Approaching the big battle of the tribulation period, the Satanic trio, Satan, the antichrist, and the False Prophet will use demonic influence to gather the world's armies. The image of frogs is used symbolically for demonic spirits. When Moses challenged Pharoah, one of the plagues he released was an infestation of frogs that filled their kitchens, pots, pans, bedrooms, and beds; they were everywhere. The Egyptian sorcerers could also do the miracle of frogs. In the same way, the evil trinity will cast spells out of their mouths, like a plague of frogs, demonic spirits, to fill every aspect of society and social media, controlling the narrative, brainwashing, saturating families, workplaces, televisions, phones, iPads, hearts, and minds of men to pressure, coerce, and drive them to gather for the great battle against God.

> Exodus 8:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 2 "But if you refuse to let them go, behold, **I will smite all your territory** with frogs. 3 "So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. 4 "And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants."''' 5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt." 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

2 Timothy 3:8 Now **as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith**; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

Revelation 16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And **I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty**

The evil trinity will perform signs to muster the troops of all the nations to go to war with God, with Jerusalem as the bullseye. The Euphrates will be dried up for the armies to cross over from areas east of Jerusalem to gather at Armageddon. Armageddon has taken on a new meaning in recent years and has become synonymous with cataclysmic disasters and movie themes. Armageddon is not the actual battle; Armageddon means the mountain of Megiddo, and it will be a gathering place or military staging area before the big battle. The world's armies will gather at Armageddon in northern Israel, in the Valley of Jezreel at the base of the mountain of Megiddo, before they advance to lay siege against Jerusalem.

Revelation 19:16 <mark>And they gathered them</mark> together to the place called in Hebrew, <mark>Armageddon.</mark>

Revelation 19:19 And <mark>I</mark> saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, **gathered together to make** war against Him [Jesus] who sat on the horse and against His army. The army that the antichrist assembles will be the most formidable in history, with literal Satanic powers and demons with all the men and resources from every nation, with every modern weapon, artificial intelligence, nuclear, biological, cyber, and possibly weapons not yet invented. We have the prophet Joel's description of the unfolding events; he first identifies the location as Zion in the heart of Jerusalem and proclaims the Day of the Lord. Joel then describes a relentless, unstoppable force that marches toward Jerusalem with a demonic rage.

> Joel 2:1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand: 2 a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations. 3 A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them.

Siege of Jerusalem

After the antichrist and the armies of the nations (Gentiles) gather at the mountain of Megiddo, they will march south, lay siege, and take Jerusalem. They will plunder the city, rape the women, take half of the city hostage, and the Gentiles will trample the city of Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, And the women ravished [raped]. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Luke 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 "For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Jesus said that time would be the worst time of suffering in human history; all the wars, plagues, and famines would have reduced the world's population down to just a remnant of survivors. And Israel will suffer more significant losses percentage-wise than the losses they experienced during the holocaust under Hitler; two-thirds of all Jews will die.

> Matthew 24:21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

> **Zechariah 13:8** And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, <mark>"That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one -third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire.</mark>

Sun dark, moon blood, earthquakes

As Jerusalem comes under attack, the physical planet responds with unbelievable displays of power in nature, similar to when Moses went up Mt. Sinai, the mountain shook, and there was an earthquake, fire, smoke, and thundering *[Exodus 19:16-18; Hebrews 12:18-21]*. When Jesus died on the cross, the sky grew dark with thick clouds, there was an earthquake, and the dead came out of their graves *[Matthew 27:50-53; Luke 23:44-45]*. At this point, God's longsuffering, patience, and mercy have reached their fullness. Then God's pent-up judgment, vengeance, and wrath will be displayed through nature without mercy against all humanity.

There will be the most powerful earthquakes in history; with sunlight blocked, darkness and gloom will descend, which will cause people to gnaw their tongues in pain *[Revelation 16:10]*. The moon turns to blood with toxins in the ozone, and the stars (Greek - asters), asteroids, meteors, and satellites will fall from the sky. Cataclysmic shaking will move the earth's tectonic plates will have seismic shifts, the Islands of the seas will move from their locations, mountains will rise and fall *[Isiaih 2:1, Zechariah 14:4-5]*, 100-pound hailstones will fall from the sky, and all of nature will be affected.

Revelation 16:17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not <mark>occurred since men were on the earth</mark>. 19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nation's fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. 20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent [100 lbs.]. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plaque was exceedingly great.

	Earthquakes in the End Times
Jesus Prophecy Matthew 24:7	"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.
Battle of Gog And Magog Ezekiel 38:19-20	"For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 'so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.
Resurrection of 2 Witnesses Revelation 11:13	At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven
After 6 th Seal Revelation 6:12-14	I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.
After 7 th Bowl Revelation 16:18- 20	Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.
At the Second Coming Of Christ Zechariah 14:4-8	On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

Joel 2:10 The <mark>earth quakes before them, the</mark> heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.

Isaiah 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, 8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames. 9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, <mark>to lay the land desolate;</mark> And **He will destroy its** sinners from it. 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth. And the <mark>moon will not cause its light to shine.</mark> 11 "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold. A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens. And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger

Jesus, John, and all the Old Testament prophets foresaw when the sun would darken and the moon would turn to blood as a pivotal point in history that would completely alter the course of the world, sending shock waves through all creation.

Matthew 24:29 [Jesus' speaking] "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Revelation 8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

Isaiah 34: 4 All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.

Revelation 6:12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon became like blood**. 13 And **the stars of heaven fell to the earth**, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 **Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place**

After Christ returns, everything on earth will undergo fundamental changes. Until then, the earth and all its creatures will be in travail, waiting for the glorious liberty of the children of God when Christ returns. Then Jesus recreates a world that has been purged from sin, liberated from the Devil and demons, and all creation will respond with lush vegetation and tame animals in a world that has become a beautiful paradise. Until then, the earth and every creature groan, anticipating with great expectations for Christ's return. **Romans 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 **For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 **because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.**

ALL Israel Saved

Everything leading up to the end of the tribulation, all the plagues and judgments, the covenant with the Beast, the abominations, death, destruction, grief, and suffering, everything that happened up to this point was for one purpose: the salvation of the Jews. Let's explain why.

When Jesus came for the first time, the Jewish religious establishment rejected him. Afterward, when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he wept over the city, knowing the Romans would destroy the temple and the Jews would be scattered around the world without a homeland for more than 2,000 years, so he prophesied, "You will not see me again until you say, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The Jews are mandated to repent, acknowledge Christ as their Messiah, and bless Christ's return. Then Jesus, their Messiah, will come to save them from the armies of the nations assembled against them.



Luke 13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 "See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Just as he said, seventy years after Jesus' resurrection, his prophecy was fulfilled, and the Romans destroyed the temple; the Jewish people fled Jerusalem and got dispersed around the world with no homeland, no temple or priesthood, and became the objects of hate, constantly facing annihilation. But one of the greatest miracles of all time happened in 1948 when the nation of Israel was reborn in one day *[Isaiah 66:8]* after over 2,000 years. Israel has become a powerful and prosperous nation but is secular, separated from God, without the temple and priesthood, and still rejecting Jesus as their Messiah, Christ.

Paul speaks of a mystery that the Jews have been blinded to the gospel of Christ until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, and then ALL Israel will be saved. When Israel repents at the time of Christ's return, the times of the Gentiles, the church age, will be over, and all God's plans, purposes, and covenants will refocus on Israel. God will never forsake Israel because His covenants, gifts, and callings are irrevocable. The church got grafted into the Jewish olive tree through Christ to make the Jews jealous so they would return to the Lord. But the roots and the tree are still Israel.

> **Romans 11:11** I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! **But through their fall, to** provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.

Romans 11:24 For if **you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature** [Gentiles], and were **grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree [Israel],** how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of **this mystery**, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved.** as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion [Jerusalem], and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob [Israel]; ... 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Peter preached from a prophecy of Joel on the day of Pentecost; he claimed that Joel's prophecy was fulfilled that day. That day, the day of Pentecost, God poured out his Spirit on all flesh, including Gentiles, so that was the beginning of the "times of the Gentiles." But Peter's sermon also mentioned the Day of the Lord, which will end the "times of the Gentiles" and the church age.

Acts 2:16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh [includes Gentiles]; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.' From the beginning of the tribulation, God will deal with the Jews, so they will turn to him. He will send two witnesses, like Old Testament prophets, who will preach and do signs in sackcloth calling Israel to repentance *[Revelation 11:3-13]*. Then God will send angels to preach the gospel *[Revelation 14:6]*. God will seal 144,000 Jews from the 12 tribes of Israel; God will protect them throughout the tribulation.

Revelation 7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, **"Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."** 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed

When the Antichrist defiles the temple, God will take note of those who grieve and mourn because of the sins and desecration of Jerusalem. So, God seals those people by placing a mark on their foreheads, signifying God's ownership and making them off limits to the plagues and death that will go through Jerusalem.

> **Ezekiel 9:4** and the LORD said to him, "**Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it**." 5 To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. 6 "Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; **but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary."** So, they began with the elders who were before the temple.

After all the famines, plagues, persecution, sun darkening, the moon turning to blood, wars, and legions of demons, there will be a remnant of one-third of the Jews remaining alive. With the world's armies attacking Jerusalem in desperation, the Jews will cry out to God and call on the name of the LORD.

> **Zechariah 13:8** And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That **two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one -third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire,** Will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

> Zechariah 12:9 "It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Then Christ will appear, every eye will see him, and he will destroy the antichrist and the armies surrounding Jerusalem.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, <mark>He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.</mark> Even so, Amen.

Luke 21:27 <mark>"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.</mark>

Matthew 24:30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Zechariah 12:8 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD

Zechariah 14: 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

With the fall of the last Gentile empire, the times of the Gentiles will be over. And ALL Israel will be saved.

Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so ALL Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

Christ comes as a thief

Jesus warned everyone to watch because he would come back unexpectedly at any time. Jesus and the apostles repeatedly mentioned the importance of watchfulness for the rapture and the second coming. Those people who live like business as usual, oblivious to the times and the nearness of Christ's return, are at risk of being destroyed alongside the wicked. **2 Peter 3:10** But the day of **the Lord will come as a thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Revelation 16: 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

Luke 21:34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 "For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Matthew 24:42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Jesus used the examples of Noah and Lot to warn us to watch. What were they doing in the days of Noah and Lot? They ate, drank, married, bought and sold, and planted. What's wrong with that? Business as usual, right? Notice that Jesus didn't mention any sin other than they failed to watch.

Luke 17:26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man²: 27 "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Outward appearances can be deceiving. In Noah's day, every thought and imagination of their hearts and minds were only evil and perverse, and they didn't even have the internet with pornographic videos glued to their eyes. Also, the pre-flood world was very violent, but so is our world



with violence in movies, politics, sports, protests, terrorist acts, religious persecutions, regional conflicts, and wars, and we are on the brink of World War III.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** ... 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and **the earth was filled with violence.** 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. In Lot's time, the entire population of men were homosexual rapists *[Genesis 19:4-5]*, but Jesus didn't mention that. Jesus said they were buying and selling. That's because homosexuality was the fruit of their sin, but the root cause of their sin was that they were arrogant, overfed, unconcerned, and selfish. Sounds like business as usual, right?

Ezekiel 16:49 "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. 50 They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore, I did away with them as you have seen.

Lot's generation had one sin that cost them their souls: they were mockers *[Genesis 19:14]*. The biggest mockers are the ones inside the church, those religious people who say, what is all this stuff about the rapture? We've heard those teachings for years; Jesus hasn't returned, and if it happens, it will be many years in the future! But if they don't change and fail to watch, the thief will catch them by surprise, and they will stay in Sodom and get destroyed.

> 2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.

> **Jude 1:17** But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.



Lightning fast with a vengeance

Jesus said his appearance would be like a flash of lightning, which makes us think of brightness, power, and quickness. The rapture could be the definition of quickness; Christ will snatch millions of people from off the earth, transform them mid-air, and transport them to heaven in a moment, the twinkling of an eye [1 Corinthians 15:51]. Now That's quick!

Matthew 24:27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man

The flashing of lightning can also speak of the sword of speedy judgment and wrath, without a doubt, Christ could destroy all the Antichrist's armies in the blink of an eye.

> **Ezekiel 21:9** "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD!' Say: 'A sword, a sword is sharpened and also polished! 10 Sharpened to make a dreadful slaughter, Polished to flash like lightning! Should we then make mirth? [rejoice] It despises the scepter of My Son, as it does all wood. 11 And He has given it to be polished, that it may be handled; This sword is sharpened, and it is polished to be given into the hand of the slayer.'

The martyrs in heaven are crying out how long oh Lord, how long until you avenge our blood on earth? *[Revelation 6:10]* There are six times in the book of Revelation that Jesus says he will

come quickly [*Revelation 2:5, 16; 3:11; 22:7, 12,20*]; in Zephaniah, God says he will make a speedy riddance of the ungodly.

Zephaniah 1 18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them **in the day of the LORD'S wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.**

On the day of God's wrath, the Day of the Lord, judgment will snap closed like an animal trap on the whole world at one time. When a bear or wolf steps into a trap, they have no time to think or react, before they even realize it, the trap's jaws have clamped shut deep in their flesh, and there is no escape. Not one ungodly person in the world will escape God's swift judgment on the Day of the Lord, it will snap shut like a trap.

> Luke 21:34 "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

Just the brightness of Christ's appearance is enough to destroy the world's armies like a flash of lightning, and it's over.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

The Day of the Lord

In the Old Testament, there are around eight times more prophecies about Jesus coming as the conquering Messiah than when he came the first time as the suffering servant to give his life as a sacrifice for sin to redeem mankind. That is one reason the Jews failed to recognize Jesus as their Messiah. All that to say, the Day of the Lord was a central theme for all the prophets, from Enoch before Noah's flood to the apostle John in the book of Revelation. We've already covered much of the death and destruction, but we will list just a few verses to show the importance of the Day of the Lord from an Old Testament perspective; all the prophets spoke about it.

> Isaiah 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty. 7 Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt. 8 Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame. 9 See, the day of the LORD is coming a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.

> Joel 1:15 Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

> **Obadiah 1:15** "The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

Amos 5:18 Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. 19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. 20 Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light pitchdark, without a ray of brightness? **Zephaniah 1:14 The great day of the LORD** is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of **the day of the LORD** is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. 15 **That day is a day of wrath**, **a day** of trouble and distress, **a day** of devastation and desolation, **a day** of darkness and gloominess, **a day** of clouds and thick darkness, 16 **a day** of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers. 17 "I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD; **Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse.**"

War against Financial Babylon

When God judges the nations, Babylon, the world's financial center, will be one of the first cities slated for judgment, death, and destruction. God issues the final warning to his people to get out and then unleashes his fury and wrath against Babylon. Babylon gets demolished, and all the trade ports, cargo ships, cyber-infrastructure, and people go up in smoke in one day. When Babylon falls, the merchants of the earth will weep for the loss of their livelihoods, and the ruins of Babylon will become a prison and haunt for demons.

> **Revelation 18:1** After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Besides the miscellaneous merchandise, Babylon was a center for exporting sorcery, drugs, and deception. They also sold the bodies and souls of men. which raises some questions. How does one person sell another person's soul? Whatever it is, it must be evil. Selling the bodies could be slavery, prostitution, child trafficking, and organ harvesting. Organ harvesting may be the most insidious. There have been reports that people within organizations like Planned Parenthood have sold organs harvested from aborted babies for large sums of money. There have also been reports of adult political prisoners in China, Muslim Uyghurs, getting executed to sell their body parts. People will be property whose organs and souls are for sale. The financial capital of the Devil incarnated, the Beast system will be more wicked than we can imagine, and God will destroy her in one hour.

> Revelation 18:8 "Therefore her plagues will come in **one day** death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: ... and bodies and souls of men. ... 17 'For in one hour such riches came to nothing.' areat Everu shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance ... Alas, alas, **that great city**, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour. she is made desolate.'

There are interesting similarities between the next verse and recent events. This verse speaks of the merchants as the great men of the earth. The word for merchant relates to a supplier, not a retailer, so they represent big business or a global corporation. The merchants were great men of the earth, so they could be considered global elites or oligarchs. These global elites deceived all the nations by their sorcery. The Greek word for sorcery is pharmakeia, our root word for pharmacy, pharmaceuticals, and drugs.

Revelation 18:23 ... For your <mark>merchants were the</mark> great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

So, when we put all that together, we have global elites who are with big pharma, international pharmaceutical manufacturers who get filthy rich by deceiving the whole world with their DNA altering injection to protect the world from a pandemic they created that would kill less than 1% of the population. But these global elites would also double the wealth of the world's top 10 wealthiest men by shutting down small businesses, deeming them non-essential, and taking their profits. They would also roll out this plan globally, with every country participating and shutting down their countries simultaneously, observing all the same mandates and restrictions, implementing what became a global medical tyranny that gave emergency powers to governments, allowing them to bypass all their national laws and exercise dictatorial powers over their subjects, which powers did not get expunged but lie dormant until the next created pandemic.

Wow! Did we read too much into that verse? That's crazy! Nothing like that could ever happen, right? But if something like that did happen, they would probably use it as a test run to preprogram the people for the next crisis, tweak some things, and repeat until they have a global government with global agencies to protect the public from the problems they make, with the added benefit of making the global elites and governments more wealthy and powerful.

Those crazy fictitious merchants! You would think they were trying to create a Marxist global government or something. If they did do something like that, God would probably judge and destroy them and their evil system, and he would probably do it in one day! Then Christ would probably go to the area where the armies of the Antichrist have gathered and trample them to death.

Edom, Bozrah, winepress of wrath

The world's armies gathered to Armageddon and then marched south through Israel to Jerusalem and the surrounding regions to fight. There will be a concentration of soldiers around Bozrah, the capital of ancient Edom, southwest Jordan, between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba. Christ will judge and destroy those armies, releasing the wrath of God against them; and it will be a bloodbath!

> Isaiah 34:1 Come near you nations, to hear: And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it. the world and all things that come forth from it. 2 For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations. and His fury against all their armies: He has utterly destroyed them. He has given them over to the slaughter. 3 Also their slain shall be thrown out: Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood. arLambdaAll the host of heaven shall be dissolved. And the <mark>heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll;</mark> All their host [armies] shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree. 5 "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed. it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment.

> **Isaiah 34:6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,** It is made overflowing with fatness, With the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For **the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah**, **And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.** 7 The wild oxen shall come down with them, And the young bulls with the mighty bulls; **Their land shall be soaked with blood**, and their dust saturated with fatness." 8 For it is **the day of the LORD'S vengeance**, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

Unknowingly, the world's armies will march straight into the winepress of God's wrath, and Jesus will trample them until the blood is to the horse's reins, up to five and a half feet deep, for a distance of 184 miles. The symbolism of a winepress is a large vat where people trample grapes with their bare feet until the grape juice flows into a drain that funnels the juice into large vats. The picture that Isaiah and John paint is that Jesus will trample the nations like in a winepress and come to Jerusalem with blood stains on his garments.



Isaiah 63:1 Who is this who comes from Edom. with dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? <mark>3 "**I have trodden the winepress alone**, and from</mark> the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My Their blood is sprinkled upon My furu: garments, And I have stained all My robes, 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart. And the year of My redeemed has come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; therefore, my own arm brought salvation for Me: And my own fury, it sustained Me. 6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth."

Revelation 14:14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud. and on the cloud sat <mark>One like the Son of Man</mark>. having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, cruing with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." ... 18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlonas [184 miles].

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He <mark>should strike the nations.</mark> And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almiahtu God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thiah a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Consuming fire, mountains & Island move

At the second coming, all of creation will react to the presence of Christ; the mountains will shake, and melt; Islands will move, and there will be earthquakes, tidal waves, and volcanic eruptions that make the waters boil and gush thick ash smoke that blocks the sun and harms the lungs, and turns the moon blood red.

> Isaiah 64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence 2 As fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil-to make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, you came down, the mountains shook at Your presence.

> **Revelation 6:12** I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

> **Revelation 16:18** And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and **there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. 19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations' fell**. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. 20 **Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone**

about the weight of a talent [100 lbs.]. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

King David might have had a vision of the second coming of Christ. At first glance, it would appear that His Psalms were a product of a vivid imagination and very descriptive and theatrical prayers. But in reality, they look similar to the descriptions of what the other prophets saw in their visions of the day of the Lord. When David says that God came in the clouds, the mountains shook and melted under his feet, and God destroyed his enemies who were too strong for him. David's deliverance in the Psalm may be symbolic and prophetic of how the Messiah, Christ, will deliver the Jews in Jerusalem and destroy the armies of the Antichrist, how the mountains and islands will move, and the face of the planet will shift and get regenerated by Christ before the Millennium.

> **Psalm 97: 1** The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad! 2 Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. 3 A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about. 4 His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles. 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.

> **Psalm 144:5** Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; **touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. 6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them**.

> **Psalm 18:6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears. 7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were

shaken, Because He was angry. 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet. 10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew: He flew upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire, 14 He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanguished them. 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. 16 He sent from above. He took me: He drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.



75-day transition period

After Christ destroys the armies of the Antichrist and judges the nations, there will be a time of transition to clean up and bring restoration to the planet. The Antichrist had desecrated the temple, and Jerusalem got trampled; one-third of the ocean life, trees, vegetation, and fresh waters became contaminated. The global landscape shifted, earthquakes devasted cities, and there will be multitudes of bodies to bury. God, who spoke the world into existence in six days, could completely restore the same world in a moment, but from what Daniel has written, there is a 75-day gap or transition between the second coming and the beginning of the Millennium. Christ will bring order to the chaos, the government will be on his shoulders, and he will begin by removing everything that defiles from the kingdom, then he will restore all things in 75 days.

Daniel 12:9 He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. ... **11** "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. 12 Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

Chapter & verse	2 nd 3 1/2 Years of Tribulation = 1260 days		
Dan 7:25, Rev 13:5-7	Antichrist power over saints	3 ½ years	1260 days
Rev 11:2	Gentiles trample temple	3 1/2 years	1260 days
Daniel 12:11	From abomination in temple	1290 days	+30 days
Daniel 12:12	Blessed who reaches	1335 days	+45 days
	1260 days = 42 months =	3 ½ Years	75 days

Judges the Nations / Sheep & Goats

When Jesus returns at his second coming, he will capture and cast the Antichrist and the False Prophet alive into the lake of fire. The Antichrist's armies get destroyed by the brightness of Christ's appearance and the word of God that Jesus speaks.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one [antichrist] will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

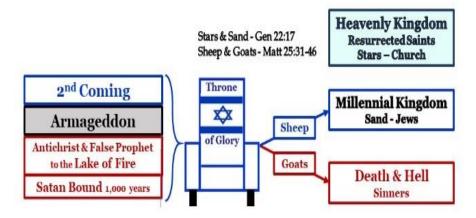
Revelation 19:20 Then **the beast** was captured, and with him the **false prophet** who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. **These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21** And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the **birds were filled with their flesh.**

Zechariah 14:12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

When the LORD Jesus comes with all the saints, Christ will descend onto the Mount of Olives, and when his feet touch the mountain, the mountain will split into a large valley, and then the remnant will flee through the mountain valley.

> **Zechariah 14:4** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the

south. 5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. thus, the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.



Then Christ sends his angels to gather all the nations to the valley of Jehosaphat, and he will sit on the throne of his glory and judge. There will be multitudes in the valley of decision, who will get separated into two groups.

Mark 13:26 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 "And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

Joel 3:11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. 12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, the vats overflow-For their wickedness is great." 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of **decision.** 15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. 16 **The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem;** The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

Jesus will be short in this initial judgment; the primary question is, does Christ know you? Or not? Jesus knows his sheep, the ones who stood for him and didn't deny his name, so he will confess that he knows them before the Father and all the angels, and they get herded to the right. The goats who denied him get herded to the left; they will hear the most painful words that will echo for all eternity: I don't know you. Then Jesus will sit on the throne of his glory to judge the nations, between the sheep and the goats.

> Matthew 25:31 Mt 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

> Luke 12:8 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9 "But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

> Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

When Jesus sits on the Throne of Glory to judge, all those who stand before him are the Gentile nations who have just come through the great tribulation, and this is their pre-trial arraignment to determine one thing: how did they treat the brethren of Jesus, the Jews during the great tribulation? When these individuals have their final judgment, there will be a full trial with all the evidence and every thought, motive, and action weighed and judged for rewards or punishments. But for this Judgment, Christ is sitting on the Throne of David as Messiah to judge the nations. If they helped the Jews, they would be sheep, and they would be released to live among the Jews in the Millennial kingdom of Christ. When the sheep die, they go to the judgment seat of Christ to receive their eternal rewards. But if they did not help the Jews, in the great tribulation, they are goats and cannot live with the Jews in the Millennial kingdom and are sent to a pre-trial holding cell in Hell, where they await their final judgment at the Great White Throne.

> Matthew 25:33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 <mark>"Then the King will</mark> say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in. or naked and clothe You? 39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and **come to You**?' 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of <mark>these My brethren, you did it to Me.'</mark> 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, <mark>'Depart from</mark> Me. uou cursed. into the everlasting fire **prepared for the devil and his angels**: 42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe

Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Jesus gave another parable that symbolizes this time of judgment about a farmer who planted wheat and an enemy planted weeds (tares) in his field. The farmer couldn't pull the weeds without damaging the crop, so he let them grow together until the harvest. The field is the world; many may profess their faith, but in a church, half the congregation could be wheat and the other half tares.' Human eyes may not see the difference, but God will sort them out at the judgment. In the parable, the Son of man, Jesus, says to let them grow together until the harvest, then burn the tares (unbelievers) but put the wheat (believers) into the barn (Millennial kingdom).

> **Matthew 13:30** 'Let both grow together **until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

Here is Jesus' interpretation of the parable: Christ will gather all things that offend and are lawless out of his kingdom and cleanse the earth from defilements before the millennium begins. The entire beast system, idols, temples, relics, false religions, all wickedness, perversion, and anything that defiles will get judged, burned up, and destroyed, but the lawless souls will get cast into their holding cells in hell to await final judgment (at the Great White Throne). Matthew 13:37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 "The field is the world, **the good seeds are the sons of the** kinadom. but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, **the harvest is the end of the age**, and the reapers are the angels. 40 "Therefore as the tares are aathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear. let him hear!

John the Baptist also referred to Jesus judging the nations, warning of the wrath to come at the second coming. John compared Jesus to a farmer gathering his wheat in the barn (Millennial kingdom) and burning the chaff with unquenchable fire (in Hell). John called Jesus the lamb of God who takes the world's sin (John 1:29), but he also preached Jesus the judge.

Matthew 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 10 "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 **"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."**

Marriage Supper of the Lamb

At the rapture, Jesus returns and snatches his bride away for their wedding, has a seven years honeymoon, then judges the world, establishes the Millennial kingdom, and then throws a wedding feast that lasts 1,000 years; that wedding is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Jesus explained the marriage supper in a parable format to his disciples. The parable starts after the wedding ceremony; the bridegroom and the bride are on their honeymoon, and the wedding reception and a great feast will begin in one week. But there's a problem, the guests the king invited won't come. The King has a dilemma: he pays for a big feast, but the meeting hall will be empty. So, the King sends his servants to bring whosoever will accept the invitation to be guests at his Son's wedding.

The types in the parable are God is the Father, Jesus is the Son, the church is the bride, and the guests who attend the wedding reception are souls resurrected in the first resurrection *[Revelation 20:5-6]*. The family, friends, and guests at the feast are the tribulation martyrs and Old Testament saints. All the guests found in the bridegroom's register (book of Life) are friends known personally by the bridegroom. John the Baptist, the greatest and the last of the Old Testament saints is the bridegroom's best man, but the Bride of Christ is greater than him and all the other guests at the wedding. At the second coming, the souls of the departed either go to heaven or hell, depending on whether they accepted or rejected the invitation to be guests at the wedding feast. That was a brief overview, now let's look at the parable verse by verse.

Here is the beginning of the parable: the King sends out the invitations, but there is a twist: the guests who reject the invitation also kill the messengers who bring the invitation.

The King is enraged and afterward returns with an army and pours out his vengeance and wrath on those who killed his messengers (False Prophet & the Beast) and destroyed their city. (Babylon).; speaking of when Jesus returns with his army of saints behind him to destroy that wicked city

> Matthew 22:1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that **I have prepared my** dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 "But they paid no attention and went off one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

When Jesus came for the first time, the Jews rejected him, so God offered salvation to the Gentiles to provoke the Jews into jealousy. So, the invitation to the wedding feast went to the Jews first, and they rejected it, then messengers were sent from the uttermost to the guttermost, to whosoever would accept the invitation, and the wedding hall became filled with guests.

> Matthew 22:8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

So, let's identify the guests: the tribulation martyrs and the Old Testament saints. We won't labor over this point but use a brief explanation from John the Baptist. John said that he who has the bride is the bridegroom, so John excluded himself from being either Christ or the bride of Christ. Jesus said all the Law and prophets (Old Testament saints) were until John, and there was none greater than John, but the least or lowest person in the kingdom was greater than John. Without deliberating over the term kingdom, let's say that the least or lowest person under the New Testament has a better covenant and promises than the greatest person under the Old Testament, and leave it at that. Jesus died for the church to present it to himself as a spotless bride. The church is the bride, and the Old Testament saints are friends at the wedding.

> John 3:28 [John the Baptist speaking] "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' 29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, this joy of mine is fulfilled.

> Matthew 11:11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John

Jesus died for the church to present it to himself as a spotless bride. The church is the bride, and the Old Testament saints are friends at the wedding.

> **Ephesians 5:23** For the husband is head of the wife, as also **Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.** 24 Therefore, just as the church

is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Here is a list of the guests to the marriage supper of the lamb, aka the Millennial reign of Christ: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets, and the tribulation martyrs.

> Matthew 8:11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

> Luke 13: 27 28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 "They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

> **Revelation 20:4** ... Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Wedding garments are a big part of the wedding event. In ancient weddings, the bridegroom provided the wedding

garments to all his guests. God has provided our spiritual garments by the grace of Christ. The bride's wedding dress is fine linen, bright and clean. Linen does not make you sweat like other fabrics; they are garments by grace, not of works lest anybody boast. The bride's righteous acts are a byproduct of her salvation. The bride doesn't do good works to get saved, she works because she is saved.

> **Revelation 19:7** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) 9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

The tribulation martyrs will be bridesmaids at the wedding feast, and they are given robes made white and clean, not by their blood, but by the blood of Christ. The martyrs will be given crowns, which they lay at the feet of Jesus, who deserves all the credit and glory for giving them grace, patience, and endurance to die as martyrs in faithfulness to Christ.

> **Revelation 6:9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the **souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ... 11 Then each of them was given a white robe**

> **Revelation 7:13** Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 2:10 "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

As we end the parable, the banquet hall is full of guests; everybody is enjoying themselves. All the preparation, planning, and work is paying off; the bride, her bridesmaids, and all guests look stunning in their bright white, clean linen garments. Then some naked guy walks in off the street and pokes his fingers in the wedding cake! What would the bridegroom do?

> **Revelation 3:15** "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because **you are lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' and do not know that **you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked 18** "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.

> Matthew 22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. 13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Ten Virgins

In the early 1500s, they added chapter and verse divisions to the Bible; so, when Bible translators came to Jesus speaking to his disciples about the end times in Matthew, it was one message, but it was very long, so they divided it into



chapters 24 & 25. The context of the entire message is the tribulation period in both chapters. A popular teaching is that the parable of the ten virgins speaks about the rapture, the church being the bride of Christ. We will give a different interpretation of this parable. First, as previously stated, the context is the tribulation after the rapture.

Let's read the parable, but we will start with several Bible versions to prove a point. There are at least five versions that say the bridegroom comes with the bride, and at least ten versions call the virgins bridesmaids or young women; we will give a few examples.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be compared to ten virgins; the same took their lamps and went to meet <mark>the groom and the bride.</mark>

Douay-Rheims Bible

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet <mark>the bridegroom and the bride.</mark>

New Living Translation

"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like <mark>ten bridesmaids</mark> who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Contemporary English Version

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night when **ten young women** took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom.

Those translations alone make a good case that these virgins are not the bride, but the parable doesn't make sense if the virgins are the bride. For example, have you ever heard of one man marrying ten young women simultaneously? How many women would get married if they had to share their wedding day and bridegroom with nine other women? What bride carries a lamp instead of a bouquet? Also, the word virgin means an unmarried young maiden, which in Jewish culture implies they were not even engaged to be married. That speaks of bridesmaids, maids of honor, flower girls, not the bride.

> Matthew 25:2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

These young women were asleep and their lamps were not lit, which is exactly the opposite of what Jesus warned about, he said to stay awake, watch and keep the lamps burning.

> Luke 12:35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately. 37 "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 "And if he should

come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. **39 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."**

When they wake up and prepare to meet the bridegroom, they have a conversation; the foolish are unprepared and need oil for their lamps. So, the rapture happens in the twinkle of an eye, and Christ snatches his bride through the clouds to heaven. The word for rapture in Greek is harpazo, which means to snatch away by force. So, in a split second, the rapture happens, and Christ snatches the church out of this world to himself; it's not ten women scrambling to chase him down. Also, when did these girls have this conversation? They didn't have it ascending through the clouds. The conversation happens after the wedding when the bridegroom returns to let the guests know the wedding reception is about to begin. The virgins are rushing as guests to the wedding reception.

> *Matthew* 25:8 "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

The five wise were invited and prepared and went as guests to the feast; they were allowed to enter the feast, and the door of the wedding banquet closed shut. Later, the five foolish arrive at the door of the feast, but as it turns out, the five foolish maidens are total strangers; when they knock at the door of the feast, Jesus says that he never knew them. If Jesus never knew them, they were never engaged to be married, not bridesmaids or friends; they were wedding crashers who had the door of salvation slammed in their faces. The actual theme or moral of the story is to stay awake, watch, and be ready; Jesus can come at any time.

Mattew 25:10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' 12 "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Now, we are going to suggest a controversial premise and what could be a sad reality for many lukewarm, compromising, backslidden, or fake Christians. The five wise virgins are not the bride of Christ; they were spiritually asleep when the rapture happened. But they woke up in the tribulation, refused the mark of the Beast, were martyred, and became part of the great multitude of tribulation martyrs who enter the wedding supper of the Lamb.

> **Revelation 7:9** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ... 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The five foolish virgins, unknown strangers to the bridegroom, they are all hypocrites, backsliders, and deceivers; those who reject the truth and live in sin. They will deny Christ and will take the mark of the Beast. As a result, the door entering the wedding feast and the first resurrection will get slammed in their face, they go to the second death.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I** saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Revelation 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

We, the church, have the great privilege to become the bride of Christ, but we shouldn't fall asleep and miss Jesus when he comes. It is far better to be the bride than a bridesmaid or wedding crasher; we should feel the importance and urgency to watch and pray that Jesus finds us watching, worthy, and ready to escape when he comes.

> Luke 21:34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 "For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 "Watch therefore, and pray

always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

One last thing about the marriage supper of the Lamb is that there are different opinions about how long the marriage supper lasts; some say it lasts for the millennium, while others believe it is eternal. It doesn't matter; what matters is just to be there.

Earth's millennium transformation

From the time of Adam's fall and the curse of death, the planet and all the creatures on it have suffered the scars inflicted by the human race. But during the tribulation period, there will be significant damage to a major part of the planet and all its creatures, with destruction, pollution, and possible biological and radiation fallout; all creation longs for release from man's curse. When Christ comes, he will do an extensive remodeling job on the planet, relocating islands and mountains, creating new rivers, making the animals tame again, making the plants grow back full and green, making the earth a beautiful, pristine paradise, like it was before Eve talked to the serpent.

> **Romans 8:19** The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Jesus will come down to stand on the Mount of Olives, and when his feet touch the earth, the mountain will split in two and form a big valley. After that, a new river develops and flows from under the temple's threshold, going east toward the sea (Dead Sea) and west to the western sea (Mediterranean Sea).

> Zechariah 14 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two. from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus, the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. ... 8 And in that day, it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea <mark>and half of them toward the western sea:</mark> In both summer and winter it shall occur. 9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be-"The LORD is one," And His name one.

Ezekiel is more descriptive about this river flowing into the Dead Sea, speaking of how the water will be deep and healed from its saltiness, and it will team with so many fish that there will be commercial fishing businesses. Fruit trees will line the river's banks, the fruit from the trees will provide food, and their leaves will be medicinal and used for healing [*Revelation 22:1-2*].

Ezekiel 47:1 The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and **I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar.** 2 He then brought me out

through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was flowing from the south side. 3 As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was <mark>ankle-deep</mark>. 4 He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee**deep**. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. 5 He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in a river that no one could cross. 6 He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. 7 When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. 8 He said to me. "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah. where it enters the Sea. When it empties into the Sea, the water there becomes fresh. 9 Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh<mark>: so, where</mark> the river flows everything will live. 10 Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds like the fish of the Great Sea. 11 But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. <mark>12 **Fruit trees of all kinds will arow** on both banks</mark> of the river. Their leaves will not wither. nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for <mark>healina."</mark>

After Jesus stands on the earth again, he will make a short trip that he had made many times before from the Mount of Olives across the way to enter the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem. For centuries, the Orthodox Jews have buried their dead outside the gate so their loved ones will be in the place where Messiah comes, making the area around the gate one big cemetery. The Muslims heard about the prophecy, so they built a stone barrier blocking the gate in hateful spite of the Jews and to thwart the prophecy. But Christ will not be hindered by anything when he enters the Eastern Gate and the temple.

> **Ezekiel 43:1** Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. 2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many <mark>waters; and the earth shone with His glory.</mark> 3 It was like the appearance of the vision which I saw-like the vision which I saw when I came to destroy the city. The visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar: and I fell on my face. 4 And the alory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. 5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the alory of the LORD filled the temple. 6 Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. 7 And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst <mark>of the children of Israel forever.</mark> No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places.

> Psalm 24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts [armies], He is the King of glory. Selah

Besides forming a new river, Jerusalem will become higher than the surrounding mountains, and all the nations will stream to it.

Isaiah 2:2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Millennium

The Millennium will be like heaven on earth, and Jerusalem will be the joy of the whole earth; there will be great rejoicing, and there will be no cause for weeping and crying, and there will be no more war.

> Isaiah 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

> Isaiah 2:4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

One result of the regeneration of the earth will be that mankind will enjoy long lives. The oldest person recorded in the Bible was Methuselah, who was 969 years old *[Genesis 5:27]*. So, some people could live throughout the 1,000 years of the Millennial kingdom. Also, God's presence will be more accessible to those who call out to him, and he will answer prayers before people speak.

Isaiah 65:20 <mark>"No more shall an infant from</mark> there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them. 24 "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.



The character of all the animals will change, reverting to how they were in the Garden of Eden before the curse. The meat eaters, animals of prey, will eat plants. The lion will lie down with the lamb and eat straw like an ox. The most fierce and dangerous animal will become as tame as a house pet. Parents could let their children play in a cobra nest without worries.

> Isaiah 11:6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in

the viper's den. 9 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.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

Ruling with Christ

At Christ's first coming, they missed it, because they were looking for the conquering Messiah, a king from David's lineage, who would rule the nations with a rod of iron from his throne in Jerusalem. Everything they hoped and looked for will be fulfilled by Christ at his second coming.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Psalm 110:1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

Even as Jesus walked the earth, he promised his disciples that they would rule with him over the 12 tribes of Israel. He was prophesying about their role in his kingdom during the Millennium, when the kingdoms of this world have become his kingdom and the governments of this world would be on his shoulders.

> **Revelation 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

> Matthew 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore, what shall we have?" 28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration [Millennium], when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory [sheep & goats], you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, AND inherit eternal life. 30 "But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

> Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

> **Revelation 20:4** And **I saw thrones, and they sat** on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and

reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

In the following parable, Jesus describes his return and the judgment of rewards, which determines rulership in the millennial kingdom. Whenever any saint dies, they go before the judgment seat of Christ for rewards. Jesus speaks of rewarding the overcomers in the church with rulership over nations; to others, he offers rulership over a certain number of cities, in this example, ten and five.

> **Revelation 2:26** [Thyatira church]"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations' 27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' as I also have received from My Father;

> Luke 19:15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 "Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 "And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 "Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

After Jesus rose from the dead, he came back to meet with his disciples, and they asked him if he would restore the kingdom to Israel at this time. They thought that as Messiah, Christ was there to establish the Millennial kingdom right then, which they were no doubt, as Jews, anxious to see.

Acts 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons

which the Father has put in His own authority.

We have seen how Christ will delegate authority to his disciples to rule over nations, tribes, and cities. Paul prayed for the church to understand the mystery of the hope of the calling, God's inheritance in the saints in Christ, and how Christ is the head over all things. Christ is the King of kings, Lord of lords; God has put all things under his feet and calls us to rule and reign with him.

> **Ephesians 1:15** Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of **you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord** Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ... 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

> **2 Timothy 2:12 <mark>If we suffer, we shall also reign</mark> <mark>with him</mark>: if we deny him, he also will deny us:**

> **Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

> **Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and

priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

Ephesians 3:9 and to make all see **what is the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 **to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places**, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord

Nations in the Millennium

The only survivors of the great tribulation will be the sheep believers from all the nations, and the remnant of Israel. All the nations of the world will serve God according to the Jewish laws, and they will observe the Jewish feasts and make sacrifices to God. All the nations will have the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as their God. God will save the Egyptians and Syrians, and there will be a highway from Syria through Israel to Egypt, and these three countries will serve God together.

> **Isaiah 19:18** In that day five cities in the land of **Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear by the LORD of hosts**; one will be called the City of Destruction. 19 In that day **there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt,** and a pillar to the LORD at its border. 20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and **He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver**

them. 21 Then the LORD will be known to Equpt. and the Eauptians will know the LORD in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the LORD and perform <mark>it</mark>. 22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them.23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assuria, and the Equptians will serve with the Assyrians. 24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria-a blessing in the midst of the land, 25 whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

All the nations will come to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to the Lord, and God will even take some of them to be priests and Levites. From one new moon to the next, from Sabbath to Sabbath, all the world will bow down to worship the Lord.

> Isaiah 66:19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of **those who survive** to the nations to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to **Tubal** and **Greece**, and to the **distant** islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. 20 And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the **LORD** on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. 21 And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD. 22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and

descendants endure. 23 **From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the LORD.**

Gog & Magog #2

The reason there can be a millennium is that Satan was bound and imprisoned in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. Without the accuser of the brethren, the tempter, and the adversary of God, there was peace, prosperity, and long lives for all humanity. When he gets released, he brings trouble.

> **Revelation 20:1** And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Although Satan was bound, those born in the Millennial kingdom will still be sinners in need of salvation. With people living for centuries, there will be a population explosion, and the earth will have a large population of sinners. Children born hundreds of years after the second coming that will hear the stories about Christ's return the second time, and the stories will seem like ancient myths. They will have to believe by faith. In the same way, people today have to believe by faith what the Bible says about Jesus, who died over 2,000 years ago to save us from our sins today. Salvation was, is, and always will be only by faith and the grace and mercy of God.

Unfortunately, after one thousand years, multitudes of people will not believe the Bible and the ancient accounts of the second coming. And when Satan gets released from the bottomless pit, he will immediately deceive the nations. As always, Satan targets God's people, the Jews, and their capital city, Jerusalem. That will be Earth's final battle and the final test of who is for God and who is for the Devil. Satan will gather a vast army to surround Jerusalem, but there will be no battle. There is no contest between God and Satan; God is the Almighty creator of all things, and Satan is just one of his creations. The fire of God will annihilate Satan and all his hoards, the same way Jesus destroyed the Antichrist. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and reunited with the Antichrist and false prophet; the evil trinity will burn forever.

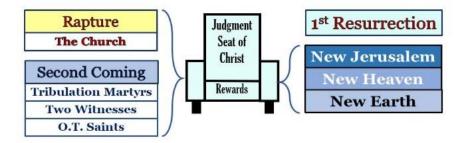
> Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

When fire comes down out of heaven from God, it not only consumes Satan, but it consumes everything, all the elements in the heavens and the earth, and time will be no more. God creates a new heaven, earth, and a new Jerusalem, in which righteousness dwells righteousness.

> **2 Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which **the heavens will pass away** with a great noise, and **the elements will melt** with fervent heat; both **the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.** 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for

and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which **the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.** 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

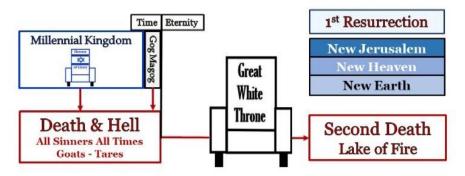


There is no more time; humanity has entered into eternity, and there will be two groups: the saints in the first resurrection and the sinners in the second death. Only the righteous partake of the first resurrection; they are blessed and holy, and the second death will not hurt them. All the righteous go before the judgment seat of Christ; their works will get judged to determine their eternal rewards.

> **2** Corinthians 5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid. which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire: and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures. he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Revelation 20:5 <mark>But the rest of the dead did not</mark> live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no **power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Sinners are not holy or blessed, so they are going to stand before God at the Great White Throne of judgment, and they will be sentenced and receive eternal punishment according to what they have done.



Eternity / White Throne

Time is no more; now, every sinner who has ever lived will be judged. Hell will be emptied into God's courtroom, and each one will stand before God to give an account of their life, and God will pass judgment according to their deeds. **Revelation 20:11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The saints have three different places in eternity: New Heaven, New Earth, and the New Jerusalem. There will be many individual places within those three places; Jesus said, in my Father's house are many mansions."

> John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

> Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with

them and be their God. 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

We will close with the Bible's final words of Jesus, the Spirit, and the Bride.

Revelation 22:11 "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter <mark>through the gates into the city.</mark> 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires. let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 **He who** testifies to these things says, "Surely I am

coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

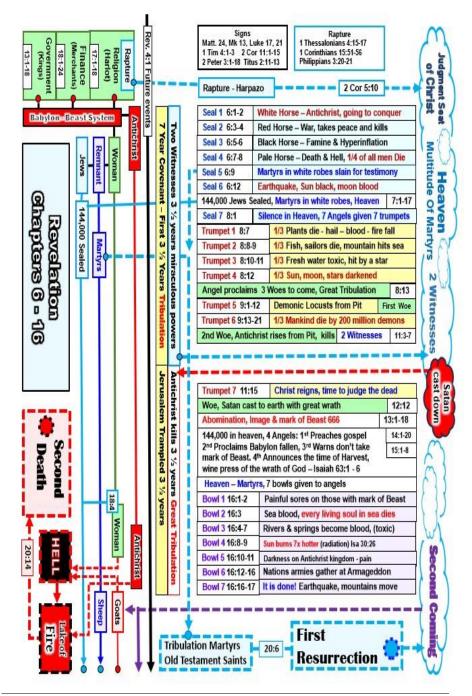
Call to action

Real persecution is coming for the Christians and Jews in the West and the United States. Meanwhile, there's a great falling away from Christ; as more churches go apostate or get shut down, true believers may have to find or create small groups for fellowship. While we have time and freedom, we should study the scriptures, share the gospel, and watch and pray to be worthy when Jesus returns. Our website provides free Bible study resources: free books covering foundational & end-times teachings, free Bibles & charts, etc. Visit our website at:

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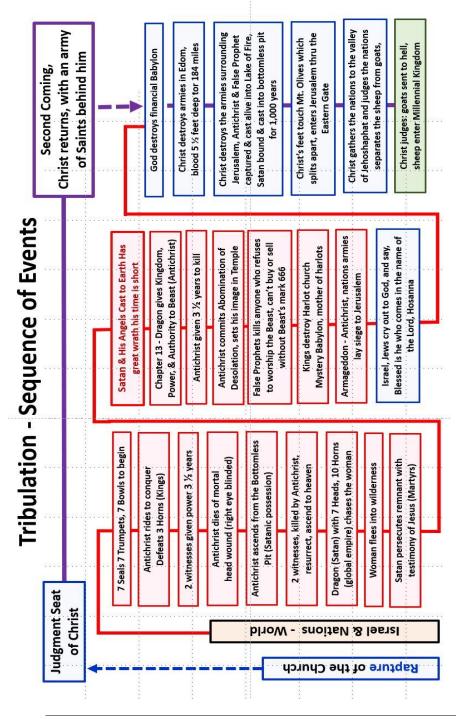


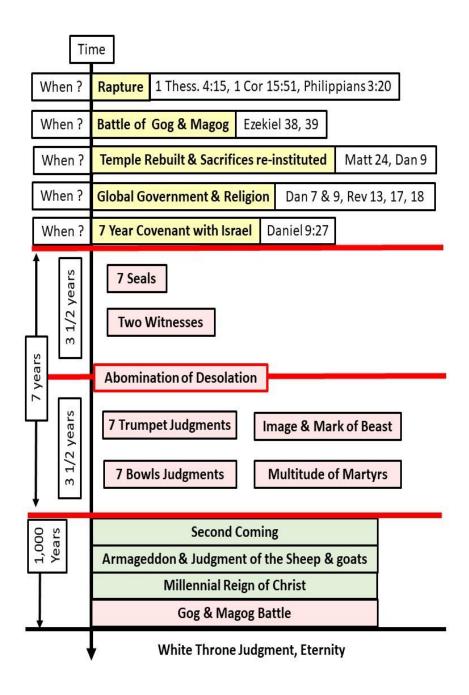
Charts



Revelation - 777 - Seals, Trumpets, Bowls

Chapter & Verse		_	7 - Years	→			
Seal 1 - 6:1-2	White Horse – Rider - Antichrist, Global Government						
Seal 2 - 6:3-4	Red Horse - War, Death						
Seal 3 - 6:5-6	Black Horse – Hyperinflation, Famine						
Seal 4 - 6:7-8	Pale Horse – Rider - Death, Hell followed, 1/4 Men die						
Seal 5 - 6:9-11	Martyrs in White Robes						
Seal 6 - 6:12	Great Earthquake, Sun black, Moon blood, Stars fall, Mountains move, Wrath of Lamb						
	144,	,000 Je	ws sealed 12 Tribes 7:2-12 Heaven - Martyrs in white robes	7:13-17			
Seal 7 – 8:1			Silence	in Heaven			
Trumpet 1	- 8:7	Hail/1	fire / blood cast to earth, 1/3 Plants die				
	Trumpet 2 – 8:8-9 Burning mountain thrown into sea, 1/3 Fish die, 1/3 ships destroyed						
Trumpet 3							
Trumpet 4							
Great Tribulation WOE WOE WOE 8:13							
Trumpet 5	- 9:1-12		Fallen angel opens pit releases demonic locust First WOE over		Build of the		
Trumpet 6	6 – 9:13-21 4 Fallen angels released with army 200 million, 1/3 Mankind killed						
Second V	Second WOE		Antichrist rises from Pit - kills 2 Witnesses	11:3-7	¢		
Trumpet 7 - 11:15			Mystery of Goo	d finished!	OI CIIISt		
	NOE		Satan cast to earth with great wrath,	12:12			
	Abomination - Image & Mark of the Beast 13:1 -1						
	144,000 in Heaven, 3 angels: Gospel, Babylon fallen, don't take mark Wine press of wrath 14:1-20 Heaven – Martyrs, bowls 15:1-8						
1	Bowl 1 - 16:1-2		Foul & painful sores on those with mark of the Beast				
	Bowl 2 - 16:3		Sea turns to blood & everything in the sea dies				
1	Bowl 3 - 16:4-7		Rivers & springs (drinking water) turn to blood (toxic)				
	Bowl 4 - 16:8-9		Sun's rays burn men, 7 times hotter (Isaiah 30:26)				
	Bowl 5 - 16:10-11 Darkness on Antichrist's kingdom, pain & sores						
	Bowl 6 - 16:12-6		World's armies gather to battle, Armageddon				
	Bowl 7 - 16:1	6-7	It is Done! Earthquake, Islands & mountains move, 100 II	oshail	L		





Moses	Elijah	2 Witnesses	Trumpets & Bowls
Snakes	Prophecy Jezebel	Calls for plagues	That Old Serpent - Satan
Ex 7:8-13	1 Ki 21:17-24	Rev 11:6, 16:19	Rev 12:9
Water Blood	Water/Drought	Water to Blood	1/3 Fish-Ships-Water Blood
7:14-22	1 Ki 17:1-4	Rev 11:6	Rev 8:8-9, 16:3
	Drought 3.5 yrs.	Drought 3.5 yrs.	1/3 Waters-Poison Blood
	1 Ki 18:1-4, Jas 5:14	Rev 11:6	Rev 8:10-11, 16:4
Frogs			3 Frog Spirits - false trinity
8:1-14			Rev 16:13
Flies	Elijah rebukes Aha	ziah for seeking help	1/3 Plants-Hail-Fire-Blood Sores
8:20-30	from Baalzebub - le	ord of flies, 2 Ki 1:1-8	Rev 8:7
	Calls' fire-kills men	Calls' fire-kills men	Sun Scorches men
	1Ki 18:38, 2Ki 1:9-12	Rev 11:5	Rev 16:8
Boils			Sores on those with mark
9:8-10			Rev 15:1-2
Hail			100 Pound Hailstones
9:13-33			Rev 8:7, 11:19, 16:20
Locust	.	>	Demonic Locust from pit
10:1-20			Rev 9:1-12, 16:10
Darkness	±	+	Darkness on beast kingdom
10:21-29			Rev 8:12, 16:10-11
		4	1/3 Sun Darkened
			Rev 8:12, 16:8-9
Thunder -Hail	~		Thunder Lightning Earthquake
Ex 9:23 24			Rev 16:17-19
Cross Red Sea			River dried - Army to cross
Ex 14:16, 22	Plagues not on Israel	Ex 8:22, 9:4-6, 11:6-13	Rev 16:12 (Moses Red Sea crossing)
Moses Body	Raptured	Resurrected	Antichrist/false prophet cast
Jude 9	2 Ki 2:11	Rev 11:12	alive in Lake of Fire - Rev 19:20