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"The king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind. —Dan. xi. 40.

The Final Judgment
upon the Church and the World

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Please pray before reading this book so as to allow your heart to be softened and molded by the Holy Spirit.

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. *Revelation 9:3*

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: *2 Peter 1:19*

When thy judgments [are] in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. *Isaiah 26:9*

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. *Isaiah 26:20-21*

[Note: These verses depict events leading up to the Second Coming.]

“Condemn no man for not thinking as you think. Let every one enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself. Let every man use his own judgment, since every man must give an account of himself to God. Abhor every approach, in any degree, to the spirit of persecution. If you cannot reason or persuade a man into the truth, never attempt to force him into it. If love will not compel him to come, leave him to God, the Judge of all” -- John Wesley, “*Advice to the People Called Methodists*,” Works of John Wesley, Vol. 8, page 357.

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Introduction Part 1: Line upon Line

Every thinking person in the Christian community knows that our world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis. As we watch events taking place in the Middle East, the diabolical behavior of ISIS, the war between Israel and Hamas, the horrific actions of the Boko Haram, and then the reports of terrorists entering our own country via the Mexican border, along with all the other calamities befalling our world; it is enough to strike fear to the hearts of the bravest of the brave.

What does the future hold? Can we know for sure what is going to happen? The Bible does tell us;

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
2 Peter 1:19

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. *Amos 3:7*

These verses tell us that the future, all the way up to the day of the Lord when He comes to take His saints home, has been revealed in God's word, and "ye do well that ye take heed".

The problem is; there are over 33,000 different Protestant denominations in the world, all holding their own interpretations of the Bible. Many hold views that are very similar, but they all diverge in one respect or another. So the big question is; how do we know for sure what is truth and what is error? They cannot all be right because there is only one truth, not 33,000 different truths.

There is an answer, and the Bible itself tells us just how to interpret "the sure word of prophecy" correctly with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All the Protestant Reformers who started the Reformation used the same method to bring forth various truths that had been lost and buried under the traditions of the Catholic Church during the Middle Ages. They used the technique of interpretation called "Historicism", or, as some call it, the "Historical Critical" method.

As God led them out of the darkness of the Middle Ages and put the Bible back into the hands of the common people, their battle cry became “Sola Scriptura”. In other words, the Bible must be its own interpreter. This is the “Historical Critical” method, comparing the Bible with the facts of history and seeing how the prophecies have been fulfilled by actual events, and then allowing the Word of God to interpret itself as to what is coming in the future. They took the word of God literally, except where it was obvious that a symbol was being used, and then they followed the instruction given in *Isaiah 28:9 and 10*;

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts.

For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little:

By following the stipulation given in these verses, they brought many wonderful truths back to light, and this is what lit the fire of the Reformation. They lived up to, and shared with the world, all that God revealed to them, but they did not have all truth because God has designed His light to be progressive;

But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. *Proverbs 4:8*

If the reformers had lived until today, they would have brought more and more wonderful truth from God’s word, but all these great men of God have gone to their rest. Their followers refused, for the most part, to advance any further in their search for light, and as a result they formed creeds. Now tradition is their rule of faith because they have forgotten the correct methods of interpretation and have brought in their own ideas and opinions.

When men allow their own thoughts and opinions to dictate the meaning of scripture, error and division are the sure result. And hence, we have over 33,000 different denominations.

Pastor John Robinson, in his farewell address to the Pilgrim Fathers on their departure from Holland for America, said;

“The Lord knoweth whether I shall ever see your faces more; but whether the Lord hath appointed that or not, I charge you

before God and His blessed angels to follow me no farther than I have followed Christ. If God should reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as you ever were to receive any truth by my ministry; for I am very confident that the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of His holy word. For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of the reformed churches, who are come to a period in religion, and will go no farther than the instruments of their reformation. The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go any farther than what Luther saw; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented; for though they were burning and shining lights in their time, yet they penetrated not into the whole counsel of God, but were they now living, would be as willing to embrace further light as that which they first received. *1888 Bible Readings for the Home Circle, p. 390*

Please allow me to relate a little story: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the Scribes, Pharisees, and Doctors of the Law were all expounding their elaborate theories in their classrooms. Meanwhile, a few humble shepherds were praying for the consolation of Israel and meditating on God's word while they tended their sheep by night.

Suddenly, the Angel of the Lord appeared to them relating the good news of the Messiah's advent. The shepherds hurried to the manger and worshiped the new born Saviour while the "learned" leaders remained totally ignorant of what was happening, and continued on in their blind obstinacy until they crucified their own Redeemer. Now I must ask you... who were the true theologians?

The Bible was written for the common person. Jesus tells us through His servant Paul;

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2
Timothy 2:15

If we would come back to and follow the Bible rules, we would find the unity that Jesus prayed that we should have, and we would know for certain what the future holds. It is really very simple, so simple that a child could understand the basics. But that is not philosophical enough for the "theologians" of today, and the result is the mass confusion among the myriads of religious

persuasions. There are wonderful people in every church who love the Lord, but that does not mean those institutions have interpreted the word of God correctly.

Our Lord wants us to know what is coming on the world. The very reason God has given us the prophecies is so we can see how His word has been perfectly fulfilled in the past. And then we can know for certain that He is still in control and He has revealed the future for us in His word. This is designed to strengthen our faith and to confirm us in the understanding that the “hope that is set before us” is true, and He will not let anything happen that is not for our best good. But for God’s word to have the desired effect, it must be interpreted correctly.

In the next chapter, we will look at a couple of very popular theories and see if we can determine, by allowing the Bible to interpret itself, if those beliefs can be sustained by the Word of God. And then we will allow the Scriptures to show us what is really coming and how our Lord has promised to protect us and to save us at last.

How Many Christians Read their Bible?



Percentage of Christians that read their Bible

Part 2: Popular Theology

Virtually all Christians will agree, pastors and laymen alike, that a stupendous crisis is coming upon the earth in the very near future. Then they will tell you that you must be “saved” because the “rapture” will occur just before the tribulation begins, according to the most popular theory. At that point (according to their hypothesis), 144,000 literal Jews will preach the gospel during the terrible persecution of the Antichrist, and after seven years the world will be converted to Christ. And they conclude by saying the saints will come back with Jesus at the end of the tribulation, and there will be 1,000 years of peace.

If this is true, we don’t need to worry about what is coming because we will not be here. Then all we need to do is entertain the troops, and share the Gospel with the “unsaved” until we are whisked away, because we are all already “saved” anyway.

But I would like to ask, if I may be so bold; what happens after the 1,000 years? Why is it set apart from the rest of eternity? And where are you going to find 144,000 Orthodox Jews who even believe that Jesus is truly God? (Messianic Jews should be “raptured” if they have accepted Christ and are “saved”. Right?) They have had 2,000 years to accept Him and they haven’t done it yet, so why will they acknowledge Jesus as Lord after the “rapture”? And what evidence do we have that the world will be converted then? Aren’t we told it will be as it was in the days of Noah? How many people got on the Ark and were “saved”?

So, we need to investigate the Scriptures and see if the “Rapture Theory” along with the theory of a Temporal Millennium can be sustained by the final authority of the Word of God. First of all, there are nearly as many variations to this theory as there are denominations. If they are all being led by the same Holy Spirit wouldn’t they all agree? We need to look at a few texts on what will happen to the church at the end and allow the Bible to speak for itself;

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and **it shall stand for ever.**

Daniel 2:44 (emphasis supplied)

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.** *2 Thessalonians 4:16-17* (emphasis supplied)

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth; **they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.** *John 5:28-29* (emphasis supplied)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years.**

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

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.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. *Revelation 20:4-7, 9, 14* (emphasis supplied)

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. *Revelation 21:2*

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one];

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them...

...[And] **the harvest is the end of the world;** and the reapers are the angels. *Matthew 13:24, 38, 30, and 39* (emphasis supplied)

Now let's think this through: If God's Kingdom is to "stand forever" once it is established and "the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds" "and so shall we ever be with the Lord", then all the righteous are taken to Heaven at the Second Coming, not at the point of death. Otherwise, why would there even be the need for a resurrection?

And there are two resurrections: "and they that have done good," "shall come forth" "unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." And Jesus, Himself, said "both grow together [in this present world] until the harvest" and "the harvest is the end of the world".

Also John "saw thrones, and they [the righteous] sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:" And "John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" [after the thousand years were finished]. Then the millennium would have to take place while God's people are in heaven sitting on thrones of judgment and the wicked are still in their graves, because "the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."

So after critically examining and comparing the above scriptures, "line upon line", we need to ask ourselves: where is there room for a "rapture"? Verifiable evidence for a temporal millennium, or for the "soul" to go to heaven at death cannot be found either. These things simply cannot be sustained by the Bible. It was Satan who told Eve "Ye shall not surely die" *Genesis 3:4*, but the Lord tells us it is God "who only hath immortality". *1 Timothy 6:16*

There are over 1,500 references to the Second Coming of Christ, yet the word "rapture" is not even found in the Word of God. Neither can the doctrine of an "immortal soul" be substantiated, nor the belief that you go to Heaven when you die. Jesus Himself called death a "sleep", see *John 11:11-14*, and *Matthew 27:52* says "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept [in their graves] arose."

But you will say, the Bible says we will be “taken”;

I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together. *Luke 17:34-37*

We will allow the Bible to explain what it means to be “taken”;

And it shall come to pass, [that] he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be **taken in the snare**: *Isaiah 24:18* (emphasis supplied)

He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be **taken in the snare**: *Jeremiah 48:44* (emphasis supplied)

See also; Ecc. 9:12, Jer. 50:24, Eze. 12:13, Eze. 17:20, and 2 Tim. 2:26. According to the Word of God, to be “taken” means to be taken in a snare! And the word translated “left” can also be rendered “forgive” or “remit a debt” according to *Strong’s Concordance with Vine’s Dictionary*.

Also, when the disciples asked; “Where, Lord?” they were not asking about the ones who were left because they were still where they had always been. They were asking where the ones were “taken”. “And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles [vultures] be gathered together.”

This isn’t a description of being taken to Heaven. It means those who are “taken in the snare” will be destroyed, and those who are “left” will be forgiven, and their debt of sin will be remitted.

Look it up for yourself on the Internet and you will find the “rapture theory” was invented by a Jesuit priest by the name of Francisco Ribera about the year 1580. And he did it to take the heat off of the papacy because ALL the Protestant Reformers were calling the Pope the Antichrist.

Ribera's interpretation was called "Futurism" because it placed nearly all of the fulfillment of prophecy into the future. His writings were ignored by the Reformers who saw them as an attempt to counter the Reformation. They laid on a shelf gathering dust for nearly 200 years until an amazing chain of events catapulted his theory into prominence.

Then in the 1800's, John Darby brought this theory to America, and in 1909 the Scofield Bible was published. Next, in the 1970's, Hal Lindsey wrote a best selling book "The Late Great Planet Earth". And finally in the 1990's, Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins published their enormously popular "Left Behind" series. And now, what was once an intentionally false Jesuit theory is proclaimed as gospel truth from the majority of Protestant pulpits. May God help us.

Let us get back to the Bible and the Bible alone.

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; [Referring to the secret rapture] **believe [it] not.**

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. *Matthew 24:26-27* (emphasis supplied)

Shortly after Ribera developed his theory, another Jesuit Priest developed a system of interpretation which came to be called "Preterism" because it places the fulfillment of nearly all prophecy in the distant past. His explanation was in direct contrast to Ribera's when he claimed the prophecies were fulfilled beginning about the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, when he sacrificed a pig on the altar at Jerusalem in about 167 BC, and in subsequent events continuing up until the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

A short critique of preterism is given as follows;

There has historically been general agreement with non-preterists that the first systematic preterist exposition of prophecy was written by the Jesuit [Luis de Alcasar](#) during the [Counter Reformation](#). [Moses Stuart](#) noted that Alcasar's preterist interpretation was of considerable benefit to the Roman Catholic Church during its arguments with Protestants, and preterism has been described in modern eschatological commentary as a

Catholic defense against the Protestant Historicist view which identified the Roman Catholic Church as a [persecuting apostasy](#).
[Wikipedia](#)

Amazingly, many commentators today attempt to blend the concepts from both of these erroneous systems into their expositions of the prophecies. Quite frankly, this results in a supposition that is totally confusing and hence the term “Babylon”.

By drawing upon these erroneous theories the popular pulpits teach the church will be raptured, the temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem, then 144,000 Jews will proclaim the gospel during seven years of terrible persecution, the world will be converted, and then there will be a period of 1,000 years of peace.

But none of the above can be substantiated from the Bible by comparing scripture with scripture as God instructs us to do.

Let’s look at what the Reformers said;

Calvin bids Christians “not to hesitate, ardently desiring the day of Christ’s coming as of all events most auspicious;” and declares that “the whole human family of the faithful will keep in view that day.” “We must hunger after Christ, we must seek, contemplate,” he says, “till the dawning of that great day, when our Lord will fully manifest the glory of his kingdom.”

“Has not our Lord Jesus carried up our flesh into heaven?” said Knox, the Scotch reformer, “and shall he not return? We know that he shall return, and that with expedition.” Ridley and Latimer, who laid down their lives for the truth, looked in faith for the Lord’s coming. Ridley wrote; “The world without doubt - this I do believe, and therefore I say it - draws to an end. Let us with John, the servant of God, cry in our hearts unto our Saviour Christ, Come, Lord Jesus, come!” *Bible Readings for the Home Circle, 1888 edition, page 391.*

These great men of God, whom He raised up to herald the Protestant Reformation, knew nothing of a rapture theory, or a temporal millennium. They had rejected Ribera’s writings as error.

But, it will be stated that the gospel will be preached to all the world and *Matthew 24:14* will be quoted;

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

This text does indeed say the gospel “shall be preached in all the world”, but it gives no intimation whatsoever that the world will be converted.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived, in the last days. *2 Timothy 3:13,1*

When Jesus returns and the dead are raised, the kingdom will not be for a mere 1,000 years, but it will be forever;

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

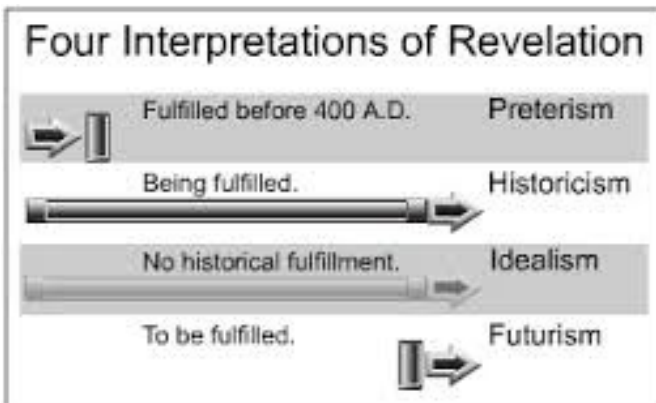
And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom [is] **an everlasting kingdom**, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Hitherto [is] the end of the matter. *Daniel 7:27, 28* (emphasis supplied)

Therefore, instead of looking for a rapture that will never happen, what should be the hope of the church?

We should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope, and **the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;** *Titus 2:12, 13* (emphasis supplied)



Part 3: The True Israel of God

Probably the biggest reason for the misconceptions of prophecy so prevalent in the churches today is the misinterpretation of the term “Israel”, especially in the New Testament.

Most people have been taught that when the Bible refers to “Israel” it means the literal descendants of Abraham. But if we allow God’s Word to explain itself, we will have a much clearer conception of the true meaning of “Israel”, and as a result, the ability to correctly interpret the prophecies that are so vital to understand in these last days.

We will begin by looking at who the name was first given to, and why?

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. *Genesis 32:28*

As implied in the text, the name “Israel” means a “prince of God” or “one who prevails with God”.

Afterward, all the 12 tribes, the sons of Jacob, came to be called by this name;

Now these [are] the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; ... Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ... for Joseph was in Egypt [already]. *Exodus 1:1-5*

Many blessings were bestowed on the Israelites;

Who are Israelites; to whom [pertaineth] the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service [of God], and the promises;

Whose [are] the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ [came], who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. *Romans 9:4,5*

But were all of blood lineage to the 12 tribes considered to be true Israel?

For they [are] not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, [are they] all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these [are] not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. *Romans 9:6-8*

This shows that it is a spiritual lineage and not blood lineage which determines who is true Israel. These verses attest to a total denial of the doctrine of Apostolic Succession.

Consider also what Jesus said to the Jewish leaders who had rejected Him:

Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. *John 8:44*

To be a part of true Israel is dependent upon being a true child of God, not on literal lineage from Abraham, nor from the Apostle Peter as the Catholic Church claims. Paul tells us they are not Israel even though they call themselves by that name unless they are faithful to God.

What did John the Baptist have to say about this?

And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to [our] father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. *Matthew 3:9*

God is not dependent on the literal seed of Abraham to perpetuate Israel; Therefore, the name "Israel" is not limited to any particular nation, but includes all the true followers of God;

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. *Galatians 3:7*

And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3:29*

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace [be] on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. *Galatians 6:15,16*

Here Paul plainly calls born again Christians “the Israel of God”, “as many as walk according to this rule.”

Christians are adopted into the family of God;

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. *Romans 8:15*

Most of the natural descendants of Abraham were broken off because of unbelief, and the believing Gentiles were grafted in to take their place, and became the true Israel;

And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. *Romans 11:17,18*

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

For if God spared not the natural branches, [take heed] lest he also spare not thee. *Romans 11:20, 21*

Notice, the tree is always the same with the same root - no matter who is grafted in or broken off. We *must* be grafted in and become part of Israel if we are going to be saved. And if we are grafted into the same root, we must conform to the same moral law, including the 7th day Sabbath, otherwise it would not be the commonwealth of Israel, but of the Gentiles.

All of the redeemed will one day enter the New Jerusalem, and when they do they will go in by one of the twelve gates, but what name is above each of those gates?

And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: *Revelation 21:12*

My friends, this shows that if we are a part of the bride, the Lamb's wife, (the redeemed church) we will enter the Holy city as a member of one of the twelve tribes.

Look at what James has to tell us;

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Do not err, my beloved brethren. *James 1:1,16*

Who was James talking to? His “beloved brethren”, his fellow Christians in the newly formed church. And he called them “the twelve tribes”. And remember ten of the original tribes ceased to exist over 500 years before Christ, when the Assyrians overran the northern kingdom and carried them away captive, and dispersed them among all the nations. Then other people were brought in and intermarried with the few who were left, and they became known as Samaritans. Also, the tribe of Benjamin was absorbed into the tribe of Judah, and they all became known as Jews.

In *Genesis* 49:1-28, Jacob pronounced a blessing or a curse upon each of his twelve sons. As he named each one he described their character. Therefore, each name stands for the character of the individual.

If you will notice, the names of the twelve tribes as delineated in *Genesis* Chapter 49 differ from the list of names of the tribes in *Revelation* Chapter 7. In this chapter, the names of Dan and Ephraim are omitted because they were backbiters and idol worshipers respectively. Anyone found in the judgment with the character traits of Dan or Ephraim will not inherit the kingdom. This again proves spiritual lineage.

We must all allow the Lord to transform our characters into the character of Jesus, our example, or we can not be saved. All who will at last receive the seal of God will have the Father’s name written in their foreheads.

Compare the following verses;

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** *Revelation 7:3* (emphasis supplied)

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads.** *Revelation 14:1* (emphasis supplied)

And they shall see his face; and **his name shall be in their foreheads**. *Revelation 22:4* (emphasis supplied)

This last verse is talking about the eternal state of all the redeemed from all ages, not just the last generation. So if we are going to be saved in God's kingdom, we must have His name in our foreheads.

God's name represents His character, which is described in the 10 commandments, and the fourth commandment is His seal because it contains all the elements of an official or royal seal - His name (God), His title (Creator), and His territory (Heaven and Earth). Therefore, we must keep all 10 commandments, through faith in Jesus, so we can have the character of Christ, and without the character of Christ we cannot be saved. Most churches teach you cannot keep the commandments, but I must ask; which one can't be kept through faith in Christ?

It follows then that true Christians today are "spiritual Israel", and will have the seal of God in their foreheads, when they are adopted into the family of God.

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;** and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Part 4: Two Classes of Prophecy

The subject of prophecy is exciting greater and greater interest as we near the close of this world's history. If we can understand it correctly, it will fortify our faith as we see it being fulfilled before our eyes. But if we accept a wrong interpretation, our faith will be destroyed just when we need it the most, as the great time of trouble descends upon our world.

The opinion of most expositors of Scripture is that the prophecies are not so much designed for the benefit of the world before the event, as to confirm the faith of God's people, by their fulfillment. And it is true, prophecy, for the most part, has not been well understood until the event has explained its meaning.

However, the prophecies appear to be divided into two classes.

1. Such as relate to events designed to benefit mankind after their fulfillment, and -
2. Such as relate to events which it is of the utmost importance to the world that they must be understood before their fulfillment.

Of the first class are those which relate to the coming of Christ as the Saviour of the world.

For instance;

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. *Genesis 3:15*

This prophecy was but dimly understood until Jesus died on the cross. But then, the disciples could look back on it and see how Jesus perfectly fulfilled this and every specification of God's word that foretold what He would do. The obscurity, however, was not in the prophecies themselves, so much as in the minds of men. The prophecies in this category were a great benefit to mankind after His death because they could see how the events predicted were literally fulfilled, and this confirmed men in the truth of the Gospel.

But the other class are of a different character. They forecast events that are of vital importance to those who are living at the time when the predicted events are to become reality. They

generally relate to judgments. God has always given His people warning before He pours out His wrath upon the transgressors;

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. *Amos 3:7*

A prime example of this type of prophecy is Noah and the flood;

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also [is] flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. *Genesis 6:3*

God told the people plainly, through Noah, that in 120 years the flood was coming. But who believed it? Only Noah and his family. But the difficulty was not in the obscurity of the prophecy, but in their infidelity. After the flood came, was the warning of any value to those who failed to heed the prediction? And, by the way, was Noah saved from the flood, or through the flood. The Bible says; "But as the days of [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" *Matthew 24:37*.

One more instance must suffice. The destruction of Jerusalem was foretold in the most plain, unequivocal manner by Christ. Those who were true disciples of Jesus studied His word diligently, and they escaped the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. But over 1,000,000 Jews died in the siege. The prediction was only of practical use before the event.

We are now on the verge of the final judgment that God is going to bring upon the church and this world because of apostasy and infidelity. Just as He destroyed the world in Noah's day, as He destroyed Jerusalem in Daniel's day, and again in Jesus' day because of their wickedness, He will once more punish "the world...and the wicked for their iniquity";

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

And I will punish the world for [their] evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to

cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.
Isaiah 13:9-11

As it has always been, only a faithful few will even recognize the warning, let alone heed it. Notice;

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. *Daniel 12:1,10*

“The wise shall understand”. It has always been the same, and will be at the end. God’s threatened judgments have only been known, understood, or improved upon by the wise, or, in other words, only by those who have implicit faith in the word of God, and act according to that faith. Only the wise will allow God’s word to be its own interpreter, and only they will find shelter during the “time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation”.

In reference to this time, God has said;

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.
Isaiah 26:20, 21

Zephaniah explains what is meant by entering into the chambers and hiding;

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger.
Zephaniah 2:3

Dear friends, we need to be on our knees pleading with God for understanding, faith, and deliverance. And He will deliver us, as He did Noah, not from the flood, but through the flood. And as we will see, this time it will not be a flood of water, but a flood of suicide bombers, as the Islamic Extremists attempt to take the whole world for Allah.

But praise God, He will save His people. He has promised to deliver us through the terrible judgment that is very soon coming upon the apostate church and the world;

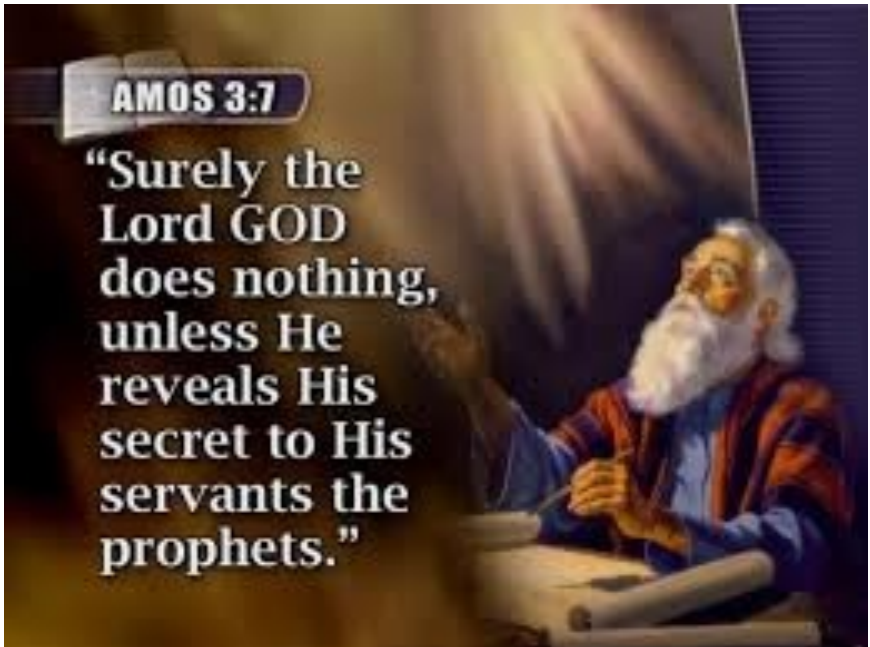
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

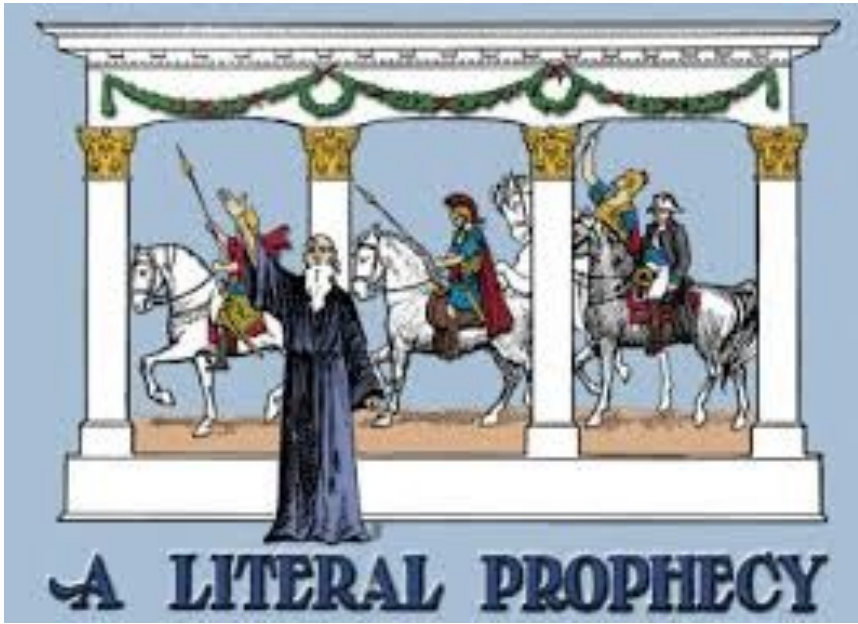
Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *Psalms 91:7-11*



The Final Way-Mark



To understand prophecy correctly becomes more and more critical as we near the close of time. Yes, we are saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, but prophecy, as we see how it has been unerringly fulfilled all through history, establishes our faith as nothing else could. Satan knows this, and he has set a trap to destroy the faith of God's people just when they need it most.

In 1838-1840, Josiah Litch, a leader in the Advent (Millerite) movement, published his exposé on Revelation Chapter 9 and said that a certain event involving the Ottoman (Muslim) power in Turkey would transpire on August 11, 1840. When the exact event happened on the very day predicted, the Adventist interpretation of this prophecy, and therefore of the Bible, could no longer be disputed. It was called "the prophecy that converted a thousand infidels". It gave an impetus to what they called the "Midnight Cry" such as nothing else could have at the beginning of this movement.

Josiah Litch stood virtually alone when he published his interpretation to the world, because the brethren were afraid that if

it turned out to be wrong it would destroy the movement. Nonetheless, it was perfectly fulfilled. His interpretation has long been forgotten by the world and the credibility of Adventism has long been trampled in the mire for more than 60 years now. Yet, we must ask, if God used an event in the Middle East at the beginning of the Advent movement to prove that the historic Adventist interpretation of prophecy is correct; wouldn't it seem perfectly logical and consistent that God would use a similar event at the close of this message?

The prophecy of *Daniel* Chapter 11, especially the climax and focus of the prophecy in verses 40-45, was designed by God to be the final way-mark of prophetic time, and, therefore, to foretell just such an event, and give the same impetus to the Loud Cry of the Fourth Angel of *Revelation* 18:1-4 at the end of this movement.

This prophecy is one of the most amazing and least understood in all the Bible. To begin with, many people think that Daniel is the speaker in Chapter 11, but he is not; he is only the scribe. If you read Chapter 10 in connection with Chapter 11 you will see that the angel Gabriel is the speaker. This prophecy is so important that God could not commit it even to His beloved prophet Daniel, to be written down in his own words. This is the only chapter in the Bible directly dictated word for word by an angel. It is also the only prophecy in the Bible that God uses a whole chapter, (Chapter 10) to introduce.

Daniel Chapter 11 parallels Chapters 2, 7, and 8, but now the symbols are dropped and the prophecy is given in plain language. A new terminology is used to introduce *Daniel* 11 that is not found in Chapters 2, 7, and 8, which are obviously highly symbolic. In *Daniel* 10:1 we read, "In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was **true**." Then in *Daniel* 10:21 we read, "But I [Gabriel] will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of **truth**." The same terminology is used again in *Daniel* 11:2; "And now I [Gabriel] will shew thee the **truth**." (emphasis supplied) This can only mean **literal truth** or there would be no reason for the different terminology. The words "true" and "truth" come from the same Hebrew word that is used at least 113 times in the Old Testament to mean literal truth or literally true. Whenever God repeats anything three times, it bears the stamp of divinity.

Consider also *Daniel* 7:16; “I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him **the truth** of all this. So he told me, and made me know **the interpretation of the things.**” (emphasis supplied) According to this verse, “**the truth**” is “**the [literal] interpretation of the things**”. The rest of Chapter 7 illustrates how “**the truth**” is the same prophecy previously given in symbolic language, but is now interpreted “**literally**” and given in **plain language**.

For example, in *verse* 17, we are told; “These great beasts, which are four, are [**literally**] four kings.” Then in *verse* 19, the Bible says; “Then I would know **the truth** of the fourth beast, ...” Following on down to *verse* 23, we read; “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be [**literally**] the fourth kingdom upon earth, ...”.

This proves conclusively, when we are told, not once, but 3 times, *Daniel* Chapter 11 is “true” or the “truth” that it is to be understood literally.

The reason *Daniel* Chapter 11 is given in plain language is because details are brought in, especially in verses 30-45, dealing with the working of the “mystery of iniquity” in its various aspects throughout history. These details are nowhere found in the previous chapters. These various aspects in verses 30-45 all fall under the general title of “Rome”. Thus, it would be extremely difficult for us to interpret if it were given in symbolic language. It brings us through the same history as Chapters 2, 7, and 8, but when we come to verse 30 and onward in *Daniel* Chapter 11, we pass from seeing governments as governments, to a power which is swaying these governments. From this point on, history deals with the “mystery of Iniquity” and its workings through the various governments. The “literal” movements of these nations are portrayed in verses 30-45, but the student of prophecy who has true spiritual discernment will see the movements of the “Mystery of Iniquity” behind the scenes that are being literally portrayed.

Daniel Chapter 11 begins with the Medo-Persian Empire. It quickly moves to the Grecian kingdom in verse 3. In verses 5-15, the Kings of the North and South are discussed in much detail. In verse 16, Pagan Rome is introduced and the Kings of the North and South vanish for over 2 millennia as Rome swallows up the whole known world. In verses 30-35, Pagan Rome falls and Papal Rome arises to rule the world. Verse 35 brings us to the time of the end and the fall of Papal Rome from world dominion, (although she would retain her spiritual power and regain much of her

influence). In verse 36, the focus shifts to the outworking of the Papal policy in France. In verse 40, the Kings of the North and South are once again the center of attention with particular emphasis on the King of the North. Finally, verse 45 brings us to the climax and focal point of the whole prophecy as the King of the North moves to Jerusalem.

The chapter is designed to bring us down through the stream of time, clearly indicating the prophetic way-marks all along the way, so that we can positively identify the final way-mark when Jesus stands up and probation begins to close. (For a detailed exposition, see *Daniel and the Revelation, 1897 edition, by Uriah Smith*, available online, or a reprint can be obtained at “AbeBooks.com” or “LuLu.com”)

With this information, let us look at *Daniel* 11:45 to 12:4:

And he [the King of the North] shall plant the tabernacles of his palace [a church state religion is here indicated] between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; [Jerusalem] yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

The concept of the close of probation is foreign to most people, but if there is no “rapture”, as we have already shown, then God’s people will be here on the earth until Jesus returns at the end of the plagues. And when He returns Jesus says “My reward is with me”;

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward [is] with me**, to give every man according as his work shall be.
Revelation 22:10-12

If Jesus' reward is with Him, then it had to be determined at some point who would be saved and who would be lost. When this determination is made our probation closes, and this is illustrated in *Daniel 12:1*.

But who is Michael, and what does it mean for him to "stand up"? Most people have been taught that he is simply an angel because they do not understand the terminology, but we need to let the Bible show us who he is. We will compare three passages;

Yet Michael the archangel. *Jude verse 9*

Michael is the Archangel, but the title "Archangel" means "leader of the angels", and their leader is Jesus.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. *1 Thessalonians 4:16,17*

Notice, when Jesus returns the dead in Christ are raised and the righteous living are caught up with them "and so shall we ever be with the Lord". But it is "the voice of the archangel" that raises the dead. Now look at how John the Beloved describes the same scene;

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. *John 5:25*

John says "the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God", but Paul says it is "the voice of the archangel". The only conclusion that can be reached is the Archangel is the Son of

God, and Jesus is indeed the leader of the angels, although He is not an angel, but God Himself.

But what does it mean for Michael to “stand up”? Look at *Daniel* 11:2;

And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; *Daniel* 11:2

It is quite obvious that when these kings “shall stand up” it means they took the throne. Therefore when Michael (Jesus) stands up He ceases to be our intercessor and becomes King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. When Jesus ceases to intercede for guilty man our probation closes and His kingdom is made up, and that is when the pronouncement made in *Revelation* 22:10-12 is given.

So when the King of the North “plants the tabernacles of his palace” in Jerusalem, “at that time shall Michael stand up” (probation closes), then “there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation”, then “at that time thy people shall be delivered” (Jesus returns and gathers the righteous dead and the living saints, and “so shall we ever be with the Lord”).

But just before Jesus returns, the last part of *Daniel* 11:45 will be fulfilled and the King of the North will “come to his end and none shall help him”.

There is a verse in Genesis that confirms why none shall help him. In *Genesis* 16:12 we read; “And he [Ishmael] will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.” The Revised Version translates the first part of the verse; “He shall be as a wild ass among men.” Ishmael is the “father” of Islam. This verse has not had a complete fulfillment yet. The reason that “none shall help him” in *Daniel* 11:45 is because every man’s hand will be against him. If in the last days of this earth’s history, the terrorists escalate their attacks in their bid to rule the world for Allah to the point that all Protestant nations are on the verge of total destruction, everyone will be in agreement that the Islamic Fundamentalists must be stopped at all costs. Then, surely, “every man’s hand [will be] against him”.

There is a prophecy in the Koran that teaches that Baghdad would be overrun by invaders. Afterward the invaders would be

driven out and Islam would spread and conquer throughout the known world. This prophecy had a fulfillment in the Middle Ages when Genghis Khan's grandson overran Baghdad and was then driven out by the Muslims. Shortly after this, Islam spread to all the nations in the Middle East which are now Islamic, and were eventually united into what was known as the Ottoman Empire. The Islamic Fundamentalists believe that their prophecy in the Koran is to have yet another fulfillment, and this time they believe that they will take the whole world for Allah. Shortly after 9-11-2001, our United States troops overran Bagdad, completing the first part of their prophecy. They were only waiting for all invaders to be once again driven out of Bagdad, and, when this happened, they saw this event as their signal to take the whole world for Allah.

Obama pulled our troops out of Iraq, and now look at what is happening. Radical Islamists believe it is time for their Caliphate to be reformed, and when all Islamic nations join it they will declare global jihad.

The Muslim Brotherhood, the driving power behind the rise of the Caliphate, is hardly noticed because they work behind the scenes, and try to mask their true intentions, until it is time for them to strike. The Brotherhood is occasionally mentioned in the news, but their nefarious, deep laid plots are completely overlooked, or ignored. The "politically correct" response is to preach "tolerance", "understanding", and "dialogue". The world will sleep on until it is too late to escape the snare, but we are to be not of the night, but of the day. Some of their villainous plans will be disclosed in the next chapter.

The Ottoman Empire, also known as the Caliphate, received a deadly wound in 1840 and was seemingly put out of existence in the first World War, but the ideology they embraced continues to burn in the hearts of the Muslim Brotherhood. Just as the papacy is growing to power and is on the verge of rivaling her former glory, so is the Caliphate, and both will fail in their final objective.

Appearances may deceive us but God knows what is to be. The prophecies of *Ezekiel* Chapter 32, and *Psalms* 83 tell us there will be a confederacy of all the Islamic nations that form a crescent around Israel. (This will be discussed in detail in the Chapter "The Famous Nations".) This is a primary phase of the stated objective of the Muslim Brotherhood and the motivation behind all the uprisings we are witnessing right now in the Middle East.

In *Ezekiel* 32:30, this confederacy is called the “Princes of the North” which presupposes there must be a “King of the North”, thus tying the prophecy directly to *Daniel* 11:45. This king, or by inference, kingdom, can be none other than the resurrected Ottoman Empire, ruled by the Caliphate, with a Caliph (a Mahdi) at its head. Its seat of government will be established in Constantinople, but will swiftly move to Jerusalem as they overrun Israel and declare global jihad. This is the stated plan of the Brotherhood, and the Bible attests to the fact that this part of their goal will be achieved.

Some people get confused when they try to interpret *Daniel*, and the *Revelation*, or other books such as *Isaiah*, *Jeremiah*, and *Ezekiel*, because the prophecies are not always given in strict chronological order. But, we can know we have the right understanding when we have harmony within all of the related passages in the Bible, and everything fits together to make up the great whole.

It will become very evident that all of the prophecies being looked at in this study are interrelated. The harmony revealed could come only from the hand of the Creator.

The Old Testament Revealed in the Book of Revelation



*Revelation seems so strange and mysterious...
until we read the Old Testament.*

The Focus of the Prophecy

To understand *Daniel* Chapter 11 correctly, we must begin with *Daniel* Chapter 10. *Daniel* 10:14 says; “Now I [Gabriel] am come to make thee understand what shall befall **thy people in the latter days.**” **This is the focus of the whole prophecy!** *Daniel* 9:24 and *Daniel* 11:14 also use the phrase “**thy people**” and those who have studied the prophecy will agree that in those verses the reference is to **literal Israel**. (emphasis supplied)

Our friends who oppose this view try to claim “thy people” in verse 14 has to refer to spiritual Israel because it refers to a prophecy for “the latter days”. If you are disposed to agree with that opinion, please consider this prophecy for “the latter days”:

For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt [yourselves], and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and **evil will befall you in the latter days;** because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. *Deuteronomy* 31:29 (emphasis supplied)

Moses is here speaking to literal Israel, and he says evil would “befall [them, literal Israel] in the latter days”. Then in *Daniel* 10:14, Gabriel is telling Daniel he is “come to make thee understand what [evil] shall befall thy people in the latter days:” *Daniel* 11 then leads up to and culminates in verse 45 giving a literal delineation of events which ends in the total demise of literal Israel at the close of probation; thus giving spiritual Israel a definite way-mark to know when Jesus will stand up and leave the Most Holy Place. This position harmonizes completely with the proper understanding of the book of *Joel*, *Revelation* Chapter 9, *Exodus* Chapter 10, and *Revelation* 16:12, if we allow one prophecy to interpret another as we are admonished to do.

In *Daniel* 12:1 the phrase “**thy people**” is used again, but this time the reference is undoubtedly to “**spiritual**” Israel. To surface readers this may seem confusing, but when discerning students look at the verse closely, they will realize the term “**thy people**” in *Daniel* 12:1 is qualified by the phrase “**the children of**”. At the end of the verse, the term is further qualified by the phrase “**every**

one that shall be found written in the book", again meaning "spiritual Israel".

Another instance where this type of terminology is used is found in *Daniel* 11:14, where the verse says "**the robbers of thy people**", meaning the **Romans** who were "the robbers" of literal Israel. The qualifications of this verse and *Daniel* 12:1 make the term to have a spiritual understanding, but the term "thy people" is still a reference to literal Israel, even in these verses. "The children of" can only mean "spiritual Israel" who are the inheritors of the promises made to literal Israel, while "the robbers" were the oppressors of literal Israel. The only conclusion that can be reached, if we allow the Bible to interpret itself, is the term "**thy people**" without the qualifier, **always** refers to **literal Israel**.

By allowing the Bible to interpret itself, then the focus of the whole prophecy as described in *Daniel* 10:14 is an event that will befall **literal Israel** in the **latter days**, specifically just as probation is closing.

This is not to say that literal Israel is still God's chosen people. They are not. The Bible is very plain that the true remnant church, "Spiritual Israel" are God's chosen people today. But God used an event in the Middle East, depicted in *Revelation* Chapter 9, to prove to the world that the Advent movement, from its beginning, was His true church. *Daniel* 11:40-45 is the parallel to *Revelation* Chapter 9, so the focus of this prophecy of Daniel, the event depicted in *Daniel* 11:45, will be used by God to prove to the world, just as probation is closing, that the true remnant church, as identified in *Revelation* Chapter 12, has the right message.

The climax of *Daniel* Chapter 11 brings us to the close of probation, and then carries us to the final destruction of the King of the North during the sixth plague. This precipitates the Battle of Armageddon which, in turn, culminates in the Second Coming of Christ.

The focus of the whole prophecy is to give God's people a final way-mark to know when probation is closing by depicting an event that will befall literal Israel. This will solidify our faith and prepare us for the time of trouble, and prove to the world that we have the right message; the final warning from God. This will also give us the ability to identify the seven last plagues as they fall, especially encouraging us to hold on through the sixth and seventh plague.

Daniel 11:45 and Armageddon

In this chapter we will look at how *Daniel* 11:45 and Armageddon are inseparably connected. There will be a literal Battle of Armageddon. This battle will occur during the 6th and the 7th plagues.

In *Revelation* 16:12-17, the Bible says of Armageddon:

“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

“Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.”

To understand the drying up of the great river Euphrates we must again allow the Bible to interpret itself. In *Isaiah* 8:7 the Bible says; “Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:” According to this verse, the waters of a river represent a mighty army.

Now if we compare *Isaiah* 8:7 with *Revelation* 9:14-16 we will find something very interesting. The river Euphrates is referred to many times in the Bible but only twice is it called the “great” river Euphrates and that is in *Revelation* 16:12 and *Revelation* 9:14. Now look at *Revelation* 9:14-16:

“Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

“And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

“And the number of the army of the horsemen [were] two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.”

When Josiah Litch published his exposé on these verses at the beginning of this movement, and his prediction was fulfilled to the very day; our understanding of prophecy was proven to be correct beyond dispute. In his explanation of these verses, he said that the loosing of the four angels that were bound in the great river Euphrates was the loosing of the Ottoman power. So if the loosing of the four angels from the great river Euphrates was the loosing of the Ottoman or Muslim power; then the drying up of the great river Euphrates would have to be the drying up of that same power.

Adventist historian A. T. Jones in his books *The Great Nations of Today* and *The Marshaling of the Nations* gives conclusive proof that the kings of the east in *Revelation 16:12* are the western “powers” who hold control over various nations in the east. The United States has military holdings in Japan, South Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places. The other western powers, and Russia, also maintain control over many eastern countries, therefore making them, the western nations, “kings” of the east. What is really going on here is that they are all jockeying for position for the battle of Armageddon. They all know that when the Islamic power is finally destroyed there will be a vacuum in the Middle East, and all the great nations of today will be desperate to gain control over the area that had been controlled by the Islamic nations. The reason for this is primarily **oil**, and the strategic position of Constantinople. The Papacy is controlling the movements behind the scenes, because she believes that out of it all she will end up with Jerusalem as her capitol and reign over the world from there. Satan, the ultimate “power” behind the “mystery of iniquity” wants Jerusalem for his capitol, because it was considered by God to be the most sacred spot on Earth for many centuries.

Coming back to *Revelation 9:16*; concerning the Islamic power, the Bible says that “the number of the army of the

horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand:”. That, in modern language, is 200 million. I find it very fascinating that in the book “Fast Facts on Islam” by John Ankerberg and John Weldon, on pages 19-20 it says that there are approximately 1.3 to 1.5 billion Muslims in the world (there are now over 1.6 billion), and out of that number approximately 200 million are radical fundamentalists. This is the exact number mentioned in *Revelation 9:16*.

All this ties in with *Daniel 11:45* which says; “And he [the King of the North] shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; [the sign for probation to begin to close] yet he shall come to his end, [the drying up of the great river Euphrates during the sixth plague] and none shall help him.” [Every man’s hand will be against him]. The Papacy wants Islam destroyed so they can finally control Jerusalem, and the great nations of today are willing to do it so they can control the oil by holding the strategic position of Constantinople and at the same time put a final stop to the terrorist attacks. Satan doesn’t care which “power” of the “mystery of Iniquity”, Islam or the Papacy, comes out on top as long as he ends up on the throne in Jerusalem. The Bible, however, makes it plain that the image of the beast will rule for “one hour” or a “short space [of time]”, with the Papacy as the “spiritual” power (*Revelation 17:10*). They won’t realize, however, that by this time probation has already closed and Jesus is on His way to redeem His own elect.

The Battle of Armageddon will continue through the seventh plague. Just as the Papacy is ready to take the throne of the world, she will be destroyed as all nations turn on her and “eat her flesh and burn her with fire”, *Revelation 17:16*, and then the bloodbath is finally ended by the Second Coming of Christ.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.

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: *2 Thessalonians 2:3-8*

We need to understand all of these prophecies and know where we are in the stream of time. It is imperative to recognize when probation is closing, and the progress of events during the plagues, especially as relating to the battle of Armageddon and the seventh vial, so that our faith will not fail during this extremely perilous time.



The Red Heifer

3rd Temple of Solomon Red Heifer

Many, if not all, Evangelicals, and Charismatics believe the Jews will be restored to Palestine, the temple will be rebuilt, and the sacrificial system will be reinstated. Huge sums of money have been gathered up and donated to Israel for this purpose, because it is believed this will usher in the final events of this world's history. But my question is... why would any professed Protestant want the sacrificial system to be reinstated? To do so is a complete and utter denial of Jesus Christ.

It is erroneously believed (as we have already shown) that when this happens the church will be raptured, and then 144,000 literal Jews will preach the gospel during the seven years of persecution by the Antichrist, the world will be converted, and then will come a thousand years of peace with the spiritual reign of Christ. But what will actually happen is Israel will be destroyed.

Preparations for the rebuilding of the temple have been in progress for many years. (Google youtube "The Temple Institute") All the instruments and furnishings for the temple are complete. And Levitical priests have already been trained to perform the rituals and sacrifices. Where they found true Levites is a good question, because the lineage was lost when the temple was destroyed in 70 AD.

All they have been waiting for is a red heifer. These animals are extremely rare, and there have been only nine such heifers in the entire history of Israel. But a tenth one has now been born here in the United States. It will be, or has been, transported to Israel (its location is being kept secret) so its ashes can be used for the purification of the new temple. (See youtube "The Red Heifer")

The heifer must be watched, however, for three years to see if it will develop even one white hair which would disqualify it as a perfect sacrifice. The Bible does not actually say the heifer cannot have even one white hair, it simply says it must be "without

blemish". The three year period for this ordinance is one reason Jesus' ministry had to be for at least three years, because it typified Him and the purification He would provide for His followers.

The ordinance of the red heifer is found in *Numbers 19:2-10*;

This [is] the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein [is] no blemish, [and] upon which never came yoke:

And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and [one] shall slay her before his face:

And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

And [one] shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast [it] into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

And a man [that is] clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay [them] up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it [is] a purification for sin.

And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever. *Numbers 19:2-10*

Orthodox Jews view the birth of this heifer as a sign from God that the time for the rebuilding of the third temple has finally come. Their only problem is the Dome of the Rock is standing on the site where the temple must be built. This structure is the second most holy place in the world for all Muslims, and if it is destroyed by the Jews it will enrage every person in the Islamic world.

This, if it comes to pass, could very well be the catalyst that will unite all Muslims. They would forget their sectarian hatred and come together to reinstate their true Caliphate (not the one that

ISIS has claimed, because the real one must include “all the families of the north” according to *Jeremiah* 1:15) for the purpose of annihilating Israel. The Jews know this, but believe God will miraculously intervene to save them. But He will not. When the Caliphate is reinstated, (ISIS is not the legitimate Caliphate) their first move will be to “plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”, and to do this Israel would have to be annihilated. Then *Daniel* 11:45 (first part) will be fulfilled and probation will begin to close.

Again, what the Jews, and most Protestants do not seem to realize is that the reinstatement of the sacrificial system is a virtual denial of Jesus and His sacrifice which was the fulfillment of the Levitical system. When Jesus died on the cross, the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom, showing the divine intervention for the elimination of the ceremonial law. Every temple ordinance and sacrifice pointed forward to what Jesus would actually do for the salvation of mankind, so to reinstate that system is to deny the sacrifice of Christ, and is therefore an abomination in the sight of God.

However, Orthodox Jews base their belief that the temple is to be rebuilt on *Ezekiel* Chapter 37. We need to examine this chapter and compare it with *Revelation* 21:3, and we will see the real context of what Ezekiel is talking about. Remember, the Jews who have not accepted Christ do not use the New Testament; but nevertheless, it casts light upon the Old Testament. We will look at *Ezekiel* Chapter 37, and then allow the Bible to interpret itself by comparing scripture with scripture;

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which [was] full of bones,

And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, [there were] very many in the open valley; and, lo, [they were] very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall

live; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but [there was] no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken [it], and performed [it], saith the LORD.
Ezekiel 37:1-14

It should be very obvious to anyone that Ezekiel is here describing the Resurrection of the Just. This is talking about “Spiritual Israel”, (all of the redeemed from all ages). This will become even more evident as we proceed. We will skip verses 15-20, and resume with verse 21;

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

And David my servant [shall be] king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. *Ezekiel 37:21-24*

Again, it should be quite obvious this prophecy is to have its fulfillment in the heavenly world. How could David be King over them (Spiritual Israel) unless he is resurrected from the grave?

And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, [even] they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David [shall be] their prince for ever. *Ezekiel 37:25*

Once more it says David will be “their prince for ever”. This can only be in reference to the eternal kingdom of God. And the inheritance that was “given unto Jacob” is the same promise that was given to Abraham and Isaac. We will compare these verses with *Hebrews 11:8-10*;

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God.

These verses show conclusively that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew the covenant promises would not be fulfilled to them in their earthly sojourn; but rather, they would receive their inheritance at the Resurrection. Coming back to *Ezekiel* Chapter 37 we read;

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and

multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. *Ezekiel 37:26-28*

God does say there will be another sanctuary, but it also says this next one will be “for evermore”. We will now compare verse 27 with *Revelation 21:3*;

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. *Revelation 21:3*

It is very obvious *Ezekiel 37:27* and *Revelation 21:3* are talking about the same thing. So we will now look at the two verses that precede verse 3 of *Revelation* Chapter 21 and we will know what time frame this is referring to;

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.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. *Revelation 21:1, 2*

If the verses in *Revelation* just quoted introduce us to an eternal state, so also does the former. They are both talking about the very same event, so one cannot be fulfilled without accomplishing the other. And it can be shown with equal clearness, that every text in the Old Testament, which is generally quoted to sustain the doctrine of the restoration of the Jews or the rebuilding of the temple, refers to the same glorious event - the everlasting glorification of the righteous.

It can be shown that virtually every story or illustration in the Old Testament is a typology (a word picture) of what will befall God's people in the last days of this world's history. And it also demonstrates the complete plan of salvation. Then, the entire Bible centers and ends in the book of *Revelation*.

The Orthodox Jews cannot understand this because of their rejection of Christ, as Paul says in *2 Corinthians*;

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [veil] is done away in Christ.

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. *2 Corinthians 3:14-16*

If they would accept Jesus as their Saviour, they would be enabled to understand. But if they continue to reject Christ, they will remain in darkness.

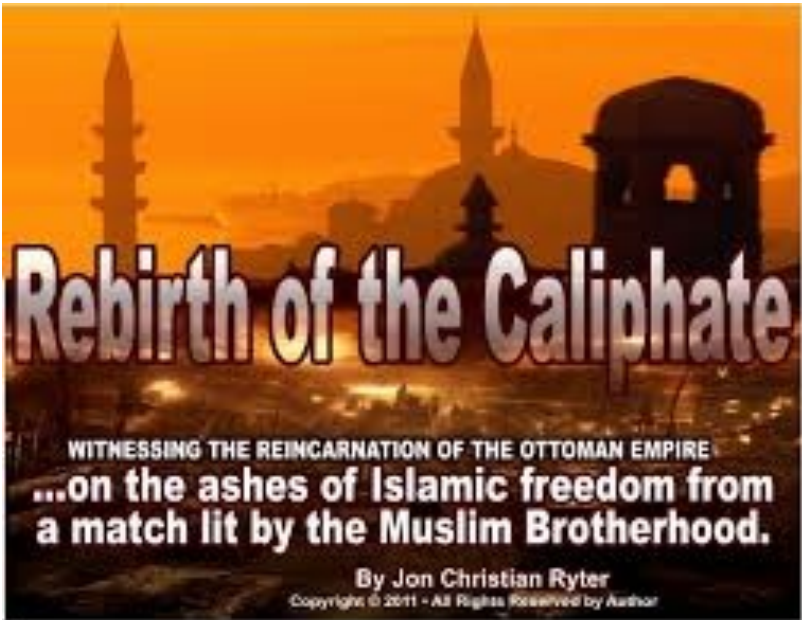
It should be quite obvious by now that the Lord is not with them. Therefore, He will not, indeed cannot, protect them if they attempt to rebuild a new tabernacle on the Temple Mount.

Therefore, the King of the North will indeed “plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”, after he annihilates the Jews. This is the stated goal of Islam, and, according to the prophecy, it will be fulfilled.

So when the Jews attempt to tear down the Dome of the Rock, or even start to build the third temple beside it, all of the Islamic tribes will unite, their fury will be unleashed, and the nation of Israel will be utterly destroyed. This will be the final way-mark for God’s people, those who rightly divide the word of God. Then they will know that probation is closing, the plagues will fall upon the unrepentant, and then Jesus will come and take us home.



The Tents of Kedar



Kedar was second in order of the sons of Ishmael;

And these [are] the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ... twelve princes according to their nations. *Genesis 25:13-16*

How could Kedar, who was such a seemingly trivial character, have any impact on the subject we are studying? First of all, God did not waste any precious space in His Holy Word on trivia of no consequence.

Kedar was the second son of Ishmael, just as Jacob was the second son of Isaac. Jacob had twelve sons and through one of those sons, Judah, came the Savior of the world. Ishmael had twelve sons, and through one of those sons, Kedar, came the destroyer and exterminator of the world.

Of the Ishmaelite tribes, Kedar became the most important, just as Jacob became the most important son of Isaac. Thus in later times the name Kedar came to be applied to all the wild

tribes of the Arabian desert. It is through Kedar that Muslim genealogists trace the descent of Mohammed from Ishmael just as the descent of Jesus is traced through Jacob.

The settlements of Kedar were most probably in the northwest of Arabia, not far from the borders of Israel. The Bible confirms this;

Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these [were they] thy merchants. *Ezekiel 27:21*

They are also associated with the Turks;

Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, [that] I dwell in the tents of Kedar! My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I [am for] peace: but when I speak, they [are] for war. *Psalms 120:5-7*

Mesech was in Turkey. Here the Bible gives us a direct link between the Arab world and Turkey. Notice also, the people who dwell there are described as hating peace, and “they [are] for war.” This is a clear illustration of Islam and their quest for jihad. So Kedar is a symbolic representation of the Islamic world today.

More specifically, Kedar is illustrative of the King of the North. In *Ezekiel 27:21*, quoted above, it talks of “Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar”. We will compare this verse with *Ezekiel 32:30*. But first we need to realize that Chapters 27 and 28 of *Ezekiel* are a lamentation for the king of Tyrus, (Tyre).

Everyone is familiar with *Ezekiel 28:11-19* where the king of Tyre unquestionably represents Satan;

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I

have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: **thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more.** *Ezekiel 28:11-19* (emphasis supplied)

Now consider the last verse in *Ezekiel* Chapter 27;

The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; **thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt be] any more.** *Ezekiel 27:36* (emphasis supplied)

This is again representing the king of Tyre as Satan himself. Now we come back to *Ezekiel 27:21* and we read “Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, ...in these [were they] thy merchants.” Here the “princes of Kedar” are described as the merchants of Satan. Radical Islam is trying to sell, or enforce, the doctrines of Satan on the whole world. Satan’s way of evangelism is by the sword.

In *Ezekiel* Chapter 32 all the nations that surround Israel are named and then in verse 30 they are called “the Princes of the North, all of them” just as they are called “all the princes of Kedar” in *Ezekiel 27:21*.

Now we will look at *Isaiah 21:16, 17*;

For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling [judgment is certain], and all the glory of Kedar shall fail [be ended, or perish]:

And the residue [remnant] of the number of archers, the mighty men [warriors] of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished [be made few]: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken [it]. *Isaiah 21:16, 17*

Notice it says that “within a year ... and all the glory of Kedar shall [be ended, or perish] ... And the [remnant] ... [of] the [warriors] of the children of Kedar shall be [made few]”. Just as an hireling will never work past his appointed time, the judgment of Kedar is certain, and will come within a year. This is a direct parallel to the King of the North in the last part of *Daniel 11:45* where it says “he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

When the Caliphate is formed, they will immediately declare global jihad precipitating the Sunday Law which will quickly escalate to the death decree. (The Sunday law and death decree will be discussed in a later Chapter.) At that time probation will close and the plagues will fall. During the sixth plague, the King of the North (the Caliphate) will perish. The plagues will continue for approximately one year. *Isaiah 21:16 and 17* confirms this for “within a year, ... and all the glory of Kedar shall fail [be ended, or perish] ... [and] ... the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished [or made few]”.

Next we will look at *Jeremiah 49:28-30*;

Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the [middle] east.

Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear [is] on every side.

Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. *Jeremiah 49:28-30*

In *Ezekiel 32:11* it is “the sword of the king of Babylon” that destroys Satan’s army (the Islamic Caliphate) as we will see later in this study. Here the “king of Babylon” destroys Kedar and his kingdoms. They are one and the same. The king of Babylon symbolizes the papacy and the papacy is the head of the world-wide system of spiritual Babylon. The Princes of the North in

Ezekiel Chapter 32 join together and form the Caliphate (the King of the North). Kedar, in the various verses we have looked at, also symbolizes the Caliphate, and the Caliphate will be the governing body of the entire Islamic world until the papacy has them destroyed.

The papacy created Islam to be her battle axe. When Islam has resurrected the Caliphate and fulfilled the purpose for which it was designed and is being instigated into accomplishing, the papacy will smite them when the purpose against them is fulfilled.

This is exactly what the above verses are saying; “The king of Babylon [the papacy] hath taken counsel against you [Islam], and hath conceived a purpose against you [Islam]”. The “king of Babylon [the papacy] shall smite ... and spoil the men of the [middle] east”.

We need to look at one more passage;

I [am] black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. *Song of Solomon* 1:5

The flag of Islamic jihad is black. The black tents of Kedar are a symbol of the Islamic extremists who rally under the black flag of jihad.

The parallels we have demonstrated are too striking and numerous to be misinterpreted or denied. Remember, “the language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning.”

The following is a condensed version of an anonymous article found on the internet called the “Muslim Brotherhood and Rise of the Caliphate”. It is rather lengthy, but is also very enlightening;

Hassan al-Banna founded the Muslim Brotherhood in Ismailia, Egypt in March 1928 as a fascist, Pan-Islamic, religious, political and social movement. The organization’s ideology is based on the beliefs of 18th century Muhammad Ibn abd al-Wahhab, an Arabian Islamic theologian and founder of the **Wahhabi** movement.

...They seek to reestablish a worldwide caliphate. Al-Banna himself said, “it is the nature of Islam to dominate, not be dominated, to impose its laws on all nations and extend its power to the entire planet.” Critics believe that the primary root of violent Sunni Islamic extremism in the modern era is the Muslim

Brotherhood, as the vast majority of Sunni terrorist groups are derived from the Muslim Brotherhood, including Al-Qaeda, Hamas, Egyptian Islamic Jihad, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

...It is the “obligation” of Muslims to stop all negotiations with Israel.

...In a September 2010 sermon, Badi asserted that the U.S. “is now experiencing the beginning of its end, and is heading towards its demise....” He further declared that the victory of Muslims against their enemies was preordained and called upon Muslims to rise against Israel and the U.S.

Sheikh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, the Muslim Brotherhood’s spiritual leader and most prominent ideologue, is the author of fatwas legitimizing suicide bombings against Israeli civilians and U.S. military personnel...

In 1973, several dozen Muslim Brothers attended a meeting of the Islamic Cultural Centres and Bodies in Europe in London, England in order to organize the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Europe...

Four years later, the senior Muslim Brotherhood leaders met in Lugano, Switzerland, near the homes of Ghaleb Himmatt and Youssef Nada, whom the U.S. Treasury Department designated as terrorism financiers in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, to discuss the strategy for moving the Brotherhood forward...

...The process of settlement [in the United States] is a “Civilization-Jihadist Process” with all the word means. The Ikhwan [Brothers] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and “sabotaging” its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions. Without this level of understanding we are not up to this challenge and have not prepared ourselves for Jihad yet...

“Phases of the World Underground Movement Plan.”

Phase One: Phase of discreet and secret establishment of leadership.

Phase Two: ...Establishing a shadow government (secret) within the Government.

Phase Three: Escalation phase, prior to conflict and confrontation with the rulers, through utilizing mass media. Currently in progress.

Phase Four: ...The political pressure approach. It is aggressively implementing the above-mentioned approach. Training on the use of weapons...

Phase Five: Seizing power...

The Clinton administration used Alamoudi as a goodwill ambassador with Muslim communities, foreign and abroad, and made him responsible for identifying, training and credentialing chaplains for the United States military and penal institutions...

...The Muslim Brotherhood, has a “Hollywood Bureau” whose mission is to clean up the Muslim image in movies and TV.

...Few Americans seem to comprehend the two dangerous — and perversely synergistic — themes that predominate in modern radical Islam:

* The apocalyptic belief of Shia scholars, clerics and political leaders — like Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — predicting a violent, “final” clash between Muslims and infidels in which Islam triumphs, by wiping “non-believers” from the earth, and;

* The predominantly Sunni Muslim goal of an Islamic caliphate...

The “common ground” for all Islamic radicals is hatred of the United States and Israel...

Sunni terror leaders — like Al Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden and his second-in command, Ayman al-Zawahiri, have openly pledged to establish a new global caliphate...

...“Due to the blessings of jihad, America’s countdown has begun. It will declare defeat soon,” and will be followed by a new caliphate.

Western political leaders and media elites appear unwilling to acknowledge the threat posed by these two repetitive themes in modern radical Islam — an Armageddon-like final battle — and the call for a new globe-spanning caliphate...

Instead of confronting radical Islam, the response in the United Nations, most of Europe and much of the United States is to preach “tolerance,” “understanding” and “dialogue.”

[The] Muslim brotherhood wants to take over the world and destroy America. It is their stated goal, and President Obama gives them billions in our American taxpayer dollars...

[www.muslim](http://www.muslimbrotherhood.com) *brotherhood and rise of the caliphate*

In turn, it is believed, the Muslim Brotherhood were a major contributor to Obama’s reelection campaign.

We will close this chapter with a few excerpts from a commentary entitled “The Muslim Brotherhood Threat to America” written by Lynn Stuter, a journalist with some very good credentials;

...This brings us to recent events linking the man currently occupying our White House illegally (as he is not *natural born*), [Barack Hussein Obama, and the Muslim Brotherhood](#), a radical extremist Islamic fundamentalist terrorist organization!

It is very important ... that people go to the website, [Walid Shoebat](#), and they read every report found there. ...As with any "watchman on the wall," Walid Shoebat—who openly admits to having been a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, who openly names relatives still active in that organization—is being called a "tin foil hat." How many of us, who have exposed the inner workings of systems philosophy have been called the same thing? Yet we weren't wrong, as time proved.

The reports on Shoebat's website outline the connections between Barack Obama and the radical Islamic terrorist organization, The Muslim Brotherhood.

...The documents also talk about the Muslim "grand plan" for the take-over of the world. A scary thought but they are bringing it about in country after country, first demanding that their religious beliefs and religious law be honored within the legal and cultural institutions of that country, then slowly usurping existing law with [Sharia](#) – Islamic law based on the "absolute law of Allah." We have already seen instances in which American courts have observed Sharia law, instances where taxpayers have been forced to provide accommodation for Muslim practices in schools and universities, instances in public places, like airports, where the same is true.

Remember the Muslim sect that wanted to build a mosque on a piece of property in Texas and demanded the [pig farmer next door](#) move his operation, even though the farmer—and the pigs—were there long before the Muslims bought the land next door? They are seeking accommodation. If they get it, it won't end there.

There is a very real threat to America. At the pinnacle is Barack H Obama who is not legally our president. It continues with people to who he is giving access; to the people with whom he associates; to the people with whom he is connected including his own brother, uncle and first cousin, all powerful players in the Muslim Brotherhood.

These people are a real threat to our way of life, ...

I encourage everyone, reading this, to find out for yourself, the extent to which the Muslim Brotherhood has infiltrated the government of our country. It is imperative that you do so.

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“A Seething Pot”

As we continue with our study of the final judgment, we need to look at a few passages from the book of *Jeremiah*. Whether you see these prophecies literally or give them a spiritual application, the final analysis is the same: The King of the North is Satan’s army and can only be referring to Islam. The seat of the Islamic power is north of Israel as illustrated in the following passages;

And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see **a seething pot**; and the face thereof [is] **toward the north**.

Then the LORD said unto me, **Out of the north** an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

For, lo, I will call **all the families of the kingdoms of the north**, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne **at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem**, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.
Jeremiah 1:13-16. (emphasis supplied)

Surely, everyone would agree the Islamic nations of the Middle East today are “a seething pot”. This “seething pot” is further described as “all the families of the kingdoms of the north”, all the radical Islamic tribes that will form the Caliphate, which would include even the Boko Haram of Nigeria, and all others like them when the legitimate Caliphate is formed. (ISIS is not the true Caliphate) Then Jeremiah says, “they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem”. This is a direct parallel to *Daniel* 11:45; “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain;”

In Jeremiah’s day the kingdom described as coming from the north was Babylon. Today, the kingdom that lies to the north of Israel is Turkey, the seat of the Islamic power. “Literal Israel” today is actually a part of “spiritual Babylon” because they rejected and crucified Jesus. And “literal” and “spiritual” Babylon are both described as being destroyed “from the north”, as we will see

when we look at *Jeremiah* Chapters 50 and 51 a little later in this study.

For proof that literal Israel is a part of “spiritual Babylon”, compare the following verses;

Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. [Ye] serpents, [ye] generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and [some] of them ye shall kill and crucify; and [some] of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute [them] from city to city:

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. *Matthew 23:32-36*

And in her [Babylon] was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. *Revelation 18:24*

We will now continue to show that the prophecies of Jeremiah have a special application for today, whether they are understood symbolically or literally;

Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring **evil from the north**, and **a great destruction**.

The lion is come up from his thicket, and the **destroyer** of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land **desolate**; [and] thy cities shall be laid waste, **without an inhabitant**. *Jeremiah 4:6, 7*. (emphasis supplied)

This description is very similar to that found in *Revelation 9:11*, which has been proved by Josiah Litch to be Islam, and ultimately, a reference to Satan himself;

And they had a king over them, [which is] the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue [is] Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath [his] name Apollyon. *Revelation 9:11*

The name “Abaddon” means “destroyer” and “Apollyon” means “exterminator”. By paralleling these verses we see the “evil from the north” in Jeremiah’s day was Babylon, but today it is Islam because the seat of the Muslim power is now located in that geographical area. Consider also the following verses;

The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them gathered together; *Proverbs 30:27* (marginal reading)

The Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east [the Arabic tribes which are today Islamic]... came as grasshoppers [locusts] for multitude; *Judges 6:3,5*

And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east [the Arabic tribes which are today Islamic] lay along in the valley like grasshoppers [locusts] for multitude; *Judges 7:2*

This proves the locusts, by allowing the Bible to interpret itself, are symbolic of Islam. The Muslims are not united into one kingdom as yet, but they are all going forth together to accomplish their common goal; to annihilate Israel and take the whole world for Allah. When they form their Caliphate, which they are in the process of doing, they will have a king, or Caliph, over them and they will become Satan’s army as described in *Ezekiel* Chapter 32 and again they will go forth to destroy.

The world needs to wake up and realize what an imminent threat radical Islam is to our very existence.

The Charter of Hamas was published in 1988. The preamble of the charter quotes Imam Hassan al-Banna who said: “Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.”

Article 13 of the Charter says: “There is no solution to the Palestinian problem except by Jihad. The initiatives, proposals and International Conferences are but a waste of time, an exercise in futility.”

On April 1, 2006, Hamas Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar said: “I dream of hanging a huge map of the world on the wall at my Gaza home which does not show Israel on it.”

The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is quoted as saying: “Israel must be wiped off the map.”

They all have the same goal, but if you think they will stop there you are sadly mistaken. After they have “wiped [Israel] off

the map” their next move will be to make the whole world Islamic, starting with America.

There is evidence the papacy created Islam for the purpose of destroying Protestantism and the Jews, (but they have gotten out of control and must in turn be eliminated,) so the papacy can regain her dominion of the world.

There will be tremendous destruction and horrific loss of life on both sides, but we know the papacy will come out on top for a very short time. The interval of the papacy’s triumph will last only from the sixth plague to the end of the seventh plague. Then, just when she intends to seat herself on Satan’s usurped throne in Jerusalem, fully regaining her temporal dominion, Jesus will destroy her by the brightness of His Coming.

We will come back now to our study of *Jeremiah*, and continue to show this prophecy has an application for today;

Behold, he [the evil from the north] shall come up as clouds, and his chariots [shall be] as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. *Jeremiah 4:13*

My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, [and] my curtains in a moment. *Ibid., verses 19, 20.*

I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, [there was] no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place [was] a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger.

For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken [it], I have purposed [it], and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. *Ibid., verses 23-28.*

Verses 23-28 apply to the time of the millennium, and will have a literal fulfillment at that time. If this is true then the verses leading up to this conclusion must be an introduction to this event.

The prophecy of *Jeremiah* Chapter 25 is a symbolic description of the literal battle of Armageddon, and that Chapter concludes by saying;

Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread [the grapes], against all the inhabitants of the earth.

A noise shall come [even] to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them [that are] wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from [one] end of the earth even unto the [other] end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves [in the ashes], ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. *Jeremiah 25:30-34*

Verse 33 describes the conditions on this world after Jesus returns, and verse 34 warns us of the false shepherds who led their flocks astray.

The leaders in the church will be held responsible for the vast majority being lost because they taught the people “smooth things” and false interpretations of prophecy. Deeply imbedded preconceived ideas cause many to ignore truth when the evidence is presented to them. Pride of opinion, which is most offensive to God, along with the fear of losing support are other factors for rejecting clear evidence. Men fail to understand when their paycheck, pride of opinion, or church standing depends on them not understanding.

Later, as we approach the close of Jeremiah’s prophecy, we find these words;

Egypt [is like] a very fair heifer, [but] **destruction** cometh; it **cometh out of the north**.

The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; **she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north**. *Jeremiah* 46:20, 24 (emphasis supplied)

The first hostilities pursued by the Muslim Brotherhood to reestablish the Caliphate were the overthrow of Egypt and then the swift toppling of Libya.

The King of the South is not mentioned again in the closing scenes of *Daniel* Chapter 11 after verse 40, but is referred to in verse 42 only as “the land of Egypt”, and in verse 43 simply as “Egypt”. When we come to the culmination of the prophecy in verse 45, the King of the South, Egypt, (which anciently included a part of Libya) is not mentioned at all. He has been “delivered into the hand of the people of the north”, just as The King of the East and the King of the West were formerly delivered into the hand of the Kingdom of the North.

In the last part of *Jeremiah* Chapter 49 we find a prophecy about Elam which today is primarily Iran, but spiritually speaking would include all Shiite tribes. The whole world is watching Iran wondering if they will unleash a nuclear holocaust; but the prophecy says this will not happen. God Himself will bring destruction upon Iran;

The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam [Iran] in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, **I will break the bow of Elam**, the chief of their might.

And upon Elam will I bring **the four winds from the four quarters of heaven**, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

For **I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies**, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, [even] my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

And I will set my throne in Elam, and will **destroy from thence the king and the princes**, saith the LORD.

But it shall come to pass **in the latter days**, [that] **I will bring again the captivity of Elam**, saith the LORD. *Jeremiah* 49:34-39 (emphasis supplied)

Notice God says He will break the bow (the military power) of Elam (Iran). This definitely has an application for today because verse 39 says this will happen “in the latter days”. In verse 36, God says He will “bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven” upon Iran. This is a reference to *Revelation 7:1*, which puts it in the timeframe of the sealing or on into the time of trouble;

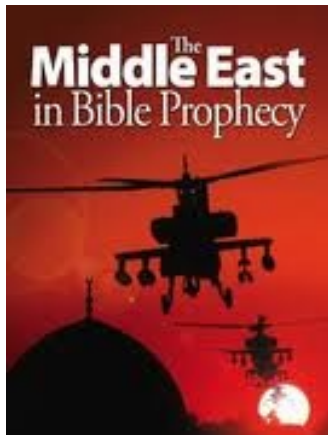
And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, ...

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
Revelation 7:1-3

God then says He “will cause [Iran] to be dismayed before their enemies”. This may well be a reference to the (Wahhabi, the most radical of the Sunnis) Muslim Brotherhood (perhaps via ISIS) overthrowing the (Shiite) Iranian Government. What we are seeing is an ethnic cleansing in preparation for the true Caliphate.

Iran will not be totally destroyed, however, until after the Caliphate is formed because they are mentioned in *Ezekiel* Chapter 32 as being one of the Princes of the North who join together and become a part of the King of the North.

Finally we need to ask, will God “destroy from thence the King [of the North] and the Princes” [all the dominions of the North]? The Bible says “in the latter days” God Himself will superintend the affairs in the Middle East.



The Judgment of Babylon

In *Jeremiah* Chapters 50 and 51, the destruction of Babylon by “an assembly of great nations from the north country” is discussed in detail. This has particular reference to “spiritual” Babylon.

There is a principle of interpretation found by comparing *Jeremiah* 51:60-64, with *Revelation* 18:21 called “repeat and enlarge”, or the worldwide symbolized by the local. In *Jeremiah* 51, the Bible talks about a relatively small and local event. Speaking of the destruction of literal Babylon, the prophet tells his servant to take the book and tie a small stone to it and cast it into a small river. *Jeremiah* 51:60-64 says;

So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, [even] all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;

Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.

And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, [that] thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:

And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far [are] the words of Jeremiah.

Then in *Revelation* 18:21, we see a mighty angel take up a huge stone “like a great millstone” and cast it “into the sea”, a very large body of water. This act now symbolizes the total destruction of the worldwide system of spiritual Babylon. *Revelation* 18:21 says;

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

As we seek for the understanding of this prophecy we need to ask: does it, or at least parts of it, have a dual application for

today, not only to spiritual Babylon, but also to literal Israel as well?

For **out of the north** there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. *Jeremiah* 50:3, 4 (emphasis supplied)

We see here that Babylon was destroyed by a nation from the north. Spiritual Babylon and the King of the North bring great destruction upon each other. They are both brought to the brink of annihilation until the papacy gets the upper hand and brings Islam “to his end”. In *Ezekiel* 32:11 we are told; “The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.” This is talking about the destruction of Satan’s army which is described in the chapter as the Islamic nations. This will be discussed further in our next chapter.

And remember, the children of Israel were in Babylon at the time, and those who did not heed the call to come out were subjected to a death decree. We need to keep these things in mind as we proceed.

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon **an assembly of great nations from the north country**: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows [shall be] as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. *Jeremiah* 50:8, 9 (emphasis supplied)

This is a call to come out of spiritual Babylon. In verse 9 we see “an assembly of great nations from the north country”; very similar to the expression found in *Jeremiah* 1:15;

For, lo, I will call **all the families of the kingdoms of the north**, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem,

and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. *Jeremiah* 1:15 (emphasis supplied)

All the “assembly of great nations from the north country” or “families of the kingdoms of the north” are described in *Ezekiel* Chapter 32, starting with verse 17 through verse 30, where they are called “the Princes of the North”. Remember *Ezekiel* Chapter 32 is an unfulfilled prophecy which we are told is “an introduction to the millennium”.

We will continue with *Jeremiah* Chapter 50;

Behold, a people shall come **from the north**, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

They shall hold the bow and the lance: **they [are] cruel, and will not show mercy**: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, [every one] put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. *Jeremiah* 50:41, 42 (emphasis supplied)

This is, of course, a description of Babylon being destroyed by the Medes and Persians, but it has a much broader application today. Again, spiritual Babylon is described as being fiercely attacked by “a people ... from the north”. “They are cruel, and will not show mercy”, which is a perfect description of radical Islam.

Jeremiah Chapter 51 continues with the same theme;

Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, **a destroying wind**;

And will send unto Babylon **fanners**, [winnowers] that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for **in the day of trouble** they shall be against her round about. *Jeremiah* 51:1, 2 (emphasis supplied)

The last part of verse one, where it says “a destroying wind”, is translated in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as “The spirit of a destroyer”. In *Revelation* 9:11, it is Mohammedanism, or Islam, that is described as a destroyer and an exterminator.

Verse two says Babylon will be winnowed; every precious grain will be separated from the chaff “in the day of trouble” and not one pure grain will fall to the ground.

Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device [is] against Babylon, to destroy it; because it [is] the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple. *Jeremiah 51:11*

Babylon has taken the truth of God and of His sanctuary and destroyed it and turned it upside down. And now God's vengeance will be poured out upon spiritual Babylon using "the spirit of the kings of the Medes", who came from the north.

The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, [saying], Surely I will fill thee with men, [an invading army] as with **caterpillars**; and they shall lift up a shout against thee. *Jeremiah 51:14* (emphasis supplied)

The invading army is here described as "caterpillars" which is one of the stages of the locust. And again, the locust is a symbol of Islam. Compare *Joel 1:4; 2:25*; with *Nahum 3:15*.

That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. *Joel 1:4*

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25*

There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. *Nahum 3:15*

Then the heaven and the earth, and all that [is] therein, shall sing for Babylon: for **the spoilers shall come unto her from the north**, saith the LORD.

As Babylon [hath caused] the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall **the slain of all the earth**. *Jeremiah 51:48, 49* (emphasis supplied)

Over and over the "spoilers" or destroyers are described as coming against Babylon "from the north". When God repeats something over and over, He is trying very hard to stress a very important point.

Verse 49 says “at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth”. This is very similar to *Revelation 18:24* which says;

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. *Revelation 18:24*

We will look at one more verse from the book of *Jeremiah*;

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **The broad walls of Babylon** shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, **and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.** *Jeremiah 51:58* (emphasis supplied)

“The broad walls of Babylon” are a reference to the Ten Commandments as changed by the papacy. The Decalogue is described in many places in the Bible as a wall or hedge. The wall of Babylon will be destroyed and “burned with fire” and God’s true law, including the Sabbath, will be established forever.

The last part of the verse, where it says “and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary”, is translated in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as “The nations weary themselves only for the fire.”

“The nations [are truly] weary[ing] themselves only for the fire.” All the confusion and strife in the world today will ultimately end only in the lake of fire, when all sin and sinners will be eternally destroyed and the earth will be cleansed.

This is the culmination of Jeremiah’s prophecy. Just as Ezekiel’s prophecy ends with the events of the millennium, so does Jeremiah. This shows that the events we have looked at in the book of *Jeremiah* are an introduction to the millennium just as they are in the book of *Ezekiel*.



The Famous Nations

One reason people get confused when they try to interpret prophecy is the details are not always given in chronological order. The one we are about to look at in *Ezekiel* is no exception.

Chapters 32, 37, 38 and 39, and 40-48 of *Ezekiel* have never been literally fulfilled. Though much of the language used is highly symbolic these prophecies will undergo a literal fulfillment leading up to, during, and immediately following the millennium.

We will confine this part of our study to Chapter 32. As we begin, we need to ask, what purpose did God have in presenting this prophecy to us? Remember, the central theme is an introduction to the millennium. There is only one logical conclusion we can come to as we evaluate the context. This is a depiction of an alliance of nations that will be formed in the Middle East just before the close of probation. Therefore, our Lord is clearly telling us the Caliphate will be reinstated, and we are watching it happen right before our eyes.

Verses 1-16, 31, and 32 of the Chapter are a symbolic representation of Satan and his army and the terrible retribution that awaits them. Verses 17-30 tell us who the nations are that make up that army and calls them "the Princes of the North" in verse 30. When this confederation is made up they become the revived Kingdom of the North, the uncircumcised army of Satan.

Drawing our interpretation from a study by Henry Dana Ward, published in 1841, (he was a member of the Millerite movement, and a Harvard graduate) Chapters 30, 31, and 32 of *Ezekiel* are a delineation of events that introduce the millennium. These are events that lead up to the final way-mark, and transpire just before the close of probation and continue on into the time of the plagues. The following is excerpted from his study;

"Chapters thirty and thirty-one [of *Ezekiel*] foretell the utter overthrow of Egypt and Assyria, "Pharaoh and all his multitude." **The thirty-second** repeats the calamity of Pharaoh, and adds to it, of Ashur, Elam, Meshech, and Tubal, Edom, and the Zidonians by name, and of the princes of the north without name. These are all "slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord God."

... "**Pharaoh**" is understood by the wise to be a name of the **Dragon**, the old serpent, familiar to the prophets.

The thirty-third chapter is addressed to the watchmen of Israel, with denunciations against the land. **The thirty-fourth** reproves the shepherds of Israel, and promises that the Lord himself will search out of all nations, and gather upon the mountains of Israel his scattered flock. "There shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel; and I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and will bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment."

As these mountains and flocks and mercies belong to the millennium, so do **the judgments detailed in chapters xxx., xxxi., xxxii., belong to the introduction of the millennium**, and correspond to the overthrow of the beast and false prophet in the harvest of the earth, when all the nations by name are counted to the slaughter and consigned to the pit: "even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword."

Ezekiel thirty-five begins the subject anew with the destruction of Edom, which is made a perpetual desolation, never to return. This is the present evil world. **Chapter thirty-six** is a counter prophecy to the mountains of Israel, promising to them, and to the hills and rivers and valleys, "Ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come," (verse 8,) in the resurrection. "They shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more hence-forth bereave them:" verse 12. O house of Israel, "I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land:" verse 24. "Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good:" verse 31. To this end their recovery must be "life from the dead."

Chapter xxxvii. explains the millennial resurrection literally of "the whole house of Israel," v. 11, which, if it do not include us, "Our hope is lost; we are cut for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live; and I shall place you in your own

land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord."-v. 11-15.

...The prophet proceeds to declare the purpose of God, to unite Judah and Ephraim into one nation: "and David, my servant, shall be king over them," v. 24; "their prince forever," v. 25. "And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore," v. 28.

This is the eternal state subsequent to the resurrection: for it is both impossible for David to reign on earth again without rising from the dead, and also for any condition of things in this world to continue forever; seeing that the true Witness testifies of this heaven and earth that they shall pass away, and all things belonging to them are transitory.

After this description of the resurrection of "the whole house of Israel," and of their union under David in one everlasting kingdom, which seems to accord and synchronize with the first resurrection, the prophet proceeds, in **chapters xxxviii. and xxxix.**, to speak of the coming of Gog and all his bands, from Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, or Phut, Gomer, and Togarmah, against the mountains of Israel, "as a cloud to cover the land." The Lord will then appear in his anger, so that all men and things shall shake at his presence, and he will rain upon Gog, "and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hail-stones, fire and brimstone." The **thirty-ninth chapter** only carries out the doctrine and particulars of the preceding; leaving the reader in no doubt that this Gog and his destruction are the same which are so similarly described in Rev. xx., and not elsewhere expressly named in the Bible.

Chapter xl. to the end of the prophecy of Ezekiel enters into a particular description of the New Jerusalem, in language suited to the Mosaic dispensation, but manifestly intending that same which the Apocalypse describes coming down out of heaven. ..." *Henry Dana Ward, History and Doctrine of the Millennium*, pages 66-71. (emphasis supplied)

Coming back to our study of Chapter 32 we will proceed by going through the Chapter verse by verse and giving comment as we proceed, and when we look at these passages according to their obvious meaning, a picture will emerge that is crystal clear;

And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first [day] of the month, [that] the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of man, take up a lamentation for **Pharaoh king of Egypt**, and say unto him, **Thou art like a young lion of the nations**, and thou [art] as a **whale [dragon]** in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. *Ezekiel 32:1, 2* (emphasis supplied)

Remember “that ‘Pharaoh’ is understood by the wise to be a name of the Dragon”. The next part of the verse says, “Thou art like a young lion”, or can also be translated “Thou didst liken thyself unto a young lion.” And as the lion is the king of beasts, so Satan makes himself out to be the king of the nations. Consider *Ezekiel 29:3*; and *Isaiah 14:13, 14*;

Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I [am] against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river [is] mine own, and I have made [it] for myself. *Ezekiel 29:3*

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. *Isaiah 14:13, 14*

The “great dragon” is “that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world”. *Revelation 12:9*

Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net. *Ezekiel 32:3*

Just as Satan has taken many of God’s people in his net and deceived and destroyed them, God will finally take Satan in His net and destroy him. The “company of many people” is most probably a reference to the 144,000. Their work is described in *Revelation 20:1-3*;

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

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. *Revelation 20:1-3*

The “angel [that] come[s] down from heaven” is symbolic of the 144,000. The “key” is their authority from God because they keep His commandments. The “great chain” is the law of Ten Commandments, a chain of ten links. They prove that God’s law can be kept and that fact binds Satan for destruction.

Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. *Ezekiel 32:4, 5*

This language is comparable to *Ezekiel 28:17-19* which we know is a description of Satan’s fate;

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more. *Ezekiel 28:17-19*

Ezekiel continues with a description of Satan’s future, or lack thereof;

I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, [even] to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee. *Ezekiel 32:6*

This is a further graphic illustration of the terrible fate that awaits Satan.

And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. *Ezekiel 32:7*

The first part of the verse “And when I shall put thee out” refers back to *Revelation 20:3* quoted above when Satan is cast “into the bottomless pit”. The last part of the verse is a parallel to *Isaiah 13:9, 10*;

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. *Isaiah 13:9, 10*

Isaiah tells us plainly that this will be fulfilled during “the day of the Lord”, probably at the beginning of the little time of trouble.

All the bright lights of heaven will I make **dark** over thee, and set **darkness** upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel 32:8* (emphasis supplied)

Ezekiel here describes the condition of the earth during the 1,000 years while Satan is confined to it, the same as recounted by Jeremiah;

I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] **no light**.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, [there was] no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place [was] a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger.

For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

For this shall the earth mourn, and **the heavens above be black**: because I have spoken [it], I have purposed [it], and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. *Jeremiah 4:23-28* (emphasis supplied)

Satan will be bound to this earth for 1,000 years in total darkness. He has claimed to be god, and the true God will give him a long time to think about what he has done.

I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at [every] moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. *Ezekiel 32:9, 10*

This is a direct parallel to *Revelation 18:9, 10*;

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. *Revelation 18:9, 10*

Next Ezekiel begins to describe the destruction of Satan's army. The same army that will be identified in verses 17-30;

For thus saith the Lord GOD; **The sword of the king of Babylon** shall come upon thee.

By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and **all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed**.

I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor

the hoofs of beasts trouble them. *Ezekiel* 32:11-13 (emphasis supplied)

“The sword of the king of Babylon” can represent none other than the armed forces of the United States and her allies that will be used to annihilate the Islamic powers described in verses 17-30. The papacy is “the king of Babylon” and has no standing army of her own, but always uses the armies of the nations that bow to her in idolatrous devotion.

“By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall.” America is still the mightiest nation on earth. Satan’s uncircumcised army will fall before America and the Allied powers. “All the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.” This is the same thought as expressed in slightly different words in *Daniel* 11:45 where we are told; “He shall come to his end and none shall help him.” Verse 13 is a graphic picture of the terrible devastation that will ensue.

Then will I make their waters deep, [cause their waters to sink down] and cause their rivers to run like oil, [undisturbed] saith the Lord GOD.

When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I [am] the LORD. *Ezekiel* 32:14, 15

This is describing deep water where all the sediment has settled out, making the water crystal clear. This must revert back to the time while probation still lingers. When this terrible devastation begins to come upon the earth men will finally see clearly that there is a God in heaven whom they have insulted. When God sends judgments upon nations, those who are hardened in sin are destroyed so the rest will have one last, brief, opportunity to turn to the true God and be saved. Jesus wants to save every soul He can possibly rescue at the last moment. This may be the means of turning even many Muslims to the truth.

This [is] the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, [even] for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel* 32:16

Most people will mourn because they have lost this world and they are not ready to meet Jesus.

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. *Matthew 24:30*

This concludes the first part of the prophecy.

In the next segment, Ezekiel lists every nation that forms a crescent around Israel. This is a delineation of the uncircumcised army of Satan who are bent on using terrorism to achieve their goal of destroying Israel and making the whole world Islamic.

It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth [day] of the month, [that] the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, [even] her, and the daughters of **the famous nations**, unto the nether parts [sheol] of the earth, with them that go down into the pit. *Ezekiel 32:17, 18* (emphasis supplied)

“The multitude of Egypt” is symbolic of a world who has rejected God and, therefore, have accepted Satan as their lord. “The daughters of the famous nations”, can also be translated “the well known nations”. This is the introduction to the list of nations mentioned in verses 22-30, and then referred to in verse 30 as “the Princes of the North”.

Even a few years ago the Islamic nations of the Middle East were an obscure group that most people paid little or no attention to, but today they are “well known” to virtually everyone in the world. Egypt has always been “well known” to every Bible student, and in the last days “she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north”, *Jeremiah 46:25*. These Islamic nations think they are rising to power and will soon dominate the world, but instead they will be “cast down...into the pit”.

Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. *Ezekiel 32:19*

Here God is addressing Satan and telling him he will be destroyed with his army. Compare *Ezekiel 28:17*;

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. *Ezekiel 28:17*

Now we need to ask; who are the uncircumcised and what does the term mean? We find the answer in *Acts 7:51*;

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers [did], so [do] ye. *Acts 7:51*

According to this verse, the “uncircumcised” are those who “resist the Holy Ghost”. If you reject the Holy Ghost you will also reject Jesus Christ. So the “uncircumcised” are those nations that reject Jesus as being Lord and God. Islam accepts Jesus as a prophet, but totally rejects the fact that Jesus is God.

They shall fall in the midst of [them that are] slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes. *Ezekiel 32:20*

The “famous” or “well known” Islamic nations will be “delivered to the sword”. This is the same as *Daniel 11:45*, “he shall come to his end, and none shall help him”. The last part of verse 20 says, “draw her and all her multitudes”. This is the same call to Islam as found in *Joel 3:11*;

Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. *Joel 3:11*

Figuratively speaking, the word “heathen” in this verse, according to Vine’s dictionary, can mean “a flight of locusts”. This is another reference to the Islamic power. Here again, God is calling the Islamic nations to come up to the battle.

The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. *Ezekiel 32:21*

The first part of verse 21 is a very obscure expression. It appears to be saying the various “well known” nations are represented as lying together in hell and speaking to Satan. They lie there along with all who have bowed to Satan. As Ezekiel goes through the list of nations culminating in verse 30, each one is portrayed as lying uncircumcised in the pit of hell, slain by the sword.

Circumcision was practiced in Egypt from ancient times. To lie with the uncircumcised was considered the height of indignity. Here the term is used primarily in the spiritual sense, but also to show God’s indignation against Satan and his army.

Asshur [is] there and all her company: his graves [are] about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living. *Ezekiel 32:22, 23*

The geographical area of ancient Asshur would today encompass Syria and part of Iraq. Notice as we go through the list that each nation also “caused terror in the land of the living”. This is a reference to the terrorist activities of each of these nations that we see going on today.

There [is] Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. *Ezekiel 32:24*

By comparing the historic maps with current ones we find ancient Elam is Iran today. Here we see Iran is one of the “Princes of the North”, therefore, Iran will continue to exist until it joins the Caliphate and will then meet with the same fate as all the other “Princes of the North”. “The nether parts of the earth” is sheol, the grave.

They have set her a bed [bier] in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves [are] round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of [them that be] slain. *Ezekiel 32:25*

A bier is a cot or coffin that the dead are carried on. Iran's place in the grave has been reserved for her along with all the other uncircumcised nations. Iran is probably the biggest promoter of terrorism today, and for this and their total rejection of Christ, they will be utterly destroyed.

There [is] Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves [are] round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living. *Ezekiel 32:26*

Meshech and Tubal is primarily Turkey today. Turkey is the "hinge" of the Islamic nations. Soon Turkey will be the seat of power for Islam when the Caliphate is formed. Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is one of the most strategic military areas in the world. But no matter what their advantages, they will meet the same fate as the rest of Islam.

And they shall not lie with the mighty [that are] fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though [they were] the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with [them that are] slain with the sword. *Ezekiel 32:27, 28*

The LXX and Syriac omit the negative (not) in verse 27. The former translates the sentence, "And they are laid with the giants that fell of old". Turkey, no matter how much military might she has, will fall in that day when the King of the North "come[s] to his end".

The expression, "they have laid their swords under their heads" is obscure but *Song of Solomon 2:6* gives us a hint as to the meaning;

His left hand [is] under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me. *Song of Solomon 2:6*

By comparing this verse with verse 27 above, we see the expression signifies a close embrace. How much closer could any soldier embrace his weapon than a suicide bomber who straps on a vest of explosives? When they kill their supposed enemy, they commit the sin of self murder and “their iniquities shall be upon their bones”, to the delight of Satan. Suicide bombers are the greatest terror we face today, and there is an estimated 200,000,000 of them in the world. But God will fight for His people, and the suicide bombers will fall “with them that are slain”.

There [is] Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by [them that were] slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. *Ezekiel 32:29*

Today, the area that bore the ancient name of Edom is Jordan, and part of Saudi Arabia. This reference has to be talking about the literal geographical area (and if this reference is literal, all the names have to be taken literally), because the spiritual meaning of Edom is the professed church who hates the true remnant, and they at least profess to believe in Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Where Edom is used in a spiritual sense it symbolizes Esau. He is the one who should have inherited the birthright but sold it for a bowl of pottage. Esau was the twin brother of Jacob. They represent the division in the church today. Jacob represents the true remnant, who now possess the birthright.

There [be] the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with [them that be] slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. *Ezekiel 32:30*

Notice the word “be” is not in the original text. If you leave the word out, it is a little easier to understand the true meaning of the verse. Ezekiel here sums up the list of nations and refers to them collectively as “the Princes of the North”. Almost as an afterthought, he adds “the Zidonians”. This ancient people

occupied the area now known as Lebanon. The list would not be complete without them. If you will look at a map of the Middle East, you will find that every nation that forms a crescent around Israel has been named and when they confederate together they become “the Princes of the North”.

Remember, ancient Egypt encompassed a part of Libya, and Sudan. In *Daniel* Chapter 11 Egypt was always the King of the South, but, if you will recall, the fate of Egypt today was foretold in *Jeremiah* 46:25;

The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. *Jeremiah* 46:25

According to this prophecy, Egypt would “be delivered into the hand of the people of the north”. This has happened and the “King of the South” has ceased to exist. That is why the King of the South is not mentioned in *Daniel* Chapter 11 after verse 40, but is referred to as “the land of Egypt” in verse 42, or simply as “Egypt” in verse 43, and then drops from sight because it is absorbed into the Kingdom of the North.

Notice the order of the nations as they are named by Ezekiel. The first part of the chapter talked about Egypt, which included a part of Libya. Next is Syria and Iraq, and then follows Iran and so forth.

The uprisings started with Egypt and soon spread to Libya. Now Syria is in the process of being overthrown. Our troops overran Iraq, but we have since handed control over to the supposed democratic government that was installed. The Muslim Brotherhood is exploiting the democratic process that we set up to vote in their own people and take full control.

So far, the order in which the nations are being taken over by the Muslim Brotherhood is exactly the same as delineated by Ezekiel. Will Iran be next? The Brotherhood is already calling for their overthrow, along with Saudi Arabia.

When the Caliphate is formed, the first move will be to destroy literal Israel, and then they will attempt to take over all the professed Christian nations. Their main objective is not to take our land, or our possessions, but to destroy the nominal Christianity described in the Bible as spiritual Babylon, and God will allow them to almost succeed.

Notice the prophecy in *Jeremiah* Chapter 51 against literal Babylon. When we apply this to the last days and give it a worldwide view, this becomes a warning for all who are in spiritual Babylon today;

Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as **the rough caterpillars**.

Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. *Jeremiah 51:27-29* (emphasis supplied)

The nations of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz were all in what is now Turkey. Notice the reference to the “rough caterpillars”; this is one of the stages of growth of the locust, and the locust is symbolic of Islam.

Compare *Joel 2:25* where the locusts are juxtaposed to a “great army” along with *Revelation 9:3*;

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, **my great army** which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25* (emphasis supplied)

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. *Revelation 9:3*

Next we need to compare *Joel 2:20* where the locusts are called “the northern army”;

But I will remove far off from you **the northern [army]**, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. *Joel 2:20* (emphasis supplied)

There can be no doubt that “the northern army” referred to here is the King of the North as we compare these verses with *Daniel 11:45*;

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel 11:45*

Notice that this northern army will be driven “into a land barren and desolate”. This is a symbol of speedy and total destruction. The King of the North “shall come to his end, and none shall help him”. The northern army will have “his face toward the east sea [the Dead sea], and his hinder part toward the utmost sea [the Mediterranean sea]”. In other words “he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”.

Looking behind the literal scenes portrayed, the discerning student of prophecy will also see Satan and his fallen angels in their last desperate attempt to seize God’s throne in this present world;

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, **in the sides of the north**: *Isaiah 14:13* (emphasis supplied)

The dominions of Babylon the Great (the papacy) will be devastated by Satan’s uncircumcised army (the King of the North) until the professed Christian nations finally come out on top and annihilate Islam.

Finally we come to the conclusion of the prophecy, and Ezekiel sums it all up in verses 31 and 32;

Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, [even] Pharaoh and **all his army** slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel 32:31* (emphasis supplied)

This is a bit of rare sarcasm on the part of God. The Lord is using irony to show His contempt for what Satan has done. This is the culmination of 6,000 years of Satan’s usurped rule over this

earth. God is asking him since he is soon to be slain if it is a comfort to him that his vast army will be with him in death.

Satan's army (Islam) will be slain during the sixth plague. This will leave a huge void in the Middle East and all the armies of spiritual Babylon who have come together to destroy Islam will want to claim the oil rich region for themselves. This will culminate in the battle of Armageddon.

Satan knows all this, but what is truly amazing is the real reason he has deceived all the armed forces of the world into coming to the valley of Megiddo to fight. His hidden purpose is revealed in *Revelation 19:19*;

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. *Revelation 19:19*

Here Satan's real agenda is divulged. Incredibly he has gathered together all the military might of this world to fight against Jesus and His army of angels at the Second Coming.

This brings us to the last verse of the prophecy;

For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with [them that are] slain with the sword, [even] Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel 32:32*

Here God has the last word in the controversy. He tells Satan that "he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised ... [even] [Satan] and all his multitude." This is a fitting end for the prince of darkness. He has caused untold death and destruction for six millennia, and now, he will be brought down to the pit. "Thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more."

A Passionate Appeal and An Arab Confederacy

Now we will look at the parallel prophecy to *Ezekiel* Chapter 32, found in *Psalms* 83. This Psalm describes exactly the same confederacy of nations that will be formed against Israel. We know this is yet future, as there is no historical evidence that all those nations were ever confederated together against Israel at any one time.

This prophecy will not only have a literal fulfillment, but is a word picture to illustrate an amazing fact. It shows us that the odds against literal Israel's survival are astronomical. They are so far outnumbered by their enemies that it is incredible in the extreme that they still exist, and yet they do exist because God's appointed time for their total destruction is not yet.

It is the same for the true remnant of spiritual Israel. The enemies bent on our demise are legion. We are surrounded and so vastly outnumbered it is incredible. Literal Israel will be finally destroyed because of their apostasy, but the true remnant will not only survive, but go on to victory because God's protecting hand is over them. We should pause and consider just how much we owe to our Lord for our very existence every day.

As we go through the prophecy, we should keep in mind that this is not only a forecast of what is about to happen so we can know the season in which we live, but that it should be our passionate appeal to our Lord every day. It is a plea for protection and for the conversion of all who are honest in heart to the true God, whether they be Jewish, or Muslim, or whatever religion they profess.

We will now go through the prophecy and make comment;

A Song [or] Psalm of Asaph. Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. *Psalms* 83:1

Literal Israel is in a terrible crisis. Their only hope for survival is in the Lord. If, even now, they would turn to Jesus and accept Him they would be saved, but they will not. (*Matthew* 23:37)

We, the remnant, are also facing a time of trouble such as never was since there has been a nation. We cannot possibly be saved in the coming crisis without God's help. This Psalm is for us in our time of need.

For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. *Psalm 83:2*

As we watch what is going on in the Middle East, we see Islam becoming more and more defiant. Their denunciations against Israel and America are increasing every day.

It is the same for God's people. The closer we come to the end, the more the papacy, and all who bow in idolatrous devotion to her, are coming out into the open with their plans to destroy the remnant.

They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from [being] a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. *Psalm 83:3, 4*

Remember the Charter of Hamas which was published in 1988. The preamble of the Charter quotes Imam Hassan al-Banna who said: "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."

Article 13 of the Charter says: "There is no solution to the Palestinian problem except by Jihad. The initiatives, proposals and International Conferences are but a waste of time, an exercise in futility."

On April 1, 2006, Hamas Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar said: "I dream of hanging a huge map of the world on the wall at my Gaza home which does not show Israel on it."

Satan's plans to destroy Israel are being brought to fruition. He wants "to cut them off from being a nation" so he can seat himself on the throne of the world, in the person of the papacy, at Jerusalem.

Satan also wants to cut off the last remaining part of God's true church. He knows that if he can accomplish this he would win the controversy. But, thank God, we serve a Master who has

already gained the victory for us. Satan should read the last page of the book.

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: *Psalms* 83:5

We are watching this confederation of nations being formed against Israel, and the world, right before our eyes, but no one seems to realize what is really going on. Soon, very soon, the Caliphate will be reinstated and the time of trouble such as never was will begin. The whole Christian world is on the verge of annihilation, but they are asleep and will not wake up until it is too late to escape the snare.

In verses 6-11 the Psalmist names every nation that Ezekiel delineated in his prophecy with the possible exception of Iran. But then, Assyria may have extended into that region, and if so, then the two lists of nations are identical.

The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. *Psalms* 83:6-8

Some of the names of the nations are different here because the Psalmist wrote at a different period in time. Some nations were overthrown amid the wars and conflicts of the ages, and when regions were conquered sometimes they were given different names.

Edom encompassed what is today Jordan and part of Saudi Arabia. The Ishmaelites lived south and east of Edom in Saudi Arabia and possibly up into what is now Iraq. Moab was just north of Edom where today we see Jordan, It also extended into Saudi Arabia, and perhaps the western corner of Iraq.

Next we have the Hagarenes. This is the only place in Scripture the name is used. It is derived from Hagar, the mother of Ishmael. She was an Egyptian slave, so this brings Egypt into the picture, and remember ancient Egypt extended into what is now Libya and Sudan.

Gebal was an ancient city in what is now Lebanon. Ammon lay just north of Moab where today we find the northern part of Jordan, western Iraq, possibly the northern tip of Saudi Arabia, the southern edge of Syria, and possibly eastern Lebanon.

The Amalekites were a race of giants who inhabited an area in the south of Israel, extending into the northeast corner of Egypt, and possibly up into what is now the Gaza strip. The Philistines dwelt in the area that is now Gaza. Tyre is an ancient city and today lies within the domains of Lebanon.

Assur lay north of Israel and today would encompass mainly Syria, northern Iraq, southern Turkey, and possibly extending into western Iran.

This completes the list of nations, and as we compare them with the list of *Ezekiel* Chapter 32, we find they are identical. This cannot be a mere coincidence. They are parallel prophecies and must be studied together to get the full picture.

Assur is said to “have holpen (or helped) the children of Lot”. The children of Lot were Moab and Ammon. All of these nations were at one time or another the mortal enemies of Israel, but never were they all confederated together to work out their nefarious plan of extermination until now. As we watch the fulfillment of this prophecy we need to discern the workings of the Mystery of Iniquity behind the literal scenes portrayed.

Soon all the forces of evil will be confederated together to exterminate the remnant. Our only hope is in God. Do we truly have the faith that He can protect us in such a time as this? The prophecies are designed to fully establish our faith as we see them fulfilled, but to accomplish their purpose they must be interpreted correctly.

Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am [he]. *John 13:19*

Behold, I have told you before. *Matthew 24:25*

Next the Psalmist pleads with God to send judgments upon Israel’s enemies in a solemn appeal that the Lord will destroy those who are hardened in sin and wickedness, and reveal Himself as the true God of heaven.

Do unto them as [unto] the Midianites; as [to] Sisera, as [to] Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

[Which] perished at Endor: they became [as] dung for the earth. *Psalms* 83:9, 10

This is a reference to Gideon's miraculous victory over the Midianites; one of the most glorious victories in the history of Israel. The defeat of Jabin's armies and the death of Sisera at the hands of Deborah was another miracle of God to the glory of His name.

Apparently we don't have enough information to be sure about the meaning of verse 10. But when Saul went to the witch of Endor, he and most of his army perished the next day in battle. He had turned from following the Lord, and perished and "became as dung for the earth". David immediately took the throne of Israel which is symbolic of the eternal kingdom of God.

Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. *Psalms* 83:11, 12

Oreb and Zeeb were princes of Midian slain by Gideon's army. Zebah and Zalmunna were kings of Midian slain in the same battle. Over and over the Psalmist reminds God of how He worked miracles for the deliverance of Israel when it seemed that their doom was certain.

These battles are typical of the way God will deliver His people in the time of trouble. Every day we need to plead with God that He will work the same kinds of miracles for His people today.

Satan used the Midianites to try to destroy Israel and possess their land. Today he is trying to destroy the remnant, so he can possess the whole earth. We should continually plead with God for victory so that we may be a part of His eternal kingdom.

O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; *Psalms* 83:13, 14

The prayer here is that all the enemies of God's people may be driven away as a tumbleweed is driven before a strong wind.

Next he asks God to consume them even as a piece of wood is consumed by the fire and reduced to ashes and as the dry vegetation on the mountains is totally consumed by a wildfire.

This applies to us as well as to them. We should pray that God would consume the impenitent wicked along with Satan and all his host, so that righteousness might prevail.

So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. *Psalms* 83:15

We will compare this verse with *Psalms* 35:4-7;

Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase [them].

Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

For without cause have they hid for me their net [in] a pit, [which] without cause they have digged for my soul. *Psalms* 35:4-7

Satan has always tried to persecute and destroy God's people without a cause, other than we are made in God's own image.

We are not to take vengeance on our enemies, but we should pray for "the angel of the Lord" to vindicate His people.

Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. *Psalms* 83:16

Confusion and shame always show on the face. The Psalmist does not want his enemies to suffer unnecessarily, but that through judgments brought upon them they may turn to the true God and live. True humiliation results in submission to God's will.

Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: *Psalms* 83:17

Many times in the history of the children of Israel, God caused the leaders in rebellion to perish, either by a plague, or they were ordered to be put to death by the sword. The Lord did this so those who were not hardened in sin would realize there is a God in heaven who will not tolerate sin, but will be merciful to the sinner. This was designed to lead the penitent to turn to God in sincerity and truth.

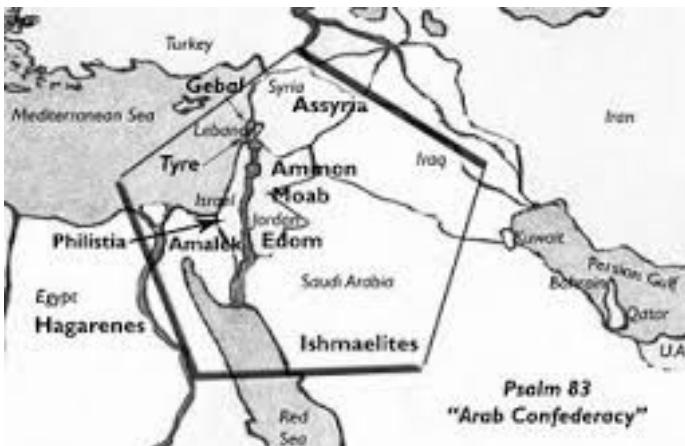
That [men] may know that thou, whose name alone [is] JEHOVAH, [art] the most high over all the earth. *Psalm 83:18*

This is a plea to God that the enemies of Israel may come to the knowledge of the true Lord of Heaven and be made to know that He alone is the Most High over all the earth.

This is the reason that God brings judgments upon people and nations. Jesus wants to save every soul that can possibly be saved. The vast majority today will be lost, but Jesus will leave nothing undone to save as many as possible, even if it means that millions must perish in order to save a humble few.

I am sure there are many, even among the Islamic nations who are basically humble and honest at heart. Many, many people are honestly deceived.

Severe judgments are soon to be brought upon the nations, - earthquakes, volcanoes, fires, tempests, disasters by sea and land, pestilence, famine, political strife, - and through it all, war will rage. Jesus will use all these calamities to wake up and call out a people who will turn to Him in the last moments of probationary time.



The Third Woe - The Locusts are Coming

We will now go through the prophecy of *Joel* verse by verse, comparing it with *Revelation 9*, *Exodus 10*, *Psalms 91*, and several other verses.

The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.
Joel 1:1

In this verse, Joel is simply telling us this is a prophecy from the Lord, and not his own words. No one really knows who Joel was, other than he was a prophet of God, and the son of Pethuel. Neither do we know the exact time period in which he lived, but it was undoubtedly a short time before the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon. This prophecy undoubtedly had a fulfillment in Joel's day but its primary application is to "the day of the Lord". Therefore, it illustrates the final destruction coming upon the apostate "Christian" world.

Next we will parallel *Joel 1:2* with *Exodus 10:6* and *Joel 1:3* with *Exodus 10:2*. *Exodus 10* describes the plague of locusts in Egypt which was followed by one more plague, and then the Passover, which was death to the Egyptians but deliverance to God's people. Joel describes a scourge of symbolic locusts that will destroy the whole Earth. They will come to their end during the sixth plague, which is followed by one more plague, and then death to all sin and sinners, and eternal deliverance to God's people.

Notice the remarkable similarity between these passages in *Joel 1* and *Exodus 10*;

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? *Joel 1:2*

And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. *Exodus 10:6*

Both of these passages are describing a terrible scourge of locusts and saying this is something that has never been seen before in the world.

Tell ye your children of it, and [let] your children [tell] their children, and their children another generation. *Joel 1:3*

And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I [am] the LORD. *Exodus 10:2*

The parallel in these verses is undeniable. Both are saying this is something that needs to be told to following generations, and we are the final generation.

That which the palmerworm [The root word for palmerworm is cutting locust] hath left hath the [swarming] locust eaten; and that which the [swarming] locust hath left hath the cankerworm [the un-winged stage] eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar [the worm stage] eaten. *Joel 1:4*

This verse is describing the four stages of growth in the life of the locust. It is very interesting to note that there are four stages in the growth of Islam. **First**, the rise of Islam in the early centuries. **Second**, the conquering of Constantinople, and their ruling of the eastern division of what had been the Roman Empire. **Third**, their fall from power, when they became known as “the sick man of the east”. **And finally**, their resurrection to a world power as the King of the North, when they will soon make their bid to take the world for Allah.

Compare *Joel 2:25*;

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25*

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. *Joel 1:5*

The drinkers of water needed not to care when the vine was laid waste, they could live as well without it as they had done; it was no trouble for the Nazarites; but the drinkers of wine will weep and howl. - *Matthew Henry*

The above verse is calling us to awake from false doctrine, and the ideas that have partially blinded the spiritual vision of the church for so long. Compare *Isaiah 29:9-14*;

Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which [men] deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it [is] sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near [me] with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, [even] a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise [men] shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent [men] shall be hid. *Isaiah 29:9-14*

Next Joel portrays this swarm of locusts that will cover the whole earth as “a nation”. This is a very unusual term for a swarm of insects, but remember the whole burden of the book of *Joel* is the devastation that will be caused by this plague of locusts.

For **a nation** is come up **upon my land, strong**, and without number, **whose teeth [are] the teeth of a lion**, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. *Joel 1:6* (emphasis supplied)

Compare *Joel 2:25* where the locusts are juxtaposed to a “great army”;

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, **my**

great army which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25* (emphasis supplied)

These verses indicate Joel is symbolically talking about a very numerous race of people. There are 1.6 billion Muslims in the world today.

The last part of the verse describes them as a people “whose teeth [are] the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.” We will now compare this with *Revelation 9*.

Remember, *Revelation 9* is the prophecy that was interpreted by Josiah Litch, and his prediction, based on this prophecy, was fulfilled to the very day. **He proved beyond question that the locusts referred to in Chapter 9 represented the Muslims**, usually referred to today as Islam. Notice the remarkable similarities in *Revelation 9: 3, 7, and 8* to *Joel 1:6*;

And there came out of the smoke **locusts upon the earth**: and unto them was given **power**, as the **scorpions** of the earth have power. ...And the shapes of the **locusts** [were] like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and **their teeth were as [the teeth] of lions**. *Revelation 9:3, 7, and 8* (emphasis supplied)

The conclusion that these verses in Joel and Revelation are talking about exactly the same thing is inescapable. This deduction will be reiterated and reinforced again and again as we compare the two books. Therefore, the locusts in the book of *Joel* represent Islam, and the teeth of a lion represents their ferocity. In *Revelation 9*, verses 3 and 10, they are also called scorpions. One of the unique characteristics of a scorpion is that when it is cornered with no way to escape, it will commit suicide by stinging itself to death. Fundamentalist Islam teaches its people to commit suicide.

He hath laid my vine waste, and **barked** my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast [it] away; the branches thereof are made white. *Joel 1:7* (emphasis supplied)

The “vine” and “fig tree” are a reference to the church. The word “barked” can also be translated “reduced to a stump”. This

verse is beginning to describe the terrible devastation that Islam is going to bring upon apostate christendom.

Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. *Joel 1:8*.

The word “virgin” here would probably be better translated a “young bride” but either translation fits. A virgin represents a pure church. (see 2 Corinthians 11:2) The husband is Jesus Christ. This church has lost her husband before the consummation of the marriage. The consummation is the conclusion of the judgment when it is determined who will be a part of the bride. When the judgment is finished, probation closes.

This terrible judgment described in Joel will soon come upon the church and the world. The church is going to have a fearful account to render to God.

A parallel passage is found in *Joel 2:17*;

Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God? *Joel 2:17*

Only those who are found sighing and crying for all the abominations being done in the church will receive the seal of God.

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. *Ezekiel 9:4*

The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn. *Joel 1:9*

The meat offering and the drink offering were the priests portion. (see *Leviticus*, Chapter 2) Today, this would be equivalent to the tithe.

The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, [even] all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. *Joel 1:10-12*

Verse 10 shows there will be no harvest for an apostate church. Verse 11 describes the shame of the apostate leaders for their utter failure, and all who continue to follow these false shepherds will perish with them. Verse 12 emphasizes the severity of the situation.

Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of **my** God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of **your** God. *Joel 1:13* (emphasis supplied)

The leaders and ministers will at this time be weeping and howling for the misery that has come upon them, but it will be too late. All support for the apostate church has dried up. They are worshipping a God of their own making, a false Christ.

Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders [and] all the inhabitants of the land [into] the house of **the LORD your God**, and cry unto the LORD. *Joel 1:14* (emphasis supplied)

Joel now reverts back to the period just before the close of probation, and gives the only remedy for God's people in this fearful hour. To sanctify means to set apart for holy use. This is a call for revival and reformation which would be of no avail if probation had already closed. Only the honest in heart will heed this call and find shelter in the time of trouble. It is a call to return to the worship of "the LORD your God", the true Christ. We need to be coming together now more than ever to fast and pray for forgiveness for our own sins, and for our loved ones, and also for the abominations that have come into the church. Only those

“that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof” (*Ezekiel 9:4*) will receive the seal of God.

Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD [is] at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. *Joel 1:15*

This verse tells us that this scourge, as Islam attempts to conquer the world, is a judgment from the Lord. The reason judgment came upon Egypt was because of their total rebellion against the God of Heaven. Ancient Israel, when the measure of her iniquity was full, received the same condemnation. And today, judgment is soon to come upon an apostate church and the world for the same reason. Consider this parallel passage from *Zephaniah 1:14-18*;

The great day of the LORD [is] near, [it is] near, and hasteth greatly, [even] the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day [is] a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. 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 shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land. *Zephaniah 1:14-18*

Many people speculate that the “high towers” referred to in these verses are a reference to the twin towers of New York City. It is very easy to see the reasoning in this view. Another statement describing the great day of the Lord is as follows;

As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old. ...There are **forces now ready, [Islamic ?] and only waiting the divine permission, to spread desolation everywhere.** ...Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing **judgments** upon the world, and

they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature and the **strife and bloodshed** among men that are filling the earth with **woe**. *The Great Controversy*, page 614 (emphasis supplied)

Terrible judgments are very soon to come upon the church and the world because of their rebellion against God. We need to understand these prophecies so we will have an intelligent faith and be able to warn the church and the world. Joel again brings us to the close of probation in the next verse.

Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, [yea], joy and gladness from the house of our God? *Joel 1:16*

We will compare this verse with another passage that also describes the close of probation;

And it shall come to pass in that day, [at the close of probation] saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only [son], and the end thereof as a bitter day. *Amos 8:9-10*

This presents a very gloomy picture indeed, but we need to understand these prophecies so we can find shelter during this terrible time. Now Joel brings us again to the time of the fourth plague. We will compare these next passages in *Joel* with *Revelation 16:8, 9*;

The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the **fire** hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the **flame** hath burned all the **trees** of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the **fire** hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness. *Joel 1:17-20* (emphasis supplied)

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with **fire**. And men were scorched with **great heat**, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. *Revelation 16:8, 9.* (emphasis supplied)

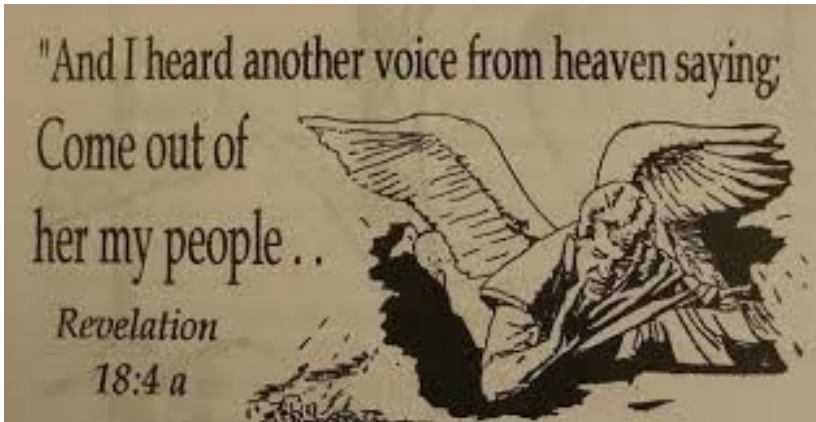
Now we will compare *Joel 1:17-20* with *Revelation 9:4 & 6*. We are led by this comparison to conclude that there is a dual application to *Revelation 9*, except for the time prophecies;

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. ...and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. *Revelation 9:4-6*

In the first fulfillment of *Revelation 9*, judgment was mingled with mercy. After probation closes, there is no mercy for the transgressor. Let us turn to the Lord with true heartfelt repentance before it is too late.



The Trumpet Call to the Church



In *Joel* Chapter 2, the prophet goes back over much of the same ground of Chapter 1, bringing in more detail. He begins with a warning of coming judgment upon the church and the world, and ends with the promise of mercy and deliverance to the true remnant.

Blow ye 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 cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand; *Joel* 2:1

This is a call for all of God's true people to come into unity and give the final warning message, a message so solemn and disquieting that it will make "all the inhabitants of the land tremble".

Compare *Numbers* 10:2, 3, and 9, and *Isaiah* 58:1;

Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ...

And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. *Numbers* 10:2, 3, and 9

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. *Isaiah 58:1*

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations. *Joel 2:2*

The phrase “as the morning spread upon the mountains” is an obscure expression, and very difficult to translate. From the context, we know it is talking about the spread of the locusts over the whole land. It is comparable to *Exodus 10:6*;

And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. *Exodus 10:6*

The last part of *Joel 2:2* parallels *Exodus 10:14*, and also refers back to *Joel 1:2, 3*;

And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous [were they]; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. *Exodus 10:14*

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and [let] your children [tell] their children, and their children another generation. *Joel 1: 2, 3*

We will now continue with *Joel Chapter 2*.

A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. *Joel 2:3*

This is describing a work of total devastation upon the once fruitful world.

The appearance of them [is] as the **appearance of horses**; and as **horsemen, so shall they run.** *Joel 2:4* (emphasis supplied)

By comparing this verse with *Revelation 9:3, 7-9, and 16*, there can be no doubt that Joel is describing the global jihad that Islam is soon to bring upon this world;

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

And the shapes of the locusts [were] **like unto horses** prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as [the teeth] of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings [was] as the **sound of chariots** of many horses **running to battle.**

And the number of the army of the **horsemen** [were] two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. *Revelation 9:7-9, and 16* (emphasis supplied).

The parallels between the above passages of scripture are striking. Joel describes the locusts “as the appearance of horses”. John in the *Revelation* describes them as “like unto horses”. Joel says “so shall they run”. John depicts them as “running to battle”. There can be no doubt they are describing the same event.

Another fact we need to note is that out of 1.6 billion Muslims in the world today, 200 million of them are considered to be radical extremists. This is the exact number of **horsemen** depicted in *Revelation 9:16* and mentioned in *Joel 2:4*.

Like the **noise of chariots** on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as **a strong people set in battle array.** *Joel 2:5* (emphasis supplied)

The “noise of chariots” mentioned here is the same as the “sound of chariots” in *Revelation 9:9* quoted above. We will now compare the last part of *Joel 2:5* “as a strong people set in battle array” with *Revelation 9:17*;

And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses [were] as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. *Revelation 9:17*

It is not hard to see that this verse also describes “a strong people set in battle array”.

Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. *Joel 2:6*

Not paleness, which may be occasioned by sickness, or fainting, or slighter terror; but blackness, like that of the countenance of those who are expiring in convulsions, or whose blood is suspended from circulation by some inward or outward violence. The extremity of horror and anguish is intended. - *Scott's Notes on Joel 2:6*.

We will compare this verse with *Nahum 2:10*;

She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain [is] in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness. *Nahum 2:10*

These verses are reminiscent of *Daniel 5:6*, when Belshazzar was about to be slain and Babylon destroyed;

Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. *Daniel 5:6*

God's true remnant need to understand this prophecy, and when they see this scourge, as described by *Joel* unleashed upon the world, their faith will be strengthened and they will be able to claim the promise of *Psalms 91*;

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee. ...There shall **no evil** befall thee, **neither** shall any **plague** come nigh thy dwelling. ...Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, **because he hath known my name**. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I [will be] with him in **trouble; I will deliver him**, and honour him. With **long life** [eternal life] will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. *Psalms* 91:7-16 (emphasis supplied)

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and **a great terror is soon to come upon human beings**. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world **as an overwhelming surprise**. *Testimonies*, vol. 8, page 28 (emphasis supplied)

Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and **calling down the judgments of God upon the earth**. ...Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. ...

As the Protestant churches reject the clear, Scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal sabbath.

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. *The Great Controversy*, page 592 (emphasis supplied)

As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument many centuries ago was brought against Christ by the "rulers of the people." "It is expedient for us," said the wily Caiaphas, "that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50. This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. Romanism in the Old World and apostate Protestantism in the New will pursue a similar course toward those who honor all the divine precepts. *The Great Controversy, p. 615-616*

Such events as described in the above comments seem impossible of fulfillment in this country with the Liberty of Conscience that we still enjoy. But when the apostate churches and the world are forced to face the global jihad that is about to be unleashed, they will be overwhelmed with terror. Desperate people will resort to desperate measures, such as a Sunday law, and finally a death decree against all who will not worship on Sunday.

If you don't think this could ever take place, just remember what happened on 9-11-2001. That catastrophe was a prelude of the "overwhelming surprise" that is coming. There will be more and more confusion, collision, and death without a moment's notice along the great lines of travel, coupled with natural, economic, and political disasters. Human lives will be sacrificed by the millions, and the survivors will seek security at any cost.

After the terrorist attacks on that fateful day, people were frightened, there was a surge in church attendance, and billboards went up across the country with the message of bringing this nation back to God.

If that relatively limited event caused such panic, what will happen when global jihad is declared and thousands of bombings occur simultaneously all over the world? People will be willing to

do anything to restore peace and safety, and come back into favor with God, and they will not tolerate anyone who does not go along with their desperate efforts. But the judgments will continue because they have rejected the truth about God's law and substituted the papal sign of authority in its place, and they will end up persecuting God's true followers, even unto death, just as the Jews persecuted Jesus and finally killed Him.

We will continue now with *Joel*;

They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and [when] they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. *Joel 2:7, 8*

When the Caliphate is formed and the Caliph (the supreme leader) is installed, he will be believed to be the reincarnation of Muhammed, and his stated duty is to first annihilate Israel and then declare global jihad. Fighting between Islamic nations will subside, and they will all unite with one common cause - to take the world for Allah. No conventional modes of warfare will stop them. How do you stop an army of 200 million suicide bombers, especially when there are 1.6 billion Muslims, and there is no way of knowing who is a radical and who isn't? I hate to even say it, but the only way to stop them will be to annihilate them; thus the King of the North will "come to his end", but not before they have brought untold death, destruction, and ruin to the United States and the apostate Protestant world.

They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. *Joel 2:9*

The first part of this verse can be translated "they shall rush upon the city". **This is one reason why we should get out of the cities.** Very soon, the cities will be destroyed and desolated. The last part of the verse says "they shall enter in at the windows like a thief". In *John* Chapter 10, Jesus describes Himself as the True Shepherd who enters in at the door, and the sheep know His voice. These are false shepherds (thieves) who are propagating a false religion through global jihad.

The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: *Joel 2:10*

The first part of this verse is an illustration of the magnitude of this scourge that is coming, and can also be expected to have a literal application. The last part of the verse is repeated in *Joel 3:15*. A parallel passage is found in *Isaiah 13:9, 10, and 13* which places it just before the coming of the Lord, and *Revelation 16:10* locates these verses during the fifth plague.

The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. *Joel 3:15*

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ... Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. *Isaiah 13:9, 10, and 13.*

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, *Revelation 16:10.*

And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp [is] very great: for [he is] strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD [is] great and very terrible; and who can abide it? *Joel 2:11*

You might ask, how could Islam be described as the Lord's army? When Cyrus came against Babylon to destroy it, Jeremiah, speaking for the Lord, described him this way;

Thou [art] my battle ax [and] weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; *Jeremiah 51:20*

The last part of verse 11 asks "who can abide" "the day of the Lord"? *Malachi 3:2* asks the same question, and then *Malachi 3:3*

explains that only those who are refined and purified will “offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness”. Compare also *Revelation 6:17*;

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? *Revelation 6:17*

Then in *Joel 2:12-20*, God gives the remedy for His people to be able to survive the terrible evil that is coming upon the world.

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye [even] to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:12, 13*

We will compare these verses with *James 4:7-10* and *Jeremiah 29:11-13*;

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and [your] joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. *James 4:7-10*

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:11-13*.

Our Lord is calling for true heart repentance, with no pretense or outward show. We need to be on our knees, fasting and praying, submitting ourselves fully to God, seeking a relationship with him until every fiber of our being is on the stretch. Then our Lord promises to be gracious and merciful, and He will be the protector of His people.

Who knoweth [if] he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; [even] a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? *Joel 2:14*

If the church would return to the Lord with true revival and reformation, this judgment would be lifted. But apparently, this will not happen except for a very small remnant.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: *Joel 2:15*

This is the trumpet call to the church; her last chance to solemnly consecrate herself and return to her Lord as probation is closing.

Compare *Zephaniah 2:1-3*;

Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree [Of *Revelation 22:11*]bring forth, [before] the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger. *Zephaniah 2:1-3*.

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. *Joel 2:16*

This is a promise that all who heed the last call and truly repent will be gathered in and saved at this time. The true Christ is to be proclaimed to the world by His true church.

Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God? *Joel 2:17*

We will compare this verse with *Ezekiel 9:4*;

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. *Ezekiel 9:4*

The phrase “between the porch and the altar” signifies the place of meeting. We need to be coming together and praying that God will be merciful and spare His people. Only those “that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof” will receive the seal of the living God. The “heathen” , Babylon and Islam, will be making their bid to rule the world and destroy the remnant.

Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: *Joel 2:18, 19*

This is God’s promise that He will spare His people, and all will be restored at the Second Coming.

To better understand these verses we need to realize that the words “zeal” and “jealous” are both derived from the same original word. Now compare *Psalms 69:9*;

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. *Psalms 69:9*

But I will remove far off from you the northern [army], and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. *Joel 2:20*

Compare *Jeremiah 1:13-16* and apply it to today;

And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see **a seething pot [Islam ?]**; and the face thereof [is] **toward the north**. Then the LORD said unto me, **Out of the north** an evil shall break forth

upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of **the kingdoms of the north**, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne **at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem**, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. *Jeremiah 1:13-16* (emphasis supplied)

There can be no doubt that “the northern army” referred to here is the King of the North as we compare these verses with *Daniel 11:45*;

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel 11:45*

This northern army will be driven “into a land barren and desolate”. This is a symbol of speedy and total destruction. The King of the North “shall come to his end, and none shall help him”. The northern army will have “his face toward the east sea [the Dead sea], and his hinder part toward the utmost sea [the Mediterranean sea]”. This army has set up his camp “between the seas”, which places him in Jerusalem. According to *Daniel 9:16* “thy city Jerusalem” [is] thy [glorious] holy mountain”. In other words “he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”.

The marginal reading for the last part of *Joel 2:20* is “his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he hath magnified himself to do great things”.

We need to also compare *Joel 2:20* with *Exodus 10:19*;

And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. *Exodus 10:19*

It appears from a comparison of these verses that when the King of the North “shall come to his end”, that this means the Caliphate (the resurrected Ottoman Empire), consisting of all the Islamic nations, will be annihilated, but not before it has done its work of death and destruction. By comparing *Revelation 16:12*

with *Revelation 9:14*, we know that he “shall come to his end” during the sixth plague;

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. *Revelation 16:12*

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. *Revelation 9:14*

Josiah Litch, in his exposé on *Revelation 9* proved conclusively that the loosing of “the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates” was the loosing of the Ottoman power; therefore, the drying up of the great river Euphrates would be the drying up, or destruction, of that same power, setting the stage for the battle of Armageddon and the second coming of Christ when the papacy will be destroyed and God’s people delivered.

Joel 2:20, along with all the other parallels we have drawn, proves conclusively that the King of the North is the restored Ottoman power, today known as Islam. The Caliphate is the governing body of Islam, with the Caliph as the supreme leader, just as the papacy is the governing body of the Catholic church, with the Pope as the supreme leader.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. *Joel 2:21-22*

Verses 21-22 assure us that our Lord is in control. We do not need to fear, for He will supply all our needs. Soon the curse will be removed, and the Earth and man will be restored to their original condition.

Compare the following verses;

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy [is] his name. And his mercy [is] on them that fear him from generation to generation. *Luke 1:49-50*.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. [Then] shall the earth yield her increase; [and] God, [even] our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. *Psalms 67:4-7*

Verses 23 puts the book of Joel in the context of the time of the outpouring of the latter rain, and continues to the second coming of Christ.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first [month]. *Joel 2:23*

In verse 23, where it says “the former rain” in the margin it says “a teacher of righteousness”, and where the verse says “moderately” in the margin it is rendered “according to righteousness”. If we supply these marginal readings, the verse would read; “For He hath given you a teacher of righteousness according to righteousness”.

To know who this “teacher of righteousness” is, we need to compare *John 14:26* with *John 16:13*, and we will see that this “teacher”, also referred to as the former and latter rain, is the Holy Spirit;

But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. *John 14:26*

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. *John 16:13*

When the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us, “He will guide [us] into all truth”, including a correct understanding of prophecy.

The Septuagint version renders the last part of verse 23 “And He will rain on you the early and the latter rain as formerly”. You will notice that the word “month” is in italics, and is therefore a supplied word.

Verse 24 assures us that there will be a bountiful harvest of souls at that time;

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. *Joel 2:24*

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25*

This verse suggests we will lose everything in this world, but all will be restored, and much more, in God's kingdom. It also reinforces the fact that it will be the King of the North that will cause most of the death and destruction.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I [am] in the midst of Israel, and [that] I [am] the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. *Joel 2:26, 27*

And it shall come to pass afterward, [this word "afterward" can be translated "accordingly" or "again"] [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. *Joel 2:28-31*

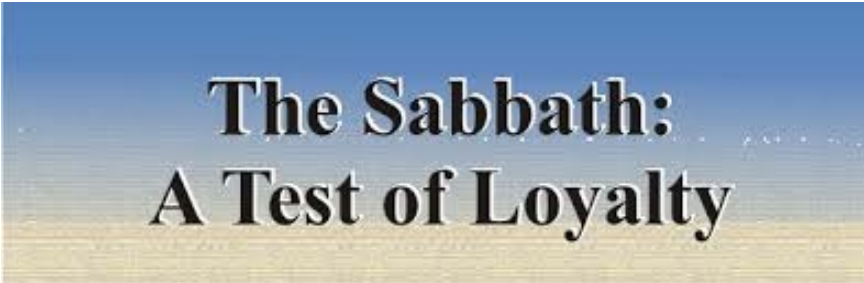
The signs "in the heavens and in the earth", especially the great dark day of May 19, 1780, and the falling of the stars on Nov. 13, 1833, mark the beginning of the final generation, the final religious movement. They are also identified in *Matthew 24:29-30*; *Mark 13:24-26*; *Luke 21:25-27*; and *Revelation 6:12-17*. Some of these passages add more detail and give additional events, but they are always given in the same sequence. The sum total of these signs show that this movement continues until the consummation of all things.

And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. *Joel 2:32*

This verse is an example of Hebrew dualism, “mount Zion” and “Jerusalem” are equated to the “remnant”. But the vast majority, even of those who claim to be part of the remnant, will be destroyed because they went along with, or failed to stand up against, the apostasy and abominations that have come into the church;

And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue [or remnant] of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? *Ezekiel 9:8*

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Daniel 12:1*



The Sabbath: A Test of Loyalty

The Loud Cry to the World

The context of *Joel* Chapters 1 and 2 strongly suggests that the Loud Cry of Chapter 3 cannot be effectively given until we have the proper understanding of The King of the North and his work of destruction. Seeing this prophecy beginning to be fulfilled will wake up the true remnant and bring them to revival and reformation. This will prepare them for the time of trouble and give them vital information that has been overlooked, information they need to effectively give the last warning message to the world.

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and [for] my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. *Joel* 3:1, 2

God's heritage has again been taken captive to Babylon, but our Lord will deliver the honest in heart who wish to be delivered. Babylon's treachery will be recompensed back upon her own head. The name "Jehoshaphat" in verse 2 means judgment. "Every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" will be brought to judgment (*Revelation* 14:6).

Notice also in verse 2, **all nations** will be gathered together to answer for their crimes against God's elect and to receive their punishment.

Consider *Zephaniah* 3:8 and *Revelation* 16:16;

Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination [is] to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, [even] all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. *Zephaniah* 3:8

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. *Revelation* 16:16

And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the

coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly [and] speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head; *Joel 3:3, 4*

Anciently, when the children of Israel were taken captive, they were enslaved and treated very cruelly. This passage has a spiritual application today.

The name “Palestine” in verse 4 is rendered “Philistines” in the Septuagint. Tyre and Zidon are today located in Lebanon, and the land of the Philistines is now known as the Gaza Strip. All are held by Islamists today. The Lord will soon return their doings back upon their own head. But even these cities and lands will not be held as guilty as most who claim to be God’s people.

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. *Matthew 11:20-22.*

Who is it today who claim to be God’s people, but are not, and when will they be recompensed?

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling [fig] from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. ... For [it is] the day of the LORD’s vengeance, [and] the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. *Isaiah 34:4,5, 8-10.*

“Idumea” is the Greek form of Edom, the land of Esau. Esau was the twin brother of Israel, representing the division in the church today. He was the elder sibling and would have received

the birthright, but he sold it for a bowl of pottage. Now the birthright has passed to the true and faithful remnant.

Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: *Joel 3:5*

True riches belong to those who hold the true word of God.

The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. *Joel 3:6*

When the nation of Israel began sending their young scholars to Alexandria in Egypt, which was the center of higher education in the Grecian world, they ended up crucifying their own Redeemer. Greece represents higher reasoning - putting the wisdom of men above the wisdom of God.

Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken [it]. *Joel 3:7, 8*

The Lord in His great mercy will rescue His honest children from the devices of the enemy. The Sabeans, which are said to be from Arabia, are mentioned in *Job 1:15* and are the people who robbed Job and cruelly murdered his servants. Job represents the 144,000. Those who oppose the true remnant will be sold by the Lord into the hand of the Sabeans, the Arab nations of today.

Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I [am] strong. *Joel 3:9, 10*

This is the beginning of the Loud Cry message to the world. This is the Lord speaking and telling His people to wake up and prepare for war. This is the opposite of *Isaiah 2:2-4*, and *Micah*

4:1-3 where the people and nations are speaking and giving the message of peace.

The marginal reading for “prepare war” is “sanctify war”. This is the Lord’s battle, and the finishing of the great controversy. Only those who realize their weakness and their great need of Jesus will stand in that day.

Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. *Joel 3:11*

This is the call out message in the book of *Joel*. This is the final call of the judgment hour message to come out of Babylon. This is equivalent to the Loud Cry of *Revelation 18:1-4*.

This verse has a dual application because the word “heathen” which usually means “nation”, or “anyone who is not of the literal children of Israel”, can also mean, figuratively speaking, “a flight of locusts”. This definition can be found in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance with Vine’s Dictionary*.

In *Revelation* Chapter 9, the locusts have been proven to be Islam, or more precisely, the restored Ottoman empire. So in this verse, the Lord is telling the King of the North, who is ultimately Satan, to assemble his people and come up to the battle.

Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. *Joel 3:12*

Remember the name “Jehoshaphat” means judgment. This is the same judgment hour message as is found in *Revelation 14:6-12*.

This verse also has another application, because it uses the same word “heathen” with the same double meaning. Here God is telling the Islamic nations to wake up, which is what we are seeing right now, and come up to the battle and receive their judgment. In other words, He is telling them to go ahead and declare global jihad, and then He will bring them to their end.

Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness [is] great. *Joel 3:13*

This is describing the harvest of the grapes of wrath, the same as in *Revelation* 14:19-20. This harvest is overflowing, showing that the vast majority will be lost.

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD [is] near in the valley of decision. *Joel* 3:14

This verse is self-explanatory. It is time to make our decision for the Lord.

The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. *Joel* 3:15

We will compare this verse with *Isaiah* 13:9-13 and *Revelation* 16:10;

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for [their] evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. *Isaiah* 13:9-13.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, *Revelation* 16:10.

By comparing these verses, we see that the passage in *Joel* 3:15 will be fulfilled during the fifth plague. Before probation closed the remnant were completely refined and purified and are now considered by God to be “more precious than fine gold”.

The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD [will be] the hope of his people, and the strength of the

children of Israel. So shall ye know that I [am] the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. *Joel 3:16, 17*

This is the second coming of our Lord. Jesus is telling us to put our hope, our trust, and our faith in Him, and He will be our strength, and our salvation. Sin and sinners will be cut off, but the righteous will dwell with the Lord forever.

And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence [against] the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood [that] I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion. *Joel 3:18-21*

This is a description of Heaven and the Earth made new. All traces of the curse will be removed, and the earth will be recreated into a perfect paradise.

Egypt represents those who refuse to acknowledge God and Edom corresponds to those who claim to be God's people but sold their birthright. Condemnation for both classes comes from the fact that they have shed innocent blood. The wicked have always persecuted the righteous. All sin and sinners will be brought to ashes together and will be lost for all eternity.

In the prophecies we have just studied, Jesus has given us a word picture, a symbolic representation, of what is to be. As we watch the literal events escalating to their culmination, we can know where we are in the stream of time, and we can know we have the right understanding because we have found harmony within all of the related passages in the Bible, and everything fits together to make up the great whole.

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." *Revelation 2:5.*

Oh, how few know the time of their visitation! **How few, even among those who claim to believe present truth, understand the signs of the times or what we are to experience before the end!** We are today under divine forbearance; but how long will the angels of God continue to hold the winds, that they shall not blow? *Testimonies for the church, vol. 6, p. 426* (emphasis supplied)

The Jews misinterpreted and misapplied the word of God, and they knew not the time of their visitation. The years of the ministry of Christ and His apostles,--the precious last years of grace to the chosen people,--they spent in plotting the destruction of the Lord's messengers. Earthly ambitions absorbed them, and the offer of the spiritual kingdom came to them in vain. So today the kingdom of this world absorbs men's thoughts, and they take no note of the rapidly fulfilling prophecies and the tokens of the swift-coming kingdom of God.

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." While we are not to know the hour of our Lord's return, we may know when it is near. "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6. *The Desire of Ages, p. 235* (emphasis supplied)

The locusts are indeed coming. The final judgment upon an impenitent world and an apostate church hastens on apace. The winds of strife are even now beginning to blow. Everything in our world is in commotion. Islam will very soon make its bid to rule the world, and will attempt to destroy or kill anything, or anyone, who gets in its path. But they will in turn be destroyed.

"Men's hearts [will be] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth;" *Luke 21:26*. The churches will influence Congress to pass a Sunday law in a desperate attempt to stop the judgments, and finally a death decree against all dissenters. And lastly, the papacy will attempt to seat itself on the throne of the world.

But they have forgotten one thing. God is still on the throne, and after bringing judgment upon the church and the world for forgetting their Creator and setting aside His precepts, Jesus will come in the clouds of glory. The papacy will then be destroyed, and the Lord will save His people, those who will remain faithful to Him no matter what happens, even in the face of death.

The righteous, all those who have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus, will dwell with the Lord in perfect peace, and ever increasing joy and happiness, throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

We serve a wonderful, all knowing, and almighty Lord. His ways are mysterious, and infinitely beyond our understanding. Let us praise His Holy name, and pray for the deliverance of all His children.

Jesus is coming to take us home. Let us prepare our hearts to meet Him in peace as the end approaches.



I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. *Revelation 3:18-22*



Our Lord will soon be here.

And, **behold, I come quickly**; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly**. *Revelation 22:12, 20*

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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