

The day and hour are unknown, but **YOU** will **NOT** be surprised

“For you are fully aware that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will come upon them suddenly, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the darkness so that this day should overtake you like a thief” (1 Thessalonians 5:2-4).



NO SURPRISE, NO MYSTERY, NO SECRECY. THOSE WHO OVERCOME WILL BE READY.

The disciples asked Jesus about the sign of his coming. He replied, “No one knows about that **day or hour**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but **only the Father**. **As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man**. For in the days before the flood people were **eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage**, up to the day Noah entered the ark, and **THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN** until the flood came and took them all away” (Matthew 24:36-39).



The only people on earth prior to the great flood who were NOT surprised, was Noah, his wife and family. The rest of mankind were oblivious. They were celebrating life and marriage planning the same lifestyle for generations to come.



The reason for their destruction is recorded in Genesis 6:5-6. “The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.”

They were destroyed when God cleaned the earth from wickedness and one only family who spent 100 years preparing for the great flood, began the new era. The flood took by surprise the rest of mankind. This same similar situation will exist prior to the return of Christ. What could that time look like?

“When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman... But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of **her offspring—those**



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**who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus”** (Revelation 13, 16-17). The faithful church is protected during the Great Tribulation, but her churches who keep the commandments—the congregations who don’t preach that the Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross and those who hold to the teachings of Christ following him wherever he goes, will be the victims of Satan’s wrath and the trampling of the beast.

Satan standing on the shore, the boundary line between Wickedness and earth conjures up the beast—a coalition of rebellious and God-hating heavenly rulers, powers and principalities who reside in the place imaged as the raging sea. They are the enemy of mankind identified by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:12. This terrifying and wild beast has seven heads—ruling kingdoms, each kingdom despises the Great King, God Almighty. Written on each head is a blasphemous name like “I AM,” “KINGDOM OVER ALL” or “WORSHIPPED BY ALL” names that declare their supremacy over Almighty God.

Daniel saw this fourth and final beast. “Terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns” (Daniel 7:7). Each horn images a leader—a king. They are ten kings ruling for “one hour” during the Great Tribulation. These kings were promised rulership a long time ago, likely at the time of Babel when the sons of God in His Holy Council received an inheritance, rulership over the nations. At this time, God Almighty gave himself an inheritance, rulership over the descendants of Jacob (Deuteronomy 32:8-9). The promise to these ten kings will be fulfilled, but for a short time and they will rule along with the beast (Revelation 17:12).



Conflict bubbles and boils within this beastly coalition as three kings are overthrown and a little horn grows. One that is not of royal descent. He is boastful, arrogant and defiant. He is determined to subdue any force that will not surrender.

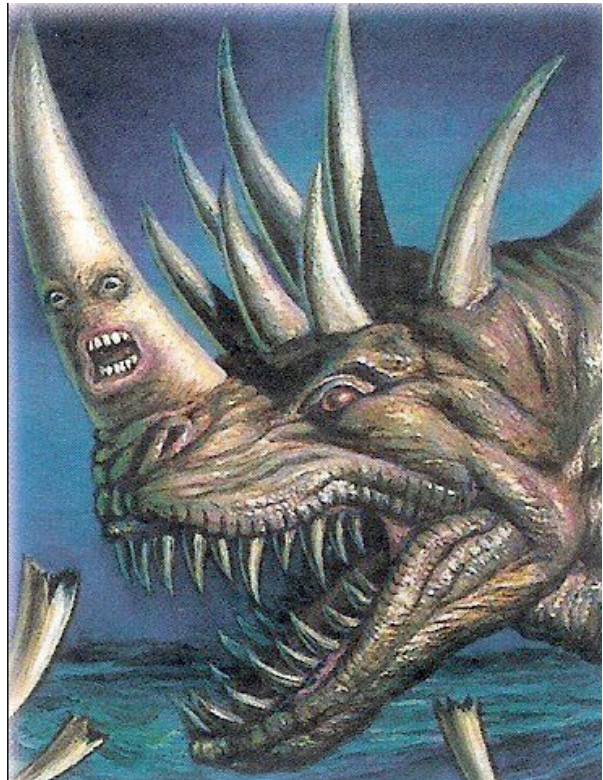
The victims most likely crushed and trampled would be God's covenant people who turn to seek their God and obey Him. The little horn known as the Assyrian will not tolerate such a detestable revolt and he will unleash on these people, who form multiple nations into the 21<sup>st</sup> century his rage to such a degree that many will die while the remainder are thrown into captivity.

The nations of the world will witness the horror, power and force used on these God-fearing nations and conclude, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" (Revelation 13:4). The whole world will be astonished. They will surrender and follow the beast. "Men worshiped the dragon because Satan had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast" (Revelation 13:4). Their reward for their submission and service is the captured followers of Christ who serve God. The beast is thought by some Biblical scholars as a physical nation or group of nations on earth, but that cannot be the case since all the nations on earth, except the captives, surrender and worship both Satan and the beast. The nations accept their powerless position and surrender accepting a different Saviour and a rebellious theology.

Satan will rule on earth declaring himself as the Almighty, Supreme God while the little horn—the Assyrian—the Antichrist will rule over the nations on earth offering extended life through their alien technology and superior science all adding to their extensive knowledge in every area known to man. The power these rulers display will dazzle the nations like a magic spell and they will fall into deception without a fight.

The myth of worshipping gods will become a reality into the 21<sup>st</sup> century for the nations and they will come to delight and celebrate this surreal lifestyle. They will consider this leadership as good and plan their future with Satan as their eternal head and the Antichrist as their eternal King of kings and Lord of lords. Corruption in politics, business, and in the service industries will continue. Justice will fall by the way side and oppression will increase. And yet, the nations will not call out to Almighty God for help, despite the global witness of the captives. It is this resolution that triggers God's wrath against the nations all before the second coming of Jesus Christ; it will be just like the days of Noah. Many people will continue to love sin and wickedness will be their delight.

The captives will remember their God. "Ephraim will be like a mighty man, and their heart will be glad as if from wine; Indeed, their children will see it and be glad, **their heart will rejoice in the**



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**LORD. I will whistle for them to gather them together, For I have redeemed them;** And they will be as numerous as they were before. When I scatter them among the peoples, **they will remember Me in far countries,** and they with their children will live and come back” (Zechariah 10:8-10).



Their witness will go out to all nations. “And afterward, **I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.** Even on **My menservants and maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days**” (Joel 2:28-29).

Mistaken scholars preach the fragmentation and in some cases the decimation of God’s covenant people. They declare that Almighty God, who took these people as His inheritance to rule over them forever has rejected them and they no longer exist as a cohesive body. These scholars will give an account to Almighty God who has heard their falsehood. “Have you not noticed what these people are saying: **'The LORD has rejected the two families [House of Israel and House of Judah] He had chosen'**? So, they despise My people and no longer regard them as a nation” (Jeremiah 33:24).

To these naysayers God declares, ““Only if the heavens above could be measured and the foundations of the earth below searched out, would I reject all of Israel's descendants because of all they have done,’ declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 31:37).

God has a plan for His people and all of mankind. His plans cannot be thwarted. What He says He will do, nothing will keep Him from accomplishing His will. He will bring His people to their knees and in the last days, they will remember Him and turn their hearts sincerely and eternally to Him, their Creator, their King. **“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus”** (Philippians 1:6).

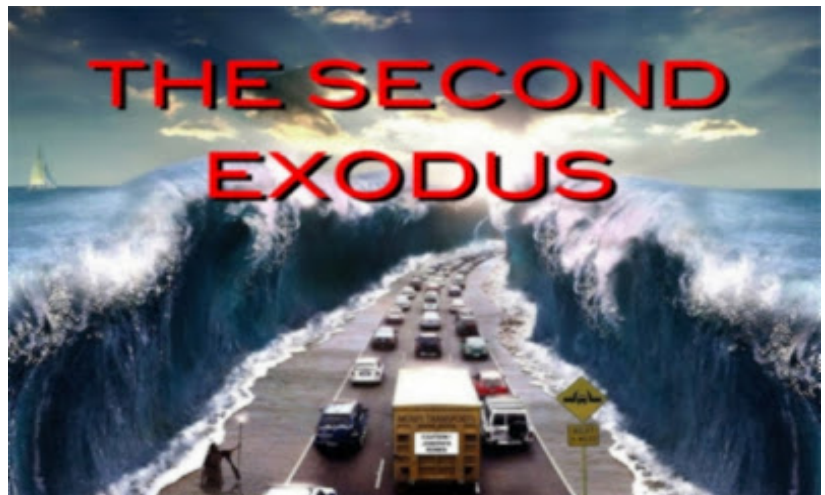
“As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, **“surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I SHALL BE KING OVER YOU. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered,** with a mighty hand and with an outstretched

arm and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and **there I will enter into judgment with you face to face**" (Ezekiel 20:33-35).

God will judge His people for their unfaithfulness and godlessness during a time when they felt mighty and strong, suddenly all will be taken away from them. The nations of the world will experience the same, they will witness the attack on God's covenant people and in fear, surrender to Satan and the beast without a fight.

**"I will now bring Jacob back from captivity** and will have **compassion on all the people of Israel**, and I will be zealous for my holy name. They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid. When I brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, **I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations...** I will no longer hide my face from them, for **I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel,**" declares Almighty God (Ezekiel 39:24-29).

Bearing the heavy yoke of captivity and servitude both houses: the Christians and the Jews will repent. Both will turn to their God, together. **Israel and Judah will go home together:** "I will bring back from captivity My people **Israel and Judah,**" says Almighty God. 'And I will cause them to **return to the land** that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it'" (Jeremiah 30:3).



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**Their Messiah's return will not surprise them. They will be prepared because they will:**

- Recognize how things were during the days of Noah.
- Complete the witness of the gospel to the whole world.
- Humbly wait for their rescue by their God.
- Learn again the meaning of God's Holy Days which lay out the plan of God for all of mankind.
- Delight in God's goodness by choosing them again to serve as priests and teachers of righteousness.
- Love the word of God and His righteousness.

The day and the hour will come when God Almighty deems enough time is given for His people and the nations to repent.

His people will not return alone for with them a countless multitude of people from all nations of the world will join them (Revelation 7:9). Satan's reign over the earth will come to a sudden end.

The beast and false prophet will be overthrown and destroyed by the anointed King of kings and Lord of lords.

The world will be forever changed. Deception will be washed and scrubbed from the face of the earth. The sky will be rolled back and the people on earth will see the vast heavenly realm and its dominions. Satan, the father of iniquity was once a guardian cherub in the third heaven given the great honour to serve before the Great God. His beauty was exceptional and his position was envied, yet that was not enough. His pride caused him to fall away and God removed him out of His presence into the heavenly realm where he built a vast empire of rebels selling his theology to the creation there. A battle in heaven still awaits on our near horizon. Satan knows he will fail and be thrown down to earth where he will sit disgruntled on a deteriorating throne. His decaying status will continue to rot. His captivity is assured and a changed body from eternal to lowly mortality is prophesied before he is burned to ashes. The world watching will be sickened having eaten from his fruit.



“Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade, you have desecrated your sanctuaries. **So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.** All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more” (Ezekiel 28:16-19).

A wonderful life is the destiny for all of mankind who call on the name of Almighty God. This evil age will end; glorious light will replace darkness all in God’s time. The saints are preparing now for Christ’s return; they are pilgrims looking for the kingdom whose maker and architect is Almighty God. They will wait for God patiently because they too, want all of mankind to repent and be saved.

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