

The day the **SUN** stood still
and the **MOON** stopped



Joshua cried:

Sun, stand still!
Moon, stop!
Till our enemies are
destroyed.
(Joshua 10:13)

“There has never been a day like it before or since, **a day when the LORD listened to man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel**” (Joshua 10:14).

The day the LORD listened to man, what a day that was when ALL of Israel was listening to God, during a time of crisis—a time of great leadership; one man leading a nation listening to God and trusting Him ensured their victory—so great a victory.

Over three thousand years later, 21st century Judeo-Christians cannot fathom the surreal nature of this event, a people in battle against a **hybrid race on earth**, living in **the place promised to them** long ago.

The sight of this enemy was terrifying. Their “height was like the height of the cedars and who were as strong as the oaks” (Amos 2:9). They were seen by the twelve who spied out the land as a powerful people, “the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there... The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them” (Numbers 13:28-29a, 32b-33).



The Grapes of Canaan by James Tissot.

That day, five kings of the Amorites—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon—joined forces against the Israelites. These battles were a perpetual mirroring of the David and Goliath story—the small against the gigantic, the God-fearing against the God-avenging, God’s creation against the gods’ offspring—simply, God against the gods. The LORD reassured the people of Israel not to be afraid of them that he will give them victory. “Not one of them will be able to withstand you” (Joshua 10:8).

“So, Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men... After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, who defeated them in a great victory at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, **the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky, and more of them died from the hailstones than were killed by the swords of the Israelites**” (Joshua 10:7, 9-11).

During the height of the battle, Joshua was determined to finish the fight before day’s end and he cried out, “O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon” and **the LORD heard and commanded the sun to stand still and ordered the moon to stand down. Daylight prevailed over time on that day—God’s covenant people over the hybrids of the gods.**

Since the death and resurrection of Christ, the battle of God against the gods has been silenced on earth, but it is not yet finished.

“And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. **He was hurled to earth, and his angels with him**” (Revelation 7:7-8). **The battle will return to earth.**

“The dragon stood on the shore” (Revelation 13:1) and summoned the beast from out of the sea. “He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name... One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. **The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshiped the dragon** because he had given authority to the beast, and **they also worshiped the beast** and asked, ‘**Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?**’” (Revelation 13:1b, 3-4). **History will repeat itself.**

Satan, his wicked angels and the beast summoned from the sea will capture all the nations on earth, except for the woman and her offspring keeping God’s commandments. This heavenly rogue alliance will organize an army of a countless size, weaponry beyond earthly science, and a league of superhuman hybrids that will bring the nations to their knees. “Who can make war against him?” they will ask. **The alien invasion will be successful.**

The nations of the world must submit and renounce their sovereignty. They will be forced to join this alliance. They will surrender to this dictatorship and worship the beast. “He [the beast out of the earth] ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power **to give breath to the image** of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed” (Revelation 13:14b-15). The fear that spurred the crafting of many odd shaped idols of the ancient gods found in the rubble by archeologists will be realized when the image-killing idol of the beast sentences the rebels against this alien alliance. **The nations of the world will be reduced to slaves with false promises of glory.**

The offspring of the woman who keep the commands of God will be the target of this gigantic and powerful, evil rogue alliance. God is angry with His people for continually doing evil in His sight. Into the 21st century, they do not relent. God beseeches them to change, “These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this” (Zechariah 8:16-17).

A righteous remnant, the woman, will be protected in a safe place where Satan cannot harm her, but to her offspring, Satan’s alliance will strike in full force, pounding them mercilessly. Bringing God’s people back to Him with eternal sincerity is part of His grand plan. The punishment they endure will separate the repentant from unrepentant rebels. The rebels will be destroyed. **The repentant will humbly and sincerely return to their God.**

“I will send him **against a hypocritical nation**, and **against the people of my wrath** will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and **to tread them down like the mire of the streets**” (Isaiah 10:6).

Taken into captivity, these people will have nowhere to turn, but to search for the God of their ancient forefathers and call out for mercy and forgiveness of their sins. Aliens with dazzling power and scientific knowledge beyond human thought, will demand worship as gods on earth. Their presence will debunk the atheist’s view of the non-existence of God. One of the aliens will declare himself God of all gods (Daniel 11:36). The captive people will be sentenced to die. The goal of this rogue alliance will be to wipe out forever all of the people of the 21st century nations of Israel—God’s covenant people. Who can save them? These people have behaved badly for hundreds of years, forsaking their God. The rogue alliance will delight in their capture and they will make them suffer. To their dismay, the hardships they endure will only bring a returning people closer and faster back to their God and **their cries will become strong and unrelenting.**

“In the whole land, two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. **This third I will bring into the fire, I will refine them** like silver and test them like gold. **THEY WILL CALL ON MY NAME AND I WILL ANSWER THEM.** I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God’” (Zechariah 13:8-9).

"I have surely heard Ephraim's moaning: 'You disciplined me like an unruly calf, and I have been disciplined. **Restore me**, and I will return, because **you are the LORD my God**'" (Jeremiah 31:18).

"In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, **the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come together, weeping** as they come, and **they shall seek the LORD their God**" (Hosea 50:4).

"The **people of Israel** are oppressed, and the **people of Judah** as well. **All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go.** Yet **the Redeemer is strong; Yahuah Almighty is his name. He will vigorously defend their cause** so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon" (Jeremiah 50:33-34).

GOD, their God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob WILL HEAR THEIR CRY. To their rescue, He will come as the story was fore-told. Israel, both houses, will go into captivity at the same time; they will be rescued and redeemed, **again.** Fortunately, the love of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob runs deep and wide; it fills the heights and floods the depths.

"Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and **because I love you**, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life... **I will say to the north, 'Give them up!**' and to **the south, 'Do not hold them back**'" (Isaiah 43:4-6).

"So, the **ransomed of the LORD will return**, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, and everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 51:11, 35:10).

A great exodus will take place, bigger than the exodus out of Egypt, one that will be remembered for generations.

"Therefore behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when it will no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but it will be said, 'As surely as the LORD lives, **who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.**' For **I will restore them to the land I gave their ancestors**'" (Jeremiah 15:16).

God will rescue these repentant people and bring them back to their 'fortress' to prepare them for the greatest battle where they will fight along-side of their God—the great battle of God against the gods. He will strengthen this remnant people and give them victory over the vast, weaponry-decked enemy before them. **The story of David and Goliath will play out again in the 21st century.**

The leaders of the two houses will bring their people into the hand of God. He will be the strength behind them. "I will bend **Judah** as I bend my bow and fill it with **Ephraim.** I will rouse

your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword" (Zechariah 9:13).

God will make the house of Judah "like a proud horse in battle" and "The Ephraimites will become like mighty men, and their hearts will be glad as with wine" (Zechariah 10:3,7).

"The Lord will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign Lord will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, and **the LORD ALMIGHTY WILL SHIELD THEM. They will destroy and overcome** with slingstones... **THE LORD THEIR GOD WILL SAVE THEM on that day as the flock of his people"** (Zechariah 9:14-16).

These **21st century repentant Israelites will not return alone**; they will come with **repentant people from different nations**. "The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. **Foreigners will join them and unite with the House of Jacob"** (Isaiah 14:1).

The evil and wicked one world government will be over-thrown. "Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: 'Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour, your doom has come!'" (Revelation 18:10).

"The beast was captured, and with him **the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.** The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh" (Revelation 19:20-21).

Like the day when the sun stood still and the moon stopped, another memorial day is coming when "there will be no light, no cold or frost. It will be **a unique day, without daytime or nighttime—a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light.** On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter. The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name" (Zechariah 14:6-9).

That unique day will be the revealing of the New Jerusalem and there the throne of God and of the Lamb will reside. "There will be **no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.** And they will reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

The sun stood still and the moon stopped because Joshua would not rest until wickedness was destroyed. "There has never been a day like it before or since, **a day when the LORD listened to a man"** (Joshua 10:14). O people of the 21st century, ponder this story for our LORD will fight with us, again against wickedness, when we return to Him and choose to live at one with Him.

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