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Is **PETRA In Jordan
The Place Of Safety For
God's Church During
The Great Tribulation?**



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DID YOU KNOW?

**Jesus Christ's END TIMES Place of Safety - Is RESERVED
For ONLY His Friends!!!**

**How Do YOU Plan To Survive The Great Tribulation (or the
3 1/2 years of great worldwide destruction) that Jesus
Christ said will come upon the whole planet?**

Jesus said:

**"And Take Heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts
be overcharged with Surfeiting (An Old English word
meaning - eating and drinking to excess, gluttony; rioting
or partying. Filling your life with "your" activities, instead
of God's Activities), and drunkenness, and cares of this
life, and so "That Day" come upon you unawares!!!**

**For as a snare shall it come on ALL them that dwell on the
face of the whole earth!!! Watch ye therefore, and Pray
Always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all
these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before
The Son of Man" (Luke 21:34-36)!!!**

**Will YOU Get An Invitation to Ride Out The Three And A
Half Years Of The Great Tribulation With Jesus and His
Saints (Matthew 24:1-51 / Psalm 91:1-16)? www.onug.us**

**"Ye are My Friends, IF ye DO Whatsoever I Command
YOU!!! Henceforth (From the Point of Obedience to God's
Word - Forward), I Call YOU not servants; for the servant
knoweth NOT what his Lord Doeth: but I have Called YOU
Friends; for ALL Things that I have Heard of My Father I
have made Known unto YOU!!!" (Jesus Christ in John
15:14-15).**

Do YOU Believe the previous Scripture? Do YOU Believe Jesus Christ ONLY Gives His Obedient Followers Scriptural CLARITY, in a way MOST others DO NOT get to understand (Matthew 13:11-17)? I DO!!!

I Believe Scriptural Clarity is Reserved ONLY for The Righteous (or those who Keep ALL The Commandments of God - Psalm 119:172); Because Both Jesus and The Bible, Say So; Over and Over Again!!! www.onug.us

This is precisely why MOST who profess the Name of Christ are CONFUSED about whether they will be RAPTURED: Pre, Mid, or Post Tribulation; or Which Resurrection of The Dead (First or Second), they will be raised up in! Will they go to the grave at death, or directly to Heaven or to Hell? The "Christian" world at large is very confused!!! Are YOU (2 Timothy 3:1-9)???

"For God is NOT the author of Confusion, but of Peace; as in ALL the Churches of The Saints!!! (1 Corinthians 14:33).

King David Completely Understood The Biblical Relationship Between Obedience And A Complete God-Given Understanding!!!

"...A Good Understanding have ALL they that DO His Commandments!!!" (Psalm 111:10).

"O how Love I Thy Law! it is my meditation all the day!

Thou through Thy Commandments hast made me Wiser than mine enemies: for they are EVER WITH me!

I have More Understanding than ALL my teachers: for Thy Testimonies are My Meditation!

I Understand MORE than the ancients, because I KEEP Thy Precepts!

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might KEEP Thy Word!

I have NOT departed from Thy Judgments: for Thou Hast Taught me!!!

How Sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! Yea, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

THROUGH (Obedience to) Thy Precepts I GET Understanding: therefore I HATE every false way!!! (Psalm 119:97-104).

Another Principle of Biblical TRUTH, is that God WILL NOT hear the prayers of the Unrighteous, or the Disobedient!!!

“Return unto Me, and (ONLY Then) I will return unto YOU, Saith The LORD of Hosts!!!” (Malachi 3:7).

We MUST STOP our Sinful Behaviors FIRST; then in a Humble, Repentant State - we can Approach God - Asking Him for His Forgiveness, and Asking Him for The BLESSINGS of His TRUTH and His FELLOWSHIP in our lives!!! Then God will be our Protector again, as He Promises!!!

“The Eyes of The LORD are upon the Righteous, and His Ears are open unto their cry!!!” (Psalm 34:15).

“For The Eyes of The Lord are OVER (or UPON) the Righteous, and His Ears are OPEN (or ATTENTIVE) unto their Prayers: but The Face of The Lord is AGAINST them that do Evil (Sin or Law Breaking)!!!” (1 Peter 3:12).

We MUST USE God’s Definition of Evil here, and NOT use our own definitions; nor can we use our churches’ definitions, or our society’s definitions of what The Creator God SAYS “Evil” Really IS!!! www.onug.us

“Woe unto them that call evil Good, and Good evil; that put darkness for Light, and Light for darkness; that put bitter for Sweet, and Sweet for bitter!!!

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!!! (Isaiah 5:20-21).

Those who are luke warm toward Him, and His Word; GOD WILL NOT SAVE in their Times of Trouble (Revelation 3:15-22)!!!

“Behold, The LORD'S Hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His Ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But YOUR Iniquities (Sin or Law Breaking) have SEPARATED between YOU and your God, and YOUR Sins have HID His Face from YOU, that He WILL NOT Hear (or Listen to YOUR Prayers and Cries for Help)!!!”

Before I retired from Law Enforcement, I watched many a 16 or 17 year old “church going girl”, go to the world’s court system (WITHOUT their parents, their boyfriend, or church knowing about it), and petition a judge, to give them a court order - as a minor (under 18 years old in the U.S.); in order for them to go to Planned Parenthood - and legally MURDER their Unborn Child - through an ABORTION, because “it” would get in the way of their college plans, their job plans, or in one remarkable situation - because she sang in her church’s choir on Sunday - and an unplanned pregnancy, birth, and child raising WOULD HAMPER HER MUSIC CAREER!!!

Almighty God: Please Send Your Son SOON; to STOP our Very SICK, Perverted, and Twisted Society which uses MURDER as a Convenient Tool to Streamline our lives of unwanted “complications!!!”

“For YOUR hands are defiled with blood (Sin requires Blood as Payment: The Sacrifice, The LIFE, and The BLOOD of Christ - or YOUR Own; must be used as payment!!! YOU are defiled by and with your sins, and the murder of Jesus Christ which YOUR Sins caused - while YOU are still Unrepentant!), and YOUR fingers (are defiled) with Iniquity (Unlawful Behavior); YOUR lips have spoken lies (The Opposite of What Jesus Did, Said, and Taught Us to DO - John 17:17), YOUR tongue hath muttered

Perverseness (YOU still relish the things God Says He Hates in Scripture)!!!

None calleth for Justice (The Implementation of God's Way), nor any pleadeth for Truth (Matthew 4:4 / Luke 4:4 / Deuteronomy 8:3)!!! They trust in vanity (Man's way, worldly wisdom and religions), and speak lies (about God, His Kingdom, His Plan - See Revelation 22:14-15); they conceive Mischief (evil ways to prosper, and take advantage of others for their own selfish gain), and bring forth Iniquity (Sinful, Lawless Behavior and Practices which are Condemned By God's Word)!!! (Isaiah 59:1-4).

"If any of you lack Wisdom (or an Understanding of God's Way), let him Ask of God, Who Giveth to all men liberally (If they Repent and Obey), and upbraideth not (God will NOT condemn or criticize you for being Wrong and Deceived - IF After God's Shows YOU His Ways; YOU Repent: Stop Sinning, and Sincerely Turn to Following Christ and God's Written Truth); and it shall be Given him (God Always Provides His Truth to the Humble, Obedient Seeker)!!!

But let him Ask in Faith (Hebrews 11:1-2), nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed! For let not that man (the ambivalent, the non-committed, the on again - off again) think that he shall receive Any Thing of The Lord!!! A double minded man (a person who has one foot in the world and one foot in the church) is unstable in ALL his ways!!!" (James 1:5-8).

Fact: God HATES the SINS which our present World, and it's societies, it's churches, and it's individuals so very much ENJOY (Revelation 21:1-8)!!!

Fact: God is Sending Jesus Christ to Reclaim this world from Satan in a Climatic Battle Called "Armageddon" in which 200 million of the world's military will very violently and gruesomely DIE (Zechariah 14:1-19)!!!

Fact: The Return of Jesus Christ will be Preceded by 3 1/2 years of worldwide Satanic Domination, Control, and the murder of 3/4 of the world's total population (Matthew 24:1-51 / Psalm 91:1-16)!!!

Fact: God has A Plan to PROTECT His Elect, on this earth; in a Peaceful and SAFE location - one which Satan or his armies WILL NOT be allowed to enter (Revelation 12:1-17)!!!

Find Out WHO Gets SAVED during this Time of Trouble, and WHO DOES NOT, in our AMAZING Sabbath Morning Bible Study on God's Place of END TIME Safety, available at www.onug.us! Dial-In and Learn More!!! You and your children will be exceedingly glad that you did!



"If ye LOVE Me, Keep My Commandments!!! (Jesus Christ in John 14:15).



THE ROCK:

Petra is one of the world's most visually stunning archaeological sites; and is an Ancient Nabatean City in southern Jordan. The name Petra, (Meaning "Massive Boulder" or "Big Rock" (Christ) in Greek, and is distinctly different from the Greek word, "petros" (Peter), meaning stone or pebble – see Matthew 16:18). Could these ruins be the Place of Safety where God promises to take His church, during the Great Tribulation?

Carved out of solid rock, the city of Petra is hidden by towering sand-stone mountains that surround it on all sides. Although uninhabited today; during ancient times, Petra was the capitol city of an ancient nomadic people, who lived throughout southern Jordan, Canaan, and into

the northern parts of Arabia. Petra was at the center of their vast commerce and ancient trade routes, with caravans passing through the city for Giza to the south, Bosra and Damascus to the north, Aqaba on the Red Sea, and eastward to the Persian Gulf. If Petra's massive red, pink, and orange sand-stone cliffs could speak to us, they would be rich with tales from antiquity! Join us today, as we look inside the Bible and see if God still has something more to tell us about another important role for this ancient city – this time, in the not too distant future!!!

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JESUS IS LORD!!!



Why Would God Use A City That Is Half As Old As Time?

When we were baptized, we gave our lives to God to be used by Him, in any way that He sees fit. We became His slave; and a slave is one who has no choice or say in the matter! We became His slave, and made a covenant with Him - in the exchange for the forgiveness of our sins; we gave Him our life, and God in turn gives us the earnest of His Spirit - as an advance payment on our final reward - Eternal Life (2 Corinthians 1:21-22 / Ezekiel 9:3-11)! The understanding then becomes, that God will seal us or mark us as His (Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:25-32 / Daniel 12:8-12); that He will work to prepare us: for His use NOW; and also more importantly – FOREVER - in the Kingdom of God!!! God will protect us too if we keep His Seal, His Sign, or His Mark (Exodus 31:12-18 / Hebrews 4:1-11); while at the same time, in the end times; God will pour out His Fury on those who do not have this Sign, Mark, or Seal!!! www.onug.us

Do we understand that (Philippians 1:1-11)? Once we enter into Agreement (or Covenant), as His slaves, we aren't free to serve just when it's convenient for us to do so!!! We can't serve on our terms; we don't get nights and holidays off! God the Father, because of what Jesus Christ has done, and our acceptance by

faith; has prior call on our lives! We are to put what we are, who we are, and what we have - at His disposal, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year – for the rest of our physical, and then our spiritual lives!!!

The Two Witnesses & The Great Tribulation (2 Corinthians 13:1 / Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15 / Matthew 18:16, 20):

When we read these Scriptures, we are taught why God sends TWO!!!

At the start of the Great Tribulation, the testimony of God's Two Witnesses will begin. They will be God's Voice in a fallen world when God takes His Church to a Place of Safety for three and a half years. A little more than two years into the Tribulation, God will begin to sound the first of Six Trumpet Plagues upon mankind, which will last for a little more than the last year of the Tribulation.

Let us now use One Nation Under God Ministries chart: "The Olivet Prophecy & The Seven Seals of Revelation" to assist us with today's Study. www.onug.us

Question: Will the combination of the Six Trumpet Plagues, and the Testimony of God's Two Witnesses convince a rebellious and stubborn humanity to finally repent? What does God say will be mindset and actions of those left alive after the first Six Trumpets have exacted their toll (Revelation 9:20-21)?

Question: God is very specific in the exact amount of time that the Gentiles will be given dominion over Jerusalem before Christ's Second Coming, and in the exact amount of days that the Two Witnesses will be given to Prophesize. What are these two time frames; and how must the Two Witnesses be dressed during these times (Revelation 11:2-3)?

We can see that even during the Six Trumpets Plagues, God is still pleading with men to turn from their evil ways. **How Great is God's Mercy** (Matthew 5:7 / Luke 6:36 / Genesis 39:21 / 2 Samuel 22:18-51 / Titus 3:1-8 / 1 Peter 1:3-5 / Micah 6:8 / Ephesians 2:1-7)!!! God is Calling us to Repent and be Baptized;

in order to receive His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37-47)!!! Those who do have God's Spirit SHALL (future tense of the verb) be Saved – from Destruction and Death – at the end of this age!!!

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Question: How does God protect His Two Witnesses during the days of their end-time Ministry (Revelation 11:4-5)? What is the special power God gives these two men, to make their Testimony in delivering God's last warning to the earth, even more powerful (Revelation 11:6)?

Question: What does God say He will allow the final resurrection of the Roman Empire, or the Beast, to do when the Two Witnesses have finished their Testimony (Revelation 11:7-8)?

(Continued) What will be the reaction of the people in the world to the television / internet coverage of the demise of God's Two Prophets, and for how long will this excitement last (Revelation 11:9-10)? www.onug.us

Question: After three and a half days, what does God do for these Two Prophets? How do the Two Witnesses react to what God does; and how do the people of the city react (Revelation 11:11)? Do these events take place at the end of the Second Woe, or the Sixth Trumpet (Revelation 11:14)? What happens at the beginning of the Seventh Trumpet (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)? Do we see an indication that the Two Witnesses standing on their feet is merely a physical resurrection, much like that of Lazarus, Jesus' friend (verse 11); and that the Seventh Trumpet follows quickly (verse 14), in the same hour (verse 13)? How can we be sure that verse 12 is really the Seventh Trumpet, or Third Woe (Hebrews 11:40 / 1 Corinthians 15:23, 35, 51-57)?

Jesus has shown us that on the heels of the first Six Trumpet Plagues, death and World War will rage, and Billions of people will die. Mankind will now be facing cosmocide, or the annihilation of the entire human race (Matthew 24:21-22 / Mark 13:19-20)! But the earth and her people will be saved from extinction, at the Seventh Trumpet, by the Return of our Savior, Jesus the Christ (Matthew 24:29-31)!!!

The Six Groups of People Living on the Earth during The Great Tribulation: www.onug.us

1) **The Church of God – Main Body** (The Wise Virgins who have made themselves ready). Review our The Day of Atonement Bible Study (Pages 5, 11-14 and Leviticus 16:14-34) to see and prove that our Sin Offering (which was Christ: He gives us our Justification at Baptism) and our Sanctification require us to participate in all 52 Sabbaths and all 7 Annual Holy Days (At Atonement we still fast – or afflict our souls; but The Lord NO LONGER requires of us sin offerings – He Was IT!!!)!!! Now, because we are redeemed by Christ's Blood, and our sins are now forgiven, now we give as we are able, according to our blessings (Deuteronomy 16:13-17 / 2 Corinthians 8:10-15, 9:1-10)!!!

But, as Jesus Christ and The First Century Church of God Apostles showed us (Galatians 1:8-9), we now bring Free Will offerings, seven times each year, before God on Holy Days [see: Exodus 35:29 / Psalm 54:6 / Malachi 3:1-3, 7-10 / Leviticus 22:17-22, 23:33-44)]!!!

This will become especially important in the year proceeding Christ's return (or the year before your death)! This is the Process (keeping Sabbaths and Holy Days) that refines the Saints to be ACCEPTABLE in Christ's eyes (1 Peter 4:18-19 / 2 Timothy 2:5 / 1 Corinthians 9:24-27). These are those whom God uses to prepare the church (physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially) to Preach the Gospel for the last three and a half years before the Great Tribulation happens; and these are those whom God takes to a **Place of Safety; and are of whom Jesus says He will keep from the hour of trial that is coming upon the whole earth (Revelation 3:10-13)!!!** These will be preserved until the return of Christ, and will never (taste of death or) sleep (1 Corinthians 15:51).

2) **The Lukewarm in the Church of God** (The Unwise Virgins). These are those who will be spit out of God's mouth into the fire of the Tribulation because of their worldly, uncommitted, and lackadaisical attitudes. They will not go to

the Place of Safety, and will be put to death by Satan, hopefully washing their robes in the Lamb's Blood and qualifying for the First Resurrection (Revelation 7:14-15). These did not pray always that they may be accounted worthy to escape all these things (Luke 21:36). God in His Mercy, allows the tribulation to last for three and a half years; this Mercy is for the lukewarm Saints, who are given more than one year to Sanctify themselves again (or keep The Lord's 52 Sabbaths and 7 Annual Holy Days before they are put to death by the Beast – Matthew 16:25-27, 10:39, 16:26-27 / John 12:25-36)!!! Some lukewarm Saints will fail to wash their robes in the Lamb's Blood (Daniel 12:2); for these fallen away Saints the Second resurrection will be a most unwelcomed time (Hebrews 6:4-6,8 / John 15:2, 6)!!!

3) The Church of God – The Strong Christian Martyrs.

These Zealous and Righteous brethren whom God has purposed to go through some of the Tribulation before they die; in order that they make a strong personal witness for Him (Revelation 6:11 / Daniel 12:3-4). Included in this group are, undoubtedly, the Two Witnesses.

4) The 144,000 from the 12 Tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8). These are the direct descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) that have been called by God and are also preserved in a Place of Safety during the Tribulation (Matthew 19:30, 20:16 / Mark 10:31 / Luke 13:30).

5) The innumerable multitude from all nations (Revelation 7:14-15). These are those in the world, who did repent at the Six Trumpet Plagues, and were led to be Baptized and receive the Holy Spirit by The Church of God; and also Martyrs (part of group 3 above), who were also killed along with them, during the three and a half year Tribulation (Ezekiel 18:30-32, 33:10-11 / Isaiah 31:6, 55:7, 59:20 / Hosea 14:1-4).

6) The rest of the Nations of the World and their Armies.

These are those who fight Christ at His Coming, and are led by the Beast and False Prophet. These Armies will all die at Armageddon (Zechariah 14:12-15); but the remnant or survivors of their people (about 25% of the world's population)

will come to know and worship God during the Thousand Year Millennium Reign of Christ (Zechariah 14:16-19 / Isaiah 19:21-23, 66:23-24)! www.onug.us A Place of Safety?

The True Church of God is pictured as a woman in Revelation 12:1-5. The True Church is the Bride of Christ; but she is also a persecuted woman, a church hated by the world at large! In Revelation 12:6 we see that the True Church of God had to flee into the wilderness for 1,260 years – after the Ascension of Christ – as the Catholic Church came to prominence and grew, and persecuted the Saints of God. This was during the Middle Ages. But in Revelation 12:14, we see another flight of the True Church, in the very last days; this time only for three and one half years! The world cannot understand these verses, because it does not recognize the True Church; THE WORLD ONLY RECOGNIZES THE FALSE CHURCHES, which are described in Revelation 17:1-18!!!

Let's now notice the TIMING of this Prophecy! When is the Woman or The True Church taken into the wilderness (Revelation 3:7-13)? This is addressed to the Philadelphia Era of God's Church, the Church before whom Christ opens the door to preach His gospel around the world (Revelation 3:8 / Matthew 24:14). Because this Church (our church!) has kept God's Word (we remain Sanctified – by the sprinkling of the Blood of Christ – seven times!!!); Jesus promises: "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation", the time of trial, "which shall come upon *all the world*, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10)!!! Here the promised world-wide TERROR that would come upon all nations! This is not a prophecy for the slow-moving past; it is a prophecy for the pulsating, fast-paced, present world we live in! It is for the last days of human history, just before God intervenes and sets up His Eternal Kingdom on earth, to bring everlasting peace – at last!!! This is a prophecy for our generation! This is a prophecy that YOU and I can fulfill in our lifetimes! God's True Church is preaching and publishing the Gospel of the Kingdom of God world-wide! This prophecy is about us – if YOU can SEE it!!! Can You?

How does Jesus keep us from the coming Trial and Persecution (Revelation 12:7-17)? Where is this wilderness?

That is the mystery that has puzzled so many, for so long! God has kept it a mystery so the world would not know!!! God has even kept it hidden from God's Church, until very recently, so that His people would have their minds on God's Work; and NOT on saving their own skins!!! www.onug.us

It is only those who are focused on having a part in the work of God, who have their minds on the Kingdom of God, and NOT some physical place of protection – WHO WILL ESCAPE!!! This escape cannot be planned for in advance; because IT IS A SUPERNATURAL ESCAPE!!!

Remember, if the Christians in Jerusalem in apostolic days had quit their work and prematurely escaped to Pella before A.D. 69, they would have been destroyed by the Roman armies who devastated the city. It was only those who completed the work of God, who reached safety in A.D. 69 after the Romans destroyed Pella!!!

That is why God has veiled the exact place of escape from human eyes, for all of these years! But now, as the days draw closer to the time of the end; the light of Biblical Prophecy begins to SHINE ever and ever more clearly (Daniel 12:4)!!!! When the moment comes that we need to know where that place of safety is, Christ will make it known to us (Amos 3:7 / John 15:15 / Revelation 10:7 / Genesis 6:13)!!! We have Jesus Christ's personal PROMISE on that!!! Stay Sanctified boys and girls! Stay Sanctified (52 / 7)!!! So let's stay focused on Christ's Prophecy (Revelation 1:1-3)!!! Now let's see where PETRA fits into all of this!!!

An Old Testament Prophecy (Isaiah 42:10-13):

Here is a prophecy for today; a time of divine intervention (Isaiah 42:14)!!! Now let's read verse 11 again; this time from the Jewish Publication Society translation - according to the original inspired Hebrew: "Let the *wilderness* and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit".

The descendants of Kedar are the Bedouin Arabs who dwell throughout the Middle East in black tents. Here we have a wilderness located in the Arab world! www.onug.us



But let's continue reading: "Let the inhabitants of Sela exult. Let them shout from the top of the mountains." The inhabitants of Sela? Who are they? And where is Sela? (In the King James Version the word for Sela is translated "rock"; for the Greek word "Petra")! But students of the Bible should know that "Sela" is the Hebrew name of Petra!!

Sela means Rock, in Hebrew; Petra means Rock in Greek! But Sela or Petra is fundamentally uninhabited today, save for a few dozen wandering Bedouin. These are not the inhabitants in this verse, for notice Isaiah 42:12, "Let them" (the inhabitants of Petra or Sela), "give glory unto the LORD!!!" The Bedouin today DO NOT KNOW GOD, they are "Mohammedan" – an Arabic word meaning Muslim; "and declare His praise in the islands."

Which islands? The islands which Israel inhabits (Isaiah 41:1, 8). God is certainly not going to use a few uneducated, ignorant Mohammedan (Muslim) Bedouin to declare His Glory in the islands and coastlands of Northwestern Europe WHERE ISRAEL IS TODAY!!! www.onug.us



This is a prophecy about the First Resurrection, at the return of Jesus Christ, in Power and in Glory! Christ is going to use His servants, now immortal at His Return, to proclaim His intervention and the establishment of His Kingdom over all the earth!! He is going to use the very ones whom He is currently using to proclaim His Gospel Message; to **ABSOLUTELY** get everyone's attention! Think of the Muslim hoards now in England; they are very soon now, going to finally heed Jesus Christ's Message!!! www.onug.us

Isn't this prophecy a clear indication that **the place of safety** for the people of God, who are now doing the Work of God

(preaching to the islands and coastlands of Northwestern Europe); is in an Arabian wilderness, where the Bedouin dwell?

High probability; and that high probability is almost certainly located at **Sela, or Petra!** www.onug.us

God's Supernatural Protection:

Let's look at some more Scriptures (Isaiah 33:13-17). Now let us see the time setting of this prophecy (Isaiah 33:7-8). It is when the world's ambassadors, those who seek to make peace; suddenly find the world caught up in frightful destruction (verses 7-8)!!! Beginning with verse 13, God warns the House of Israel; and then the "sinners in Zion" (verse 14), of their sins. "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" See Revelation 13:13-18. The answer is then given in Isaiah 33:15; or The Saints of God!!! But where will the Saints go (Isaiah 33:16-17)? This verse is poorly translated in most Bible versions because the translators did not understand the prophecy. The true meaning has been hidden. The place of protection shall be, not munitions of rocks, but the **"strongholds of Sela!"** The original, inspired Hebrew word is **metsad** (NOT the mistranslated "munitions"), and means a stronghold, or a castle, or a fort!!! And the word for "rock" in this verse is "Sela", the name of Petra in the Hebrew language!

"Masada" is one of Israel's most popular tourist attractions. The name itself helps make our point here today. Masada is the Modern Hebrew word for "Metzada" or "Metsad" (another ancient fortress or fortification in the Southern District of Israel, situated on top of an isolated rock plateau, akin to a mesa, on the eastern edge of the Judaeian Desert, overlooking the Dead Sea). Herod the Great built palaces for himself on the mountain and fortified Masada between 37 and 31 B.C. According to Josephus, the Siege of Masada by troops of the Roman Empire towards the end of the First Jewish-Roman War, ended in the mass suicide of the 960 Sicarii rebels and their families who were hiding there. Masada is located 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Arad. www.onug.us



This is what Fortress Masada looks like in Israel today!
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Today, Petra is a dry, barren area. It can hardly provide sufficient sustenance for a few dozen Bedouin! How then, could we expect all of the faithful people of God to be provided for there? Let's continue in Isaiah 33:16 "...his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Here also is supernatural provision; exactly like God provided for the nation of Hebrews coming out from Egypt in the Exodus!!!

Remember what happened to the children of Israel in the Sinai wilderness? God supernaturally provided them food and water for nearly 40 long years!!! God can do the same today! It is not those who heap up provisions that shall escape! It is those who obey God, who do His work, and who trust Him to provide the necessities, and His Divine Protection when that time arrives (2 Chronicles 16:9)!!!

Isaiah 33:17 completes our picture: "Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off", or "they shall behold a land stretching afar," according to the Jewish translation (1 John 3:2)!!! Notice that those in the **Place of Safety**, see "the land", or **Palestine, the Promised Land**, stretching into the distance! Surely, this is another indication of the high rocky crags of Petra, from which one can look northwest, and actually SEE the Promised Land!!! www.onug.us

A Fortress of Safety!

Perhaps the most commonly quoted verses about Petra are found in Isaiah 16:1-5!!! Here is a Message to Moab (or Modern Day JORDAN)!!! The country of Jordan, is where Petra or Sela is located today! Verse 1 should read: "Send ye the lambs for the Ruler of the land from Sela that is toward the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion" (compare the KJV with the JPS translation). The time setting of this prophecy is at the Return of Jesus Christ, Who comes to Rule ALL Nations!!! Christ is now KING of the LAND (Psalm 47:1-9)!!!

The Moabites (modern day Jordanians) are commanded to seek Him, and to send Him an offering as a token of their submission (Isaiah 16:1). The offering comes from Sela (Petra). But why are the Moabites found in Sela, when only Bedouin dwell there today? The succeeding verses answer: "For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters" (or descendants) "of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon." Other prophecies picture hordes from the east capturing the land east of the Jordan (See Ezekiel 25:10-11). www.onug.us

Middle East



As these European hordes plunge toward Palestine, slaughtering as they go; a pitiful remnant (described in Jeremiah 48:1-25) shall escape to Arnon (a stream running into the Dead Sea). The Moabite refugees flee southward for protection!! Why?

Perhaps because they know of others already there, in a **Place of Safety?** www.onug.us

Now let's look at look at Isaiah 16:4. God is addressing Moab: "Let Mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler!!!" We can see that others are already there, in Sela or Petra. "Mine outcasts," God calls them; or God's people, who flee from the world, refugees or outcasts!

God says that the fleeing Moabites are not to betray where God's people are! This makes Isaiah 16:3 much clearer! The Moabites are commanded to "Give counsel, execute justice; make thy shadow as night in the midst of the noon day; hide the outcasts; betray not the fugitive" (JPS trans.). Their flight is not to reveal where God's own outcasts are. Their movements are to be as invisible as if it were in the black of night! Now let's compare this prophecy with Jeremiah 48:28, "O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock" (Sela) "and be like the dove that makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth"! A perfect description of Petra, with its all its many caves!



Isaiah 16:5 then reveals the very next prophetic event to occur: "And a throne is established through mercy, and there sitteth thereon in truth, in the tent of David, One that judgeth, and seeketh justice, and is ready in righteousness" (JPS translation).

Christ is now pictured as seated on the throne of David! Surely this indicates that God's outcasts in Isaiah 16 are the same as those mentioned in Revelation 12 who escape to the wilderness shortly before the return of Christ! In the New Testament, not all Christians are promised physical protection; but the Philadelphians are promised to be protected from the Great Tribulation, and this place is in the wilderness according to the Book of Revelation (Revelation 3:7-11, 12:13-17)!!!

While Petra may not be the Place of Safety; there is much Scriptural evidence for us to consider this possibility NOW, and continue to WATCH, as Christ commanded us to; as end time events make these prophecies even more CLEAR (1 Corinthians 12:13)!!! www.onug.us

We know that those Saints in Jerusalem, must flee when the city is surrounded by armies (Luke 21:20-24 / Mark 13:10-23). These are the outcasts that Moab or Jordan will take in! Petra is 101.2 miles Southeast of Jerusalem, or 162.86 kilometers away, on a Southeast bearing! God will give His people in Jerusalem, 30 days to flee by foot through the mountains to Petra in Jordan (Daniel 12:11 = 1,290 days from the time the city I surrounded and the sacrifices stop – until the return of Christ!). Notice that the Beast will be given COMPLETE Power to scatter God's People and to destroy those NOT protected at the three and one half year mark BEFORE Christ Returns (or Biblically 12 X 30 days months X 3.5 years = 1,260 days! Daniel 12:7). God instructs Moab to safely assist and direct the fleeing Christian refugees out of Jerusalem, and into Petra!!!

Now, logistically, most of God's people will NOT be able to get to Jerusalem before this time table begins. What about them? Let's read Ezekiel 37:22 / Jeremiah 3:18, 33:24, 50:4-5.

God says He will make the two nations: Judah (now modern day Israel) and the rest of the lost Tribes (scattered around the world), into one nation at His return (Matthew 24:31 / Mark 13:27 / Revelation 7:1-3)! **God will protect most of His People where they are, in their dwellings at the beginning of the Great Tribulation – IF THEY ARE SANCTIFIED (Isaiah 26:17-21 / Matthew 6:6 / Psalm 91:1-16, 23:1-6)!!!** Could three and one half years in the world, seem like 3 and a half days to the Saints (2 Peter 3:8)? God controls time, He exists outside of time, and God controls the times when His people shall be delivered!!! In any event; we have God's Solemn Promise to protect and defend the righteous who still live upon the earth; right up until the time that Jesus Christ returns, and **REWARDS HIS SAINTS WITH ETERNAL LIFE (Amos 3:7)!!!** www.onug.us

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

This verse is a key to help us to understand that God always supplies enough for us to carry out our part in His creative work. Not just in the tribulation, but also in every day decisions of everyday life. This is one of the major themes of the **Feast of Tabernacles**. Regardless of where we are in the pilgrim journey He has assigned to us, He supplies the need. God is faithful! God has no responsibility to make Himself known to us. But He constantly does it because He loves us (Matthew 11:27-28). He is the one that initiates contact with us. He is the one who grants repentance. He is the one who gives us His Spirit. He is the one who continues with us and helps us to grow! God is with us throughout the whole journey (Deuteronomy 31:5-6)!!! He is faithful because that's what He is. He is not only faithful to His church as a whole; He is faithful to each and every one of us as an individual child of His (Mark 16:15-20)! His salvation includes not just being changed at the resurrection from the dead, but it

also means the grace to overcome - to meet every trial along the way, so that we'll be prepared for whatever trial comes up in our life! **That is The LOVE of God!!!** www.onug.us

(Matthew 24:42-51) "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For those who are faithfully doing and keeping the responsibilities God has assigned to them, and who don't have their minds on something else – like saving their own skin; the relationship between them and God, through faithfulness, is kept unbroken! We have to strive to keep that relationship intact, STRONG, and intimate; unbroken by periods of inattention. Even as He is faithful, we must become faithful! It is a matter of the day to day attention to the things of God. It comes down to being an everyday Follower of Jesus Christ! God gives the hardest trials to the ones He loves the most (Luke 1:15 / Matthew 14:1-12 / Luke 7:27-28)! The hardest trials refine us the most; and the more refined we are the more valuable we are to our Heavenly Father! Dad intends for His elect to encourage one another as we go through these trials (1 Peter 4:7-19)! May we all keep the Word of His Patience, and suffer according to the Will of Almighty God, so that Jesus the Christ will keep us from the hour of temptation that is coming upon this whole world! Amen!

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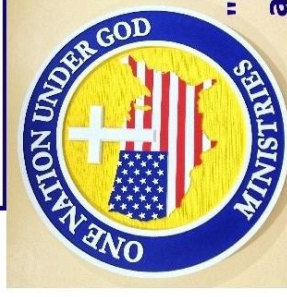
**—The Time of God's Wrath - The Coming of The LORD
(Joel 2:1 / Revelation 6:15-17, 11:18, 14:19, 15:1)**

The Sealing of God's People

(Revelation 7:1-17 / Ephesians 1:13-14 / Ezekiel 9:4-11)

Return of Jesus Christ

Revelation 10:7, 11:15-19, 19:1-21,
Matthew 24:30-31, I Corinthians 15:51-52,
I Thessalonians 4:16, Zechariah 14:1-4

1,260 days
(Daniel 12:7)

Sacrifices end, abomination of desolation set up, Church goes to place of protection (Daniel 8:9-12, Matthew 24:15-20, Luke 21:20-23)

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