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INTRODUCTION

SHEEP and GOATS, The SERPENT, MONSTERS of the Sea, BEASTS of the FIELD, BIRDS of the AIR

"Behold, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The beasts of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I provide water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people. The people I formed for Myself will declare My praise"

(Isaiah 43:19-21).



Created with only instinct, how can God declare that the beasts of the field will honour Him? This study will explore God's use of language that moves back and forth in both realms of creation.

In some cases, God uses animals to add meaning to the behaviour of people. The use of sheep is common in the Bible. They are a popular domesticated animal raised for their fleece, their milk and meat. God refers to them as a clean animal providing a safe meat source for mankind. The imagery of sheep is often attached to the faithful who follow Jesus Christ, their Shepherd. The image of these faithful is that of needing a leader because they are vulnerable and innocent.

Goats are a cousin to sheep and this animal is used to refer to foolish people, but there is an intriguing reference to two goats in the ritual on the Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur.

Goats have horns that point up—an image of kingship in heaven, while most sheep don't have horns. Sheep that do, curl and point down—an image of kingship on earth. Goats are independent, sure-footed climbing high places with ease, while sheep gather into flocks grazing in pastures. A significant day on God's timeline of the salvation of His people and all of mankind, is the Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur. It involves a sacrifice to God and a ritual involving two goats on the 10th day of the 7th month. God's use of numbers is by no accident. By establishing the Day for Atonement on the 10th day and 7th month points to God's ten commands being re-established and the 7th month pointing to the number for completion, it pictures the finishing of the violation of God's ten commandments and the cleansing of His people.

Two goats are used in the atonement sacrifice. Again, the number two indicates a witness taking place. Two goats are selected, but God Almighty does the choosing by lot of which goat is sent into the wilderness while the other is sacrificed.



Aaron is to take two goats, "present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin

offering. But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat" (Leviticus 16:6-8).

Each young goat images a leader and the role the leader fulfills. The questions are:

- Who are the leaders?
- What role do they fulfill?









God has carefully and methodically established a specific set of processes to atone for His people that will be fulfilled on the official Day of Atonement. These processes comprise of two main components:

- 1. The sacrifice of a young goat to cover the sins of God's people
- 2. The release of a live young goat in the wilderness as a scapegoat is used for making atonement of God's people.

The process of the ceremony is comprised of several very important and unique features, which are key to adding clarity of understanding of this unique Holy Day.

Unique features:

- Two young goats from their herd are presented before the LORD
 - The two young goats are both without blemish and in this case, they are indistinguishable because it requires the casting of lots in the assignment of the roles. Both young goats qualify for either role.
- Lots were cast giving the LORD Almighty the task of choosing which young goat is to Him and which young goat would be kept alive as the scapegoat. Casting lots was a common practice in ancient times for calling on God or the gods over the nations to make the decision of the outcome. A good example of the practice of the casting of lots is when God chose the tribe of Levi to be His priests. God commanded each leader of each tribe to provide a rod. Overnight, Aaron's rod was the only one to demonstrate a miraculous change. It "put forth buds, produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds" (Numbers 23:8).

SCRIPTURES THAT SUPPORT GOD USING THE CASTING OF LOTS TO AFFIRM HIS DECISION.

Decision from the LORD: "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD" (Proverbs 16:33).

"Then they drew lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so, he was added to the eleven apostles" (Acts 1:26).

"Distribute the land by lot, according to your clans. To a larger group give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller group a smaller one. Whatever falls by lot will be theirs. Distribute it according to your ancestral tribes" (Numbers 33:64).

SCRIPTURES THAT SUPPORT THE CUSTOM OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

Custom of the priesthood: "He was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense" (Luke 1:9).

"These were the Levites, according to their families. They also cast lots, just as their brothers the descendants of Aaron did, in the presence of King David and of Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of families of the priests and of the Levites" (I Chronicles 24:30-31).

ISRAEL ALONE WERE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO UTILIZED THE CASTING OF LOTS.

Custom among the people outside of Israel: "Then the sailors said to each other, 'Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.' They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah" (Jonah 1:7).

It becomes apparent in the story of Jonah that it was not only the ancient Israelites using the lot method to ask their god to make the decision on a matter. The sailors on the boat each worshipped different gods. "All of the sailors were afraid and **each cried out to his own god**" (Jonah 1:5).

So, it is evident that other people from the different cities outside of Israel also utilized the casting of lots to ask their god for the decision of a matter. The sailors worshipping different gods suggested that lots be cast to determine who was responsible for the calamity they were experiencing. The lot fell on Jonah.

The casting of lots is an essential practice for the ritual on the Day of Atonement because only Almighty God, the Creator with the legal right as the Owner of all created, can determine the leader to fulfill the sacred Day of Atonement. The two young goats were both without blemish and equally qualified for the atonement ceremony. The two roles comprise of a sacrifice and an ongoing atonement until the Day of Atonement is fulfilled. The casting of lots represents Almighty God's direct input in assigning each role to each goat.

THE FIRST YOUNG GOAT

The young goat the LORD chose for Himself would be sacrificed as a sin offering in redemptive payment of the sins of His people, Israel and all of mankind.

Violations of God's law results in penalties. The sins of Israel resulted in their death. The legal price for the sins of God's people would be reconciled by the sacrifice imaged in the young goat God selected to Himself. The LORD God is the ultimate Judge who only can rule on an offense that would satisfy His law. Satisfying God's law is the first step to receiving eternal life.

The Son of God was the leader imaged in the first young goat. Jesus Christ died on the cross and his redemptive sacrifice was fulfilled on the Passover.

THE SECOND YOUNG GOAT

The second young goat would be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement of His people by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat.

Each of the highlighted points above will be discussed separately.

ALIVE BEFORE THE LORD

The young goat remains **alive before the LORD.** This young goat is an image of a perfect being—without blemish, a spiritual leader who is alive and well and qualified to atone for the sins of God's people.

USED FOR MAKING ATONEMENT

"Used for making atonement" that is the work of Jesus Christ who intercedes for God's people who repent and have accepted his sacrifice as payment of their sins. Jesus Christ is also the image of the second young goat. This explains why Almighty God made the decision through the casting of lots because the priesthood could not distinguish one goat from the other. In fact, both goats image Jesus Christ. Almighty God selected the Son from before creation to be the redemptive sacrifice for mankind. Christ purchased mankind when he paid the price for their sins. They are under his jurisdiction and he alone can intercede for them.

"Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, **because he always lives to intercede for them.** Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens" (Hebrews 7:25-26).

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). The spirit of Jesus Christ knows the heart of the saints. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for us** with groans too deep for words. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God**" (Romans 8:26-27).

The spirit of Jesus Christ intercedes for God's people.

The two young goats image Jesus Christ who hold two roles in the salvation of mankind. The making of atonement is the second step to complete the forgiveness process. Those who accept the sacrifice of Christ have completed only the first step. Accepting the redemptive

sacrifice, commits these people to the death of their old self. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3)

This second step is the ongoing spiritual growth of repentant people to come into the fullness of Christ. They are reborn to grow into spiritual maturity, growing in the knowledge, understanding and wisdom of God.

The Apostle Peter said, "Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good" (I Peter 2:1).

Repentant people begin as babes in Christ who cannot yet distinguish right from wrong.

"Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:13-14).

Because the rebirth is a growing process where mistakes and errors are made, making of atonement, that is, the intercession by Jesus Christ is necessary.

Repentant people are required to overcome and reach the whole measure and fullness of Christ. Jesus gave teachers to God's people to prepare them "for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-15).

While the Day of Atonement is not fully understood among the Christian community and the rich meanings embedded in the ritual, God has still provided Christians with the essential knowledge of growing into spiritual maturity through the scriptures in the New Testament. However, the knowledge that the Day of Atonement will be **fulfilled**, ten days after Jesus Christ returns on the Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah, is a unique piece to the grand puzzle which is unveiled in the study of the Holy Day. Eventually, all of the Holy Days will be fulfilled, leaving a remembrance of God's transparency of His plan for His people.

THE WILDERNESS

"By sending it into the wilderness." The wilderness is an image of an isolated place where repenting people enter separating themselves from the general unrepentant public to grow in God's knowledge, understanding and wisdom to live righteously.

Ancient Israel entered the wilderness for forty years. It was the separation essential to their spiritual journey to draw close to God. After forty years, only the children of the original people who left Egypt survived because they did not rebel against God.

Today, into the 21st century, the journey of the Judeo-Christians who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour are separated in a virtual wilderness as they privately develop an intimate relationship with Almighty God, our LORD through Jesus Christ. As ancient Israel was fed directly by Almighty God in the forty-year wilderness journey by manna, so, the Judeo-Christians are fed by Jesus Christ after accepting his redemptive sacrifice.

THE SCAPEGOAT

The final highlighted point is the scapegoat. Jesus Christ bore the sins of all of mankind. He was the sinless, perfect sacrifice willing to die for mankind from the creation. He is the scapegoat. We see this in Isaiah, "Therefore, I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life until death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12).

THE ROLE OF THE FIRST YOUNG GOAT

God Almighty selected the young goat as the sacrifice for the sins of mankind. The redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ fulfilled the legal requirement for Atonement.

THE ROLE OF THE SECOND YOUNG GOAT

The role of the second young goat sent in the wilderness is the ongoing, continual work of Jesus Christ who intercedes for God's people as they grow and overcome. This work will continue and reach its apex on the official year and day of Yon Kippur—the Day of Atonement. It will take place and be fulfilled ten days after the return of Jesus Christ. It will be a solemn day for God's people. At the end of the great tribulation, Jacob's trouble, the people who are repentant and remain mortal because they have not reached the fullness of Christ and are not transformed into their spiritual bodies, will be atoned for on the Day of Atonement. They will bring this day to completion. A remembrance of this day will continue in the same way that the Passover, Feast of Weeks and Pentecost are kept today.

Before God's people enter into the Holy Land, God will have them walk under His staff and He will, at that time, purge anyone who holds an unrepentant and rebellious spirit. Ezekiel 20:38 "I will take note of you as you pass under my staff, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me. Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 20:38).

Among God's people, people from the nations will also enter into the Holy Land. "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 unit with the house of Jacob" (Isaiah 14:1).

These foreigners who join with DNA people of God from all twelve tribes will be given rulership, an inheritance, exactly the same as the DNA people of God. Ezekiel recorded God's word. "You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the foreigners who have settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. In whatever tribe the foreigner settles, there you are to give him his inheritance" (Ezekiel 47:21-23).

There will be no re-atonement for God's people returning to the Holy Land at the beginning of Jesus Christ's millennial reign. They will walk under God Almighty's staff; He will purge the unrepentant and the remainder will continue to settle in the Holy Land to live righteously. The Apostle Peter urged God's people to recognize the importance of their calling.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light" (I Peter 2:9).

Both of the young goats selected for the sacramental service on the Day of Atonement image Jesus Christ. The two indistinguishable goats require the selection by Almighty God, Himself. This is intentional to point to only one heavenly ruler who could qualify to fulfill two roles. Jesus Christ fulfilled the perfect sacrifice paying the price of mankind's sins. His sacrifice entitled him to have rulership over God's people and all of mankind and qualifies him to be able to forgive their sins, awaken the spiritually dead and heal all of the spiritual infirmities.

God's Holy Days given to His people will be remembered for all eternity.









THE SERPENT

On earth, snakes crawl and slither. That has become the state of the fallen angel who is the source of all sin. Lucifer upon creation was made beautiful and perfect and ordained by God as a guardian cherub. He walked among the fiery stones in the third heaven, the location of God's throne. He was a "model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty... every precious stone adorned you... Your settings and mountings were made of gold" (Ezekiel 28:12b-13).

Even having God's wisdom, still Lucifer fell into sin. Pride and arrogance destroyed him and from his high place, God drove him out of God's throne area into heaven with the angels below. He was expelled. His beauty and radiance faded along with his wisdom. His form began changing into a new creature that took on a beastly appearance. He began to look like a serpent and on earth, a ground-crawling snake stripped of wings. God is not finished with Satan, his form will continue to change until he is mortalized and appears like a crumpled, old man.

God said, "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..." (Ezekiel 28:17).

Satan is expelled from God's heavenly throne into heaven below with the angels. He will yet be thrown down to earth, soon. He will be captured for 1,000 years and imprisoned deep inside the earth—the darkest and lowest place in existence. After 1,000 years, he will be released for a short time where he will deceive again. The nations will be tested, Satan will be tried, sentenced and destroyed on earth for all the nations to witness.

Satan's sentencing is recorded by Isaiah. God said, "But you will be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will stare; they will ponder your fate: 'Is this the man who shook the earth and made the kingdoms tremble, who turned the world into a desert and destroyed its cities, who refused to let the captives return to their homes?'" (Isaiah 14:15-17)

Satan will be mortalized; his form will resemble a crumpled old man. He will burn up and go to ashes to be no more.

Ezekiel recorded God's future judgement, "By your many sins and dishonest trade, you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So, I made a fire come out from 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 28:18-19).

THE MONSTERS OF THE WATERS

Pharaoh ruling over Egypt was described by God as a monster lying among his rivers. When God is relating heavenly matters to His people on earth, He describes them referencing things on earth that man can see and relate to. The heavenly ruler over Egypt had become a monster living in wickedness—imaged as his waters. This heavenly ruler declared himself to be a Creator. He claimed to have made the Nile River that is a rich source of life.



"Speak to him and tell him that this is what the Lord God says: Behold, I am

against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies among his rivers, who says, 'The Nile is mine; *I made it myself*" (Ezekiel 29:3).

God will take down this rogue, powerful leader and all of the fallen angels supporting him. "But I will put hooks in your jaws and cause the fish of your streams to cling to your scales. I will haul you up out of your rivers, and all the fish of your streams will cling to your scales" (Ezekiel 29:4).

Satan lives in the sea as a coiling serpent and on the "high seas" under the protection of his great battleship (Ezekiel 27:4). Again, God uses the image of the sea as the haven of Wickedness in heaven. Satan is imaged as a named serpent, called Leviathan, a dragon of the sea.

Isaiah recorded this still future event. "In that day the LORD will take His sharp, great, and mighty sword, and bring judgement on Leviathan the fleeing serpent—Leviathan the coiling serpent—and He will slay the dragon of the sea" (Isaiah 27:1).

Leviathan will be destroyed by God. King David sang, "But you, O God, are my king from of old; you bring salvation upon the earth. It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan and gave him as food to the creatures of the desert" (Psalm 74:12-14).

Wickedness will be overthrown. The many heads image the different dominions allied with him.

THE GIANT RED DRAGON

"And the great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him" (Revelation 12:9).

The red dragon will bring much blood shed and terror.

"Then another sign appeared in heaven: a huge red dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven royal crowns on his heads" (Revelation 12:3).

This beastly image is describing a heavenly coalition of rogue and very evil fallen angels. The coalition is imaged as a huge red dragon because Satan is the builder and leader of this alliance. There are seven different leading governments imaged as heads and ten kings imaged as horns. These kings wear royal crowns because they are sons of God from His royal family. They are fallen sons of God.

God does not have a redemption plan for the animals and birds on earth. He describes Satan and his wicked coalition as a huge monstrous beast because there is no redemption plan for them and they are



now operating on a form of instinct, void of sound thinking, void of God's Holy Spirit. Their original forms have completely changed and they resemble something so fearful, terrible and horrible that God compiles an image of a mix of wild, raging animals to provide a vivid concept of something not of earth.

What is to come in the last days, Jesus said, "...will be great tribulation, unmatched from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again. If those days had not been cut short, nobody would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short" (Matthew 24:21-22).

Wars on earth between extremely vile, wicked angels against Almighty God will terrify all the nations on earth.

"And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound has been healed" (Revelation 13:1-3).

The beast from out of the sea—the haven of Wickedness is a beastly coalition of evil, fallen

angels will appear on earth. Satan gives this coalition all of his power and authority and in paralyzing fear, the nations of the world surrender after they attack God's people, those keeping His commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus Christ, the people who do not escape with the "woman" into the wilderness.

The people of the world will be terrified. "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 13:3b-4)



The nations, even as a collective unit of one military force, cannot make war against this beast and win. Surrender is their only option if they want to remain alive. All opposition against this beast will meet with persecution and relentless attacks. The nations of the world will learn to accept Satan as their king. The leaders of the nations will be richly rewarded for their obedience. Many people will accept his rule as well.

The description of the different animal appearances in this beast is designed to illustrate the different strengths wielded from the different leaders within the coalition. Characteristics of this upcoming heavenly coalition, thrown out of heaven onto earth, can be expected from what is known about leopards, lions, and bears.

IT RESEMBLED A LEOPARD

This beast represents the smallest of the large cat species. It is the strongest climber of the large cats and most elusive. In short bursts, it can reach high speeds. Its strength is in its speed, elusive covering and decisive attacks.

IT HAD THE FEET OF A BEAR

Bears walk flat footed like humans and using their toes, they can walk upright like people. Their feet are long, flat and with sharp claws. The polar bear has partially webbed toes for swimming and walking on snow as well as furry bottoms to keep its feet warm on the ice.

The image of a bear with the focus solely about its feet illustrates the movements of this rogue heavenly beast walking and moving like mortals, aggressively and carnally.

MOUTH LIKE A LION

Lions are symbolic of royalty. The kings ruling within this beast are fallen sons of God; they will speak with authority. They roar and maul. People will not be ready for what is coming.

FOUR LIVING CREATURES

God's plan is transparent; it just requires decoding at times. God is using creation on earth to

describe the unseen in heaven. A few prophets were taken into heaven and witnessed creatures beyond anything on earth. Ezekiel's ascension revealed more than angels, but also creatures.

"I looked and saw a whirlwind coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing back and forth and brilliant light all around it. In the center of the fire was a gleam like amber, and within it was the form of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: They had a human form, but each had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the hooves of a calf, gleaming like polished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. All four living creatures had faces and wings, and their wings were touching one another. They did not turn as they moved; each one went straight ahead. The form of



their faces was that of a man, and each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and also the face of an eagle. Such were their faces. Their wings were spread upward; each had two wings touching the wings of the creature on either side, and two wings covering its body. Each creature went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they moved. Each creature went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they moved" (Ezekiel 1:5-12).

These four living creatures are a marvel and a wonder. Nothing on earth resembles them. They are a mystery until the heavens are opened.

TWO GREAT EAGLES and a VINE



There are also heavenly beings imaged as great eagles in heaven. Ezekiel recorded the imagery. God was speaking to the rebellious house of Judah about their efforts to independently strength themselves by allying with Egypt instead of being obedient to God. God spoke through an allegory and a parable to tell a story that involved characters both in heaven and on earth.

"Son of man, set forth an allegory and tell it to the Israelites as a parable. Tell them that this is what the Lord God says: 'A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers of many colors, came to Lebanon and took away the top of the cedar. He plucked off its topmost shoot, carried it to the land of merchants, and planted it in a city of traders. He took some of the seed of the land and planted it in fertile soil; he placed it by abundant waters and set it out like a willow. It sprouted and became a spreading vine, low in height, with branches turned toward him; yet its roots remained where it stood. So, it became a vine and yielded branches and sent out shoots. But there was another great eagle with great wings and many feathers. And behold, this vine bent its roots toward him. It stretched out its branches to him from its planting bed, so that he might water it. It had been planted in good soil by abundant waters in order to yield branches and bear fruit and become a splendid vine'" (Ezekiel 17:5-8).

God was talking to the king of Judah through His imagery. He asked the king if he understood this story and continued to decode it for him, spelling out every detail to ensure that the king knew full well the fate of the house of Judah because of their rebellion against Him.

THE MEANING: The king of Babylon is imaged as a great eagle who goes to Lebanon. God's holy court in heaven is located in Lebanon in heaven. It is by no coincidence that Lebanon on earth is of the same name. The great cedars grown there, image the great leaders in heaven within God's holy court. On earth, God's legal centre is Jerusalem, which is equivalent to Lebanon in heaven. God is speaking from the spiritual view and uses His language accordingly. The king of Babylon overpowers the king and nobles of Judah so they are subservient to him, which God allowed because of Judah's rebellion against Him. The king of Babylon made a treaty and took Jewish leaders to keep their kingdom from becoming powerful and rising up against them. The

kingdom of Judah is imaged as the vine that was nourished by God and all their strength as a nation from God.

The king of Judah was determined to disregard God's punishment by being subservient to Babylon. So, the king of Judah went to pharaoh of Egypt for military help by forming an alliance.

The pharaoh of Egypt was the second great eagle. God responded to Judah's attempt to break from under the subservience of Babylon and said, "Will it not wither completely when the east wind strikes it—wither away in the plot where it grew?" (Ezekiel 17:10b). God translated His own imagery and the "east wind" is the image of His unseen power. "I will bring down on his head my oath that he despised and my covenant that he broke. I will spread my net over him, and he will be caught in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon and execute judgement upon him there because he was unfaithful to me" (Ezekiel 17:19-20).

God uses the imagery of birds and animals to unveil a bigger picture that is beyond what can be understood from earth.

THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD and BIRDS OF THE AIR

There is more to understanding the animals and birds on earth. There are vast dominions in heaven with different creatures some that exist on heavenly land and others with the ability to fly. Reference to this picture can be seen in God's lament of the fall of a great leader in His court in heaven. This was the leader given rulership over Assyria on earth. This once great leader was described by God in Ezekiel 31 as a "cedar of Lebanon" which is the image of an eternal, righteously tall member of God's court in heaven, named Lebanon. This leader fell into sin and when God took it down, the Assyrian nation on earth fell and the nations on earth trembled. The nations allied with Assyria fell as well (Ezekiel 31:16). When this leader was righteous, it provided protection and safety to "all the birds of the air nested in its boughs, all the beasts of the field gave birth under its branches; all the great nations lived in its shade" (Ezekiel 31:6).

These birds of the air and beasts of the field are not referring to physical birds and animals. The leader that fell was a son of God in heaven, a member of His holy court in Lebanon. The beasts of the field and birds of the air are life forms in heaven who are not members of His holy eternal family. Mankind can only see into heaven through a glass darkly.

There exists in heaven creatures referenced as beasts, bulls and calves and more.

King David recorded a song in Psalm 22 that describes the death of Jesus on the cross and him surrounded by bulls, lions, dogs and wild oxen. These are likely descriptors of wicked heavenly beings.

King David wrote what Jesus saw while dying on the cross. "Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. They open their jaws against me like lions that roar and maul. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are disjointed. My heart is like wax; it melts away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You lay me in the dust of death. For dogs surround me; a band of evil men encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones; they stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. But You, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.



Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of wild dogs. Save me from the mouth of the lion; at the horns of the wild oxen" (Psalm 22:12-21).

The animals referenced in Psalm 22 are evil beings gloating at the death of Jesus on the cross. Roaring lions, encircling bulls, wild dogs, wild oxen with horns paint a terrorizing image of raging beings celebrating the death of our Messiah.

King David understood the fallen angels in heaven and the language God uses to identify them. He knew of sons of God in heaven who God gives opportunities to apply judgement and correction, he said, "God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgement among the 'gods'" (Psalm 82:1).

He knew that the nations on earth are led astray by *fallen* heavenly rulers and said, "Rebuke the beast in the reeds, the herd of bulls among the calves of the nations, until it submits, bringing bars of silver. Scatter the nations who delight in war" (Psalm 68:30).

A vast dominion and countless angels and creatures exist in heaven. The reference of beasts of the field and birds of the air reveal more than simply the animals and birds on earth. This use of language was common in ancient times. The king of Nineveh was alarmed about the news of their destruction, so by the decree of the king and his nobles, he ordered, "Let no man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink. Furthermore, let both man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and have everyone call out earnestly to God. Let each one turn from his evil ways and from the violence in his hands" (Jonah 3:7-8).

A strange picture appears to 21st century readers when the king of Nineveh grouped man with beast ordering them to fast and *wear sackcloth*. The herds and flocks were given a different order recognizing the *different level of accountability*. To be clothed in sackcloth means the

wearer understands the level of humility and sincerity needed to show God their willingness to change from their evil ways.

The future paints a grim picture of wild animals in Babylon. "Hyenas will howl in her fortresses and jackals in her luxurious palaces. Babylon's time is at hand, and her days will not be prolonged" (Isaiah 13:22). The type of creature living in Babylon's territory at the end of this evil age, will possibly be a mix of wild, unrepentant people and mischievous demons.

God's use of the word "beast" describes people and fallen angels who exalt themselves above the Almighty God, our Creator. Daniel had a dream of a great tree. This tree imaged a leader, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. Daniel's dream prophesied the expansion of Babylon as a world-ruling power through the power of the God of the Hebrews. His superpower status and expansion were a monument of God's gift of divine grace to a Gentile king who once acknowledged the Supreme God.



"The tree grew large and strong; its top reached the sky, and it was visible to the ends of the earth. Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit was abundant, and upon it was food for all. Under it the beasts of the field found shelter, in its branches the birds of the air nested, and from it every creature was fed" (Daniel 4:3-4).

While at its heights, the beasts of the field would find shelter and the birds of the air would nest. These creatures are not necessarily referring to animals and birds on earth as their habitat does not change from one super power nation to another. Rather an expanded story emerges, revealing God's imagery of creatures in heaven benefiting from the righteous rule of king Nebuchadnezzar on earth whose heavenly ruler over Babylon at that time, also submitted and obeyed the Supreme God. Babylon was not always the haven of Wickedness.

Through Isaiah, God prophesied new things! A time is coming when even the wild animals will honour God.

"Behold, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. *The beasts of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches,* because I provide water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people. The people I formed for Myself will declare My praise" (Isaiah 43:19-21).

The beasts of the field, the jackals, and the ostriches, are prophesied to honour the Supreme God. In coded language, God is describing a creation been given His Holy Spirit. He is going to pour out His Holy Spirit into places that are spiritually dead and creation there, will come alive. These deep mysteries will be fulfilled in time.

Immortality is described by Isaiah as an ability to fly. He said, "But those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Unmeasurable joy will fill those who wait on the LORD to fulfill His plan for mankind. So much so, that it cannot be fully understood while in this decaying state.



The SWORD, the SLING and the BOW and ARROWS

"Listen to Me, O islands; pay attention, O distant peoples: The LORD called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. He made My mouth like a sharp sword; He hid Me in the shadow of His hand. He made Me like a polished arrow; He hid Me in His quiver. He said to Me, 'You are My Servant, Israel, in whom I will display My glory'"

(Isaiah 49:1-3).

Mankind who live in sin thinking their evil and corrupt deeds go unseen will be brought into the light. Sharper than any two-edged sword their lies will be exposed. Polished arrows of truth will pierce through the armour of the wicked. Exposed for who they are, they will flee searching for their hidden places but will have no place to go. The testimony of Jesus will shine brightly leaving no shadows and no dark places.

The Apostle Paul said, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:12-13).

The day is coming when Almighty God and Jesus Christ will end Satan's reign on earth. The commanding power of God's spoken words will capture, judge, sentence and destroy.

"In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea" (Isaiah 27:1).

God refers to three main weapons above all others: the sword, the sling and the bow with arrows. All weapons can kill and are used against enemies, but the sword, the sling and the bow with arrows are unique weapons used in specific types of attacks. The Apostle Paul said that our only enemies are the heavenly rogue, fallen rulers, powers and principalities that are both on earth and in heaven (Ephesians 6:12). Mortals cannot kill or destroy spiritual entities, but they can destroy their lies, twists within truth, misinformation, disinformation, mal-information that creates chaos and division between one another.

The sword often images the word of God in particular His law and way of living that produces peace and harmony. The great gliding and coiling serpent, Leviathan will be judged, sentenced and destroyed by God's sword: His law and His word. He will be tried in God's heavenly court, judged, sentenced and put to death.

THE SWORD, THE SLING, THE BOW with ARROWS

The ancient battles fought by the Israelites all used, at some point, the sword. The famous battle remembered into the 21st century of David against Goliath involved a sling with a stone and Goliath's sword.



"Thus, David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled" (I Samuel 17:50-51).

The use of a sling and a stone to take down a giant may appear to be risky, but it images a weapon that involves the supernatural intervention of God Himself to disable the enemy. When David took Goliath's sword to end his life, it mirrored judgement and the death sentence of Goliath's leadership coupled with his belief system. The sword typically images God's word—the sword of truth, God's belief system. In the case of Goliath, his sword imaged his belief system. When David took the sword of Goliath to behead him, he brought an end to the leader and his rebellious belief system using Goliath's own sword. Lies and deception can be destroyed by proving the lie and deceit.

It is by no surprise that it would be David who would kill Goliath. Ancient stories will be repeated and in David's case, he will be anointed king over the 12 tribes—the 12 nations of 21st century Israel during the Millennial reign of Christ. He will again behead leaders pushing Satan's word—that is, his beliefs by proving them to be wrong.

A time rests on our near horizon when God's people will return to Him, during a time when earth has become the habitat of Satan. They will call out to their God and He will hear them. He

will rescue them and lead them against their enemy described as an army spanning the size of a vast sea.

People, into the 21st century, have dismissed the reality of the spirit world. The reality of the ancient gods has been mythicized. Their silenced history is all part of Satan's plan to entrap people, keep them ignorant and ill-prepared for his arrival and takeover of the earth. Many of God's people have accepted these lies and fallen away from religion, while others have been swept up into the concerns of everyday life.

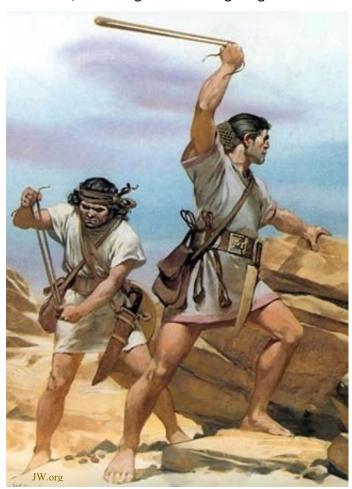
Priorities will change, when the Great Prostitute takes control and Satan is thrown down to earth with his wicked coalition. An alien arrival may be the appearance seen across the planet by all nations—all peoples. They will dazzle the people with their saving-technology and the pretense of good hearts. They will attack God's repentant people immediately to showcase their power and supremacy over mortals on earth and their disdain for the God-fearing covenant people. God will allow the attack, turning lemons into lemonade, God's people will strengthen their relationship with Him and mature spiritually to become an unbreakable force. Another group of God's people will awaken during the latter part of the Great Tribulation. They will call out to their God, the Almighty, during their captivity scattered among the nations by the beast coalition, and He will hear them. He will rescue them and give them a double blessing, like that of the first born in the family. Their double blessing will be their rescue and victory over their enemy. The second Exodus will push the first Exodus into the shadows to become a forgotten memory. A great Exodus from all the nations around the world is prophesied and to their fortress they will return—prisoners of hope, who will follow their God into the greatest victory to be ever recorded. The supernatural strength of the God of Israel leading His remnant people in battle, will crush both the rogue spiritual and mortal forces on earth.

The Second Exodus will ignite excitement and a surge of passion for their Rescuer—their Hero—their God. Loyal and faithful, they will finally trust God. His love for them will be felt by this repentant remnant. God "will bend Judah as I bend a 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." The Jews will be God's bow—the protectors of the Law and the Christians of the ten tribes of 21st century Israel will be the millions of arrows shot out against the nations of the world. A religious war will surge across the planet with God's people on one side and the false prophet on the other. Through the power and strength of Almighty God, His people, in obedience to His law and His ways, will become an invincible force of truth and righteousness. The Christians will slice open the lies, deceit and corruption to reveal the dark secrets of Wickedness. The arrows are already being released as alternative media reveals the lies and deceit of mainstream media. But, what lies ahead on the near horizon is a coordinated work of all 21st century twelve tribes of Israel destroying Wickedness with God Almighty in front with Jesus Christ, leading and protecting them.

The height of this great battle will take place at the very end of this evil age. It will be the time to overthrow the "inhabitants" whose names have not written in the book of life since the

foundation of the world. As the ancient Israelites marched into battle against the giants living in their promised land, with God Almighty in the lead and Jesus Christ behind, so it will be again. "Then 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. They will drink and roar as with wine... The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown" (Zechariah 9:14-17).

Like David, God images them using slingstones because His guiding power will supernaturally



disarm the giant forces making it possible for His people to decapitate the enemy. The bow and arrows work in the same way. The house of Judah and the house of Israel will bend their knee before their God and together, they will overthrow the armies of the nations who are in servitude to Satan.

The great repentance of the people of the 21st century nations of Israel remains a future event. At that time, God promises, "I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them. The Ephraimites will become like mighty men, and their hearts will be glad as with wine... I will signal for them and gather them in. Surely, I will redeem them; they will be as numerous as before. Though I scatter them among the peoples, yet in distant lands they will remember me. They and their children will survive and they will

return... I will strengthen them in the LORD and in his name, they will walk" (Zechariah 10:6-12).

The sword is a powerful weapon that cuts away the lies to reveal truth, honesty and righteousness. When Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden of Eden, two powerful angels were stationed at the entrance to keep polluting sinners out.

"So, He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life" (Genesis 3:24).

Eternal life was not accessible to Adam and Eve after they sinned. They would need a Saviour with a two-edged sword—a witness [two-edged] of truth [sword]. The sword of truth in the hand of Jesus Christ will determine honesty, justice and ensure the preservation of peace.

THE COMMANDER OF GOD'S ARMY

Jesus Christ, the Son of God is the great commander of God's army of truth and righteousness. He is battling against Wickedness—that evil enemy, who is: a liar, a deceiver, and the instigator of dark secrets and societies infested with corruption and destruction.

The commander reveals the power he has to Joshua. "Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us or for our adversaries?' 'Neither,' He replied. 'I have now come as Commander of the LORD's army.' Then Joshua fell face down in reverence and asked Him, 'What does my Lord have to say to His servant?' The Commander of the LORD's army replied, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy. And Joshua did so" (Joshua 5:13-15).

The commander of the LORD's army [the Son of God] with his sword drawn revealed to Joshua his holiness and authority in the battle of destroying the giants, off-spring of Wickedness living in rebellion against God.

The relentless war on earth throughout all the ages, is the battle of truth against lies, righteousness against wickedness. It will take the complete knowledge and understanding of God's word and His law to *overcome* Wickedness.

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is *the* word of God" (Ephesians 6:17).

Lies and deceit will be exposed.

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

God's word cuts deep. Excuses and compromises will be exposed, bringing shame to the dishonest. The sword and



arrows are weapons of the tongue. Cutting remarks, insults, labeling, accusations are the many arrows used by evil-doers.

King David understood God's imagery and used it in his lyrics. "Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword. They aimed bitter speech as their arrow" (Psalm 64:3).

In the wisdom of Solomon, he taught the importance of the careful use of language. "There is one who *speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword*, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Proverbs 12:18).

Jesus loves righteousness and truth. Compromising, twisting and pushing disinformation is the battle Christ faces and he will use God's truth as his sharp two-edged sword to destroy every deviation from the pure word of God. Nothing but the pure word of God will be accepted.

Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but *a sword*" (Matthew 10:34).

Jesus Christ will not compromise on God's word. People will feel the discomfort as they are corrected and taught the truth.

The playbook of Wickedness has not changed since iniquity. In this evil age, every play is used by those who serve Wickedness.

"The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved" (II Thessalonians 2:9-10).

Question the narrative of the news reporters and people who claim to know the story. Search for the truth, test your findings by the word of God and do not lean on your own understanding, but press God earnestly for His guidance into truth, so that you may be saved.

Wickedness does not hide his plays. While Jesus was on earth, he was a perpetual victim of the ruthless, malicious plays of Wickedness.

The scriptures expose the playbook in use.



Liars:

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).



Deceivers, twisting good works into evil:

"And when the demon had been driven out, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel! But the Pharisees said, 'It is by the prince of demons that He drives out demons.' Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness" (Matthew 9:33-35).

It is not surprising that the Jesus-hating Pharisees twisted the good works of Jesus claiming the power of all the miracles he did to have come from the devil.



Accusers, falsely accusing in order to bring a charge:

"On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, 'Get up and come forward!' And he got up and came forward. And Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?'" (Luke 6:6-11)

"The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death" (Matthew 26:59).



Character assassins, blackening and slandering every good action:

Jesus said, "John [the Baptist] came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners'" (Matthew 11:18-19).



Tricksters, weaving malicious arguments to entrap:

Jesus was continually attacked by the religious leaders using every tactic in the playbook of Wickedness.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. Haven't you read this scripture: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?' Then they looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them... Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement" (Mark 12:9-12).

"So, they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor" (Luke 20:20).

"When He left there, the Scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say" (Luke 11:53-54).



Haters, filled with rage and angst:

"Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him [Jesus] in his words... 'Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, 'Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax.' And they brought Him a denarius. 'Whose image is this, He asked, 'and whose inscription?' They answered, 'Caesar's.' So, Jesus told them, 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed. So, they left him and went away" (Matthew 22:15-22).



Mockers are mob followers:

Determined to discredit Jesus, they, "hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross, and will believe in him'... In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him" (Matthew 27:39-42, 44).



Bribers and enticers, paying-off informants:

Bribing and enticing to pay-off informants becomes necessary to the cover-ups of their evil deeds.

"And after the chief priests had met with the elders and formed a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep'" (Matthew 28:12-13).



Conspirators, plotting the death of those in their way:

Jesus saw into their perpetual conspiracy against him. He spoke a parable. "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him ... When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them" (Matthew 21:38-39, 45).

The Pharisees knew that Jesus knew their plans. It added more fuel to their fire to kill him at any cost. "But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus" (Matthew 12:14).



Outlaws, despisers of God:

"So, you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, burdensome loads and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them" (Matthew 23:3-4).

Jesus said, "Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees" (Matthew 16:11b-12).

"So, the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?' He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men" (Mark 7:5-8).

God has called believers back into His word to live honestly, care for and love one another. Find ways to support each other and resolve conflicts peacefully. "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will" (II Timothy 2:23-26).

Recognize the red flags and avoid them. There is no place for Wickedness in the lives of those who serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

AN ESPECIALLY NASTY ENEMY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

There lies on our near horizon a ruthless and cruel enemy. He will be used by God to awaken God's people and mankind to see the work of Wickedness. When God is done, this enemy is destined to fall by the power of God's spiritual sword. Isaiah recorded, "And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of man will devour him. So, he will not escape the sword" (Isaiah 31:8).

Unfinished business remains to be seen; an invasion is prophesied. "When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses..." (Micah 5:5), this remains a future event because God's people will subdue this Assyria, unlike Israel's captivity by Assyria at 722 B.C..

At this time, God's people will have righteous, God-fearing and law-keeping leaders. "We will raise against him seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men. They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. He [God] will deliver us from the Assyrian when he invades our land and marches into our borders" (Micah 5:6).

This will be a time when these people have repented of their sins; they are God-fearing and God-serving people. "Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies" (Micah 5:9). It will be a time at the end of the Great Tribulation, a remnant survives and they will be a great force among the nations because God Almighty strengthens them. They will come to see the "Assyrian" for who he really is—a traitor to their God and enemy out to totally destroy them. God said, "Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! I

send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations" (Isaiah 10:5-7).

This group of God's people are not part of the religious body referred to in Revelation as the "woman" who escapes into the wilderness for three and a half years. It would also appear that they are not the group who are keeping the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus Christ and targeted by Satan after his fall to earth. Rather a wayward and stubborn group who follow Satan for a time worshipping idols and serving him.

"'For on that day, every one of you will reject the idols of silver and gold that your own hands have sinfully made" (Isaiah 31:7). God's wrath is against these people who awaken through the invasion of the very leader in whom they had put their faith and trust.

The world at that time will have returned to worshipping the fallen gods of ancient times. Idols will be mandated. Power will return to mortals to call out to these fallen gods for favours and help. The remnant of God's people will repent and destroy the idols that they make.

They will no longer rely on the Assyrian. "In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Almighty God. Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return" (Isaiah 10:20-22).

These people will be cruelly mocked and cursed. The God of Israel will comfort them, both Judah and the ten tribes—all twelves tribes of Israel, and save them.

"As you have been an object of cursing among the nations. O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong" (Zechariah 8:13).

This painful time will awaken the remaining stubborn people of God who refused to listen to earlier instruction.

The heavenly ruler over "Assyria" is a doomed, fallen son of God. Ancient Assyria on earth collapsed around 609 B.C.. The "Assyria" God is referring to is likely a dominion in heaven ruled by the same rebel who was given rulership over Assyria at the time of Babel. This Assyrian sets himself up as supreme ruler in the Holy Land, God's centre of government. His plan resembles the desires of the Antichrist and the little horn in Daniel. The LORD Almighty has sworn, "I will crush the Assyrian in my land, on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders" (Isaiah 14:25).

God will destroy the "Assyrian" with His spiritual sword—commands from His mouth, condemnation and judgement, sentencing and destruction.

The war in heaven will come down to earth. It will be a time like no other and a time that will never occur again in all its horror and terror. God Almighty and Jesus Christ will pour out their wrath on all the wicked both spiritual and mortal on earth. From the mouth of Jesus Christ through merely a spoken command, all will be fulfilled. "In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength" (Revelation 1:16).

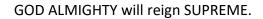
"Then Assyria will fall, but not by the sword of man; a sword will devour them, but not one made by mortals. They will flee before the sword, and their young men will be put to forced labor. Their rock will pass away for fear, and their princes will panic at the sight of the battle standard,' declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 31:8-9).

All of the creation in heaven understood the fundamentals of God's law upon their waking breath. There is no salvation plan for those who sin, knowingly.

"So, when the Lord has completed all His work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, He will say, 'I will punish the king of Assyria for the fruit of his arrogant heart and the proud look in his eyes'" (Isaiah 10:12).

The sword is God's word and the bow is God's commandments. The wicked rulers in heaven and on earth will all be brought before God's heavenly court. Their reign of terror will end!

"In that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven above and the kings of the earth below. They will be gathered together like prisoners in a pit. They will be confined to a dungeon and punished after many days. The moon will be confounded and the sun will be ashamed; for the LORD of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders with great glory" (Isaiah 24: 21-23).





The HABITATS on and above EARTH

"And God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."

And it was so"

(Genesis 1:9).



In the beginning, God created realms for the first and second creation. The realm of the first creation is vast, a home for countless angels and creatures. The realm of the second creation is small by comparison and in many ways remains a mystery to mankind. It points to our Great, Almighty God who the Psalmist said, "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 91:1). Mankind Is yet to understand the magnitude of that scripture.

Godless scientists and researchers have withheld discoveries from the people and generated suspicion. Many historians have bent their knee to silence truth and remain in lock-step with the puppeteers. A narrative devised by evil entities is preached repetitively to program the people, keeping them misinformed and spiritually, unaware of the wonderful truth of who they are and their royal calling. A hidden agenda is at play, but not for long.

The first verse of the Bible begins with the moment God, the Father began creating through the Son. A beginning was established. "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The realms for two creations were created at the same time. Planned before the beginning, was the creation of an eternal, holy, royal, ruling family of God.

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The earth had fallen into chaos—it was formless and covered in darkness. God is not a Creator of chaos and darkness. The Son, through the power of the Father, commanded and all the forces at work obeyed. "Let there be light," God said. And, there was light. Order was set into motion and chaos disciplined.

Then God said, "Let there be a firmament between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth" (Genesis 1:6). This verse points to two separate water basins—one in heaven where the spirit beings live and one on earth. A firm divider was set in place to separate the waters. Understanding this divider is a mystery not fully understood.

The "firmament" by definition in the Merriam-Webster is "the vault or arch of the sky". https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/firmament

Vocabulary.com state, "The *firmament* is the curve of the sky, especially if you imagine it as a solid surface." https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/firmament

God placed a dome-like structure over the earth. God called the firmament, "sky". This dividing firmament need not necessarily wrap around the earth but cover like a canopy over the vast array of stars and planets in their galaxies within the physical creation.

At the end of the age, God will roll up this structure—the sky—and mankind will be able to see into the realm in heaven. "All the stars of heaven will be dissolved. The skies will be rolled up like a scroll, and all their stars will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like foliage from the fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4).

THE SKY

This sky that God will eventually roll up is described to have ends, like a scroll. "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other" (Matthew 24:31). Describing objects with ends does not paint an image of a complete circle. A sky, with ends, may simply be a massive canopy



with four corners that reaches beyond the eyes of man. Its composition is not fully known and where it begins and ends is a tease for the godless scientists who studies have no end.

Job knew a lot about the amazing engineering of earth and all that surrounds it. He said to his friends who were debating with him, "Can you, like Him, spread out the skies to reflect the heat like a mirror of bronze?" (Job 37:18)

The Psalmist saw the greatness of the Almighty God. He wrote, "Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent, laying the beams of His chambers in the waters above, making the clouds His chariot, walking on the wings of the wind. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved" (Psalm 104:1-5).

This image sets Almighty God, of whom there is none like Him, covered in glorious light. The third heaven is built with a sky like that over earth that is stretched out like a tent, with beams that are set deep in the waters of heaven. He uses the clouds as His chariot and walks of the poetic wings that span out from the forces of the wind. Like God's throne in heaven, He set earth, an engineered structure, on foundations. Ezekiel saw God's habitat. "Above the expanse [the tent-like sky] over their heads [the four living creatures] was the likeness of a throne with the appearance of sapphire, and on the throne high above was a figure like that of a man" (Ezekiel 1:26).

The Great Creator is mighty. "It is *He who sits above the circle of the earth*, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who *stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in*" (Isaiah 40:22). God's throne is north of earth, which is shaped in a circle. Again, the heavens are stretched out like a tent. A massive canopy separates the realms of the first and second creation.

Even the sun on earth is described as covered under a tent. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. Without speech or language, without a sound to be heard, their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun" (Psalm 19:4).

God's structures are familiar to all of mankind. All well-engineered buildings have a roof, supporting pillars and a foundation. God is teaching mankind about the spiritual building in progress. The foundation will be comprised of the ancient judges, prophets and apostles, the supporting pillars will be the Philadelphia saints and the roof will be the great expanse of God's law and His theology that protects and shields the structure from harm.

Satan's goal is to distract mankind from discovering the Great Creator by looking into the great expanse and provoking a desire to explore deep space in their high-tech, man-engineered ships and go star-trekking with hope to expand and settle, dominate and control as if that is their calling. Instead, of humbling themselves in wonder and amazement before the Great Creator

whose hands have made all that they see and is offering this mortal creation on earth, life eternal in His holy, royal, ruling God family.

Despite mankind's refusal to see Him in creation and how heaven and earth have been made, His plan for them moves forward. In the sky, air travels and this movement is referred to as wind. God's Holy Spirit is imaged as air moving with great force, energy and power, like rushing winds. The people of the born-again church who received God's Holy Spirit felt the great force of God's Holy Spirit.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:1-2).

The first resurrection awakens and transforms the dead first and then the saints who are alive. They rise to meet Christ in the air, above the ground they move upwards into a location that holds a level of supremacy.

"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" (Thessalonians 4:17).

The resurrected elect will be gathered from the ends of earth and heaven. The ends of the vast expanse separating the realms in heaven and earth, is so vast that mankind cannot see the ends. Jesus uses exaggeration to emphasize that He will gather all the saints no matter where they are. Even those transported off planet and sent away, will be gathered by the angels if that ever becomes a possibility and an option. "And then He [Jesus] will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven" (Mark 13:27).

The sky is a habitat of unseen elements that are tapped and used. Airwave transmission is a broadcasting activity everywhere across this planet. Satan is the master of this invisible platform that carries his messages to unsuspecting mortals. He is referred to as the prince of the power of the air and his telepathic-like chatter never stops.

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2).

The last bowl to be poured out on the earth at the end of this evil age, will go into the air, onto Satan's communication platform. No longer will he be able to deceive, except after Christ's 1,000-year reign but for a short time.

The Apostle John recorded, "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'" (Revelation 16:17). The evil age will come to an end when Satan is captured and silenced.

THE LAND

And God said, "'Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.' And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:9-10). Naming is important and who names indicates who has authority over it. God names these habitats because He has rulership over it.

Mid-points on the surface of our spherical planet is tricky to determine. When God refers to mid-points on our curved surface, He is may not be triangulating a specific geographic point, rather an image of a global event.

Daniel recorded an event, global in magnitude and humbling for the house of Judah. "Now these were the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, there was a tree in the midst of the earth and its height was great" (Daniel 4:10-11).

Daniel had a vision of a tree positioned right in the middle of earth. The tree is an image of a leader and in this case, the leader was King Nebuchadnezzar. The middle of the earth points to his centre of control over all of the earth. His kingdom may have been the first world-ruling kingdom after the great flood.

The engineering of earth includes foundations that keep it from collapsing. The Psalmist recorded, "He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever" (Psalm 104:5).

The earth also has supporting pillars. When Job was describing the absolute power, perfection and brilliance of God, he said, "Who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble. He speaks to the sun and it does not shine; He seals off the light of the stars... He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be numbered... How can I dispute with him?" (Job 9:6-7, 10, 14a)

God built earth like a house using the same blueprint as He built for Himself. In His greatness and teaching that upon understanding the vast difference between the Great Creator and the little creation, God said, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?" (Isaiah 66:1)

Indeed, God is great! Satan is working day and night to hide the evidence of the Mighty Creator using distraction and pride, encouraging foolish mankind to limit their calling to merely startrekking under the canopy of earth when God is offering mankind eternal life in His vast, horizonless kingdom.

The land is God's image for a habitat where growth takes place and an abundance of fruit can be produced. It mirrors people who have the potential for eternal life, where they can grow in God's knowledge, understanding and wisdom to produce the fruits of righteousness. Like the covering of the righteous, the fields that yield clothe the earth, which is only made possible by the power of the Great Creator.

The Psalmist sang, "You attend to the earth and water it; with abundance You enrich it. The streams of God are full of water, for You prepare our grain by providing for the earth. You soak its furrows and level its ridges; You soften it with showers and bless its growth. You crown the year with Your bounty, and Your paths overflow with plenty. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills are robed with joy. The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are decked with grain. They shout in triumph; indeed, they sing" (Psalm 65:9-13).



King David understood many of the deep things of God. He knew that God had given Himself an inheritance, that is, kingship over all of Israel [his portion]. He knew that land has a different spiritual story to the sea and the air. He said to Almighty God, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living" (Psalm 142:5).

The land is the habitat of all people on earth. It is the place where they live—the land of the living. For people to grow and bear the fruit of righteousness, they need trained leaders, both national and religious leaders who know and exercise God's law to ensure justice and peace. Leaders are often the cause of much corruption on earth. Mankind is incomplete without the inflowing of God's Holy Spirit. Mankind has a very long and ancient history of taking the wide road to their destruction. To assist the people on earth, Almighty God at the time of Babel, gave them princes—highly-trained and well-respected members of His heavenly court to rule over the nations on earth. He, himself, participated in this project, giving himself rulership over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Recorded in the Song of Moses, "When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court. For the LORD's portion [the group of people on earth God gave to Himself to rule over] is his people, *Jacob his allotted inheritance* [rulership]" (Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

Having rulership over dominions is a snare for all creation both in heaven and on earth. The temptation to become proud and arrogant is difficult to fight. Power corrupts. The land remains the place of the living and under the land—inside the earth—is the place of the imprisoned.

The prison inside earth has many names. It is described by Ezekiel as the Pit. The Apostle John referred to it as the Abyss. The Psalmist and ancient Israel called it Sheol. It is located in inner earth. After Jesus was resurrected, he took the captured rebellious, wicked rulers down to inner earth. "This is why it says: 'When He ascended on high, He led captives away, and gave gifts to men'. What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?" (Ephesians 4:8-9)



It is difficult for mankind to understand a place where they have not visited. The lowest place in all creation is located in the realm of the fallen second creation, that is mankind where all have sinned. Inside the earth, is the prison for the captured, rebellious fallen wicked spiritual entities. It is a great insult for the first creation of spiritual beings to be cast out of the most glorious places in all creation to be sentenced to the most degrading of places—inner earth. Possibly inside the earth where the pillars and foundation of earth are located.

The disciples understood the fate of the rebellious spiritual entities and the location of the prison for them. "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit, in whom He also went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built" (I Peter 3:18-19).

When Satan is eventually brought down to Sheol, God will announce for all to hear that he no longer has a place among those who are spiritually alive. He will reside with the captured, fallen angels in the "Pit."

God knew Satan's secret plan. "'You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to the grave to the depths of the pit" (Isaiah 14:13-15).

On the land, creation grows to great heights. God placed on earth a forest of great cedars in an area named Lebanon. By God's purpose and design, locations on earth are named accordingly. In heaven, God's heavenly court is located in Lebanon in heaven. Unfortunately, the highly respected and valued members of God's heavenly court in Lebanon rebelled against Him and they taught the nations of the world to worship *them* instead of the Great Creator God.

"Then all the trees [leaders] of Eden [God's family name], the choicest and best of Lebanon [God's heavenly court], all the trees [leaders] that were well-watered [filled with God's Holy Spirit], were consoled in the earth below [imprisoned in the pit] (Ezekiel 31:16b).

Lebanon isn't the only location named specifically to mirror a location in heaven. Tyre is a city on earth with a mirrored location in heaven. It is located on the edge of land—on the edge of the spiritual living, a seacoast city. Ezekiel recorded God's words about the fall of Tyre, speaking to the king of Tyre, He prophesied the fall and destruction of this wicked king.

"When I make you a desolate city like other deserted cities, and when I raise up the deep against you so that the mighty waters cover you, then I will bring you down with those who descend to the Pit, to the people of antiquity. I will make you dwell in the earth below like the ancient ruins, with those who descend to the Pit, so that you will no longer be inhabited or set in splendor in the land of the living" (Ezekiel 26:19-20).

The book of Ezekiel records the destruction of all of the heavenly rulers given kingship over the nations on earth. The earthly names identify these rulers. Mankind's only enemies are these fallen heavenly rulers, powers and principalities (Ephesians 6:12) who have led mankind astray and hidden truths essential to their salvation.

The land is also the place of God's holy presence. It is often personified, alive with emotion.

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is *holy ground*" (Exodus 3:5).

God Almighty's presence made the ground holy—a place separated from other places—a place pure and perfect.

"The Commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so" (Joshua 5:15).

Jesus Christ's presence, the Commander of God's army, made the ground holy—a place separated from other places—a place pure and perfect.

God expects His people to follow His directions and rest the land every seven years imaging God's seventh day rest. By not resting, the land does not rejuvenate. By not resting on God's Sabbath, mankind does not rejuvenate spiritually. Job declared his careful obedience to God's commands and vowed that if he was guilty, then the land of the living—the land of the righteous would produce only briers and stinkweed—wicked people.

Job understood the correlation of obedience to God with blessings opposed to curses when disobedient. "I would give account of all my steps; I would approach Him like a prince. If my land cries out against me and its furrows weep together, if I have devoured its produce without payment or broken the spirit of its tenants, then let briers grow instead of wheat and stinkweed instead of barley." Thus concludes the words of Job" (Job 31:37-40).

Jeremiah asked, "How long must the land cry out in mourning, the grasses of the field wither and bake in the sun? The birds and wild animals have simply vanished, all because of the wicked living here — Because they say, 'God does not see what will become of us'" (Jeremiah 12:4).

The land mourns when the righteous are not present. A desert forms resulting in the destructive practices of the wicked.

God warned ancient Israel, "And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you" (Leviticus 18:28).

The land will be intimately bound with the actions and lifestyle of the righteous. As a person lives, such are the blessings they will reap. Obeying God will bring blessings beyond the capacity of the store-houses. It is prophesied about repentant Israel when they return to their homeland, the habitants will be cared for and the two: the people and the land, will be bound together as one. "You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married" (Isaiah 62:4).

Marriage to the land mirrors the type of produce that comes from strong spiritual leaders who are intimately connected to God's word and His commandments. The desert is the image of land on earth that is spiritually dead. Blessings will abound for the righteous.

Abraham was born 200 years after God gave the nations on earth heavenly rulers. "But the LORD's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted inheritance. He found him in a desert land, in a

barren, howling wilderness; He surrounded him, He instructed him, He guarded him as the apple of His eye" (Deuteronomy 32:9-10).

It didn't take long for these rulers to rebel against God, creating deadly sandstorms starving plant life and forcing birds and animals to flee. Their land became a desert—a barren, howling wilderness. Rogue, fallen angels were raging against God and among each other. As it was before the flood, so it happened again. God guarded Abraham from all the wickedness surrounding him. Abraham obeyed God, trusting in Him completely. He became the father of mankind's Saviour and a people destined to become a holy kingdom of royal priests.

The story of God's people is a struggle of good against evil, passion for power over humble priesthood, childlike ignorance chosen over becoming highly-discipled experts of righteousness and living in the moment instead of waiting on the LORD for His kingdom and Christ's reign.

Hosea recorded God's lament of His back-sliding people, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as My priests. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children. The more they multiplied, the more they sinned against Me; they exchanged their Glory for a thing of disgrace" (Hosea 4:6-7).

The journey of God's rebellious people across the land has been one of flight from the east wind.

Israel was pushed by the east wind westward to its very borders. "Has the LORD struck Israel as He struck her oppressors? Was she killed like those who slayed her? By warfare and exile You contended with her and removed her with a fierce wind, as on the day the *east wind* blows" (Isaiah 27:8).

When they repent and turn to Him, God has promised, "I will restore from captivity *My people Israel and Judah*. I will restore them to *the land* that I gave to their fathers, and they will possess it" (Jeremiah 30:3).

God's people will go home to their land—the Holy Land. Finally, thousands of years later the descendants of Jacob will awaken, turn to their God and grow spiritually.

There is a land mass on earth that stands like an elephant in a small room that most people ignore as if it is inconsequential. It is Antarctic. Attention was never drawn down south until after World War 11 when the Antarctic treaty was formulated and later signed on December 1, 1954 by twelve nations to remain a demilitarized zone. The treaty now has 54 signatory nations. Antarctica became a place of interest after World War 11 when it became known that Hitler and his army of Nazis were going there. After the surrender of Germany, the United States sent Admiral Bird to Antarctica to investigate. The battle that took place was terrifying and immediately classified. Since then, it has been declared a site for research and study. This land mass holds mysteries that leaders of 54 nations are interested in, which are rarely shared

with the public. If an entrance was found, the discoveries with it remain classified to the ordinary people.

THE SEA



When Christ has restored all things, the last enemy to be overthrown will be death (I Corinthians 15:26–28) for then, there will be no sin—no wickedness. At that time, God will create a new heaven and a new earth and there will be NO SEA—no haven for Wickedness.

God likens wicked entities and wicked people to the waves of the sea that push and pull people away from truth kicking up falsehood and deceit, hidden reefs that cause trouble, impersonators of righteousness for their own evil goals, evil practitioners that froth up in shame, undisciplined emotions that rage in anger, shouting voices, intimating presence, and unethical users of fearful, bullying tactics.

"The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt" (Isaiah 57:20).

"These men are the hidden reefs in your love feasts, shamelessly feasting with you but shepherding only themselves" (Jude 1:12).

This scripture specifically identifies wicked heavenly entities. "They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever" (Jude 1:13).

The Psalmist describes them using God's imagery. "The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. Above the roar of many waters—the mighty breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is majestic" (Psalm 93:3-4).

THE DEEP WATERS, THE HEART OF THE SEA IMAGES THE HEADQUARTERS OF WICKEDNESS.

King David praised God and thanked Him for rescuing him from wicked, powerful enemies. "I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. For the waves of death engulfed me; the torrents of chaos overwhelmed me... He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support" (II Samuel 22:4-5, 17-19).

King David prayed many times for saving. "Rescue me from the mire and do not let me sink; deliver me from my foes *and out of the deep waters*. Do not let the floods engulf me or the depths swallow me up; let not the Pit close its mouth over me" (Psalm 69:14-15).



"Reach down from heaven and rescue me; rescue me from deep waters, from the power of my enemies, whose mouths speak falsehood, whose right hands are deceitful" (Psalm 144:7-8).

Jonah prayed, when he found himself in the very headquarters of wickedness. He experienced the hellish realm of the wicked; it terrified him. "In my distress I called to the LORD and He answered me. From the belly of Sheol I called for help, and You heard my voice. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple. The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head... but you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God'" (Jonah 2:2-6).

GOD HAS SUPREME AUTHORITY AND HE MAINTAINS CONTROL OVER THE WICKED: ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN.

God's plan cannot be thwarted, every move of the wicked is known; He is ALL POWERFUL. "But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore—the *LORD above is mightier than these!* Your testimonies are fully confirmed; holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, for all the days to come" (Psalm 93:4-5).

"You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, YOU STILL THEM" (Psalm 89:9).

"You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and SILENCED THE SHOUTING of the nations" (Psalm 65:7).

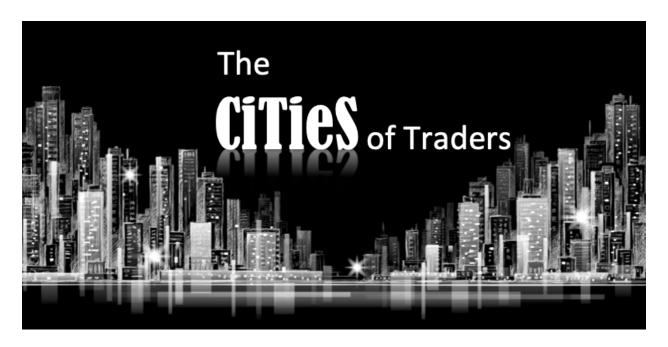
JESUS CHRIST, TOO, HAS AUTHORITY OVER THE WICKED.



Mankind does not have power or authority to quiet spiritual wickedness on earth without praying in the name of Jesus. Jesus has authority over these raging entities. "Then Jesus got up and rebuked THE WIND AND THE SEA. 'Silence!' He commanded. 'Be still!' And the wind died down, and it was perfectly calm" (Mark 4:39).

Jesus was not talking to the weather, but the wicked entities raging against him.

TWO SIGNIFICANT CENTERS OF WICKEDNESS ARE TYRE AND BABYLON.



TYRE: The king of Tyre.

God said, "You were once the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God... you were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you" (Ezekiel 27:12b, 15). His "domain was on the high seas." The sea referenced here is likely the waters in heaven separated from the waters of earth recorded in Genesis. "His builders brought his beauty to perfection" (Ezekiel 27:3-4). They built a maritime city. "All the ships of the sea and their sailors came alongside to trade for your wares" (Ezekiel 27:9).

This maritime city also established and maintained an army of mercenary troops. "Men of Persia, Lydia and Put served as soldiers in your army. They hung their shields and helmets on your walls, bringing you splendor. Men of Arvad and Helech manned your walls on every side, men of Gammad were in your towers. They hung their shields around your walls; they brought your beauty to perfection" (Ezekiel 27:10-11).

It was a well-fortified, world trading center—a complete package: self-defending, self-reliant, self-determined coalition.

However, in God's grand plan, this maritime city is doomed.

"The east wind [God Almighty] will break you to pieces in the heart of the sea. Your wealth, merchandise and wares, your mariners, seamen and shipwrights, your merchants and all your soldiers, and everyone else on board will sink into the heart of the sea on the day of your shipwreck" (Ezekiel 27:26b-27).

THE SEA BEAST AND THE EARTH BEAST

When the great dragon is thrown down to earth, standing on the seashore, he will summon up the beast from out of the sea (Revelation 13:1).

He will stand on the seashore and orchestrate the meeting of the beast from the sea with the beast from out of the earth. A union of the high seas—the heavenly domain of wickedness with their earthly domain out of the earth will form a powerful body comprised of the spiritual and physical: a rogue puppet government and a false church serving dark heavenly forces that will fight this one last time—together. Like iron and clay, this mix will not endure.

The beast from out the sea [wickedness] is an ancient enemy that it will rise again in the latter days and appear on the international scene in its true form—a grotesque and malformed body beyond any natural recognition. Seven heads [seven governments] one of which, suffered a fatal wound but healed, with a blasphemous name on each of its ten horns [ten rulers], moving like raging wild animals—it is desperate to devour the living. "The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction" (Revelation 17:8).

The nations of the world will be taken captive and they will say, "Who can make war against him?" (Revelation 13:4) The combined weaponry of the nations will not be able to overpower the sophisticated, superior science, spiritual weaponry controlled by the heavenly forces, so, they will submit and worship Satan under duress. "Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast" (Revelation 13:4).

The prostitute dressed in purple will ride this beast. She will hold the golden cup filled with the blood of the saints. She is the teacher of her church called: Mystery Babylon the Great. This church is the centre of mankind's theology, producing a congregation who thrive on physical knowledge and human achievements, while discrediting God's word—His spiritual knowledge, His commandments.

"And the angel said to me, 'The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages'" (Revelation 17:15). These people are not righteous God-fearing, God-serving people; they are sold into mankind's theology. They are masters at engineering and building vessels that travel into the sea mirroring their mastery in theft, lies, deception, corruption and infiltration to grab power, wealth and prestige.

SHE SENDS HER MERCHANTS OUT TO SEA—that place where wickedness resides to bring back ideas and knowledge in every area of new science, revolutionary medicine, devious business dealings, alluring arts and mysteries—their desired riches.

God will bring this city down. "Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim. 'Was there ever a city like this great city?' They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: 'Woe, Woe, O great city, where all who had ships on

the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour, she has been brought to ruin!" (Revelation 18:17-18)

They are powerless against Almighty God.

"In that day the LORD will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be gathered together like prisoners in a pit. They will be confined to a dungeon and punished after many days" (Isaiah 24:21-22).

The victims of the Great Harlot are those who oppose her merchandise and wares—the saints. "I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 17:6).

Wicked mankind loves self-reliance, self-determination, and self-glory. Relying and trusting in Almighty God has never been their first choice since day one. It is a difficult lesson to learn for the created to rely on their Creator. What seems so right and good in the eyes of the created can be so wrong and destructive. Solomon wrote, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

THE MOUNTAINS, THE HILLS AND VALLEYS

God images his highest level of government as a mountain. "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain



heights of Israel, I will plant it" (Ezekiel 17:22-23a). In this verse, God was talking about taking His Son and giving him supreme kingship over the government of His people.

The image of a mountain top is a clear picture of the height only a rare few can climb and the only formation on earth that reaches into the heavens. The presence of mountains is awesome. God's coded language is not difficult; the images used are obvious choices.

Mountains will be taken down by God as Wickedness on earth is destroyed. Their lofty federal governments will be demolished. Amazing battles are yet to take place. Not through the use of superpower military might but through God's Holy Spirit, rebellious forces on earth will be flattened. God will use resurrected Zerubbabel to obliterate rebel forces in the way of building God's temple on earth. "What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!' then the word of the LORD came to me: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it.' Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you" (Zechariah 4:7-9). All unfinished tasks given to the people in ancient times will be completed by them, after they are resurrected.

HILLS

When Jesus taught the 5,000 Jews and 4,000 people of the ten tribes, he sat on a hill. He knows God's use of language. A hill is an elevated position, in this case, indicating his authority to teach them.

Ancient Israel has a long history of rebellion against the God of Israel. They craved to be like the nations who were the superpowers on earth with grand temples, massive armies, wealth and riches. Ancient Israel thought that serving the gods ruling over these nations would give them the self-glory and power they lusted for. The nations understood where their heavenly rulers resided and they built altars on the highest locations on earth and under evergreen trees. The symbolism acknowledged the heavenly authority of the gods and the evergreen trees acknowledged them as eternal leaders. These rogue heavenly rulers taught the people of the nations to worship them, instead of the Almighty God. The power the heavenly rulers wielded made it difficult for all people on earth to distinguish between the Almighty God and lessor gods—sons of God. These once highly honoured heavenly rulers turned away from God and entered into a war that remains to this day. God taught ancient Israel against serving these rogue gods.

"You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree" (Deuteronomy 12:2).

When God's people in the latter days are oppressed by the enemy and God's punishment against them ends, He will direct His wrath to the destruction of their oppressors. "The LORD Almighty will lash them with a whip..." (Isaiah 10:26). In response, the oppressor will rage against the "mountain of the daughter of Zion" and "the hill" in Jerusalem on earth. God's great

theological leaders in heaven and on earth will be the target of their rage as they fall from power.

"Yet today he will halt at Nob; He shakes his fist at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. Behold, the Lord GOD of Hosts will lop off the branches with terrifying power. The tall trees will be cut down, the lofty ones will be felled" (Isaiah 10:32-33).

This language of "mountains" and "tall trees" is all about God destroying the powerful, rogue heavenly rulers battling on earth raging against Zion in heaven and His centre, Jerusalem on earth.

God settled the leading tribes on hills as a visual of their authority. It is to no surprise that the tribe of Ephraim was given land in the hill country. This signified their authority as leader among the ten tribes of Israel. Joseph, the father of Ephraim received the first-born blessing by his father, Jacob. Ephraim was Joseph's youngest son. Both sons were blessed by Jacob when he adopted them into his family as equal members. They were part of Joseph's first-born, double blessing.

One of many stories of the ancient Israelites being oppressed by their enemies is preserved when God sends Ehud, a left-handed Benjaminite to lead them into freedom. He goes to the hill country of Ephraim to blow the battle trumpet. It was symbolic of his authority in the place of authority. "It came about when he had arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was in front of them" (Judges 3:27).

THE VALLEYS

In the low places, life thrives. God promises to remove the hinderances that cause people to stumble and fail to move forward walking without stumbling towards God. A time is coming when God will level the way to Him.



"A voice of one calling: 'In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.' For the mouth of the LORD has spoken" (Isaiah 40:3-5).

Before truth breaks-out to cover planet Earth, mankind will experience a dreadful and terrible time at the end of this evil age. Places will have become totally controlled by Wickedness; God's word will be buried. God Almighty will heal those places with the outpouring of His Holy Spirit, people will witness God's truth and recognize the God of Israel as the Supreme God. The valleys will be raised up. Church leadership will not be considered secondary to national leadership. Federal and state/provincial leaders will be made low; their authority significantly reduced. All of the local authorities imaged as "rough ground" and "rugged places" that have worked to spread disinformation and lies, such as mainstream media, will be flattened—silenced. Their power will be gone. People will finally hear the truth; people will hear and believe.

God will accomplish all that He desires. "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

There is a time after the Great Tribulation when joy will fill the hearts and souls of the righteous. The governments at the highest level will recognize and admire the faithful saints who endured patiently. All levels, within the states/provinces, will celebrate in joy the righteous among them and all leaders who hold any position at any level, civically and locally, will clap their hands honouring the righteous people serving Almighty God.

"For you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12).

The world will change because God's covenant people will finally and sincerely return to our loving Father in heaven, the God and only God who mankind owes worship.

He created their home, called Earth with a canopy filled with stars and planets that appear endless. Pillars support the tented-sky and a foundation that keeps this planet stable. Exactly what our home looks like will remain a mystery until Christ returns. Whatever the case, God's creation will never be minimized. The wonder and amazement Believers have for their loving Father and Great Creator in heaven is an eternal experience with much more to come. We see through a glass darkly often because godless scientists, researchers, puppeted leaders and puppeteers want it that way.

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