The Coming of the Son of Man

Simply, it will be just like the days of Noah.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, **people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage**, up to the day Noah entered the ark. And **they were oblivious**, until the flood came and swept them all away. So, will it be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37-39).



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At this time in human history, Satan will have lost his battle in heaven and is thrust down to earth with one-third of his followers.

"For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down... Therefore rejoice, you heaven and you who dwell in them!" (Revelation 12:10b, 12a).

Life in heaven is rejoicing that their enemy is no longer in their realm, but—"woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short" (Revelation 12:12b).

This is a unique time in man's history. Satan is the ruler on earth and he has power to give authority to his servants. He summons a beast from out of the sea and it takes the world captive.

"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" (Revelation 13:1).

"The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast and asked, 'Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?'" (Revelation 13:3b-4)

Such will be the days prior to the coming of Christ. The people will be eating and drinking and giving in marriage as was done in the days of Noah. No one listened to Noah's warning of a coming flood. They likely mocked him and his family. Into the 21^{st} century, the people of the world will behave in the same manner. They will revel in sin and fully accept the ways of their new one-world leader. They will not war against him and his coalition: the beasts from out the sea and earth. They will celebrate their new future with these alien leaders and the wonders of their supernatural technology and theology opposing God and Jesus Christ.

What will the Judo-Christians be doing at this time? Will they be part of the people of the world who are "eating and drinking and giving in marriage"—celebrating their new future.

God is transparent, sharing His plan in every detail. However, He does not want His heavenly enemies to know the intricate details, so He uses His coded language of: parables, imagery, parallels and stories carefully woven throughout the Bible for His faithful followers to discover, learn and prepare. These rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities (Ephesians 6:12) no longer have God's Holy Spirit. They operate in the dark applying their own wisdom, devising their own tactics and strategies, and scheming the overthrow of the realm on earth—their last place at this time of their rulership.

God Almighty is in charge. His plans cannot be thwarted. Yet, these darkened heavenly rulers, powers and authorities are so arrogant and filled with self-glory and self-confidence that they believe the overthrow of God their Creator—the source of all power still remains a possibility.

Then Job replied to the Lord: "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted" (Job 42:1-2).

"Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases" (Psalm 115:3).

"Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'" (Isaiah 46:10).

God has a purpose planned before time itself. He chose a people in our ancient time and vowed to Abraham that He would be a God to them and they would His people.

God entered into an everlasting covenant with Abraham.

"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you" (Genesis 17:7).

Four key points are written in Genesis 17:7:

- 1. An **everlasting covenant** means that God will not break His promise. What He vowed; He will do
- 2. Between "me and you" means the covenant is between God and Abraham.
- 3. Between "your descendants after you for the generations to come" means that all of the descendants born from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be bound into this everlasting covenant.
- 4. "To be your God and the God of your descendants after you" means that the everlasting covenant is God Almighty promising to work with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to bring them into a sincere repentance until they acknowledge the Supreme God and serve Him. He will be their God—their King—their national leader. They will not worship any other gods. He is their Highest Priest. God will never lose track of them after He punishes them for their sins and scatters them throughout the nations, nor will He ever reject them. He knows exactly who and where they are into the 21st century. They are alive and well. Scoffers may mock the existence of God's people today, but to them, God—the Great God says, "It is too small a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make you a light of the nations, so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

"When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst" (Isaiah 50:2).

Scriptures written by Moses and the Prophets all verify God's eternal promise specifically to the descendants of Abraham through Isaac (not Ishmael) and then through Jacob (not Esau). "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac" (Genesis 28:13). Note, in this verse, God is referring to himself as the God of Abraham and Isaac. Both of these men acknowledged the Supreme God as their God—the One they served. "Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haram... I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will

watch over your wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:10, 13-15).

God will not leave the descendants of Jacob until what He has vowed to do is accomplished, that is, to bring the descendants of Jacob into repentance where they acknowledge their God, submit, receive God's Holy Spirit and with a humble spirit live the ways of the Supreme God.

While the descendants of Jacob have rebelled and treated God treacherously, He is bound by His vow to Abraham to work with them and He will prevail.

God will not reject His people—His inheritance.

"For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance" (Deuteronomy 32:9).

"For the LORD will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance" (Psalm 94:14).

Despite their hardened hearts, their stubborn mind-sets and their weak character that leads them down the path of destruction and away from God, God relented in ancient times and relents to this day from destroying them. "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants to whom thou didst swear by Thyself, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' So, the Lord changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people" (Exodus 32:12-14, NASB).

"This is what the LORD says: 'Just as the heavens cannot be measured and the foundations of the earth cannot be explored, so I will not consider casting them away for the evil they have done. I, the LORD, have spoken!" (Jeremiah 31:37)

"Yet even in those days," declares the LORD, "I will not destroy you completely" (Jeremiah 5:18).

"'Surely the eyes of the Sovereign LORD are on the sinful kingdom. I will destroy it [that sinful kingdom] from the face of the earth—yet I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob' declares the LORD" (Amos 98).

"And so, all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26).

God has a salvation plan and it begins with His people.

He will punish these descendants of Jacob for their sins. "YOU ONLY HAVE I CHOSEN OF ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH; therefore, I will punish you for all your sins" (Amos 3:2).

God will bring them to their knees and during a time of great trouble—of intense stress, they will humble themselves and call out to their God. "These are the words concerning Israel (the northern house – 10 tribes) and Judah (the southern house – 2 tribes)... How awful that day will be! No

other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it [Note: 'saved' means that they will repent and be saved spiritually]" (Jeremiah 30:4,7).

They will call out to their God and God will hear them. Moses wrote, "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice" (Deuteronomy 4:30).

They will abhor themselves for their sins. "O mountains of Israel (government of Israel)... I am about to bring the sword against you... Wherever you live, the towns will be laid waste and the high places demolished... your people will be slain among you... But I will spare some, for some of you will escape the sword when you are scattered among the lands and nations... THOSE WHO ESCAPE WILL REMEMBER ME—how I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts [embracing false religions], which have turned you away from me... They will loathe themselves for the evil they have done... And they will know that I am the Lord; I DID NOT THREATEN IN VAIN TO BRING THIS CALAMITY ON THEM" (Ezekiel 6:3-10).

They will accept the punishment from God. "Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light. Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD's wrath, until he pleads my case and establishes my right. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his justice. Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, 'Where is the LORD your God?' My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets" (Micah 7:8-10).

God has not forgotten His everlasting vow to Abraham into the 21st century. The Judo-Christians will experience the full measure of God's parental correction. They are truly without excuse. More resources are available for study than any other time in man's history. The veil was rent in the temple after our Messiah breathed his last breath and died (Matthew 27:51). Direct access to God our Father in heaven is available to everyone from any nation. God's Holy Spirit is available to anyone from any nation upon repentance and baptism. Yet, few walk on the road of righteousness, most still follow like sheep on the broad road to their destruction.

Moses knew it would go this way, not only a first time but a second time.

The first time: "For I know that after my death you are sure to become utterly corrupt and to turn from the way I have commanded you. In the days to come, disaster will fall upon you because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD and provoke him to anger by what your hands have done" (Deuteronomy 31:29).

The second time—still in the future: "Since the days of Gibeah, you have sinned, O Israel, and there you have remained. Did not war overtake the evildoers in Gibeah? When I please, I will punish them; NATIONS will be gathered against them to put them in bonds for their DOUBLE sin" (Hosea 10:9-10).

"When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, IN THE LATTER DAYS you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice" (Deuteronomy 4:30).

In the latter days, the Judo-Christians will **not** be "eating and drinking and giving in marriage" instead, they will have been invaded by the conquering alien force, many will die and the survivors will be brought down to their knees, taken captive and mocked by the nations. In their great distress, they will self-reflect, question the theology of their faith, re-discover their roots and ancient teachings, and forge an unbreakable relationship with their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

A small faithful group have been preserved throughout the ages. In the latter days, this group of men and women who keep the commandments of God, His holy days and hold to the testimony of Jesus Christ will come under attack by Satan.

"When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman [the pure and faithful church] who had given birth to the male child [Christ]. The woman [this church of men and women] was given the two wings of a great eagle [she was given supernatural power imaged as "two wings of an eagle"], so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent [The power given to this church was not enough to withstand Satan's full release of power. She still needed to rely on God who opened the mouth on earth swallowing the flood.] But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth" (Revelation 12:13-15).

The alien arrival will awaken the people all around the world to the reality of life outside of earth. They will witness supernatural and frightening powers. "And he [the beast out of the earth] performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth **in full view of men**" (Revelation 13:13).

Prior to this open display of raw power, the pure and faithful group of men and women will launch a religious revival during a time of conflict. Initially, some from the 21st century Smyrna church will be persecuted (Revelation 2:10) others will be hated and falsely accused for keeping the commandments of God and standing strong holding the testimony of Jesus. Pressures will escalate as a false theology within and outside the Judo-Christians battles against the pure word of God.

At this time, God will begin pouring out His Holy Spirit and the nations will start to pay attention to a people turning from their corrupt and vile ways to the righteous ways taught by their God in ancient times.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your [ancient Israel's 21st century descendants] sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions" (Joel 2:28).

Satan will not tolerate opposition. He will not be able to destroy the pure and faithful church, so he will turn to her congregation who are returning to their God. "Then the dragon was enraged at the

woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 12:17).

The saints begin the religious revival, the repenting Judo-Christians take the gospel to the whole world.

His pure and faithful church will ignite the great religious revival. Then, God will pass the baton onto the congregation who listens and repents. Satan will turn to make war against these people—the repenting Judo-Christian nations, 21st century Israel who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus. The alien force will crush the weapons of these nations. Millions will die as they invade their lands. The survivors are powerless and defenseless. God is building their faith and strengthening their character, while purging those who refuse to repent.

"He who has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints" (Revelation 13:9-10).

The two witnesses will be preaching the pure word of God from Jerusalem. The Judo-Christians will listen and humbly overcome their misunderstandings of scripture and misconceptions to return the pure word of God. They will sincerely repent and in tears, they will return to God.

When 21st century Judo-Christians cry to God, He will hear them. "In those days, at that time, the people of Israel and the people of Judah TOGETHER will go IN TEARS to seek the God [YHWH], their God. They will ask the way of Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten" (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

God has an everlasting love for His people. They have never been lost to Him. They have never been forgotten. They have never been out of His sight. They have always on His mind. Truly, these people were lost to themselves, forgotten, and blinded of their roots for it was them who wandered far and away from God.

"Those who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!" (Jeremiah 31:1-4)

When the 21st century Judo-Christians repent, God sees them as pure—a virgin, again. Satan, still ruling with the beasts from out of the earth and sea will persecute this body of people who have just returned to their God. The nations will mock them and say, "Where is the LORD your God?" (Micah 7:10)

They will reply, "Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light. Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD's

wrath, until he pleads my case and establishes my right. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his justice" (Micah 7:8-9).

They will trust in the Almighty God to rescue them and indeed, He will come and a second exodus of multi-millions will be remembered eternally.

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

Both houses of Israel are in captivity at the same time, unlike their ancient history where the house of Israel entered into captivity before the house of Judah. "The **people of Israel** are oppressed, and the **people of Judah** as well. **All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go**. Yet **the Redeemer is strong; YHWH Almighty is his name**. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon" (Jeremiah 50:33-34).

The second exodus will overshadow the first. God's people will come from the northern areas and far west and from the countries where they were banished. God always knew where He put them and allowed them to settle, until the time had come to return home. "It will no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers" (Jeremiah 16:14-15, Jeremiah 23:7-8).

"They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west" (Hosea 11:10).

Upon their rescue, these once prisoners have hope for their redemption. God has rescued them and because these people remained strong during intense suffering, He awards them with a double blessing: their rescue and **victory over their captors**.

"In that day the remnant left in Israel, **the survivors in the house of Jacob**, will no longer depend on allies who seek to destroy them. But **THEY WILL FAITHFULLY TRUST THE LORD, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL**" (Isaiah 10:20).

The Jews in Jerusalem will experience an awesome rescue. "On that day they will say to Jerusalem, 'Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you; he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" (Zephaniah 3:16-17).

While the Jews rejected Jesus as the Messiah for nearly 2,000 years, they will realize during the intense time of distress their grave mistake. The Antichrist will "rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then, they will set up the abomination that causes desolate" (Daniel 11:31).

The Jews will realize this ruler is not their Messiah. Horror will grip them. It will be as Jesus said, "I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if **someone else comes in his own name**, you will accept him" (John 5:43).

Satan is working his own plan and determined to take Jerusalem. Nations will gather around it and try to take it, but God Almighty will not let them. He will be revealing himself to His people and they will recognize this protection as having come from the Almighty God. They will turn to Him and acknowledge Him. "Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.' One that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a fire-pot in a woodpile, like the flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place" (Zechariah 12:5-6).

It is at this time that God will pour out on the Jewish people a spirit of grace and supplication. "They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great, like the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the Plain of Megiddo" (Zechariah 12:10-11).

The Jewish people will accept Christ as their Savior and return wholeheartedly God. Then, God will allow Jerusalem to be taken captive to display His great saving power and avenge the enemy. The Jews in the city will run to escape, but find themselves trapped without a way out. The LORD will touch down on the Mount of Olives and split the mountain to create a valley to safety.

"Then LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, like when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in half, from east to west, by a very great valley; and half of the mountain will withdraw toward the north, and the other half toward the south. And you will flee by the valley of my mountains, because the valley of the mountains will reach to Azal, and you will flee like you fled from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. And the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him" (Zechariah 14:3–5).

The nations fighting against Jerusalem will be cursed with a plague. "Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other" (Zechariah 14:12-13).

Jerusalem will be rebuilt again; it will be the holy city of God.

"'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when **this city will be rebuilt for me** from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. The measuring line will stretch from there straight to the hill of Gareb and then turn to Goah. The whole valley where dead bodies and ashes are thrown, and all the terraces out to the Kidron Valley on the east as far as the corner of the Horse Gate, will be holy to the Lord. **The city will never again be uprooted or demolished**" (Jeremiah 31:38).

Keil and Delitzsch provide the final commentary of Jeremiah 31, "This image of the new Jerusalem thus forms a very suitable conclusion to this prophecy regarding the restoration of Israel, which, although it begins with the deliverance of the covenant people from their exile, is yet thoroughly Messianic. Though clothed in an Old Testament dress, it does not implicitly declare that Israel shall be brought back to their native land during the period extending from the time of Cyrus to that of Christ; but, taking this interval as its stand-point, it combines in one view both the deliverance from the exile and their redemption by the Messiah, and not merely announces the formation of the new covenant in its beginnings, when the Christian Church was founded, but at the same time points to the completion of the kingdom of God under the new covenant, in order to show the whole extent of the salvation which the Lord will prepare for His people who return to Him.

Finally, then THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE NEW COVENANT WILL BE ACHIEVED as Keil and Delitzsch conclude, "I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE," was set forth as the object of the old covenant."

After God's people repent, He will battle against the nations of the world.

Into battle they will go with God leading and protecting them all of the way. God is angry with the nations for they are "eating and drinking and giving in marriage" having accepted and embraced the ways of Satan, their king. God will now punish them as He has now accomplished what he vowed to Abraham. The Judo-Christians are now serving God and they are His people, He is their God as it was with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God will punish the nations. Christ's return will be a total surprise for them as the flood was in the days of Noah. The people of the world will put their total trust in Satan and follow the lead of the Antichrist and false prophet. "The LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants—it will be the same for priest as for people, for master as for servant, for mistress as for maid, for seller as for buyer, for borrower as for lender, for debtor as for creditor. The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The LORD has spoken this word" (Isaiah 24:1-3).

God will give the victory over the nations to His repentant people. "As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I WILL FREE YOUR PRISONERS from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I WILL RESTORE TWICE AS MUCH TO YOU. I will bend JUDAH as I bend my bow and fill it with EPHRAIM. I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, O Javan, and MAKE YOU LIKE A WARRIOR'S SWORD" (Zechariah 9:12-13).

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

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

The people of Israel and Judah will be a re-united kingdom. They will be awe-struck and amazed by their rescue and the invitation back into the covenant family. A new relationship blossoms, the relationship prophesied by Jeremiah hundreds of years earlier.

Keil and Delitzsch describe this beautiful moment for Israel. "The experience of the unmerited love and compassion of the Lord softens their heart so much, that the favoured one no longer doubts the righteousness of the divine punishment. Such knowledge of true blessedness cannot be called elementary; rather, it implies a deep experience of divine grace and a great advance in the life of faith."

Though 21st Judo-Christians are an extreme minority against the sea of raging people from the nations of the world, God will go ahead of them and be their shield. God's people will take on the world and win without losing one of their own. While the nations believe that it is impossible to successfully make war against the beast, the people of Revelation 15:2 are victorious "over the beast and his image and over the number of his name" because they trust in the Almighty God of Israel who will fight with them.

God's sole intent is to humble the nations and show them WHO is the Almighty—the God of gods.

"I have cut off nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with on one passing through. Their cities are destroyed; no one will be left—no one at all. I said to the city, 'SURELY YOU WILL FEAR ME AND ACCEPT CORRECTION!'... But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did. 'Therefore, wait for me, for the day I will stand up and testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger. Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him should to shoulder" (Zephaniah 3:6-9).

God's plan is to bring the nations of the world into His family.

Christ and his saints will overpower the Antichrist, the false prophet and the beasts.

"Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf... The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh" (Revelation 19:19-21).

The surviving nations will be left without their revered alien leaders. God's first-born nation, Israel, will be the first to be punished and the first to come into God's spiritual family. The nations will come to see that God—the Almighty God is with His people. "I will make known my holy name among my people Israel. I will no longer let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will know that I the Lord am the Holy One in Israel" (Ezekiel 39:7).

"When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord" (Ezekiel 39:27-29).

The nations will meet face-to-face Israel's King of kings and Lord of lords. He will extend his hand and offer them a peace treaty and invite them into the covenant family—part of Abraham's seed. Israel is God's first-born nation, but after them, many nations will be born into His eternal family.

"When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He [Christ] shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his [Christ] kingdom forever" (II Samuel 7:12-13).

Christ will come in outward humility and "he will proclaim peace to the nations" (Zechariah 9:9-10). Keil and Delitzsch add, "he will not conquer the world by the force of arms, and so raise His people to political supremacy, but that He would found His kingdom by suffering and dying—a kingdom which, though not of this world, would nevertheless overcome the world." https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/kdo/zechariah-9.html

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29).

"But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:2).

As in the days of Noah, Wickedness will come to an end.

The coming of the Son of Man will be a total surprise to those who worship Satan, but to those who worship God, Christ's return will be anticipated and regardless of the hour and day, they will be ready because they didn't stop obeying God, they keep His commandments and Holy days and they keep the testimony of Jesus is close to their heart.

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