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PROLOGUE

A time of great distress is coming like no other time on Earth. The magnitude of the Great Flood will not surpass the surprise and confusion, the deception and wonder, the awakening and awe on our near horizon. An arrival from heaven will halt routine life on Earth for all people. The conquering force will give rise to a global government and a universal church.

Modern life on Earth will slide into a world from a thriller movie. Twenty-first-century mankind will return to living under the rule of the gods, as it was in ancient times. The first to gain global power over the people will be a universal church. Many people will engage with this church to buy her exotic wares and believe her lies. A small dedicated body of believers who follow Jesus Christ and serve the Almighty God will not be deceived; they will stand against her. She will become so powerful that national leaders will partner with her to draw from her resources and riches. They will establish mechanisms of trade for the people to expedite her unprecedented acquisition of wealth and power. This church will rise to become a queen, ruling with the kings who arrive in sky-covering ships. Atheists will bend their knee before the beastly coalition of gods. These rulers will enforce their kingship over the nations on Earth. For a short time, the universal church will sit on a throne ruling over mankind, while the alien kings squabble amongst themselves for supremacy. The nations of the world will witness the sting of supernatural power and they will surrender.

While the universal church glorifies herself and revels in the servitude of the national leaders and the merchants, the

beastly coalition of the gods will be plotting and planning her destruction. They will not share their rulership with a queen church. They will destroy her and replace her with him, the false prophet of Revelation. Their reign will never include any religious body from Earth. They support only the ruling powers from heaven; creation on Earth is repugnant to them.

The power of the false prophet of Revelation will amaze mankind. He will not take glory for himself; rather, he will direct the people to worship the leader who will rise above all of the alien kings. The false prophet will stand loyal to this successor, declaring him as King over all kings and the Saviour of mankind.

The power of the alien kings will overwhelm national leaders. Many people will surrender and accept their rulership, as it was in the days of Noah. Planet Earth will never be the same again. The changes coming will send shockwaves across every country. Eyes will open; jaws will drop. Questions will be asked; answers will be sought.

Yet, out of the thickest darkness, a most radiant light will shine and repentant people will receive comfort, warmth, and relief. To a people oppressed and beaten, a victory will come because their god is the All-Powerful God. All that the great Creator planned will be accomplished. Peace will come and love for one another will reign.

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Bible, if not otherwise stated.

THE ARRIVAL

An unheralded flash, then a deafening crack will break through the atmosphere, pitching air blocks in all directions. The whole world will witness the prophesied event. A massive arrival will cover the skies worldwide, blocking out sunlight and creating a choking impulse of fright and terror.

From the clouds, glowing beings will appear. Leaders from within this arrival will control the airwaves and speak to all of mankind at one time. They will command compliance through a display of supernatural power targetting a specific group of people. The nations of the world will be terrified and say, “Who is like the beast; who can wage war against it?” They will surrender. It will be like no other time on Earth.

Hollywood has entertained viewers with many stories of aliens and their arrival on Earth. The thought of such an arrival has been mythicized and massaged into thriller entertainment. Critical thinkers and those willing to question the programmed narrative are taken down a maze of engineered rabbit holes to find the truth. The very thought of alien races, unidentified aerial objects from different galaxies, and abductions are ridiculed by mainstream authorities. People who have experienced strange encounters are rarely taken seriously. The effort to control the average person’s thoughts on such an event is heavily controlled. Dark forces operate in the shadows to keep the reality of strange activity a mystery.

While governments push silence, Almighty God has provided the path to safety written in His prophecies. The Ancient Book of the Judeo-Christians has much to say on this topic.

The great creator God is all about transparency. He has given His people a wealth of knowledge; though, there is a tendency for them to take His preserved word for granted. It was prophesied long ago by the Apostle Peter, “Most importantly, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ‘Where is the promise of His coming?’ they will ask. ‘Ever since our fathers fell asleep, everything continues as it has from the beginning of creation’” (II Peter 3:3-4).

Christ’s return will come as a surprise for the ungodly people who have given up their faith to embrace false hopes, lying promises, and crafty teachings. Roaming into toxic darkness appeals to human nature because the spirit of man lacks the goodness of God’s Spirit.

Jesus warned, “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).

Almighty God created the concept of family when the Son of God was begotten. A vision of a God-family kingdom was birthed. Together, they began to draw, engineer, and detail the plans for creation in heaven and on Earth. God became a Father and His love for children intensified. Foreknown, an adversary would rise and deceive many. During the blackest time on Earth, many people will be oblivious to all of the warning signs. The bridegroom seemingly will be taking a

long time. These sleepy people will awaken and dearly regret their short-sightedness and lack of faith.

Almighty God wants to save all people—His children. “This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who *desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (I Timothy 2:3-4).

God’s Ancient Book is a storehouse of prophetic events; some are now in the past, but most events remain in the future. The end-time prophecies are rich with details to help prepare believers. Unfortunately, many people have no interest and others are captured slaves to the cares of the world. This coming time of great distress will shatter the world for the people living under the canopy of the programmed narrative.

Suddenly, many people will awaken to the realization of a spiritual world filled with life. This end-time period will expose the forces that have influenced mankind since creation. Unbridled power will be felt and never forgotten. What government and established institutions have worked to hide Almighty God has exposed. His skillful penmanship has woven ancient stories full of prophecies with imagery that unveil subtle details that highlight key events on His timeline. God is offering mankind salvation; He has a plan; it cannot be thwarted. In the pages of the Ancient Book, promises speak of mankind’s incredible destiny—a grand calling, designed purposely for them. Let’s take a look.

REVELATION BEYOND DISCLOSURE

“One of the heads of the beast appeared to have been mortally wounded. But the mortal wound was healed, and the whole world marvelled and followed the beast. They worshipped the dragon who had given authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who can wage war against it?’” (Revelation 13:3-4).

The arrival of a beastly coalition is on our near horizon. A dazzling sight will capture the attention of everyone on Earth. The nations will contemplate war, but because of the formidable strength of this foreign arrival, they will immediately surrender. The world will enter into a darkness that will resemble life before the Great Flood. Wickedness will rise up and cover the Earth.

THE BEAST AND THE TEN KINGS

“And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. Then I saw a beast with ten horns and seven heads rising out of the sea. There were ten royal crowns on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads” (Revelation 12:17b, 13:1).

Lucifer, once a glorious guardian angel, was cast out of the highest heaven into the realm of the angels when God saw the seed of iniquity take root and grow. He became God’s relentless opponent. Stripped of his rank, the Adversary wallowed in self-pity. Rage and hatred filled his every

thought and, like a dragon, he snorted fiery arguments to naive listeners. His second great battle is on our near horizon; the outcome is already known. A crushing defeat against the Archangel Michael and his army will puncture his beating heart and he will feel the wrenching confirmation that his time is short. At that time, this Adversary will summon the beast from the sea. Lowly Earth will become their home and they won't like it. Satan's deformed spiritual state will resemble a wild animal raging with anger and snorting fire as he swings his head from side to side.

The beast from the sea is an ancient pantheon of rulers who will rise again and take power over the Earth. As it was in ancient times, the nations of the world will be governed by rulers from heaven. Seven heads of this beast form a coalition of seven established ruling governments, one of which has suffered a fatal wound, but it will be revived. The seven heads are covered with blasphemous names, defiling the Almighty God. They will not hide their disdain for their Father, their Creator. Their pride and arrogance have given rise to childish entitlement. Ten royal kings, each represented as a horn on the sea beast, will rule over seven ancient jurisdictions. The ten royal kings are fallen sons of God from heaven.

THE HEAVENLY RULERS IN ANCIENT TIMES

God has a number of different creations in heaven. Each creation has a set role. Royal members are sons created to be part of the God family. These ten *royal* kings given rulership in the last days were promised kingship at the time of Babel, when God divided the nations (Deuteronomy 32:8).

They were revered experts of God's law and members of His heavenly courts.

It is often forgotten why God divided the people and gave them their own language and territory. Self-reliance and self-direction are driving forces in the spirit of mankind. After the Great Flood, the people began to stray and return to the wicked ways that brought Almighty God to destroy life on Earth through a Great Flood. The people needed good teachers to keep them on the path of righteousness. It was expected that they listen and follow the instructions of these heavenly rulers.

Written on an ancient clay cylinder, located at the British Museum in London, is a portion of the autobiography of King Nabopolassar of Babylon.

“When I was young, although I was the son of nobody, I constantly sought the sanctuaries of my lords the gods Nabu and Marduk. My mind was preoccupied with the establishment of their prescriptions and the complete performance of their rituals. My attention was directed at justice and equity. The god Marduk, the lord who fathoms the hearts of the gods of heaven and the netherworld, who constantly observes the conducts of mankind, perceived my inner thoughts and elevated me...the servant who was anonymous among the people, to a high status in the country in which I was born. He called me to the lordship over the country and the people. He caused a

benevolent protective spirit to walk at my side.
He let me succeed in everything I undertook.”

King Nabopolassar acknowledged his insignificant beginnings. He addressed gods Nabu and Marduk as lords, those who hold a priestly role, and he thought deeply on establishing their prescriptions that bring spiritual healing and health. King Nabopolassar urged future kings after him to focus on calling on their gods for protection and guidance rather than striving for self-direction and empire expansion.

“Any king, at any time, whether a son or a grandson who will succeed me, and whose name Marduk will call to exert rulership of the country do not be concerned with feats of might and power. Seek the sanctuaries of Nabu and Marduk and let them slay your enemies. The lord Marduk examines utterances and scrutinizes the heart. He who is loyal to Marduk, his foundations will endure. He who is loyal to the son of Marduk (i.e., Nabu) will last for eternity.”¹

King Nabopolassar knew that if the regents followed the righteous leadership of their heavenly rulers, their kingdom would last forever. Also, it was not an unreasonable leap for these regents to recognize the supremacy of one god over other gods. King Nebuchadnezzar II declared the God of Israel as the supreme God. Darius, the king of the Medes, also announced the God of Israel as the supreme God over all gods.

¹ History with Cyr. “The Neo-Babylonian Empire (Nabopolassar, Nebuchadnezzar II, Nabonidus).” *YouTube*, August 5, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbFSuO7KHLY>.

Confusion set in when one by one these heavenly rulers rebelled against the Almighty God. Unfortunately, power corrupts. Remaining humble and ruling righteously when given great power and authority is nearly impossible for created beings to master. All of these heavenly rulers wanted more. They joined with Satan, plunging the people of the nations back into darkness. Many of these rulers claimed to be creators and commanded worship.

God kept His promise to give the ten kings in Revelation rulership, but their *time* will be limited to *one hour* in the last days of this evil age. God will use these fallen kings to humble His people and bring them back to Him. Ruled by heavenly rulers again after 2,000 years of silence, the world in the twenty-first century will experience life as it was for the people in ancient times. What is believed by many to be old mythology, our modern world will experience as their new reality.

“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 heavenly rulers who turned against Almighty God are described in scripture as beasts; they are now irredeemable. In ancient times, they engaged directly with the people. Their names were known and worshipped. History will repeat itself and bring this evil age to a head.

The Apostle John saw the beast that *once was, now is not*. This coalition of rebel rulers were overthrown by Jesus’s redemptive sacrifice on the cross. They were not prepared for that type of battle.

“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 parts of the Earth?* He who descended is the very One who ascended above all the heavens, in order to fill all things” (Ephesians 4:8-10).

God has not briefed the angels and sons of God on every detail of His plan. If they had known, they would not have allowed Jesus to die in a sacrificial manner. His holy blood paid the price for the sins of mankind, freeing them from the rule of the rebel potentates. Christ’s victory disarmed them and he took them as captives down into inner Earth. The Apostle Paul knew these fallen heavenly rulers would come to nothing in a matter of time.

“Among the mature, however, we speak a message of wisdom—but not the wisdom of this age or of *the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.* No, we speak of the mysterious and hidden wisdom of God, which He destined for our glory before time began. *None of the rulers of this age understood it. For if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory*” (I Corinthians 2:6-8).

These rulers referred to in I Corinthians 2 are not mortals. Pilate, the ruler over Judaea, could not find a basis for a charge against Jesus. He went before the Jews and tried to release him. Once more Pilate said, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that *I find no basis for a charge against him*” (John 19:4). The Jewish chief priests and officials rejected Jesus’s release.

“Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, ‘If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar’” (John 19:12).

Finally, Pilate said, “Here is your king.” But the Jews shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” (John 19:15).

“When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but instead an uproar was starting, *he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood,’* he said. ‘It is your responsibility!’ All the people answered, ‘Let his blood be on us and on our children’” (Matthew 27:24-25).

Jesus fully understood the battle that would take his life. His redemptive sacrifice would accomplish multiple tasks. It would free mankind from rebel rulers and pay the price for their sins. “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross” (Colossians 2:15).

The booty Christ obtained from the overthrow and capture of these heavenly rulers included the responsibility to teach the nations God’s law of love. Christ gave their teaching task to his church.

“And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by

every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:10-13).

This church, filled with God’s Holy Spirit, will rise to enter the battle field against the Great Harlot and the beastly coalition in the last days. She is the body of saints who will succeed and be awarded the positions once held by these fallen rebels; they will hate her.

THIS BEAST IS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS BEASTS. WHAT PREVIOUS BEASTS?

Daniel recorded, “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. *It was different from all the former beasts* and it had *ten horns*” (Daniel 7:7).

The heavenly coalition during the last days of this evil age, will be different from the previous beastly rulers. These heavenly rulers were once the revered in God’s heavenly courts. Deuteronomy 32:8 is long forgotten. It is the record of Almighty God awarding members of His holy court rulership over the nations; it was their inheritance.

“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*” (New International Version, Deuteronomy 32:8).

Initially, these ancient gods ruled according to God's law of love, but over a relatively short period of time, they acquired an unhealthy competitive spirit. They began to crave more power, expand their territories through invasions, and use fear-mongering tactics packaged with heinous rituals to subdue the people. While some of these heavenly rebels have been captured and imprisoned in Sheol, in inner Earth, some still remain in heaven. A boiling point will be reached and war will break out in heaven. These rebels will not be strong enough and their loss will cause them to fall deeper and deeper into rage, hatred, and wickedness. They will be completely wicked when Christ returns.

The ten members from God's heavenly court who were promised a kingdom at the time of Babel still await their inheritance. Their reign has been saved to close out this evil age. They are the ten horns—the ten kings described in Daniel 7:7 and Revelation 17:12. They will ally with the fourth beast to form a hybrid animal with the characteristics of three of the most powerful animals on Earth.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BEAST OF REVELATION

“The beast I saw was *like a leopard*, with *the feet of a bear* and the *mouth of a lion*. And the dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority” (Revelation 13:2). God is transparent. He is drawing attention to specific features of wild and powerful animals on Earth well known to mankind.

THE LEOPARD: FOCUS ON ITS ABILITIES

This beast represents the smallest of the large cat species. It is the strongest climber of the large cats and the most elusive. In short bursts, it can reach high speeds. Almighty God is directing attention to the unique abilities of a leopard: *speed, elusive covering, and decisive attacks*.

The fourth beast will rise to power quickly and easily because of its ability to move rapidly undetected. Its motives will be hidden. The nations on Earth will surrender without a fight. The beast will offer positions of authority to those who submit and join with them.

The leader of the end-time beast will brag, “By the strength of *my* hand I have done this, and by *my* wisdom, for I am clever. I have removed the boundaries of nations and plundered their treasures; like a mighty one *I subdued their rulers*. My hand reached as into a nest to seize the wealth of the nations. Like one gathering abandoned eggs, I gathered all the Earth. *No wing fluttered, no beak opened or chirped*” (Isaiah 10:13-14).

His haughty declarations will bring him international attention. Those who continue to serve him will delight in his leadership.

THE BEAR: FOCUS ON ITS FEET

Bears walk flat footed like humans. Using their toes, they can walk upright. Their long feet have sharp claws. The polar bear has partially webbed toes for swimming and walking on snow, as well as fur between their toes and footpads for warmth.

The image of a bear with the focus solely on its feet illustrates the movements of this rebel heavenly beast *walking and moving like humans aggressively and carnally with the ability to adapt to its changing environment*. This final beast will have lost much of its spiritual wisdom. They will be thinking and planning like emotionally charged mortals. Their military intelligence will lack sagacity and foresight. Their battle plans will be filled with anger and hatred.

THE LION: FOCUS ON ITS MOUTH

Lions are symbolic of royalty. The ruling kings of the beast are rebel *royal* sons of God; they will *speak with royal authority*. They will sound like the roar of God.

“The LORD will *roar* from on high; He will raise His voice from His holy habitation. He will roar loudly over His pasture; like those who tread the grapes, He will call out with a shout against all the inhabitants of the Earth. The tumult will resound to the ends of the Earth because the LORD brings a charge against the nations. He brings judgment on all mankind and puts the wicked to the sword,’ declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 25:30-31).

The people in the nations will initially trust these rebels, but they will soon realize that they are dictators in league with the Antichrist.

Many biblical scholars have confused Russia with the image of the bear of Revelation, but God is only drawing attention to its feet. In the same way, the Jews are not the mouth of this beast. The Lion of Judah is Jesus Christ. The description of

the beast with a *mouth* of a lion is the voice of rebel sons of God roaring instructions with royal authority.

God has sons in heaven who are members of His royal family. He meets with them regularly. Stories are recorded in the book of Job that are windows into the highest places of God's world. His sons come before Him and discuss matters. Satan comes too; he argues and complains. "Again, there was a day when *the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD*, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD" (Job 2:1).

Not all of the sons of God in heaven are righteous; rebels remain. In God's set time, all rebels will be judged and sentenced. Their eternal bodies will be replaced with decaying structures resembling the weak, aging bodies of mortals.

"I have said, '*You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High*. But like mortals you will die, and like rulers you will fall'" (Psalm 82:6-7).

The rebel sons of God have some knowledge of God's plans, strategies, and His military prowess. Ten rebel sons of God are represented in the lion's mouth of Revelation. The words they speak will be authoritative and their military advice will be valued within their coalition.

Almighty God gave His people ten commandments. The first four commandments teach them about worshipping Him and only Him.

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.

3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

The first commandment acknowledges the existence of spiritual beings who seek worship. The making of idols is the practice of summoning gods and relying on them for favours and blessings.

King David acknowledged the existence of other gods and praised the Almighty God declaring Him to be above them all. He sang, “*For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods*” (Psalm 95:3).

The God of Israel is the supreme God above all of the gods. This lesson will be learned with absolute certainty when Almighty God calls to battle the rebel chief prince Gog of Meshech and Tubal. It will take only a brief moment for this chief prince with his hordes, allies, and people of the nations with them to be destroyed. Spiritual beings are not invincible. God can destroy them; the rebels in heaven will become fragile, like mortals in His hands (Psalm 82:6-7).

THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Mankind’s enemies are not mortal. God commanded mankind to love one another. It is a violation of God’s commandments to spread hatred of one nation against another or peoples against peoples. Hatred causes division. It is one of the popular strategies used by Wickedness to keep mankind distracted. It provides a cover for Wickedness to operate in the shadows.

THE END-TIME BATTLE

The love God commands is no longer practised by the fallen rebels from heaven. They promote competition and war, which has led to their perpetual infighting. They are the authors of the term, *survival of the fittest*.

Daniel recorded the angel's words, "The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on the Earth, different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole Earth, trample it down, and crush it. And the ten horns are ten kings who will rise from this kingdom. *After them another king, different from the earlier ones, will rise and subdue three kings*" (Daniel 7:23-24).

A different king will rise to the top. His plan will be to sit as an equal to the Almighty God.

THE LITTLE HORN

The events coming during this final great battle on Earth will be a grand supernatural display of raw power. Satan will be on Earth crouched in the shadows. He will recognize his need to consolidate power as his last resort to save himself. Like the goalie in a hockey game, he will step out and give all of his power to the little horn described in the book of Daniel. Under his leadership, the beastly coalition will rise to power and work to build an armed super force on Earth. The little horn will try to change the set times and God's laws in order

to establish a precedent that will pardon himself, Satan, and the rebels with them.

“The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and *try to change the set times and the laws*. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time” (Daniel 7:24-25).

For a short time, ten kings will rule on Earth with the sea beast. Their rulership will likely be a combination of great power infused with internal fighting, like a composition of iron mixed with clay. A rebel will rise from the commotion. Each defending their position will fight, bringing their explosive quarrels into view. Mankind will sit and watch a chilling power struggle between ten kings given rulership by Almighty God and a self-appointed little horn. This battle will be won by a ruthless rebel who will subdue three of the ten kings. The fallen three and the remaining seven will bend their knee before the rebel little horn. The beastly coalition will grow increasingly evil and eventually Almighty God will deem it completely wicked.

“In the latter part of their reign, when *the rebellion has reached its full measure*, an *insolent king, skilled in intrigue*, will come to the throne. His power will be great, *but it will not be his own*. He will cause terrible destruction and succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men along with the holy people. Through his craft and by his hand, he will cause deceit to prosper, and in his own mind he will make himself great. In a time of peace, he will destroy many, and

he will even stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be broken off, but *not by human hands*” (Daniel 8:23-25).

Once insignificant, the little horn will lavish in his victory. Giddy from his success, he will behave like an insolent child and wield power like a tyrant. “Then the king will do as he pleases and will *exalt and magnify himself above every god, and he will speak monstrous things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed*, for what has been decreed must be accomplished” (Daniel 11:36).

This will be a time of great distress for those who oppose this tyrant. Deceit will prosper and lies will be normalized. Exotic science will capture inventors and engineers will unlock the impossible both will give rise to a new world filled with limitless opportunities. New technologies and miraculous medical technology will lure people closer to accepting their new leaders. A fireworks display of supernatural power will be a daily event designed to reinforce their superiority and authority.

Known long ago by all of the apostles is the warning recorded by the Apostle Paul, “*The coming of the lawless one will be accompanied by the working of Satan, with every kind of power, sign, and false wonder, and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused the love of the truth that would have saved them*” (II Thessalonians 2:8-9).

The knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ is the truth that saves humanity. Humbly accepting his redemptive sacrifice will keep mankind from spiritual death. Their rebirth will ignite the transformation that will fulfill God’s promised

adoption into His eternal, royal God family. A world ruled by rebels will never bring peace and happiness.

The lawless one will rise above all of the rebel gods; he will claim to be the Saviour of mankind; he will boast and glorify himself, wielding power like mad Nero. His story will be a lie filled with impossible promises.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: HE WILL COME IN HIS OWN NAME

God's penmanship is exquisite. In His effort to achieve full transparency, and yet keep His enemies in the dark, He uses imagery, symbols, numbers, mirroring, parallels, parables, and stories. Animal's horns are symbolic of having authority. The record of Abraham preparing to sacrifice his son, upon the order of God, demonstrates both a story and a symbol that opens the door to peek into God's world. As Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, the angel of the LORD stopped him. This special angel gave Abraham the message that would gift him with an unconditional covenant. "Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me. Then Abraham looked up and saw behind him a ram in a thicket, caught by its horns. So he went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son" (Genesis 22:12-13).

The story: Abraham set out to follow God's instructions and sacrifice his only heir, Isaac. Instead, God provided a ram whose horns were caught in a thicket. A surface reading of this story may be considered just another Old Testament

event; it is not. A deeper look opens the door into God's world, where His finger is pointing to key events of His saving plan for mankind. God is fully transparent to those who recognize His coded language at work.

The symbol: The ram was symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The horns symbolize having authority. The Son of God is a king and a priest in heaven. The symbolism of his horns caught in the thicket is a picture of his capture due to his credentials. He was part of the plan from before the beginning of creation. It was inevitable that he would die for mankind; he was stuck because there was no way out of this agreed understanding. During that difficult time, he asked if there was another way, but concluded, "Not my will be done." He is a ruling Son and a servant Son of his Father, the Almighty God.

The parallel and mirror: For that moment in time, Abraham stood in the shoes of Almighty God. The death of the Son of God, His only heir, was mirrored in the story of Abraham and Isaac. It was a prophecy of the future sacrifice to save mankind. Abraham was prevented from sacrificing Isaac because no mortal could equate to the Son of God, but the foretelling of someone great who has authority was God's intent as Moses carefully wrote, "So he went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering *in place of his son.*"

The Jews knew all of these stories. They anticipated a saviour, yet they rejected Jesus. He left them with a warning, "I have come in my Father's name, and you have not received me; but *if someone else comes in his own name, you will receive him*" (John 5:43).

The little horn will come in his own name; he is the Antichrist of the latter days. He knows that the Jews are still waiting for their Messiah, who will be a descendant of King David. In some way, he will demonstrate that he is from that royal lineage. He will work to capture the whole house of Judah, the Jews, and bring them into his lair to have them serve him, while mocking Almighty God and boasting of the ease of deceiving millions of people. He will declare himself to be the Saviour of mankind and will likely use the false prophet, recorded in the book of Revelation, to prepare the way before his rise to Lordship.

Jesus came as a servant and messenger of Almighty God. He spoke only the words that the Father instructed him to say and how to say it.

“I have not spoken on My own, but *the Father who sent Me has commanded Me what to say and how to say it*” (*New Living Translation*, John 12:49).

The little horn will speak his own words and command obedience from everyone. His hatred for the great Creator will not be withheld; it will flow like a raging river.

During the reign of this tyrant, the Jews will awaken to their grave mistake. At that time, they will realize their true Saviour and weep on a national scale that will be heard by Almighty God. They will acknowledge their mistake and humbly repent. Their repentance was foreseen by God long ago. Zechariah recorded this emotionally charged moment and God’s promise to gift them with grace and His Holy Spirit. *Jesus* will open the door for the outpouring of God’s

Holy Spirit. Then, the Jews will recognize him as the true Saviour of mankind.

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem 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” (Zechariah 12:10-11a).

When Jerusalem is surrounded by a vast sea of armies, they will humbly call out to the God of Israel. They will know their heartfelt cries are heard when they win every battle with ease. Their success will prove the Almighty God is with them. Their leaders will rejoice because the LORD they worship is more powerful than the gods ruling on Earth. “The leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God’” (Zechariah 12:5).

God will give a great victory to both the Jews and to those of the house of David in Jerusalem. The nations watching will be amazed at the strength of everyone regardless of their age or circumstances. *“On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem” (Zechariah 12:8-9).* They will be invincible!

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: SELF-EXALTING

This character will promote himself to the highest ruling office. Nobody will stop him. If there are plans, they will be silenced before a word is uttered. He will rule without opposition. He will “exalt and magnify himself above every god, and he will speak monstrous things against the God of gods” (Daniel 11:36a).

His heavy hand over the other heavenly rulers will be tolerated because they need to work as a single cohesive force in order to achieve their one objective. “These have one mind, and they shall give up their power and authority to the beast. *They will make war against the Lamb....*” (Revelation 17:13-14a). This coalition is dependent on the unification of their power to stand against Jesus Christ who has been given all power.

Those in his coalition will submit, but when the time comes and the little horn falls, none of them will come forward to help him (Daniel 11:45).

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: TRIES TO CHANGE THE SET TIMES AND GOD’S LAWS

“He will speak out against the Most High and oppress the saints of the Most High, *intending to change the appointed times and laws*; and the saints will be given into his hand for a time, and times, and half a time” (Daniel 7:25).

At this time, the little horn will be a cornered beast desperately trying to change the times allocated by Almighty God set into His grand plan for all creation in heaven and on Earth. His legal team will work feverishly to establish a legal claim that supports their position. Their only hope is to trick and entrap Almighty God into a compromise of sorts by manipulating the interpretation of God's law and skewing God's intent to provide a path away from their destruction to a holding place, where they can exist legitimately.

A three-and-a-half-year reign has been set for this rebel. During this time, God will be testing the loyalty of all creation both in heaven and on Earth. The righteous will be strengthened and perfected. The little horn will not succeed beyond God's set time.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: WAGES WAR AGAINST THE SAINTS

The sting of these gods, their cruelty, their anger, the chaos and fear they generate, will bring many people into an unbreakable allegiance with the God of Israel. Wickedness and all the pain and torment it inflicts will be felt by everyone during the Great Tribulation. Many will weep; in despair, they will seek the loving God, their true Creator and enduring heavenly Father.

The beastly coalition will wage war against the saints because they are destined to fill every position that these fallen rebels had in God's government in heaven. Beyond their wildest expectations, the saints are destined to *receive* God's kingdom. They will rule with Jesus Christ for all eternity.

These fallen sons have lost their opportunity to rule with Jesus Christ. They now despise him. Their only hope is to fight to the end, attempting to take God's kingdom by force and establish their own laws.

“The saints will be given into his hand for a time, and times, and half a time. But the court will convene, and his dominion will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. *Then the sovereignty, dominion, and greatness of the kingdoms under all of heaven will be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.* His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will serve and obey Him” (Daniel 7:25b-27).

The testing and purifying will begin with God's people, twenty-first-century Israel, who comprise of twelve nations numbering into hundreds of millions. “*This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God’*” (Zechariah 13:9).

Wise men and women are devoted to serving and obeying God. The time of great distress will impact them; they will be tested and become perfected servants of God. “*Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. Some of the wise will stumble so that they may be refined, purified, and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time*” (New International Version, Daniel 11:33-35).

The perfection of the saints will come from increasing hardship and persecution. Hatred will enter every family and the faithful people of God will become the target of intense oppression. “Because of the multiplication of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. But *the one who perseveres to the end will be saved*” (Matthew 24:12-13). Jesus encouraged believers to remain strong. “I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, *a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God*” (John 16:1-2). These darkened people will justify murdering people for simply having a different belief; they will sanction the violation of God’s commandments.

God has already declared that His eternal kingdom will go to the saints; they will rule with Jesus Christ. These rebels know the written word of God. They are driven to come together to use their collective force in an attempt to overthrow Jesus Christ and prevent the transformation of the saints into their eternal bodies.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: EYES AND MOUTH THAT SPOKE BOASTFULLY

“While I was contemplating the horns, suddenly another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. *This horn had eyes like those of a man....*” (Daniel 7:8a).

This leader will have eyes like humans. He will not have a godly outlook or access to the wisdom of God. His insight will be reduced to mortal thinking with limited foresight. His

confidence will cause him to make mistakes; his arrogance will stifle his judgment. His allies will be forced to accept his crude style of leadership.

The pride of this rebel was foreshadowed in the ancient Assyrians who took captive the northern kingdom of Israel. A future attack is prophesied to occur in the latter days when an Assyrian-like leader will rise again to enslave a remnant of God's people and attempt to annihilate them.

God has prophesied the fate of this arrogant rebel who boasts of *his* strength and *his* wisdom. Almighty God will remind him that his power and strength were given to him by God, Himself. He will be, for a set time, *the rod of God's anger* in order to shake and awaken His wayward people.

“Woe to Assyria, *the rod of My anger; the staff in their hands is My wrath*. I will send him against a godless nation; I will dispatch him against a people destined for My rage, to take spoils and seize plunder, and to trample them down like clay in the streets. But this is not his intention; this is not his plan. *For it is in his heart to destroy and cut off many nations....* 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. For he says: “By the strength of *my* hand I have done this, and by *my* wisdom, for I am clever. I have removed the boundaries of nations and plundered their treasures; like a mighty one I subdued their rulers. My hand reached as into a nest to seize the wealth of the nations. Like one gathering abandoned eggs, I gathered all the Earth. No wing fluttered, no beak opened or chirped....”’ Therefore, the Lord GOD of Hosts will send a wasting disease among Assyria's stout warriors, and under

his pomp will be kindled a fire like a burning flame. And the Light of Israel will become a fire, and its Holy One a flame. In a single day it will burn and devour Assyria's thorns and thistles. The splendour of its forests and orchards, both soul and body, it will completely destroy, as a sickness consumes a man. The remaining trees of its forests will be so few that a child could count them" (Isaiah 10:5, 12-14).

On that day, this "Assyrian" will be the one that a remnant of God's people will have mistakenly looked to for support. When they are struck down by this leader, they will awaken abruptly and humbly turn to their God and He will rescue them. "On that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will *no longer depend on him who struck them*, but they will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return—a remnant of Jacob—to the Mighty God" (Isaiah 10:20-21).

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: HE SPEAKS AGAINST THE MOST HIGH

"... and a mouth that spoke words of arrogance" (Daniel 7:8b).

This little horn with the power given to him will strut in arrogance. His disdain for God Almighty will be expressed openly. Blasphemous names will flow from his mouth. His rise to great power and authority will fill him with blinding self-confidence. He will vocalize his every evil thought and disdain for the Almighty God. "He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods" (Daniel 11:36a).

He will claim to be both the Saviour of mankind and an equal to the Almighty God. No mortal will be able to touch him. His power will even test the rebel kings within the beastly coalition. For a time, he will sit in the temple in Jerusalem deceiving the Jews and abolishing all religions while enforcing his own.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: CONTEMPTIBLE, NOT GIVEN THE HONOUR OF ROYALTY

The honour of being part of the royal family of God will not be offered to this contemptible character. He will be so vile, uncouth, and arrogant that Almighty God will not recognize him as a son of God. Unfazed, this rebel will continue his every effort to war against the Almighty God—the great Creator. He will glorify and coronate himself as the supreme God in his little kingdom of rebels.

“The king will do as he pleases. *He will exalt and magnify himself* above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods” (Daniel 11:36a).

He will have no regard or respect for anyone but himself. “In his place a despicable person will arise; *royal honours will not be given to him*, but he will come in a time of peace and seize the kingdom by intrigue” (Daniel 11:21).

In a time of peace, unsuspecting rulers will stand against a familiar face. Moving quickly and secretly, a cunning confidant will seize full control.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: IT THROWS THE STARRY HOST DOWN TO EARTH AND TRAMPLES THEM

Today, mankind is kept from seeing the conflicts taking place in heaven because the Archangel Michael protects them and keeps the door shut to their activity. However, when he is told to stand down by Almighty God, mankind will see spiritual warfare that will horrify and terrify them.

“It grew as high as the host of heaven, and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the Earth and trampled them” (Daniel 8:10).

The “host of heaven” is referring to God’s army in heaven. The little horn and his army will gain such power that they will have some level of success against God’s army in heaven. Some of God’s army will be thrown down to Earth and trampled upon. This event will be shocking and will shake the faith of believers worldwide.

War in heaven will pierce through the skies of Earth and unleash spiritual chaos and destruction on feeble mortals. Trust in God Almighty will be essential at this time. This war will appear like Almighty God and Jesus Christ have been overpowered, but Almighty God is allowing it. He is building a solid, legal case against this little horn. He is also testing creation in heaven; after all, one-third of the angels have already fallen away to ally with Satan.

No war or time on Earth will be comparable to what is coming. It will be a time of intense testing. The Apostle John recorded, “Then a *war broke out in heaven*: Michael and

his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But the dragon was not strong enough, and no longer was any place found in heaven for him and his angels” (Revelation 12:7-8).

The fear and unrest the sons of God and angels experience in heaven is kept from mankind at this time; however, recorded by Isaiah, when the ruler of Babylon in heaven is overthrown, the righteous described as junipers and cedars of Lebanon will say, “Now that you have been laid low [stripped of power] no one comes to cut us down” (Isaiah 14:8).

The heavenly ruler over the dominion of Babylon in heaven has not yet been overthrown. Like the little horn, this rebel brings intense fear to the righteous angels and sons of God in heaven as he attempts to destroy them.

Mankind could not function if they were exposed to the conflicts in heaven. God has a blanket of stars, countless galaxies, suns, and moons protecting Earth from these battles. This will be removed at God’s specified time.

“The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place” (Revelation 6:14).

“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 on the vine, and foliage on the fig tree” (Isaiah 34:4).

The glistening stars in the night sky also image the radiant beings in heaven.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: SETS ITSELF UP TO BE AS GREAT AS THE PRINCE OF THE HOST

“It magnified itself, even to the Prince of the host; it removed His daily [sacrifice] and overthrew the place of His sanctuary” (Daniel 8:11).

God allows the rebels in heaven the ability to rise up and test the righteous in heaven and on Earth. God is purifying and strengthening them, while identifying the incorrigible who will be destroyed.

“Many will be purified, made spotless, and refined, but the wicked will continue to act wickedly. None of the wicked will understand, but the wise will understand” (Daniel 12:10).

This little horn will set himself up to be *as great as* the Prince of the host. For a time, he will stand as a substitute for Jesus Christ. The little horn is not a mortal leader; he is a spiritual rebel. He will be allowed to do as he pleases. God will allow this enemy to walk through the front door to watch them steal and plunder in order to bring a complete set of legal charges against them.

More than ever before, at this time when Jesus Christ is challenged, Christians will need to be strong holding tight to their faith and trust in Almighty God. What may appear as a failure is the opportunity for God to prosecute these rebels to the fullest extent of His law.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: STOPS THE DAILY [SACRIFICE]

“It magnified itself, even to the Prince of the host; *it removed his daily [sacrifice]* and overthrew the place of his sanctuary” (Daniel 8:11).

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Lexical Summary

tamid: Continually, perpetually, always, regularly

Original Word: תָּמִיד

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: tamiyd

Pronunciation: tah-meed

Phonetic Spelling: (taw-meed')

KJV: alway(-s), continual (employment, -ly), daily, ((n-))ever(-more), perpetual

NASB: continually, continual, regular sacrifice, regularly, always, regular, constantly

Word Origin: [from an unused root meaning to stretch]

1. (properly) continuance (as indefinite extension)
2. but used only (attributively as adjective) constant (or adverbially, constantly)
3. ellipt. the regular (daily) sacrifice

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

always, continual employment daily, nevermore, perpetual

From an unused root meaning to stretch; properly, continuance (as indefinite extension); but used only (attributively as adjective) constant (or adverbially, constantly); ellipt. The regular (daily) sacrifice – alway(-s), continual (employment, -ly), daily, ((n-))ever(-more), perpetual.

The word *sacrifice* is implied in this verse because it is understood that Jesus Christ regularly and continually performs sacrifices, in the form of intercession for mankind night and day. Christ's redemptive sacrifice on the cross was a one-time event. The Hebrew word *tamid* implies daily work related to sacrificial services.²

² Biblehub, “Tamid.” *Biblehub.com*. <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/8548.htm>. Accessed July 5, 2025.

Christ's regular, perpetual, and continual work in his sanctuary in heaven is not daily animal sacrifices. His daily work, as mankind's redemptive Saviour, is his intercession for them. His sacrifice replaced all of the animal sacrifices; they were a mere replica of his perfect sacrifice.

“Therefore, He is able to *save completely* those who draw near to God through Him, *since He always lives to intercede for them*” (Hebrews 7:25).

Mankind needs Christ's twice-daily intercession. Growing into spiritual maturity is a process. Overcoming, learning God's law, and His way takes discipline and practice. During the growth process, mistakes are made; Christ then intercedes.

His continual work in heaven is the daily work that the little horn stops. He will replace Jesus Christ and claim to be mankind's Saviour. He will sway many people into believing that *he* is their intercessor. He is the Antichrist with a different salvation plan packaged with a different theology.

The little horn will radiate with confidence as he seemingly opposes and suppresses Almighty God and Jesus Christ. It is the act of the little horn to sit in the sanctuary of the temple in Jerusalem claiming to be the intercessor of mankind and their creator that is the abomination that makes desolate. He is the unclean animal who will claim to be the redemptive sacrifice of mankind. His vile lordship will be allowed by God for 2,300 evenings and mornings. Traditionally, the daily animal sacrifice was done in the evenings and mornings.

“This is what you are to offer regularly on the altar, each day: two lambs that are a year old. *Offer one lamb in the morning and the other at twilight*” (Exodus 29:38-39).

God identifies the time, expressed in evenings and mornings, because He is associating the actions of the Antichrist with the practice of the daily sacrifices performed by the Hebrew priests. Animal sacrifices in ancient times provided a shadow of the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

“Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, ‘How long until the fulfillment of the vision of the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host to be trampled?’ He said to me, ‘It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be properly restored’” (Daniel 8:13-14).

The confusion of this temporary takeover will be added stress for believers.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: MAKES LOW THE SANCTUARY OF THE PRINCE OF THE HOST

“It magnified itself, even to the Prince of the host; it removed His daily sacrifice and *overthrew the place of His sanctuary*” (Daniel 8:11).

While the little horn has control, he will extinguish the value of Christ’s intercession for mankind and his work. He will replace it with his own style of intercession and deceive many people.

Jesus said, “Then they will deliver you over to be persecuted and killed, and *you will be hated by all nations because of my name*. And then *many will fall away*, and they will betray one another, and will hate one another; and many *false prophets will arise and mislead many*. *Because of the multiplication of wickedness*, the love of most will grow cold. But the one who continues to the end will be saved” (Matthew 24:10-12).

Deception, deception, deception will be the strategy of these rebels. Entertaining dark forces will become an intrigue. People, who lack a rooted relationship with Almighty God and don’t follow Jesus, will be easily tricked and led astray. “Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; *they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons*” (I Timothy 4:1).

Satan is prowling relentlessly seeking who he may devour. Mixing God’s good and right ways with compromised thoughts and actions lures people into the mouth of death. A little right woven in with wrong is often enough to confuse people who will focus on the little right to justify accepting the whole mix. Satan will not give up. He places his evil servants on both sides of the aisle. God’s people are being attacked from within and outside.

“Let no one deceive you in any way, for it will not come until *the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness—the son of perdition*—is revealed. He will oppose and exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship. So, he will seat himself in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God” (II Thessalonians 2:3).

Christ's daily work will be pushed aside as his sacred place is reduced to insignificance. The rebels will become completely wicked as they grab more power and control. The Apostle Paul refused to acknowledge them with the honour of being gods; instead, he reduced them to *so-called* gods. Their rebellious behaviour does not reflect the character of the righteous sons of God in heaven. In justice, God will wait until He has the airtight and absolute legal case against these rebels before prosecuting them; it will be complete within His set time.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: HE WILL STAND AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES

When Christ returns, Earth will have become a police state. In great confidence, the arrogant rebel will declare war on Jesus Christ.

Almighty God has given Jesus Christ all power. The haughty little horn will deceive himself. He is no competition for Jesus Christ. "He will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet *he will be destroyed, but not by human power*" (Daniel 8:25).

Jesus Christ will overthrow this conceited rebel in a single command. No human force will be able to touch him. Then, Christ will confront the nations with the truth. The people serving this rebel and the heavenly coalition will be terrified. They will have rejected the notion of Christ's return, likely because they were willing to adopt the narrative preached by the little horn. They will be caught surprised and in disbelief.

The resurrection of the prophets and the saints will be a shocking, awakening moment for everyone who put their trust in Wickedness. God's wrath will pour out onto the Earth; the force of it will crush the incorrigible.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: IT COMES OUT OF GREECE

Some key details within the event that kept the angel, Gabriel, from reaching Daniel for twenty-one days, have been overlooked by many bible scholars for years. The prince of the Persian kingdom was able to capture and hold an angel. It took the chief prince Michael to free Gabriel from the grip of this rebel. This is because the prince of the Persian kingdom is not a mortal ruler. Some kings in heaven are identified with names of countries on Earth because they have a partnering dominion in heaven. When the angel, Gabriel, was on his way to Daniel, he was delayed three weeks because a powerful prince in heaven captured him and would not let him go.

“However, the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the *kings* of Persia” (Daniel 10:13).

The prince ruling from heaven over the Persian kingdom detained Gabriel. Fortunately, the Archangel Michael—a chief prince, rescued him.

An angel cannot be detained or captured by mere Earthly kings or princes. Gabriel, speaking to Daniel, exposed

moments in their heavenly battles that have been raging for a long time.

The heavenly prince ruling over the physical kingdom of Greece on Earth battled against Gabriel and the other righteous angels. “Soon I will return to *fight against the prince of Persia* and *when I go, the prince of Greece will come*” (Daniel 10:20).

From within the heavenly dominion of Greece, the little horn will rise up. “*Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power*” (Daniel 8:9).

The rise of the empire of Greece on Earth began with Alexander the Great and its gradual fall after his death. Alexander the Great is identified in Daniel 8 in the battle of a ram and a goat.

“Suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole Earth without touching the ground. He came toward the two-horned ram... and charged at him in great rage. I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power. The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven” (Daniel 8:6, 7-8).

While the Greek empire on Earth fell around 323 BCE, the Greek dominion in heaven remains intact. The rising Roman empire embraced the Greek gods and honoured them with

Roman names. By worshipping them, they declared their allegiance to the rulers of the Greek dominion in heaven. The Greek empire on Earth has disappeared; in its place, the Roman empire rose serving the Greek gods.

From within the Greek dominion in heaven, the little horn will increase His power significantly. This rebel will walk through every door with ease. He will acquire so much power that he will be able to establish himself as a high priest in heaven. He will claim to be the true Saviour of mankind and reduce Christ's sanctuary in heaven into an insignificant replica void of power and authority (Daniel 8:14).

"It magnified itself, even to the Prince of the host; it *removed His daily [sacrifice]* and *overthrew the place of His sanctuary*... It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated" (Daniel 8:11, 14).

Daniel was mystified by this vision that he saw. "And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling. 'Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision.'... He said: 'I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns *the appointed time of the end*'" (*New International Version*, Daniel 8:16, 19).

Daniel's vision is a prophecy that will take place at the end of this evil age. It remains in the future when Satan is thrown out of heaven with his rebel angels.

"The four horns that replaced the broken one represent four kingdoms that will rise from that nation but will not have the same power. In the latter part of their reign, when the rebellion has reached its full measure, an insolent king, skilled in

intrigue, will come to the throne” (*New International Version*, Daniel 8:22-23).

At this time, Satan will know his time is short. His coalition of rebels will battle against Jesus Christ and Almighty God.

Marked by frightful events and widespread wickedness, a remnant of God’s people will be identified and targetted above all nations on Earth. To awaken many of them from their godlessness, God will allow them to go into captivity, as it happened in ancient times. It will be the prophesied time of Jacob’s trouble. God will bring them to their knees. They will be mocked and ridiculed, persecuted and imprisoned, and some will be put to death. During their time of great distress, they will remember their God and all twelve nations will cry out to Him. God will hear and rescue them. This second exodus will involve millions of people. The magnitude of this rescue will give glory to the great God of Israel. Unlike ancient Israel who escaped in haste at night, this second exodus will be an orchestrated grand departure showcasing the power of Almighty God; the world will watch in awe. It will be remembered and celebrated for all eternity.

After their rescue, God has prophesied that He will give these people a double blessing, like a firstborn son. They will receive grace and be given victory over the Earthly forces led by the beastly coalition.

“Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; even today I declare that *I will restore to you double*. I will bend *Judah* as I bend my bow and fill it with *Ephraim*. *I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior’s sword*. 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*” (Zechariah 9:12-15).

Since the nations were given heavenly rulers at the time of Babel, kingdoms on Earth became partners with dominions in heaven ruled by the same prince. God identified His enemy at war against Him in the last days with the introduction, *O Greece*. Against the offspring of Greece, Almighty God will send His rescued remnant. He will lead them and be their impregnable shield. He will give them victory against a raging sea of angry rebels serving the ruler of the heavenly dominion of Greece.

These newly repentant people of God will be ecstatic. They will be overjoyed having remembered their ancient roots and the covenant with their god—the supreme God!

Zechariah recorded God’s promise. “I will strengthen the house of Judah [the Jews], and I will save the house of Joseph [the West]. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and *they shall be as though I had not rejected them*, for I am the LORD their God and *I will answer them*. Ephraim [the house of Israel/Western Europe and the West] *will be like a mighty man*, and *their hearts will be glad as with wine*. Their children will see it and be joyful; *their hearts will rejoice in the LORD*. I will whistle for them to gather, for I have redeemed them; and they will be as numerous as they once were. Though I sow them among the nations, *they will remember me in distant lands*; they and their children will live and return.... *I will strengthen them in the LORD*, and

in His name they will walk,’ declares the LORD” (Zechariah 10:6-9a, 12).

This spiritual awakening and growth will be marvellous; their destiny will be realized; their trust in the God of Israel will be indestructible. This awakening will take place in the *distant lands* where they have settled and became nations.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: STRONG BUT NOT BY HIS OWN POWER

The little horn has no great power of his own. Satan will give him his throne, power, and great authority. “The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority” (Revelation 13:2b).

This ambitious and unscrupulous rebel will take the lead of the beastly coalition after subjugating three of the ten royal kings. He will become an unstoppable force until the end of God’s set time. This coalition understands the strength needed to win this battle. Unity is a must.

“These kings have one purpose: to yield their power and authority to the beast” (Revelation 13:17).

Some people will be intrigued as these rebels claim to be their creators; others will be suspicious and tired of their oppressive rule. Many will awaken and seek answers to important questions.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN:
SHOW NO REGARD FOR THE GODS OF HIS
FATHER, THE ONE DESIRED BY WOMEN, NOR
ANY GOD**

The arrogant little horn will have no respect for the leading pantheon of ancient gods who once ruled over the nations. His ego will have reached such heights that he will not be afraid to declare his disdain for Jesus Christ—the One desired by women. The birth of the unique Son of God on Earth was foretold in ancient times. Righteous women desired to be the mother of this great Son.

This little horn is the prophesied Antichrist who will seek complete domination over heaven and Earth. He will disregard the input of the remaining seven kings within his coalition and demand the status of ultimate ruler. Those in his way will become his enemy and his fierce anger will not be withheld.

This battle is the prophesied great war from heaven that will come down to Earth, causing unequaled distress since the beginning of time (Matthew 24:21).

In heaven, Jesus Christ has been coronated the King of kings and Lord of lords over all creation. The egotistical little horn will deceive himself into believing that he can be successful against Jesus Christ. His confidence and arrogance will lure people into trusting him.

The worship and service of rebel gods will sweep across the planet, again. Heinous rituals will be reinstated and mankind will accept the beastly rule as they did in the days of Noah.

God warned His people in ancient times against participating in the detestable practices of these fallen gods.

“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, practices divination or conjury, interprets omens, practices sorcery, casts spells, consults a medium or spiritist, or inquires of the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD. And because of these detestable things, the LORD your God is driving out the nations before you. *You must be blameless before the Lord your God. Though these nations, which you will dispossess, listen to conjurers and diviners, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so*” (Deuteronomy 18:11-14).

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: HONOUR A GOD OF FORTRESSES, A GOD UNKNOWN TO HIS FATHERS

This heavenly war described by Daniel involves powerful heavenly beings: Satan—a fallen guardian angel, rebel kings and princes, and mankind’s enemies recorded in Ephesians 6:12: rulers, powers, and authorities. The little horn will align himself with a heavenly ruler who specializes in war—a god of fortresses and a heavenly rebel new to their order—a god unknown to his fathers. Many of his *fathers* are imprisoned in Sheol.

So much will take place on Earth as these rebel spiritual forces fight, in the open among themselves, for full control. It is this conflict that will terrify and horrify mankind. This time will be like no time ever on Earth nor ever will be again.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: ATTACK THE MIGHTIEST FORTRESSES WITH THE HELP OF A FOREIGN GOD

The battle that began with fallen Lucifer will grow into the great war of the twenty-first century that will come down to Earth. The little horn will call for help from other gods in heaven who will reveal their true loyalties during the Great Tribulation. God is cleaning house in heaven. He will allow the fallen angels to steal and plunder. It will force angels working in darkness to come into the light and He will build a legal case against them. The war that will break out in heaven will ignite the prophesied time of great distress on Earth.

Daniel described a battle between the north and the south and the hatred two kings have for each other. A division of power has taken place. Not seen clearly on Earth today, it will surface in the future.

“The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will sit at the same table and lie to each other, but to no avail, because an end will still come at the appointed time” (Daniel 11:27).

Many of God’s people will go into a future captivity. When His people repent and call out to Him, He will hear and rescue them. He will call out to the north and the south to let His people go. *“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back!’”* (Isaiah 43:6).

As this evil age comes to a close, the military strength and stronghold these rebels have over the nations on Earth will weaken. God will pour out His Holy Spirit during this time

and the people in the nations will hear His word and come to know their true creator God.

“And afterward, *I will pour out My Spirit on all people*. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions” (Joel 2:28).

A great multitude will repent and ally with Almighty God and Jesus Christ. People from “every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb’” (Revelation 7:9-10a).

This countless great multitude will reject the rebel saviour and Satan’s rule. They will declare their allegiance to the great Almighty God and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They will enter into a blood covenant with God and put their lives on the line to stand in support of Him and Jesus Christ.

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God, day and night, has been hurled down’” (*New International Version*, Revelation 12:10-11).

While Jesus Christ intercedes, Satan accuses.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: HE WILL HONOUR THOSE WHO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND REWARD THEM WITH POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY

Like Satan, this rebel will buy loyalty by generously rewarding those who submit and serve him. “He will *make them rulers* over many people and will distribute the land at a price” (Daniel 11:39).

Satan, the king of the heavenly maritime city of Tyre, is described by God in the book of Isaiah. “Is this your city of revelry, the old, old city, whose feet have taken her to settle in far-off lands?” (Isaiah 23:7).

When Isaiah recorded God speaking to the king of Tyre, he opened a window into heaven revealing vast, timeless dominions ruled by kings. The old, old city of Tyre is described as a coastline port (Isaiah 23:7). Tyre on Earth is also a coastline port. It is one of the mirrored locations that reflects a city in heaven. Satan is the king of this port city, which provides access to His great battleship.

Almighty God described Satan’s domain in heaven to be *on the high seas* (Ezekiel 27:4). Cast out of the location of God’s throne, Satan went to work and built a war machine comprised of rebels from heaven and Earth. God watched him work and noted his success. He said, “Your builders brought your beauty to perfection” (Ezekiel 27:4). The perfection God was referencing was Satan’s success in swaying great leaders in heaven from all of the key offices within God’s government to join him in rebellion against Almighty God.

God uses the imagery of trees to describe leaders in heaven. Junipers, cedars, oaks, and cypress trees have unique characteristics that are specific to the different leadership roles, skills, and specialties in heaven. From these, some turned away from God to serve Satan. God details the different types of leaders used to perfect Satan's battleship in Ezekiel 27:5-7.

- Pine trees from Senir were used for timber. Pine trees on Earth are noted for their extensive use in the construction of buildings. They image eternal beings who are skillful engineers designing structures that are resilient and solid. They understand the core functions of a stable organization that can withstand opposing forces. These fallen eternal beings serve Satan and work to keep their team operating as a cohesive unit.
- A cedar tree from Lebanon was used to make the mast. The cedars of Lebanon are God's experts on all legal matters. This leader used as the mast was a member holding a very high position in God's courts. He is an image of Satan's battleship mast because he was close to God and knows God's strategies and thinking. He is a strategic advisor for Satan to guide him safely through deep waters and avoid unknown obstacles because he has a bird's-eye view of God's plans.
- Oaks from Bashan made the oars. The oaks, like the hard wood of the oak tree on Earth, are strong. These are the giants from a hybrid birth and servants of Wickedness who are loyal and unwavering. At

their very core, they are the children of Wickedness. Genesis 15:15-16 discloses an interesting revelation of God's character. He waits until sin has reached its full measure before He punishes and destroys the incorrigible inhabitants on Earth. When lawlessness is continual and unrelenting, God's legal judgment is passed and destruction is declared. God prophesied to Abraham, "You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a ripe old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will return here, for *the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.*" The Amorites were giants living in Canaan.

These giants were described by God to be tall like the cedars and strong like the oaks. "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, though his height was like that of the cedars, and he was as strong as the oaks. Yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below. And I brought you up from the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness, that you might take possession of the land of the Amorite" (Amos 2:9-10).

The giants made the mechanism for humans represented as *oarsmen* to mobilize Satan's agenda. The oars are symbolic of the powerful under-the-table operations of people serving Wickedness who work in the shadows to keep their governments, too-big-to-fail institutions and businesses, and their little worker bees in lock step with them.

- Cypress wood was used to make the deck. The cypress tree on Earth is an evergreen that remains persistently green with leaves throughout all seasons. It is a mirror image of the importance of remaining

alive and healthy under any circumstances. The deck of every boat is the primary area for crew operations. It offers structural integrity. It supports the vital components of every boat. The masts, rigging, and deck equipment are all mounted on the deck. It is a critical part of the engineering in every boat, which combines function, safety, and durability during any maritime condition. These spiritual rebels who are portrayed as the deck are Satan's committed servants working to protect and support rebels at every level of government and business. They also provide cover for under-the-table operations.

- Fine embroidered linen from Egypt is a picture of permanence for the battleship sail that will endure and keep them on course during turbulent times. Egypt has been known for their production of linen since ancient times; it is one of the oldest fabrics. Linen is strong and durable; it's a fabric that provides a cool covering from long, hot summers. Linen is symbolic of righteousness. The servants of Satan used as the sail were once righteous servants of God. They were highly valued for their sound decisions and righteous actions. The sail of a ship captures the surrounding forces to propel it forward. These fallen beings now serve Satan working as agents who propel Satan's work through their ability to utilize forces that cause disruptions, conflicts, and chaos to move Satan's agenda forward.

Working with these rebels in heaven are people on Earth: oarsmen, sailors, shipwrights, and soldiers. These maritime descriptors are the same used to describe people on Earth

who partner with the Great Harlot. These people serving Wickedness are used to mobilize this entity, maintain it, and facilitate business between heaven and Earth. They battle on Earth to keep the enterprise alive and functioning. When leaders implement strange decisions and fringe-like policies, promote disunity and hatred, and work to destroy a sovereign country from within, it is the work of Satan and his crew.

The tactic often used by Satan to sway angels, sons of God, and people on Earth to serve him is the promise of rulership—something they desire and feel entitled to. “Who planned this against Tyre, *the bestower of crowns*, whose merchants are princes [fallen sons of God], whose traders [puppets on Earth serving these *merchants* in heaven] are renowned on the Earth” (Isaiah 23:8).

Like his father, the little horn will buy loyalty through giving his loyalists a crown.

This rebel centre in heaven is doomed. “*The LORD has stretched out his hand over the sea and made its kingdoms tremble*” (Isaiah 23:11).

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: IT WILL INVADE THE BEAUTIFUL LAND

“The invader will do as he pleases, and no one will stand against him. He will establish himself in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand” (Daniel 11:16).

The focus of all the evil work done on Earth by the little horn and his beastly coalition will be the destruction of

everything belonging to God Almighty. If the little horn can't control God's throne or His realm in heaven, then God's centre on Earth and His people will be his relentless target. The West, Western Europe, and the Jews will be in trouble. The descendants of Jacob will experience a time of great distress—Jacob's trouble. The king of the north and the king of the south will conspire together to completely annihilate God's people, His inheritance.

The little horn will be relentless, but the great God remains fully in charge and all powerful.

When that time comes, He has prophesied, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples. Judah will be besieged, as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the Earth gather against her, I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who would heave it away will be severely injured. On that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and every rider with madness. I will keep a watchful eye on the house of Judah, but I will strike with blindness all the horses of the nations. Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts: 'The people of Jerusalem are my strength, for the LORD of Hosts is their God.' On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among the sheaves; they will consume all the peoples around them on the right and on the left, while the people of Jerusalem remain secure there. The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and of the people of Jerusalem may not be greater than that of Judah. On that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem, so that the weakest among them will be like David, and the

house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD going before them” (Zechariah 12:2-8).

Almighty God will defend Jerusalem. Immense power will flow from His throne and the people of Earth will see strength and power like never witnessed before on Earth.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: THE EIGHTH KING

“The beast that was, and now is not, is *an eighth king, who belongs to the other seven and is going into destruction*” (Revelation 17:11).

The little horn is the eighth king. He is also the Antichrist and the Assyrian-like character of the twenty-first century.

“His power will be great, *but it will not be his own*. He will cause terrible destruction and succeed in whatever he does. *He will destroy the mighty men along with the holy people*” (Daniel 8:24).

Daniel described the destruction of the *mighty* and the *holy people* in Daniel 8:24. Different translations have added *men* after the word *mighty*. This war on Earth will become an interwoven engagement of spiritual and physical beings. News media will have stories and updates that will not cease. Persecution against God’s covenant people will not end. Though much destruction will occur during the tyrannical rule of the little horn, his days are numbered; his reign will end.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LITTLE HORN: HE WILL BE DESTROYED, BUT NOT BY HUMAN POWER

“Through his craft and by his hand, he will cause deceit to prosper, and in his own mind he will make himself great. In a time of peace, he will destroy many, and he will even stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be broken off, but *not by human hands*” (Daniel 8:25).

Into the twenty-first century, the heavenly powers ruling and influencing leaders on Earth continues. The adoption of the Greek gods by the Romans gave the Greek heavenly rulers continued power. The great statue that Daniel saw in a dream is an image of the physical regents of the world-ruling kingdoms on Earth governed by heavenly rulers.

The head of gold is an image of the kingdom of Babylon ruled by King Nebuchadnezzar II. The chest and arms are the image of the Medo-Persian empire ruled by Cyrus the Great and Darius the Mede. The belly and thighs of bronze are the image of the Greek empire led by Alexander the Great. He died early in his rule. The Greek kingdom was divided and given to his four generals. Rome adopted the Greek gods and they became the image of the legs of iron. The feet of iron and clay are an image of the final rulership of these rebel heavenly rulers on Earth.

The head of *gold* is attributed to King Nebuchadnezzar II. Almighty God considered him to be highly valuable and precious because he acknowledged Him as the supreme God and gave Him glory. The chest and arms of *silver* reveal God acclaiming King Cyrus as His righteous servant. King

Cyrus allowed the Jews to return home and rebuild His temple. King Darius is also recognized by God as a faithful servant. His love for Daniel acknowledged his respect for the righteousness of the God of Israel who protected Daniel in the den of lions. King Darius believed that Daniel's god was the supreme God. The kings on Earth ruling over Babylon, Persia, and Media recognized the supreme God when their kingdoms rose to power. These sons of God were God's finest and best legal experts. Their rebellion was gradual.

Bronze is not a precious metal. The belly and thighs of *bronze* pointed to the leaders holding to ancient beliefs that rulers on Earth were demi-gods more than mere regents. The legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay are a picture of rebel gods partnered with their puppets on Earth attempting to keep their world-ruling structure functioning through force and subjection.

It will take a powerful spiritual being to seize control and destroy the political, economic, and religious structures established for thousands of years by these fallen heavenly rulers. With little effort, Jesus Christ will bring this monster to an end. He will crush it into fine dust and the wind will scatter the debris never to be seen again.

"A rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them...like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole Earth" (*New International Version*, Daniel 2:33b-35).

There will be no contest. Jesus Christ will strike the feet of iron and clay. The prophecy reveals the timeline; the feet of iron and clay point to the end of the evil age. The structure is ancient and can only be destroyed by Jesus Christ; his government will grow to cover the whole Earth. The author and source of all iniquity will lose everything.

THE DRAGON

Lucifer was created by God to be a guardian of His throne in the highest heaven. He was a member of the Eden God family. God created a perfect angel and gave him the royal honour of a sound mind enriched with wisdom. His brilliance and good looks brought him much attention.

“You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God.... You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.... You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you” (Ezekiel 28:12b-13, 14a, 15).

He was an expert of God’s law and a devout subject. While admiring his own beauty and position, he entertained pride, which over time, brought arrogance. Walking among the *fiery stones* in the highest heaven, he reasoned and played with ideas that led to expectations. Eventually, he became dissatisfied; he desired more power and control. God’s law always stood in his way. He worked to twist and entangle God’s intent and His way into his newly embraced set of beliefs. Lucifer became God’s adversary, relentlessly arguing and disputing. It wasn’t long

before he built an arsenal of weapons misapplying God's law to entrap and defame his opponents. He was no longer fit to be a guardian angel, so God cast him out of the highest heaven into the realm of the angels. Wisdom left him, his shining glory faded, his thoughts became perverted, and his actions became a fireball of raging hostility. His fall brought him down to the ground where he has become a crafty, slithering reptile.

God also describes him as a dragon, still able to fly high to get a bird's-eye view of God's creation and sneak peeks of His work. From the beginning of creation on Earth, Satan wasted no time. He talked to Adam and Eve, luring them into his way of thinking. Eve acted on his advice and Adam followed. They fell into sin and under the rule of Wickedness. The destruction of mankind is Satan's delight; he has no regard for God's purpose for creating them. Jesus said that the annihilation of mankind will be attempted. "*And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short*" (*English Standard Version*, Matthew 24:22).

During this end-time age, the beastly coalition of fallen sons of God and angels will erupt into chaos and they will pour out their hatred onto mankind until they are overthrown by Jesus Christ. While Satan remains active today, he knows the volatility of his position.

Jesus has confirmed Satan's condemnation. "But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world in regard to *sin* and *righteousness* and *judgment*:

in regard to sin, because they do not believe in Me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; and in regard to judgment, because *the prince of this world has been condemned*” (John 16: 7-11).

Satan will be forced to sit on the sidelines with the hope that this ungodly coalition can save him and remain loyal. At the end of God’s appointed set time, the court will convene. The rebels will be judged and convicted; their dominion will fall at the moment the gavel sounds.

“But the court will convene, and his dominion will be taken away and completely destroyed forever” (Daniel 7:26). These dark rebels from heaven will not surrender. They understand that they are doomed if they fail. Their raging hatred for Almighty God and the Son of God clouds their judgment and poisons their common sense.

THE SEA, THE HOME OF WICKEDNESS

“And the dragon stood on the shore of the *sea*. Then I saw *a beast with ten horns and seven heads rising out of the sea*. There were ten royal crowns on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads” (Revelation 12:17, 13:1).

THE SEA

The beast that rises out of the sea is a coalition of rebels from heaven. God describes the home of Wickedness as the *sea* and rebels in heaven as *wild waves*. Ungodly people on Earth are also described using the same imagery.

“These men are the hidden reefs in your love feasts, shamelessly feasting with you but shepherding only themselves. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever” (Jude 1:12-13).

God describes wicked beings as waves of the sea that push and pull people away from the truth. They generate falsehood and deceit; like hidden reefs, they cause injuries that can debilitate spiritual growth. They are impersonators of righteousness to achieve their own evil goals. They are servants of darkness that froth up in shame with undisciplined emotions that rage in anger. Their shouting voices intimidate and oppress. Their unethical practices spawn corruption and theft. Their relentless accusations bring fear and distress on people who oppose their narrative and refuse to join them.

The evil doers on Earth are in partnership with the fallen sons of God and angels who are continually working to discredit and malign those who follow Christ and serve the Almighty God. They know they are in the wrong, so they work day and night to cover their tracks. They cannot rest because truth moves to the surface without notice. *“The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt”* (Isaiah 57:20).

King David endured the hostility and the malicious attacks of the wicked around him. Despite the immense power of Wickedness, King David acknowledged the greater power of his righteous God, his King, his Protector. “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 sea on Earth, like the home of Wickedness in heaven, has many unexplored depths. Its massive volume of water is a mighty force that mirrors the power of the formidable rebels in heaven. Vast dominions are ruled by rebel princes. Some have been overthrown and imprisoned in Sheol, others still wield their power like the crushing waves on a stormy day. Still, they obey the boundary set by Almighty God.

“‘Do you not fear Me?’ declares the LORD. ‘Do you not tremble before Me, the One who set the sand as the boundary for the sea, an enduring barrier it cannot cross? The waves surge, but they cannot prevail. They roar but cannot cross it’” (Jeremiah 5:22).

Nature obeys the great Creator’s commands; mankind mythicizes Him. God’s silence over the past two thousand years will be broken; then, the eyes of the world will open and marvel.

“I [wisdom personified] was there when He established the heavens, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when the fountains of the deep gushed forth, when *He set a boundary for the sea*,

so that the waters would not surpass His command, when He marked out the foundations of the Earth” (Proverbs 8:27-29).

The rebels in heaven are restrained by the commands of the great Creator. They must remain within the boundaries assigned to them. Despite their restrictions, Satan and the beastly coalition continue to plot and plan their takeover. The demons know God’s judgment and said to Jesus, “‘What do You want with us, Son of God?’ they shouted. ‘*Have You come here to torture us before the appointed time?*’” (Matthew 8:29).

All of the fallen sons of God and angels fear God’s judgment and their destruction.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new Earth, for the first heaven and Earth had passed away, and *the sea was no more*” (Revelation 21:1). There will be no sea, no haven for Wickedness, when the new heaven and the new Earth are created. Until that day, mankind continues to wrestle against their enemies who are not mortal but powerful spirit beings.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world’s darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 6:12).

The Apostle Paul’s words are often quickly forgotten. The powerful *spiritual* rulers, authorities, and powers on Earth and in heaven will remain at war against mankind until they are overthrown by Jesus Christ. Mankind are easy targets. With little effort, they can be manipulated by sneaky spirits.

Troublemakers on Earth eagerly accept money to: trigger riots, foster anger, spread false narratives, and support evil practices. The rebel spiritual forces have infiltrated all of the nations on Earth. Their puppets obtain positions of leadership and work to promote wars between countries and interfere with governments to achieve their selfish, globalist agenda. They often work under the guise of doing good. For the most part, wars have been strategically ignited specifically to create wealth and power for the people who serve Wickedness hiding in the shadows.

From the outside, the power the fallen sons of God and angels wield appears insurmountable. However, they know it is only for the set time allowed by Almighty God. The spiritual rebels who still have great power and authority have a plan; they believe they can be successful. Before they can take full control, they will be faced with an unexpected force. A religious revival never seen before on Earth will rise up and entice all people into her web despite their present religious affiliations.

THE GREAT HARLOT OF REVELATION

The mother of all the different religious theologies that are not of our LORD God Almighty will appear on the international scene. She will incorporate her influence into the plan of the rebels from heaven. They will accept her, but only for a time. The Ancient Book describes her as the Great Harlot. God's use of the female gender identifies this entity as a church—a religious body. She is described as a harlot because she is intimate with rebel kings. The Great Harlot will establish a

vast trading network across the planet to sell an alternative and dazzling theology. Her teachings and her exotic products will bring all the nations under a one-world religion. Regardless of the tightly held traditional religious beliefs that vary among nations today, she will be able to lure them into her web. The leaders of the nations will partner with her. They will establish an extensive trading enterprise for the people to buy her pricy commodities. Immense wealth will come into her hands, which she will share with her loyal, subservient world leaders and merchants.

The home of the Great Harlot is the *sea*. She will partner with *maritime merchants*. God's descriptive language is intentional. He is identifying a mix of entrepreneurs, capitalists, financiers, and industrialists who are willing to work as a single body, within a corrupt and deceptive structure, to orchestrate trade between the people and this new wonderful church. In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John recorded these *maritime merchants* travelling out onto the *sea*—the home of Wickedness, to obtain her wares and transport them to her patrons. Her success will be rapid and great. She will acquire immense wealth as the people from all nations rush to buy her commodities. Her confidence will soar and she will lift her head and declare, “I sit as a queen forever” (Revelation 18:7).

This queen of harlotry is also an image of an organized body described as “the great city that rules over the kings of the Earth” (Revelation 17:18b). While religious leaders today do not have a seat with national leaders to influence national policies, this Great Harlot will reinstate the power once held by the top religious leaders in times past. The leaders of the nations will embrace her rulership over them.

Her false religion will offer mankind salvation and a promise of godship. The people will be captivated by her commodities and promises. The world leaders will be awestruck by the power that she will wield, the wealth that she will acquire, and the intimate partnership that she will offer them.

“With her the kings of the Earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the Earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries” (Revelation 17:1).

The *wine of her adulteries* is a fitting descriptor for the many tantalizing and addicting merchandises that she will offer the people. Her inventory may be her knowledge of life-extending technologies, mysterious science, and exotic engineering. In addition to everything most precious and valuable, the Great Harlot will accept the sale of freedom and the souls of people for payment (Revelation 18:13). All around the world, people will be fascinated by her revelations and her exquisite presence.

The rise of the Great Harlot will cause a worldwide religious revival. Her priesthood will sit with national leaders ruling over the nations. Working with the submissive national leaders will be reporting agencies, distribution centres, and delivery systems serving this one-world religion.

THE OPPOSITION OF THE GREAT HARLOT

Not everyone will engage with the Great Harlot. God has warned His people to get out of her and not to partake in her sins (Revelation 18:4). God’s people are the Jews and the great number of people from the ten tribes of Israel.

THE BACK STORY

The Jews today are the Old Testament house of Judah, which are two of the twelve tribes that comprise the kingdom of ancient Israel. The remaining ten tribes seem elusive as they wandered across Europe many years ago. God never lost sight of these prodigal people.

Some theologians and historians teach that these ten tribes have been absorbed into the gentile nations. Others teach that their kingdom was destroyed after their captivity by the Assyrians and they have come to nothing. God has heard what these theologians and historians have said, He has responded, “Have you not noticed that these people are saying, ‘*The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms he chose?*’ So, they despise My people and no longer regard them as a nation” (Jeremiah 33:24).

The people of the ten tribes, known as the ancient house of Israel, became a mystery after their release from Assyrian captivity, which lasted a long 360 years, beginning around 722 B.C.. Their troubles continued when they remained indignant toward God. He extended their punishment by seven times their original sentence. They were unrepentant and arrogant. God pushed them westward for hundreds of years. They wandered among the gentiles picking up the traditions and practices of the heathen, falling deeper and deeper into the curses of their mistakes.

They appeared invisible to historians as they wandered among the tribes in Europe, but for God, they remained in full view. He never rejected them. He compared His commitment to them with the vow He made to sustain the heaven and the

Earth. “If I have not established My covenant with the day and the night and the fixed order of heaven and Earth, then I would also reject the descendants of Jacob and of My servant David, so as not to take from his descendants, rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For *I will restore them from captivity and will have compassion on them*” (Jeremiah 33:25-26; Jeremiah 31:35-36).

God added, “*Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the Earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done*” (Jeremiah 31:37).

Simply, God will never reject the descendants of all twelve tribes of Jacob. He remains their King and He will never abdicate. They are not lost nor are they so intertwined with the gentiles that they cannot be identified. God said, “For surely I will give the command, and *I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations* as grain is sifted in a sieve; but *not a pebble will reach the ground*” (Amos 9:9).

God has shaken His people like a sieve, but He hasn't lost a single person. He will not utterly destroy His people, though there does exist a sinful kingdom that He will destroy. ““Surely the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the *sinful kingdom*, and I will destroy it from the face of the Earth. Yet *I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob*,’ declares the LORD” (Amos 9:8).

Ezekiel recorded a prophecy declaring God's grace for a people who had been swept up into rebellion and sin, but finally came to their senses. He “will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more” (Jeremiah 31:34b). Nothing is impossible for Almighty God; He has full control; No force

can thwart His plan. “Oh, Lord GOD! You have made the heavens and Earth by your great power and outstretched arm. *Nothing is too difficult for you!*” (Jeremiah 32:17).

Without God’s protective hand, they lived in fear and often on the move. At times, God fought against them through invading nations. Sometimes, He conquered them through stronger rulers. There were even instances when He destroyed their hard work through devastating droughts, floods, infestations, and diseases. After hundreds of years in battle against God, the prodigal ten tribes broke down and humbled themselves begging to return. God recognized their broken spirit long before they stood before Him in prayer. Moved with joy and compassion, He welcomed them back and vowed to watch over them, to build them up, to establish them in peace and safety (Jeremiah 31:28), and to reunite them with the house of Judah to form a single kingdom as it was during the reign of King Solomon (Ezekiel 37:15-22).

Ezekiel recorded the prophecy that confirms the joining of the two kingdoms into one family kingdom for all eternity. King David will rule over them and Jesus Christ will be their Shepherd. “I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains [government] of Israel. There will be one king over them and *they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms...* My servant David will be king over them, and there will be one shepherd for all of them. They will follow My ordinances and keep and observe My statutes” (Ezekiel 37:22, 24).

The house of Israel lost their name when God divorced them hundreds of years ago. This has added to their mystery as a lost and unidentifiable people. The ancient house of Israel are

the lost sheep that Jesus was sent to redeem. He knew them. They needed healing and were seeking their Saviour. God gave them grace and Jesus—their Saviour, brought them back into the covenant family.

It was a new understanding for the disciples travelling with Jesus that he was willing to heal people beside the Jews. He healed the gentile *lost sheep of the house of Israel*. In addition, they discovered that he would also heal pagans. A Canaanite woman from the district of Tyre and Sidon pleaded with Jesus. Crying and beseeching him, she followed begging for the healing of her daughter possessed with a demon. Jesus responded, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24).

The Canaanite woman believed that Jesus was a priest of the Almighty God who could heal. She addressed him as *lord* and begged, “Lord, help me!”

Jesus replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

This woman wasn’t offended. She knew she was neither a Jew from the house of Judah nor a gentile from the house of Israel; she wasn’t part of their special family. This didn’t hinder her persistent cry. She knew Jesus was powerful and just a small portion of his power, the size of a crumb, could heal her daughter. She appealed to him through her desire to serve God and said, “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs falling from their *masters’* table.”

Jesus answered with grace-filled emotion, “‘O, woman, your faith is great! Let it be done for you as you desire.’ And

her daughter was healed from that very hour” (Matthew 15:22-28).

This Canaanite woman is a mirror of many humble God-fearing and God-serving people outside of God’s covenant family who will come to Jesus Christ for healing. Like this woman, they will acknowledge him as their Master and pledge their service to God. They will be richly rewarded in God’s kingdom for their exceptional faith and beautiful character.

When Jesus taught and healed the multitude of 4,000 from the gentile lost sheep of the house of Israel, they were amazed and praised God. From that time onwards, this repentant house became known as Christians. They understand to this day that it was Jesus who redeemed them and they sing songs of amazing grace as the expression of their gratitude. From within this group, a resistance to the Great Harlot will rise. These wise Christians will recognize the deceptive teachings of the Great Harlot and stand against her.

THE APOSTLE JOHN’S VIEW FROM THE OUTSIDE

The Great Harlot will appear to have extraordinary insight; her wares will be enticing to the carnal human mind; she will appear theologically sound. Unprepared people will be tricked. When the Apostle John saw the Great Harlot, he admired her (Revelation 17:6b). The angel with him noted his reaction and said, “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns” (Revelation 17:7).

The Apostle John didn't recognize the Great Harlot as an adversary. He could only see from the outside a great religious revival and the whole world rushing to join this worldwide religion.

The saints will recognize the deceit and the magic used to lure people into her jurisdiction. Many of the righteous people of God will stand up against the Great Harlot. They will put their life on the line to unveil the truth. This Great Harlot will target them; she will attack them and fill her cup with their blood. Her magic will be intoxicating and her sensual gifts will give rise to insatiable desires. She will lavish herself with glory and honour. Partnering with the beast, she will sit as a queen convinced that her king will remain loyal to her forever.

ONLY ONE HOUR OF GLORY

God Almighty is in charge; He will give her only *one hour* of self-exaltation and rulership. "Woe, woe to the great city, the mighty city of Babylon! For in a *single hour* your judgment has come" (Revelation 18:10).

In a single moment, she will be destroyed. "And there was found in her the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who had been slain on the Earth" (Revelation 18:24). This *Babylonian theological body* has existed for many, many years. She will rise again to take her throne during the end of this evil age for her final taste of glory.

One hour of God's time is used to describe three and a half years of time on Earth. *One hour* may also be God's

expression of a moment of time from His bird's-eye view. The ten kings given rulership over the nations with the beast in the last days, will rule for *one hour*, a three-and-a-half-year period. "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but will receive *one hour of authority as kings* along with the beast" (Revelation 17:12).

These ten kings are the same ten kings described in the book of Daniel. "This is what he said: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on the Earth, different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole Earth, trample it down, and crush it. And the ten horns are ten kings who will rise from this kingdom. After them another king, different from the earlier ones, will rise and subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and oppress the saints of the Most High, intending to change the appointed times and laws; and the saints will be given into his hand for a time, and times, and half a time'" (Daniel 7:23-25).

During this war, Almighty God will use the rebel forces to test, strengthen, and purify His saints. "Some of the wise will fall so that they may be *refined, purified, and made spotless* until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time" (Daniel 11:35).

Through suffering, God's faithful people will forge an eternal loyalty to righteousness. They will not be silent; they will stand strong against the Great Harlot and uncover her deceitful theology. They will witness to the testimony of Jesus and become the target of extreme hatred and persecution; many will be killed. "I could see that *the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and witnesses for Jesus*" (Revelation 17:6).

Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot, is described as a city and a queen that has existed throughout time. It has an established headquarters on Earth. In the near future, she will surface for all the world to see her retake her throne. A one-world religion will rise to cover the Earth. Many kings and queens, presidents, prime ministers, and chancellors will submit. They will receive generous rewards and a taste of her intoxicating presence.

Hatred has already been ignited and is spreading across the planet toward everyone who is not in lockstep with the servants of Wickedness. Loving one another is a command that has been white-washed by the people participating in this abrasive, dark wave. This force of raging hostility will increase and broaden its target radius. Soon, it will include all people who accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and refuse to participate in the hatred for and blasphemy of Almighty God.

Almighty God describes the last days of this evil age as *that time*.

“Then they will deliver you over to be persecuted and killed, and you will be hated by all nations *because of My name*. *At that time* many will fall away and will betray and hate one another, and many false prophets will arise and mislead many. *Because of the multiplication of wickedness*, the love of most will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come*” (Matthew 24:9-14).

The time allotted to the Great Harlot is limited by God; however, she will believe that she has acquired an eternal

reign. “In her heart she says, ‘I sit as queen; I am *not a widow and will never see grief*’” (Revelation 18:7b). The Great Harlot will ride the beast with the joy of a conqueror. She will believe that the beast—her partner, will remain faithful. The clock is always ticking. Almighty God has set the time for every event in His grand plan. Her time will come to a quick end and she will be destroyed by her partner, the reigning king of the beastly coalition.

“And the *ten horns and the beast* that you saw *will hate the prostitute*. They will leave her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For *God has put it into their hearts to carry out His purpose by uniting to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled*” (Revelation 17:16-17).

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GREAT HARLOT

The ten kings will unite to form a single force to free the beast from the control of the Great Harlot. The kings and the beast want the support of the leaders and the people who will be, at that time, enthralled by the Great Harlot. It will be a challenge because of the lavish rewards the leaders enjoy and her exotic wares the people desire.

The beastly coalition will attack the Great Harlot by discrediting her and uncovering her deceit and evil deeds. An image in Revelation describes a mighty angel who will throw a massive boulder into the sea. “With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again” (Revelation 18:21).

What this event will look like at that time is puzzling today. The world watching a mighty angel throwing down a massive boulder out of the sky is an image of a supernatural weapon from heaven causing immense destruction on Earth.

The attack will destroy her. “Then *the kings of the Earth who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her will weep and wail* at the sight of the smoke rising from the fire that consumes her. In fear of her torment, they will stand at a distance and cry out: ‘Woe, woe to the great city, the mighty city of Babylon! For in a *single hour* your judgment has come.’... *The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her* will stand at a distance, in fear of her torment. They will weep and mourn, saying: ‘Woe, woe to the great city, clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For *in a single hour such fabulous wealth has been destroyed!*’ Every *shipmaster, passenger, and sailor, and all who make their living from the sea*, will stand at a distance and cry out at the sight of the smoke rising from the fire that consumes her. ‘What city was ever like this great city?’ they will exclaim. Then they will throw dust on their heads as they weep and mourn and cry out: ‘Woe, woe to the great city, where all who had ships on the sea were enriched by her wealth! For in a single hour, she has been destroyed.’ Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced for you His judgment against her. Then a mighty angel picked up a stone the size of a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying: ‘With such violence the great city of Babylon will be cast down, never to be seen again.... The light of a lamp will never shine in you again, and the voices of a bride and bridegroom will never call out in you

again. For your merchants were the great ones of the Earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery” (Revelation 18:9-23).

The wealthy partners of the Great Harlot will be shaken and distraught at the sight of her destruction. God describes them as *shipmasters, sailors*, and many others *who make their living from the sea*, including *passengers* who come for the ride (Revelation 18:11, 15, 17).

The sea is the haven of Wickedness. The *shipmasters* and *sailors* along with those *who make their living from the sea* are skillful liars, lawbreakers, deceivers, and lovers of money and power—all instruments of Wickedness. Included are people who are not invested but go out for the ride to engage with her.

When the Great Harlot is destroyed, the merchants will mourn the loss of their partner and in despair, they will cry, “Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! In one hour, such great wealth has been brought to ruin!” (Revelation 18:16-17).

These seafaring merchants will describe the Great Harlot in favourable terms. She wears fine linen, purple, and scarlet. They will see her as:

- righteous—wearing fine linen
- royal—wearing the special purple cloak set aside for royalty
- a living example of a sacrificial servant—wearing scarlet.

In ancient times, the colour purple involved a tedious and difficult process. The city of Phoenicia in Tyre made their infamous Tyrian purple dye from one of the species of sea snails. It was a careful process of cracking the shell of the snail, extracting the purple-producing mucus, and exposing it to sunlight for a specific period of time. The result was a stunning, long-lasting shade of purple. It was valued with gold and set aside for royal use only.

Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot, will array herself in purple. Her covering is her declaration of her priceless value and exotic qualities. From a painter's palette, purple is made from the combination of the colours red and blue. Red is symbolic of a blood sacrifice and blue is symbolic of God's Holy Spirit. God considers His saints to be precious, *royal* members of His family. They are examples of God-fearing and God-serving men and women who have God's Holy Spirit and have pledged their allegiance to Almighty God by entering into a blood covenant with Him. This Great Harlot portrays herself in the same light—a royal ruler who has entered into a blood covenant, but not with Almighty God.

She will deck herself with precious stones, glittering gold, and lustrous pearls. Stones that are categorized as precious are exceptionally rare and beautiful. They hold qualities that surpass the ordinary and are robust and enduring. This is the message God is trumpeting when He describes His covenant people. The precious stones reflect the rare and precious qualities of people who endure extreme hardship, and yet, remain faithful to their convictions and loyalties.

Sitting as a queen and wearing precious stones is her statement that she will endure hardships and difficulties without collapsing

or faltering. Her impressive gold jewellery is her declaration that she cannot be tarnished and her stunning beauty will never fade. Her array of lustrous pearls, set in place, are a showcase of her resilience to adapt and grow during times of distress.

After the mighty angel destroys the Great Harlot, the beast from the sea will form a new partnership. The church will no longer have a significant leadership role in any office or reign like a queen. Her replacement is the beast from the Earth who will have the appearance of a religious leader, but wants nothing to do with religion from Earth. He will work only to direct all power to the national leadership of the beastly coalition. The partnership will be solely male orientated.

SHE IS REPLACED BY HIM

This Earth beast will exercise the authority of a priest, which is imagined in the description of *two horns like a lamb*, but he will speak like a dragon. The words from his mouth do not encourage repentance, redemption, or worship of Almighty God, but are, rather, a dictatorial command to worship the coalition of the sea beast.

“Then I saw another beast, coming out of the Earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon” (Revelation 13:11).

Satan is described as a dragon. He rages against Almighty God and despises Jesus Christ. The Earth beast will openly declare his servitude to Satan and his disdain for Almighty

God and Jesus Christ. He is not a religious leader, but rather, an extension of the sea beast.

These beastly powers disdain God's plan to include creation on Earth into the core structure of His kingdom. Regardless of their promises and support for mankind, toward the end of their reign, they will do all they can to annihilate them.

This dragon-speaking-priest beast will demand that the people on Earth worship the sea beast or they will not be able to buy or sell. The shadowy location of this mystery Earth beast could be the frozen landscape of Antarctica.

Attention was drawn to Antarctica at the end of World War II because Nazi submarines were going there. It has been said that under the name of Operation Highjump, Admiral Richard Byrd from the US was sent to chase the last of the Nazi escapees and investigate their interest in Antarctica. While his mission remains classified, a story has surfaced recounting his engagement in a devastating battle with unidentified aerial crafts. This story also describes him entering an opening at the centre of Antarctica. Control of his plane was mysteriously obtained; it was guided into the city, known as *Crystal City*. There, the leader, a very old human-like being was addressed as the *Master*. He allegedly communicated telepathically and warned Admiral Byrd about the use of atomic weapons. He was sent back to relay that message to the president of the United States. Admiral Byrd's experiences cannot be verified by the public at this time. If any truth is in this story, those serving Darkness will keep it silent. Ridicule and labelling are the strategies Western governments use to silence public interest and discussion.

God warned His people of the tactics used by dishonest leaders. “Do not call conspiracy everything these people regard as conspiracy. Do not fear what they fear; do not live in dread” (Isaiah 8:12).

This frozen landscape has been captured and placed under an untouchable canopy. A treaty was formed, the Antarctic Treaty, and later signed on December 1, 1954, by twelve nations to confirm that this area would remain a demilitarized zone. The treaty now has fifty-four signatory nations. It has been declared a site for research and study.

Regardless of what is kept from the public, the false prophet of Revelation will come from the Earth. The exact location remains unknown.

It is not God’s plan to open the skies to the activities of these rebels at this time. They are very powerful; they have supernatural abilities that can destroy all life on Earth. The Archangel Michael has been commissioned to hold them back until Almighty God gives him the order to stand down.

“At that time Michael, the great prince who stands watch over your people, will rise up. There will be a time of distress, the likes of which will not have occurred from the beginning of nations until that time. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered” (Daniel 12:1).

The Earth beast is no saint. “It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the Earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed” (Revelation 13:12).

With the Great Harlot out of the way, the Earth beast will take centre stage to fill the religious role. He will unleash a sample of his immense power by performing miracles that will immediately snuff out all thoughts of rebellion.

“And the second beast performed great signs to cause even fire from heaven to come down to Earth in the presence of the people” (Revelation 13:13).

Hollywood movies tantalize the attention of viewers and influence their thinking, reducing the concept of alien life to mere entertainment. Mankind, in general, will not be prepared. The people will be overwhelmed and vulnerable.

“Because of the signs it was given to perform on behalf of the first beast, *it deceived those who dwell on the Earth*, telling them to make an image to the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet had lived” (Revelation 13:14).

Idol worship will be reintroduced on Earth. Production will boom. Idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood will be normalized and twenty-first-century mankind will return to life as it was in ancient times.

“Now the rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands. *They did not stop worshipping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk*” (Revelation 9:20).

Worshipping manmade objects and using them to call on the gods for blessings and favours is a laughable practice in the

twenty-first century; however, mankind, in that day, will feel the sting of the gods.

“The second beast was permitted to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship it to be killed” (Revelation 13:15).

The fallen, dark Earth beast will have power to give life to the manmade image of the first beast. Almighty God is allowing the beast from the sea and the Earth to oppress mankind, while building His airtight legal case against these rebels. He will allow their three-and-a-half-year reign of absolute darkness so that He can shake and awaken all of mankind. Unfortunately, mankind considers change only under extreme distress. Jacob’s trouble is the reign of these rebel heavenly rulers on Earth; many descendants of Jacob will be the target of intense persecution.

Not all of God’s people will be caught off guard. One group is described as *the woman* [church] who flees into the wilderness for three and a half years. Another group will go into captivity. Others will escape but live in oppression and persecution under the rule of the beasts from the sea and the Earth. Yet, from among those in captivity and those outside, a religious revival will burst out among God’s people and they will stand up in opposition to the beastly powers.

While the exotic promises and products of the Great Harlot lured the people willingly into trading with her, the Earth beast will simply demand submission and forbid trade for people who are not fully committed to worshipping the sea beast. “And the second beast required all people small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their

right hand or on their forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark—the name of the beast or the number of its name” (Revelation 13:16-17).

Shared rulership and riches will not be offered to the leaders on Earth. Absolute obedience will be demanded; the national leaders will surrender. They will say, “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against it?” (Revelation 13:3). They will know that Satan is their supreme leader and they will accept him willingly. It will be as it was in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37).

Confirmation of their submission will require complete servitude to the leader of the sea beast complying fully to its governance. Also, a branding—the mark of the beast that can never be removed—will be enforced.

1. **Worshipping the beast** is the full acceptance of the rule of the leader of the sea beast and supporting it at every level. It is a declaration that the sea beast is the official Godhead, the one to be eternally served and obeyed.
2. **Worshipping the idol who is given life and has power to kill** is the commitment of exchanging God’s theology for the ideology of the beast. Their strange dogma will be imposed on all people who submit to the beast. It will be intolerant of any other belief. Their exchange will be similar to the Great Harlot. Trading stations will be established.
3. **Receiving the mark, name, or number of the beast** is the pledge of allegiance and loyalty to the sea beast and its absolute ownership over those who have the

tattoo of the beast. It is a form of branding that will embed an eternal mark on the right hand or forehead.

There will be a great number of people who will not worship the beast or take its mark. While buying and selling will be prohibited for these people, they will survive through their own ingenuity and their support structures for one another.

THE MEANING OF THE NUMBER 666

“Here is a call for wisdom: Let the one who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and that number is 666” (Revelation 13:18).

God is giving the reader some homework. He is calling for the application of wisdom to perform a careful cost analysis of the beast—calculate the number. He wants believers to assess and dig deep for truth, apply critical thinking, and use logic. The beast commands worship and *eternal* submission. Its number is 666. The Apostle John recorded, “for it is the number of a man” (Revelation 13:18). Biblehub.com states that the Greek word *anthrōpos* for a *man* refers to mankind in general.³

³ Biblehub, “Anthrōpos.” *Biblehub.com*. <https://biblehub.com/greek/444.htm>. Accessed November 3, 2025.

Lexical Summary

anthrópos: Man, human, person, mankind

Original Word: ἄνθρωπος

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: anthrópos

Pronunciation: AN-thro-pos

Phonetic Spelling: (anth'-ro-pos)

KJV: certain, man

NASB: man, men, people, man's, human, mankind

Word Origin: [from G435 (άνήρ - man) and ops "the countenance" (from G3700 (ὀπτάνομαι - appearing))]

By God identifying the beast with mankind, He is revealing its destiny. The number six is the number for man whose days are numbered. The repetition of a number into a sequence of three is a divine marker. Three sixes place the beast on God's timeline where its end is determined. It is destined to die like mere men (Psalm 82:7).

God is urging mankind to think judiciously. This seemingly untouchable coalition of rebels will demand obedience and worship. All levels of intimidation and force will be used to threaten people into bending their knee before a great statue of the beast. Their rulership is limited to only a three-and-a-half-year period. They can and will be destroyed. Count the cost; its days are numbered just like unrepentant mankind.

Repentant mankind has a Saviour; repentant mankind has a God-ordained calling; repentant mankind has the All-Powerful, Grace-giving, and Loving Father in heaven; repentant mankind will receive eternal life—their days are not numbered.

Not all of the rebel gods have yet been overthrown, but all of them will be judged and punished according to God's

sentencing. “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” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

At the very end of this evil age, God’s remnant people will return to Him. He will empower them to fight against the armies from within the nations who are in servitude to the beastly coalition. After He rescues His people from captivity, He will say, “Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope” (Zechariah 9:12a). These people will know the true creator God and will have hope in their future transformation. They will be excited and dedicated to the Almighty God. He foreknew their return and was delighted. Zechariah recorded His promise. “*Even today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I will bend Judah as My bow and fit it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against the sons of Greece. I will make you like the sword of a mighty man*” (Zechariah 9:12b-13).

God had promised to restore them with *double*. This is a firstborn blessing. He has guaranteed:

1. Their rescue out of the grip of the beastly coalition.
2. Their victory over the *sons of Greece*—the mortals worshipping the beast.

The bow and arrows are symbolic of religious warfare. The first rider of the four horsemen of the apocalypse is holding a bow and wearing a crown. This rider is an image of religious leadership exercising authority and using the weaponry of

the bow and arrows to spread a false gospel and theology far and wide.

In the future, the Jews, rescued by God, will be represented as God's bow because they became the custodians of His law. Years of study have given them a depth of knowledge that will be respected for many years in the future. God's law is the core structure from which the word of God is released. The *arrows* discharged from this bow are represented in Ephraim. He is the leader of the ten tribes of Israel. They will be the countless thousands into the millions of arrows in God's quiver shot out to target the people worshipping the beastly gods. They will uncover the lies, deception, corruption, and the deadly plan of the beastly coalition. They will take the gospel to the whole world.

Mankind without God's Holy Spirit is an open target for lies and deception. Those who spread lies and work to hide the truth create deep crevices filled with misinformation, misconceptions, and disinformation. People fall into these dark places and struggle to find their way out. Lies and deception have covered the Earth for thousands of years.

Solomon understood the serious harm caused by people who spread lies. "A man who bears false witness against his neighbour is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow" (Proverbs 25:18).

God's people will war against the *sons of Greece*. He will give them boundless strength so that the rebel gods will not be able to constrain them. Truth will pierce through the dark propaganda of reporters, educators, researchers, politicians, and the national leaders serving the beastly coalition. Bright

lights will shine boldly over these rebels. They will be exposed and seen for who they are. God prophesied that *this battle* will be won not by military might, but by the inflowing of His Holy Spirit, which He will pour out across the Earth. The eyes of deceived people will open, their hearts will lose their crusty surface, and they will hear and understand the word of God.

Mankind has put the stories of the gods into the grave; an alien arrival will resurrect them. Then, strangers among people on Earth will greatly rejoice with exuberant amazement when their gods arrive; they will be ready to serve them.

Today, inhabitants live among the people on Earth, seemingly undetected. These inhabitants do not have their names written in the Book of Life. They are dark, mystery occupants waiting for the arrival of their gods.

THE INHABITANTS ON THE EARTH

Jesus said that you will know them by their actions. Lawless dwellers on Earth, living in corruption and revelling in dishonesty and theft, are not part of God's saving plan.

“And all who dwell on the Earth will worship the beast—*all whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb who was slain*” (Revelation 13:8).

From before creation, the Book of Life was written. The names of all of the descendants of Adam and Eve were entered

before they took their first breath. While God's people have been called out of the world first and predestined for adoption if they remain holy and blameless, the remaining people are not second best; they will have an equal opportunity to be saved. They will receive grace and grow in the knowledge of God.

“For He chose us in Him *before the foundation of the world* to be holy and blameless in His presence. He *predestined us for adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ*, according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the Beloved One” (Ephesians 1:4-6).

When any of Adam and Eve's descendants choose to rebel and their heart hardens into an incorrigible state, judgment is passed and their name is removed from the Book of Life. The faithful people who mature spiritually will never have their names erased from the Book of Life.

“Like them, he who overcomes will be dressed in white. *And I will never blot out his name from the Book of Life*, but I will confess his name before My Father and His angels” (Revelation 3:5).

King David was attacked by countless evil people and in his exhausted state, he beseeched God to remove their names from the Book of Life.

“May they [the wicked] be blotted out of the Book of Life and not listed with the righteous” (Psalm 69:28).

God taught Moses about His plan for His people and the people of the nations. The existence of the Book of Life was common knowledge among the ancient Israelites. Despite this knowledge, they often made mistakes and returned to living in sin. This was the case when they built the golden calf and Almighty God burned with anger. Moses hadn't returned for a long time; so, they gave up on him. They sought to re-engage with the gods for their protection and guidance; so, they built the golden calf. They said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him" (Exodus 32:1b).

Ancient Israel had the Almighty God as their king. To call upon rebel fallen gods was a catastrophic fall back into darkness. In addition, any manmade object, no matter what precious materials were used to form it, cannot open a channel to the great God. Idol worship is heresy before the Almighty God. When Moses returned with the Ten Commandments, he was furious with his people because of what they had done.

Moses followed God's instructions to have the golden calf destroyed, then he pleaded for their lives. "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made gods of gold for themselves. Yet now, if you would only forgive their sin.... But if not, please *blot me out of the book that you have written*" (Exodus 32:31-32).

He offered to pay the price for the sins of these people by having *his name blotted out from the Book of Life* to open the door for his people to come before Almighty God, again.

God responded, “*Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot out of My book.* Now go, lead the people to the place I described. Behold, My angel shall go before you. But on the day I settle accounts, I will punish them for their sin” (Exodus 32:33-34).

The incorrigible, unrepentant descendants of Adam and Eve will have their names blotted out of the Book of Life. However, there exists on Earth inhabitants whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the Earth. These inhabitants are likely the seeds sown by the enemy of God recorded in the Parable of the Weeds in Matthew chapter 13. They go unnoticed until they mature, then they are recognized by their actions. They relentlessly aggravate and choke, accuse and disrupt, abuse and use the children of God. Lawlessness is the identifying characteristic of the *weeds* described by Jesus who will be destroyed when he returns.

In service to Satan, these rebels enter into politics and seize positions of power and authority to enrich themselves. They live outside of the law while professing to keep the law. They pay troublemakers to stir up chaos and confusion. When the beast arrives on Earth, the *inhabitants* whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be quickly identified. They are people worshipping Satan in secret. They will come out of hiding to rejoice publicly at the arrival of their god!

“The beast that you saw—it was, and now is no more, but is about to come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. And *those who dwell on the Earth whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will marvel when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet will be*” (Revelation 17:8).

There is no saving plan for the unrepentant, irredeemable people. “And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15).

There is no saving plan for those who worship the beast, the image, and take the mark of the beast. “And a third angel followed them, calling out in a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on his forehead or on his hand, he too will drink the wine of God’s anger, poured undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he will be tormented in fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb’” (Revelation 14:9-10).

There is no saving plan for the sea beast, the false prophet, the ten kings who rule with the beast, the Antichrist, and the vast number of fallen angels.

ALMIGHTY GOD IS IN CHARGE

Almighty God engineered a plan before the creation of heaven and the Earth. Rebels will attempt to alter His plan, but they will fail. His work cannot be thwarted (Job 42:2). He has the invincible power to see into the future and weave into His plan safety measures and shrewd manoeuvres that disarm His enemies.

“‘I declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient times what is still to come.’ I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and all My good pleasure I will accomplish’” (Isaiah 46:10).

God's work will be completed in full, despite the opposition from the raging rebels in heaven and foolish mortals on Earth. God is preparing creation on Earth for a most important role for all eternity. They need to be humble, unwavering, loyal, and faithful. Most importantly, they need to have their trust fully embedded in the great Creator. This can only be achieved through the fire of stress, trials, and persecution. The love for peace and righteousness in times of concentrated darkness will forge an iron will and a deep well of passion for righteousness that can never be drained. The saints will not waver; they will serve Almighty God and follow Christ wherever he goes.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION, JACOB'S TROUBLE

Often in the Old Testament, God Almighty identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He was differentiating Himself from the gods ruling over the nations. At the time of Babel, God gave members from His court in heaven rulership over the nations. In addition, He gave Himself kingship over the descendants of Abraham's grandson, Jacob and his descendants. God Almighty is their great Potter molding these people into a holy kingdom of priests. They often resist Him, resulting in His prophetic warning that they will enter into trouble because of their departure from Him.

God said to Moses, "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them,

and *they will forsake Me and break My covenant*, which I have made with them. Then My anger shall be aroused against them *in that day*, and *I will forsake them*, and *I will hide My face from them*, and *they shall be devoured*. And *many evils and troubles shall befall them*, so that they will say *in that day*, ‘*Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?*’ And I will surely hide My face *in that day* because of all the evil which they have done, in that *they have turned to other gods*” (Deuteronomy 31:16-18).

God is specific about the timeline. It occurs *in that day*. Many events are prophesied to happen *in that day*. He is also specific about the evil they have done; many will worship the rebel gods when they arrive on Earth.

The Archangel Michael will be ordered to step down and God’s people will be without a protector *at that time*. Then, the spiritual world will explode into view. Ancient history will open chapters from their books; no longer will their stories be classified as mythology.

God’s people have become twelve nations into the twenty-first century. Many have forgotten their roots. It will take a time of great distress for them to remember and turn to their king, their God—the Almighty God.

From the time the kingdom of Israel fractured, God has always referred to His people under two different house names: Israel and Judah. The house of Israel is comprised of ten tribes and the Jews are the remaining two tribes forming the house of Judah. Each house went into captivity at different times. The prophecies that pertain to our future continue to refer to God’s people under the names of Israel and Judah, but

the significant detail in those scriptures this time, is that both houses will return home at the *same* time. Both houses will weep and cry, calling out to their God, the God of Israel, at the *same* time. Both houses will be in trouble and wondering why they are the target of so much rage.

“These are the words concerning *Israel* and *Judah*.... 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*” (Jeremiah 30:4,7).

It is taking a lot of time for God’s people to awaken. The slow-repenting house of Israel was pushed by God westward all the way to the border because they lived in rebellion for a long time. These people, today, are known as Westerners. God is specific about who will be in trouble *on that day, at that time*. It will be God’s people comprised of the two houses. Though in trouble, God said that they “will be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7). This saving is a spiritual saving! God is prophesying their repentance and return to Him. The enemy will awaken them abruptly and cruelly; it will begin during their time of great distress in the latter days.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 24

The physical world is the reality for mankind. Understanding the great work that needed to be done, Jesus worked to bring his disciples out of the physical into the unseen, spiritual world where this knowledge would give an understanding of everything on Earth.

The temple in Jerusalem was a beautiful sight. Jesus's disciples were proud of the careful and elaborate construction that elevated the temple and gave it a reverence they admired. When the disciples learned of its future destruction, alarmed by the prophecy, they asked Jesus, "*When* will this happen, and *what* will be *the sign* of your coming and of the end of the age?" (*New International Version*, Matthew 24:3).

He responded in the order of their questions.

WHEN: FALSE TEACHERS

Jesus said, "*Watch out that no one deceives you.* For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many" (Matthew 24:4).

The physical temple was utterly destroyed in 70 A.D.; every stone was thrown down as Jesus prophesied. But this was not the temple on Jesus's mind. His concern is *when* false prophets enter into the church and teachers take authority to interpret scriptures as they see fit. Jesus prophesied that some of these teachers will even do miracles, yet he will reject them. "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness!'" (Matthew 7:22-23).

Many scholars and theologians have thought they were teaching God's word and operating in the name of Jesus, but he will identify some of them as workers of lawlessness because they break God's law, while others add to God's

law. The keeping of God's law has been a matter of debate throughout the ages. Has *grace* replaced the *law*? Are the *works of the law* essential for salvation?

Almighty God has shown Himself to His people in stages. He introduced Himself as their King with laws when He gave Moses the Ten Commandments. Later, He introduced Himself as their LORD with a theology filled with grace. Almighty God holds two roles: King and LORD.

While Jewish rabbis and Christian theologians debate over law and grace, Jesus taught God's law of love. He said that the law can be summed up in two overarching principles:

1. Love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.
2. Love your neighbour as yourself.

Those who love their neighbour as themselves will not lie, steal, kill, covet, or commit adultery. God's law of love is upheld willingly because of love for God and one another.

Another danger that leads to lawlessness occurs when biblical teachers lean heavily on their own interpretation rather than looking to Jesus as their example and teacher. Jesus's instructions to believers goes beyond just listening, it necessitates living God's word. "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the torrents raged, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because its *foundation was on the rock*" (Matthew 7:24-25).

Jesus stated that he only is the authoritative teacher of the church. He warned theologians. “Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for *you have only one teacher*, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters. And *do not call anyone on Earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven*. Neither be called teachers, for *you have one teacher, that is Christ*” (*New International Version*, Matthew 23:8, 10).

Testing theologians’ understanding is often thought to cause division. The Bereans were honoured by the Apostle Paul because they tested what they heard. “Now these, who were more noble than those in Thessalonica, received the word with all readiness, on *every day examining the Scriptures, whether these things were so*” (Acts 17:11). God is developing leaders who think critically and stand strong against misinformation and misconceptions, not mindless followers.

In addition to the misguided religious leaders, national leaders have fallen in the trap set by the dark powers of heaven, to promote hatred one for another and trigger wars one nation against another. Today, many people fear a nuclear war that will end life on Earth. Jesus prophesied that there will be wars and rumours of wars, but added, this age will not come to an end until God’s legal witness reaches every man and woman on Earth. The gospel—the testimony of Christ, must go out to all the world, only then, mankind can be held accountable for their lawless actions. God will have a legal case against all unrepentant people. Jesus said not to be alarmed by the ongoing wars and the fear of global destruction; conflicts will continue until the witness is complete.

The Great Harlot and the beastly coalition will attack everyone who has their theological roots in Jesus Christ. The Christians

will be under severe persecution during these dark times. The persecution will be so intense that many will turn away from their faith and some will betray and hate those who remain faithful to their Saviour and the Almighty God.

Deception will spread rapidly across the whole Earth. Everyone will question their religious beliefs. The alien arrival will offer mankind a different salvation plan, their sanctioned creed and an unusual saviour. Miracles and wonders will draw the people into the web of the wicked, so much so, that “if it were possible, they shall deceive even the very elect” (*King James Version*, Matthew 24:24).

Jesus’s warning in Matthew chapter 24 is clear. His words will awaken many people from all the nations during this time. A religious revival will burst into a great flame of light during this time of intense persecution. The gospel will go out to the whole world; everyone will be fully accountable on the Day of Judgment.

Jesus warned the Jews, who, for a time, will accept the tyrant saviour. They will receive one “who comes in his own name” (John 5:43). When the little horn written in the book of Daniel enters the temple in Jerusalem claiming to be the Saviour of mankind and a creator God, the Jews are urged to get out in an instant. This vile and unclean being is the abomination that will work to destroy everything of God. He will plot and plan to take God’s kingdom by force and establish his own government of rebels. He will mandate his supremacy over all creation and strategize for the total annihilation of mankind.

If these days are not shortened, no one will survive (Matthew 24:22). God’s people will need to be as shrewd as a serpent and

harmless as a dove. The wise will discern the times and hold tightly onto their faith with enduring patience until God's set time comes to an end. Almighty God will then send His Son.

WHAT: THE SIGNS—THE SUN AND MOON DARKENED

The time of God's wrath will begin with the sign of the sun and moon being darkened and stars falling from the sky. It is the declaration of the destruction of the rebel heavenly rulers, powers, and principalities. Their reign ends with the arrival of the King over all kings and Lord over all lords.

WHAT: THE SIGNS—MANKIND WILL SEE CHRIST ON HIS THRONE

Jesus said that he will return from the east [the location of God's temple of righteousness] and his return will be seen to the far borders of the west.

“For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man” (*New International Version*, Matthew 24:27).

He will come with his army of angels and the resurrected saints. But just prior to his return, the skies on Earth will be rolled back, like a scroll, and everyone will see Jesus, the Son of God, sitting at the right hand of Almighty God. The sign of Jesus is the fulfillment of his prophecy that he is the Son of God who will return and when he does; he will be King over all kings and Lord over all lords. His distinguishing

mark is the encapsulation of his word. All that Jesus has said he was will be proven true; all that he has prophesied will happen. He sits now wearing his royal garments on a glorious throne. Mankind on Earth will see his great glory just prior to his descent. The claim of the Antichrist as the Saviour of mankind and supreme Being will be confirmed to be false. The disillusioned people who believed the lies will shudder.

“‘I am,’ said Jesus. ‘And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven’” (*New International Version*, Mark 14:62).

After the rebels on Earth see their adversary on his throne, he will rise and mobilize on the clouds of heaven down to Earth.

The unrepentant and incorrigible people will mourn; they will know their defeat is absolute. “At that time *the sign of the Son of Man* will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the Earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:30).

WHAT: THE SIGNS—SPIRITUAL BUDDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Into the twenty-first century, trends have mythicized the existence of the spiritual world. A rude awakening is coming. God’s people, comprised of twelve nations today, will be the target of hate, ridicule, shame, and intense persecution. God’s people will feel the sting and cruelty of these rebel gods and they will cry out to their God, the God of Israel and He will hear them.

Jesus prophesied this awakening moment. “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near” (Matthew 24:32). This scripture may appear inconsequential, but the imagery used holds the key to the change of heart the God of Israel has waited for now for a long time.

God uses His imagery to speak on a spiritual level. The fig tree is a common image of the people of Israel. Jesus understood the language of the fig tree. He said, “Seeing a fig tree by the road, He went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. ‘May you never bear fruit again!’ And immediately the tree withered” (Matthew 21:19). By cursing the fig tree, Jesus was cursing the Israelites who should have displayed the early fruit that grows in Spring. This fruit is symbolic of God’s righteousness. The leaves of the fig tree appear before the summer fruit. They were given knowledge and ample time to overcome and begin living God’s way of love.

God intentionally created fig trees to produce twice in the year. He is teaching His people that there will be two distinct harvest periods. The first fruits appear in spring and are produced from the old branches, the Breba crop. The second growth of fruit appears in summer and is produced from the new growth, the Higos crop.

The early fruit of a fig tree is the imagery God specifically used to describe Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their faithful descendants. “When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert and *when I saw your fathers*, it was like seeing the *early fruit on the fig tree*” (Hosea 9:10).

A significant characteristic of the fig tree is the flower, which is hidden within a fleshly structure known as the syconium. The flower eventually develops into fruit. This is a spiritual image of humble people growing in God's word and developing into righteous leaders who are not seeking self-glory. Inner beauty is what God is forming in His people.

Jesus said, "But a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for *the Father is seeking such as these to worship Him. God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth*" (John 4:23-24).

In Matthew chapter 24, Jesus described the new growth on the fig tree—the *tender twigs* that will produce the Higos crop. This summer crop mirrors the repentance and spiritual growth of people who come into God's word with a limited background of the scriptures. Their learning is new and young.

People from the twelve nations of twenty-first-century Israel will repent. They will acknowledge the God of Israel, desire to obey His commandments, and strive to live His way. This move to obey God and live His way is the picture of the budding flower of the fig tree. The flower is the fruit inside. This is the beauty of repentant people. Their inner being blossoms into beautiful character.

Though the fruit from the new growth of branches and leaves described in Matthew chapter 24 is not visible, Jesus foresees its future development. It is representative of God's people who had walked away from Him for generations. Their children will see the light and bend their knee before

their Saviour and the God of Israel. They will become God-fearing and God-serving leaders. They are the new leaves and branches on the fig tree; their fruit will appear during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

The lesson from the fig tree in the book of Matthew chapter 24 is the humble repentance of God's people. They will not be fully spiritually mature but their spiritual growth will be visible, rapid, and healthy. This will be an exceptional time when millions turn to God sincerely and completely, during a time of intense distress. Out of thick and suffocating darkness, God's people will gasp and cry out for their rescue.

Ephraim's moaning will be heard. He was the leader of the ten tribes of ancient Israel. God often references the leader when He is addressing the whole group. He will hear Ephraim in the twenty-first century. "I have surely heard Ephraim's moaning: 'You disciplined me severely, like an untrained calf. Restore me, that I may return, for you are the LORD, my God. After I returned, I repented; and after I was instructed, I struck my thigh in grief. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore the disgrace of my youth.' Is not Ephraim a precious son to me, a delightful child? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore, my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him,' declares the LORD" (Jeremiah 31:18-20). God will hear them, recognize their sincerity, and surely rescue them.

Though it will be a humbling and painful time for God's people, comfort will come through God's two great prophets. They will appear on the international scene; their message will be clear; the inhabitants on Earth will hate them; and God's tender people will learn from them.

THE TWO WITNESSES

The last days of this evil age will be an open display of evil fighting to subdue good. The *two witnesses* of Revelation sent by God are two priests. They will be fully equipped with superhuman power to complete their task.

Satan, his beastly coalition, and the false prophet will not be able to stop the preaching of these two witnesses. “And if anyone wants to harm them, *fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies*. And if anyone wants to harm them, *he must be killed in this manner*. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the Earth with all plagues, as often as they desire” (Revelation 11:5-6).

They will become the enemy of the beastly coalition and all the people serving Wickedness. Watching on the sidelines, Satan will seethe with fury. The two witnesses will preach God’s pure theology and urge mankind to think critically and repent. They will have supernatural power to punish stubborn people bent on sinning. God wants to save all of the descendants of Adam and Eve. The two witnesses will work relentlessly to pull people away from the lawless leadership of the beast to follow the loving leadership of Almighty God.

This spiritual battle will be righteous religious leaders at war against lawless national leaders in partnership with the beastly coalition. The two witnesses will be preaching urgent messages of repentance and life-saving grace. The good news

of the gospel of the kingdom and mankind's destiny will go out to all the world before the end of this evil age.

In ancient times, the wicked who refused to repent were destroyed by the Great Flood. In the last days, the incorrigible will be destroyed by fire. Refusing to acknowledge truth, some people will mock the end-time prophecy and the return of Jesus Christ to their demise.

“Where is the promise of His coming?” they will ask. ‘Ever since our fathers fell asleep, everything continues as it has from the beginning of creation.’ But they deliberately overlook the fact that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the Earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world of that time perished in the flood. *But by the same word now the heavens and the Earth exist, having been stored up for fire, being kept unto the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men*” (II Peter 3:7).

By the same word—the powerful word of Almighty God that destroyed the ancient world by a flood, that very same invincible power will destroy the wicked by fire. The two witnesses will work to save and destroy.

Almighty God is molding His people into a holy kingdom of royal priests. The destiny of creation on Earth is to mature into the fullness of Christ and become experts in righteousness. In times past, God sent prophets to the kings to correct them and give them His messages. Prophetesses were also called upon to work for Him. Almighty God will accomplish all that He has set out to do. His people will repent and mature into a model kingdom for all the nations to see; they will be the first to become a holy kingdom of royal priests.

Moses recorded God's words. "‘And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites" (Exodus 19:6).

Despite their many years of rebellion, God has never rejected them. The Apostle Peter reminded the Judeo-Christians, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light" (I Peter 2:9).

Ancient Israel was called to be a church kingdom. God's directive has not changed. After the giving of His Holy Spirit on Pentecost in 31 A.D., the church kingdom budded again. What the people of ancient Israel could not achieve, the twelve nations that grew out of ancient Israel will achieve. These people remain God's original church kingdom. Into the twenty-first century, they are twelve independent nations; they do not reflect a single church kingdom. Many churches and synagogues exist, but they operate as independent organisms. During their time of great distress, the two witnesses will bring them together. What was forgotten will be remembered.

The role of a church kingdom is not limited to God's people. Through Jesus Christ, people from every nation on Earth will be part of this special calling. "And they sang a new song: 'Worthy are You to take the scroll and open its seals, because You were slain, and by Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. *You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign upon the Earth*'" (Revelation 5:9-10).

God is building His church kingdom that will eventually cover the whole Earth through the power of His Holy Spirit that opens the heart to understand His word and keep His commandments. Through God's Holy Spirit, a new world will become visible. The future great religious battle will not be a military takeover. It will not be won by force, rather, through repentance and obedience. People will humbly recognize their sins and freely turn away from serving Wickedness (Zechariah 4:2-10).

God's Holy Spirit will shine a great light over the Earth. The great awakening will expand in every direction under the ministry of the two witnesses.

Zechariah recorded God's prophecy. "Also, there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left. I [Zerubbabel] asked the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?'" (Zechariah 4:3-4).

Zechariah saw two olive trees; these symbolize two priests. He asked the angel to explain the meaning.

The angel replied, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: '*Not by might not by power, but by my Spirit,*' says the LORD Almighty." God will pour out His Holy Spirit and people will desire to live His way of love.

Almighty God continued, "'What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground.' Then he will bring out the capstone with 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'" (Zechariah 4:6-9a).

Zerubbabel will be resurrected to finish the task given to him by God hundreds of years ago. This will take place at the return of Jesus Christ.

“What are you, O mighty mountain?” God Almighty mocks His enemy. “Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground.” The destruction of the government of Wickedness will be crushed and made flat—void of any power and influence. At the time deemed by God, Zerubbabel will announce the arrival of Jesus Christ, the capstone—the head of this church kingdom with shouts of, “God bless it! God bless it!”

God’s persistent work with His people was to turn their hearts to Him. Elijah recognized the significance of this change. “At the time of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet approached the altar and said, ‘O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and have done all these things at Your command. Answer me, O LORD! Answer me, so that *this people will know that You, the LORD, are God, and that You have turned their hearts back again*’” (I Kings 18:36-37).

God continues to work turning the hearts of His creation toward Him and choosing to live righteously. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome Day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6).

THE NUMBER TWO: LAW AND RELIGION

God's church kingdom is the marriage of His theology with His law. It is the binding of two roles. He emphasizes the importance of these two roles working as a unified body because it is His image, His perfection. God sends two witnesses by design. His word and His law together form a complete legal witness in righteousness (Revelation 11:3). This partnership of two is set in God's law by requiring a minimum of two witnesses to testify before an offender can be accused. Justice cannot be determined through the witness of one. Law without religion is harsh; religion without law is soft. The two must be bound together to work as one in order for righteous justice to prevail.

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established” (Deuteronomy 19:15) and *“On the testimony of two or three witnesses a person is to be put to death, but no one is to be put to death on the testimony of only one witness”* (Deuteronomy 17:6).

Jesus followed God's principles and sent His disciples out *two by two* (Mark 6:7). These disciples were providing a complete legal witness to all who heard them. God's image is the union of king and lord working as one. God is King and LORD. His purpose of teaming a governor with a priest is His perfect rulership at work. God chose Moses to lead the people and Aaron, the high priest, to perform the redemptive sacrifices of the people. God appointed Zerubbabel as governor who worked with Joshua, the high priest, when the temple was rebuilt, after the Jews were

released from captivity. The implementation of God's law and His theology of love will ensure the completion of a righteous, legal witness, only then, can the people be held fully accountable for their actions.

THE TWO OLIVE TREES

Zerubbabel asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" The angel replied, "These are the two who are *anointed* to serve the LORD of all the Earth" (Zechariah 4:13-14).

The Apostle John recorded the angel identifying the two witnesses, "These are *the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the Earth*" (Revelation 11:3-4).

He also recorded God saying, "And I will give power to *my two witnesses*, and they will prophesy 1,260 days" (Revelation 11:3). The two witnesses of Revelation are the two olive trees in Zechariah. They are two anointed priests of God. They could be a Jewish priest from the house of Judah whose specialty is God's law and a Christian minister from the house of Israel whose specialty is God's theology of grace and love. They could possibly be Enoch and Elijah. Whoever they are, they will have a perfect understanding of God's law of love and the application of grace.

TREES: GOD'S IMAGERY FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEADERS

God's use of imagery adds clarity and precision. It was understood in ancient times that God described different leaders as different trees. Jotham provides a very clear example of God's language.

Jotham declared, "Listen to me, citizens of Shechem, so that God may listen to you. One day the trees went out to anoint a king for themselves. *They said to the olive tree, 'Be our king.'* But the olive tree answered, *'Should I give up my oil, by which both gods and humans are honoured, to hold sway over the trees?'*" Next, the trees said to the fig tree, 'Come and be our king.' But the fig tree replied, 'Should I give up my fruit, so good and sweet, to hold sway over the trees?' Then the trees said to the vine, 'Come and be our king.' But the vine answered, 'Should I give up my wine, which cheers both gods and humans, to hold sway over the trees?' Finally, all the trees said to the thornbush, 'Come and be our king.' The thornbush said to the trees, 'If you really want to anoint me king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, then let fire come out of the thornbush and consume the cedars of Lebanon!'" (Judges 9:7b-15).

Jotham's speech pointed to the different responses to the invitation of rulership over the people. He warned them that if they chose the wicked leader—the *thornbush*, the experts of God's law—the *cedars of Lebanon*, would be killed and God would no longer listen to them. The priests were invited to rule, but their response was, *"Should I give up my oil, by which both gods and humans are honoured, to hold sway over the trees?"* Both the sons of God in heaven and the people on

Earth are honoured to have been given a special, sanctified role expressed through God's imagery of having *oil*.

The fruit from the olive tree is well known for the production of oil used in their ancient lamps, for cooking, and for its medicinal properties. More importantly, oil is designated by God for the anointing of a priest and ordination of a king. It is symbolic in setting apart the tried and tested servant for the sanctified leadership role where they are placed to radiate righteous governance in humble service to God.

The process of making oil is symbolic. In times past, through a process of grinding and crushing, the olives were pressed into a paste and then crushed again through a woven bag until the oil was extracted. This process mirrors the journey of the special group of people who are prepared by God to work in His priesthood. They are crushed and tried, tested and separated, purified and perfected men and women. Olive trees are resistant to decay and produce fruit well into their old age. During Christ's millennial reign, God's priesthood will fully reflect the symbolism of oil from the olive trees with their esteemed characteristics. They will not fall away from God's word and His law. They will be righteous leaders who will radiate love and peace to the day they die. In the last days, God's two witnesses will set a spotlight on the mistakes of mankind, bringing them to reflect, think, and turn away from following the beast and the false prophet.

ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY DAYS

God said, “And I will give power to *my two witnesses*, and *they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days....*” (Revelation 11:3).

The two witnesses will prophesy the same length of time as the reign of the fourth beast on Earth. An intense battle between two forces will rage until they complete their witness to the whole world. At the end of the second woe, they will be killed by the beast from the Abyss.

“When the two witnesses have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will wage war with them, and will overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city—figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where their Lord was also crucified” (Revelation 11:7-8).

Jesus Christ was crucified outside of the gates of Jerusalem. This infamous city will become a cesspool of vile rituals and forbidden practices. It may occur again where the union of two different creations produces demigods. Their plan may be to repopulate the Earth with hybrids.

With the rise of the Great Harlot and the alien arrival of the beastly rebel gods, mankind will directly engage with the spiritual world and feel the sting of their touch. The theory of evolution will be thrown by the wayside. Strange as it may seem, the people on Earth will surrender and accept their new world ruled by rebel heavenly kings. Foretold by Jesus, the prophecy will be fulfilled.

“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).

Little is known about life prior to the Great Flood, but what is revealed, is the conviction of these people. They had fully embraced the lawlessness of fallen angels and rebel gods. They had completely rejected the Almighty God, their Creator, and discarded His law and His theology of love. These types of people, into the twenty-first century, will not recognize the signs of Christ’s return, as it was for the people who died in the Great Flood. Noah preached repentance for one hundred years and they refused to listen. Suddenly, to their utter surprise, the rain came. So, it will be at the return of Jesus Christ.

Mankind will sink deep into darkness. The death of the two witnesses will bring great joy to the inhabitants on Earth whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the beginning. They will celebrate and exchange gifts. People living in wickedness, whose names are in jeopardy of being removed from the Book of Life, will join them.

“And those who dwell on the Earth will gloat over them, and will celebrate and send one another gifts, because these two prophets had tormented them” (Revelation 11:10).

Their bodies will lie on the streets for three and a half days. Then, they will be resurrected and the celebrations of these

inhabitants will come to an immediate end. Their joy will be replaced with fear and trembling.

“For three and a half days all peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will view their bodies and will not permit them to be laid in a tomb” (Revelation 11:9).

One day for each year that the two witnesses prophesied, their bodies will lie lifeless on the street. The murder committed by the beast from the Abyss will be another nail in their coffin. Mankind will be entwined in a spiritual battle and wonder why the supreme God would allow the death of His precious prophets. They will learn that God’s law passes judgment and sentencing on *actions*. This coalition of rebels will be charged, sentenced, and destroyed on their day of judgment. The unrepentant people who do not understand God’s law will believe that the Almighty God could not protect His two great witnesses. They will stand loyal to the rebel beastly powers. Other people will have listened to the two prophets; they will humbly ask Almighty God for forgiveness. He will respond compassionately and give them grace.

After three and a half days, the two witnesses will be resurrected into glorious, indestructible bodies. The allies of Wickedness will tremble uncontrollably. The resurrection and transformation from death to immortality will be a demonstration of the power of the supreme God; the beastly coalition will not be able to prevent it. “But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered the two witnesses, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell upon those who saw them. And the witnesses heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Come up here.’ And they went

up to heaven in a cloud as their enemies watched them” (Revelation 11:11-12).

The inhabitants on the Earth will never serve Almighty God. With them, the incorrigible people will remain obstinate and filled with hatred. The wrath of the Lamb will be realized; they will choose to hide rather than repent.

“Then the kings of the Earth, the nobles, the commanders, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and free man hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of *Their* wrath has come, and who is able to withstand it?’” (Revelation 6:15-17).

For many confused and deceived people, God will pour out His Holy Spirit during those very last days. The minds of the people will become receptive to understanding God’s law and His word. God’s people will teach many. “And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on My menservants and maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days” (Joel 2:28-29).

While the raging rebel forces unleash raw power against all who oppose them, Almighty God will win this spiritual battle through the outpouring of His Holy Spirit, which will heal the hardened heart and muddled minds of people. People will come to know the Almighty God from the teaching of the two witnesses and God’s repentant people. Willingly and

humbly, they will bend their knee before their great Creator and receive grace.

The sinister plans of Wickedness were foreknown by Almighty God before creation. It was God's plan from long ago to use Wickedness to test and perfect the righteous in heaven and on Earth. God's plans cannot be thwarted; He reigns supreme.

THE BEAST FROM OUT OF THE ABYSS

At the sound of the fifth trumpet, an angel is given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. A whirlwind of black smoke will bellow out releasing locust-like creatures onto Earth.

“Now the rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands. They did not stop:

- Worshipping demons
- Worshipping idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk
- They did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts” (Revelation 9:20-21).

Scripture here is referring to a heavily darkened group of people. Their souls are on the verge of becoming irredeemable. God Almighty is giving them their final chance to choose life.

THE ABYSS—THE PIT

The Abyss is the same as the pit in the book of Ezekiel; it is located in inner Earth. This is where God has imprisoned the overthrown fallen angels and His rebel sons. He has described these fallen spiritual beings as *uncircumcised*. The removal of the foreskin is symbolic. It is a declaration to cut and remove an unreceptive and adversarial mindset and enter into a blood covenant with God committed to living humbly with a responsive heart to lead righteously. It is specific to the men in the family because they are the God-ordained leaders of the family. God designed their bodies to mirror the spiritual seeding of the children of God. Righteous leadership is critical to giving life to offspring who will walk in God's ways. The rebel leaders who have allied with Satan are bent on living outside of God's law and far from His theology of love. They are instruments seeding evil offspring.

“You [Satan] will not join them in burial, since you have destroyed your land and slaughtered your own people. *The offspring of the wicked will never again be mentioned. Prepare a place to slaughter his sons for the iniquities of their forefathers.* They will never rise up to possess a land or cover the Earth with their cities” (Isaiah 14:20-21).

God warned Pharaoh, the heavenly ruler over Egypt, that he was slipping into sin and following the path of the infamous, king of Assyria, a once-revered leader in God's holy courts in heaven.

““Who then is like you in glory and greatness among the trees of Eden [leaders in God's family]? *You also will be brought down to the depths of the Earth to be with the trees of Eden.*

You will lie among the uncircumcised [wicked], with those slain by the sword [the word of God]. This is Pharaoh and all his hordes,’ declares the Lord GOD” (Ezekiel 31:18).

It is rarely understood by biblical scholars that these heavenly rulers have a vast army—hordes that will be sentenced and destroyed with them.

THE SMOKE FROM OUT OF THE ABYSS

“When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss” (Revelation 9:2).

Billowing, dense smoke will rise from the Abyss, blotting out the full strength of the sun and filling the air with very fine, suffocating particles. The disdain these rebels have for Almighty God and Jesus Christ will soak mankind like a wet blanket. They will not hide their relentless drive for the destruction of all things of the Father and the Son. All truth and matters right and good will be infiltrated with lies and deception—so much so that exposure to pure evil will saturate Earth.

God Almighty is intentionally releasing these fallen creatures to give unrepentant mankind a taste of who they are worshipping and a visual of pure evil. Their presence will be an asphyxiating darkness.

THE LOCUSTS

“And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the Earth and they were given power like that of scorpions of the Earth” (Revelation 9:3).

Creatures will rise with the smoke, then come down like a plague of locusts to cover the Earth. They will have a ravenous appetite, consuming every sound thought of their listeners, leaving a path of mental destruction. Poisoning mankind into an irredeemable state is their primary objective. For five months, God Almighty will give them power to hurt mankind but not to kill them. Many people will worship these fallen gods and make idols of them; ironically, they will be the primary target. The release of these locust kings will reveal the raging hatred they have for all of mankind.

THE SEAL OF GOD AND THE STING OF THE GODS

“They were told not to harm the grass of the Earth or any plant or tree, but only those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. The locusts were not given power to kill them, but only to torment them for five months, and their torment was like the stinging of a scorpion” (Revelation 9:4-5).

Revelation chapter 7 identifies 144,000 people from twelve tribes of Israel being sealed by God in the twenty-first century. The number is symbolic. Twelve is God’s number for a perfect government. The multiplication of twelve by twelve is God revealing two separate components to this

new government—national governance with theological applications. By multiplying this number by 1,000, God is declaring that this group of people will be part of His government forever. The actual number of people protected at this time may not necessarily be 144,000; it may be many more. By referencing 144,000, God is pointing to His new perfect, eternal government from the twelve tribes of Israel.

The tribe of Dan is not included in the sealed 144,000. In ancient times and for many years, they were heavily involved in pagan worship. Jacob, the patriarchal father, blessed Joseph with the firstborn blessing; he received a double portion. That is the reason why his son, Manasseh, has been included as a separate tribe among the twelve. In this case, Joseph's youngest son, Ephraim, is not mentioned; his leadership role that he has held for many years will be returned to his father. Overall, the total number of tribes named in Revelation chapter 7 remains at twelve.

These rebels from the Abyss cannot go beyond God's commands. They have limited power and strength. The torment these rebels unleash on the unprotected people will cause intense pain. They disdain mankind; their desire is to destroy all creation on Earth. Jesus said, "And if those days had not been cut short, *no human being would be saved*. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short" (Matthew 24:22).

MEN WILL SEEK DEATH

“During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them” (Revelation 9:6).

God desires to save all of mankind. How much pain people are willing to suffer before they will repent will become known during this time. The stubborn evil doers will prefer to end their suffering through death rather than bend their knee before the Almighty God. He will not allow them to die. They will live to come to a full understanding of their choices that will result in His judgment and sentencing. They will be without excuse.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a testimony [a legal witness] to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

THE APPEARANCE OF THE LOCUST-LIKE CREATURES

The Apostle John is very specific in the description of these locust-like creatures. Every detail provides an understanding of who they are and their attitude toward mankind.

- **The locusts look like horses prepared for battle.** These beings are angry and revengeful. They are dressed for war, each wearing their custom-made suit of armour. Their battle plans are ready. Their weapons are sharpened. They stand ready for their release. They are not mankind's friends.

- **On their heads, they wear something like crowns of gold.**

These beings were rulers in heaven and some of them inherited rulership over the nations at the time of Babel. All of them have turned against Almighty God. Most of them have been overthrown and imprisoned in the Abyss. The Apostle John saw a resemblance of a crown on their heads. The prominent glorious bands of great royal kings have become buckled and twisted representations, pressed and pushed to fit their changing deformed and decaying state.

God said to the rebel sons of God, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, but you will die like mere men” (Psalm 82:6). These rebel sons of God had eternal life, but their rebellion is killing them. They have lost God’s Holy Spirit and what remains are slowly decaying, sorry states of once-revered sons of God.

- **Their faces resemble human faces.**

Almighty God presides over a great number of sons in heaven and He gives them power to rule. “He gives judgment among the ‘gods’” (Psalm 82:1).

There are many different life forms in heaven. Not all of them are members of the God family.

“Again, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD” (Job 2:1).

These *sons of God* who present themselves before the LORD could have faces that look human; some may have the head of an eagle, or a lion, or an ox. Satan was once a guardian angel, but he is now described as a snake and a dragon.

The four living creatures surrounding God's throne have four faces: the eagle, the lion, the ox, and the man. They are guardians of God. These locust-looking creatures have human faces—possibly once guardians of God. Mankind is made in God's likeness. Born-again believers are adopted into God's family as His children.

The prophet Hosea recorded God's precious promise to His prodigal ten tribes. He had pushed them away from Him into far-away lands. God had considered them no longer His people; they were not loved. However, living in the curses of their mistakes, both the national and religious leaders repented and began making changes that pleased God. The full repentance of the state and church will occur during the future Great Tribulation. Still, the Apostle Paul recognized their spiritual growth. He quoted Hosea 1:10 forecasting God's promise to adopt them as His children when they are living in distant homelands. "I will call them 'My People' who are not My people, and I will call her 'My Beloved' who is not My beloved.... It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' *they will be called 'children of the living God'*" (Romans 9:25-26).

Becoming children of God is the promise to all repentant people. “Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us that *we should be called children of God*. And that is what we are!” (I John 3:1). Not only children of God, the destiny of mankind is central to Him; they will also be one of four guardians.

The locust-like creatures have faces that resemble humans. Their distorted crowns and faded shine reveal fallen creatures decaying like humans. Sadly, these once-eternal royal sons of God are now shamed, dying commoners.

- **Their hair is like women’s hair.**

The hair of these creatures is long. These fallen creatures understand the spiritual meaning of having long hair. They are declaring that they have a covering like the church. The church is always addressed in the female gender because she is symbolic of a theological body of men and women. Women’s long hair represents Christ, the covering of the church. Repentant men and women have the covering of Christ; they no longer owe the payment of their sins. These rebels are declaring that they too have a covering that has freed them from the payment of their sins. Their only hope is the successful implementation of their salvation plan.

In contrast to women, it is a disgrace for a man to have long hair because the male gender is an image of creation in heaven who do not have a covering—a mechanism to cover their sins.

“Doesn’t nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, but that *if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering*” (I Corinthians 11:14).

When the angels and sons of God in heaven sin, they are intentionally choosing to make a mistake because they have the full knowledge and understanding of the difference between right and wrong. Pride and arrogance have caused many of these once-revered leaders in heaven to fall.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God provided a perfect covering for them. He replaced the fig leaves they chose with the skin of a lamb. All of mankind, men and women, are destined to become a church kingdom. Under that role, the covering is Jesus Christ. Creation in heaven does not have the role of a *church* kingdom; their kingdoms are law-based, national kingdoms. The need for a sacrifice for mankind was foreknown by Almighty God before creation. The Son of God accepted that role when Almighty God formulated every detail for mankind into His plan. A complementary kingdom, a church kingdom that would partner with national kingdoms in heaven, was always God’s intention. Together, they will form the essential blend of God’s theology into the application of the law that results in *righteous* governance.

The saving plan for mankind, a kingdom of priests, is the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The locusts with long hair from the Abyss are claiming to have a covering of redemption—a mechanism of sorts.

- **Their teeth are like lions' teeth.**

The imagery of a lion tearing and devouring its prey is God's description of these unprincipled, royal rebels tearing and devouring truth. These rebels were once princes in heaven who have a rich knowledge of God's law. They will stalk mortal man and attack with a vengeance. People who do not study God's word will be an easy target. Jesus Christ is the lion of Judah; he will tear and devour the lies and deception of Wickedness when he returns.

- **They have breastplates like breastplates of iron.**

The priestly garments designed by Almighty God have significant meaning. God wove an intrinsic holiness into each piece of the set. "These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. They are to make these holy garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so that they may serve Me as priests" (Exodus 28:4).

The cloth breastpiece had four rows of three stones. Each stone had an engraved name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. It is symbolic of righteous judgment that will, in the future, come from their leadership. A breastplate protects the vital organs. God's designed breastpiece is pointing to the future reign of Jesus Christ when God's ministry are righteous priests keeping His law of love. A breastplate of iron is a representation of governments who use force, terror, and war to gain and keep control.

- **The sound of their wings is like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle.**

The power in the wings of these creatures is evidence of supernatural forces that they still control. The woman of Revelation will escape Satan's pursuit when she is given two wings of a great eagle where she is then kept safe during Jacob's trouble (Revelation 12:14). She will have supernatural power.

It is the great and untouchable power of Almighty God that keeps Wickedness from touching His loved ones. When ancient Israel left Egypt, God said that He carried them on the wings of an eagle. His poetic description is His ability to supernaturally lift millions of people, at one time, out of the grip of an unrelenting ruler and take them to safety. "You have seen for yourselves what I did to Egypt, and how *I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself*" (Exodus 19:4).

In addition, He brought them closer where they finally put their trust in Him. "When Israel saw the great power that the LORD had exercised over the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and believed in Him and in His servant Moses" (Exodus 14:31).

Ancient Israel was carried and protected by God supernaturally when they escaped out of Egypt. In the last days, the faithful church will not be *carried*, but *given* the wings of an eagle.

These locust-like creatures are still powerful spirit beings. God will completely disarm them after His set time is complete.

- **They have tails, which have the sting of a scorpion; they are given five months to torment unrepentant people.**

God refers to the head as the image for the national leader and the tail for the religious leader. It is no surprise that God describes Satan as a dragon who has swept one-third of the angels with his *tail* into his sovereignty; he lured them into accepting his ideology.

At one time, ancient Israel became so corrupt and depraved that God had to purge both types of leaders—the head *and* the tail. “So, the LORD will *cut off Israel’s head and tail*, both palm branch and reed in a single day. The head is the elder and honourable man, and the tail is the prophet who teaches lies. For *those who guide this people mislead them*, and those they mislead are swallowed up” (Isaiah 9:14-15).

The locust creatures have a lethal weapon in their tail. Their religious practices will cause excruciating pain for unrepentant mankind. Five months is a period from Passover to the Feast of Trumpets [Rosh Hashanah], when Jesus Christ will return.

These locust creatures will return to the Abyss at the command of God. They are powerless to refuse re-entry into their prison of shame.

- **They have a king over them whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek, Apollyon.**

The locust creatures return with their appointed master, Apollyon—Abaddon, the angel of the Abyss. These creatures are spirit beings, fallen angels, rebel sons of God. They await judgment and sentencing.

“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” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

By allowing these locust-like beings out of the Abyss, God is showing unrepentant mankind their true enemy. They are evil to the core. These rebels were once righteous ruling sons of God. Their crowns were once glorious and fitting. They were once the experts on God’s law and keepers of order. Fallen, still they continue to keep a level of order among themselves. They hold to a false hope that their fellow rebels in heaven will save them.

Almighty God cannot be overthrown. There is no one like God nor will there ever be a Being like Him. He is righteous; He is transparent. His Holy Days are an outline of the key events of His plan for His people and the world. He reveals His timeline for all to see. After every significant event on His timeline, He shakes the Earth. People stop to get their balance and for that moment, they wonder.

EARTHQUAKES: MARKERS OF BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Jesus's ministry on Earth lasted three and a half years. The two witnesses will complete their great witness in the same time period. In both cases, the fulfillment of the event was and will be marked by a great earthquake. God shakes the Earth to witness every significant event on His timeline.

TWO GREAT EARTHQUAKES THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS APART

Jesus completed his ministry on Earth upon his death on the cross. Payment of mankind's sins was accepted by Almighty God and marked by a great earthquake that shook and split rocks. Christ's redemptive sacrifice opened the door again for mankind to come before their great Creator. This opportunity was verified when the curtain in the temple was torn from the top down. Profound events were witnessed in times past that shook souls and rattled nerves.

“When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The *Earth shook and the rocks split*.... When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw *the earthquake* and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, ‘Surely he was the Son of God’” (*New International Version*, Matthew 27:50, 54).

A violent earthquake rocked Jerusalem when an angel came from heaven and rolled back the stone of Jesus's burial place.

This event marked God's power and His pleasure to resurrect His faithful and righteous Son to his former glory.

“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a *violent earthquake*, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it” (Matthew 28:2).

The violent earthquake at the arrival of the angel marked the moment the news of Jesus's resurrection was declared. He is the successful Adam who can give life. The next earthquake to shake the Earth will occur prior to His return. He will stand between the beastly coalition and the saints; the whiplash of Wickedness will end.

NOBODY KNOWS THE DAY OR THE HOUR

Jesus stands ready to return. Only Almighty God knows the exact day and hour; He is the Judge and He will give the order at the time when the legal case against these rebels is complete. Jesus warned believers to be ready, never to lose hope, and to endure patiently because for many, his return will be like a thief in the night.

“For you are fully aware that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘Peace and security,’ destruction will come upon them suddenly, like labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape” (I Thessalonians 5:2-3).

When the people of the world have surrendered totally to the beast and feel at peace and secure, the Messiah will receive the order from Almighty God to return and pour out his wrath. What they thought would never happen will hit them faster than the strike of a snake.

The saints of God know the prophecies in the scriptures; they are not in the dark. They have the outline of God's plan. During that time of distress, they will remain faithful and loyal to Almighty God; they will worship Him only. He will be their eternal King and they will be His people. The Apostle Paul prophesied, "But you, brethren, are *not in darkness*, so *that the day should overtake you like a thief*. For you are all children of the light and children of the day; we do not belong to the night or to the darkness" (*English Standard Version*, I Thessalonians 5:4-5).

Now is not the time to follow the crowd. It is not the time to allow everyday life with its many cares to become a distraction. The children of the light living in this evil age are the watchmen and watchwomen trumpeting warnings and upholding the truth. "So then, let us not sleep as the others do, but let us remain awake and sober" (I Thessalonians 5:6).

The saints of God may not know the exact moment of Christ's return, but they will recognize key events and leap for joy as every minute draws closer to the time when Christ returns to take his reign on Earth. They will be ready.

THE WRATH OF THE LAMB

The opening of the sixth seal will draw attention to the signs in the sky. Almighty God will shake the Earth. God will give the order and His army will destroy the dominion of Wickedness. “The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to Earth, like late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the Earth, the princes, the generals, the rich and the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the *wrath of the Lamb!* For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?’” (Revelation 6:12-17).

The people who cry out to the mountains and rocks will have been warned by the saints and the two witnesses that this Day of Wrath is coming. They are people who refuse to believe the truth and have chosen to hold onto the lies of Wickedness.

The great earthquake before the sixth seal marks the beginning of the wrath of the Lamb and the destruction of the dominion of Wickedness.

THE TRUMPETS BEGIN

After the seventh seal is opened, “smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel’s hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the Earth; and there

came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an *earthquake*” (Revelation 8:4-5).

The opening of the seventh seal brings immediate silence in heaven. Seven trumpets are given to seven angels who stand ready to sound God’s judgments. Prayers from all the saints go up before God and the angel with the censor then fills it with fire and hurls it down to Earth. The storm causes peals of thunder, lightning, and an *earthquake*. This earthquake marks the time of the destruction of Wickedness and the final call to unrepentant people.

The first trumpet blown burns one-third of the Earth. The second trumpet causes something like a molten mountain to fall into the sea, killing one-third of sea life. The third trumpet poisons the water and one-third of the people die. The sound of the fourth trumpet darkens one-third of the lights in the sky. This attack is directed to the one-third of the angels in heaven who followed Satan in his rebellion against God; they fall from glory. The world of Wickedness begins to topple at the sound of the trumpets.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET, WOE 1

The locust-like fallen sons of God will be released and they will attack the unprotected people for five months with an excruciating sting. People serving Wickedness will experience the raging hatred and cruelty of these fallen sons of God.

THE SIXTH TRUMPET, WOE 2

The people who do not repent from their evil behaviour will be faced with the four angels chained under the Euphrates River who are saved for this moment. If the pain inflicted by the locust-like fallen sons of God was not enough, the four cruel and chained fallen angels released next will relish in the death of one-third of mankind. These fallen angels have an army comprising 200 million troops.

Kings and princes in heaven rule over vast dominions with massive armies. The book of Ezekiel is a record of God's prophecies against rebel kingdoms in heaven and the hordes under their rulership. God lists the dominions who have been subdued and imprisoned and others destined for Sheol. "Assyria is there with her whole army.... Elam is there, with all her hordes.... Meshech and Tubal will be shattered.... Edom is there, her kings and all her princes.... All the princes of the north and all the Sidonians are there" (*New International Version*, Ezekiel 32: 22, 24, 26, 29, 30).

God warned Pharaoh King of Egypt of his deadly choices and concluded that he would be imprisoned with the other fallen rulers. "When Pharaoh and his entire army arrive, *he will take comfort that he is not alone in having his hordes killed*" (*New Living Translation*, Ezekiel 32:31).

While Pharaoh awaits judgment and sentencing, his great army is killed. Pharaoh's strange comfort in the death of the vast number serving him and the hordes who served their captured kings is a revelation of his ruthless competitive spirit.

Many great kingdoms in heaven have rebelled and allied with Satan. They thought they could overthrow the Almighty God. Their drive for power and desire for supremacy caused Almighty God to withhold His Holy Spirit from them and they began to decay.

The second woe ends with the preaching of the two witnesses. After they are killed, upon their resurrection into their eternal bodies, a severe earthquake collapses one-tenth of the city of Jerusalem. “Seven thousand people are killed” (Revelation 11:13b). Finally, these stubborn people begin to repent and give glory to the Almighty God. The second woe is finished.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET—FINAL EVENTS, WOE 3

The seventh trumpet is the sound of the third woe comprised of the seven bowls of God’s wrath poured out on Earth. The angel with the first bowl spills the contents over the land, causing ugly and painful sores on the people who have the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. The angel with the second bowl of God’s wrath pours his bowl over the sea, turning it to blood, and all life in the sea dies. The third angel pours his bowl over the rivers and springs of water and they become blood. The evil people remaining will have no fresh water to drink. These people will be judged by God because they participated in the bloodshed of His righteous people. In God’s vengeance, they will only have blood to drink. The fourth angel will pour out his bowl and the sun will scorch the Earth. The fifth bowl is filled with judgment against the beastly coalition. God’s wrath reduces the beast’s throne to rubble and darkness covers it. The remaining unrepentant

people will be infected with painful sores. God wants to save all people. His punishment is determining what it takes for them to repent or continue to choose death eternal.

THE KINGS FROM THE EAST

The sixth angel will pour his bowl over the Euphrates River. It will dry up the great river in preparation for the kings from the east (Revelation 16:12).

Jesus, the King over all kings, will gather his allies from heaven. Coming from the east is an indicator that they are righteous. Jesus said that he will return from the east and his arrival will be seen all the way to the west. It will be a grand entry, making international news and a witness that cannot be denied. “For just as the lightning comes forth *from the east* and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man” (Matthew 24:27). With lightning comes thunder. His arrival will be seen and heard.

Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and his success in every task given to him by Almighty God have earned him rewards with the great. “Therefore, *I will allot Him a portion with the great*, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He has poured out His life unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors. Yet He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12).

There are kings reigning over vast dominions in heaven who are faithful subjects of Almighty God. These kings will gather with Jesus Christ at Armageddon to battle against the

nations on Earth led by the three evil spirits who come out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.

God's teaching is everywhere. The compass points in a direction without ever making a mistake; unseen forces give it intelligence. The needle points to either north, south, east, west, or varying degrees within those four distinct directions. By design, God placed His temple in the east, His resting place. North is the location of His law courts and His throne. West is the location of God's unrighteous people. South is the location of the lawbreakers. God then uses direction to unveil the deeper story.

The three wise men from the east brought three gifts for Jesus. The number three is symbolic of a divine marker on God's timeline. The three wise men and the three gifts are part of God's language of transparency. They were righteous men fulfilling prophecy (Matthew 2:1).

The three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh, are a picture of the Messiah. Gold was used extensively inside the tabernacle in the wilderness, Solomon's temple, and Herod's temple. It symbolizes precious purity and, in this case, the redemptive sacrifice of Christ.

Frankincense and myrrh come from two different trees. To obtain the resin used in healing balms, the bark of these trees is wounded, scraped, and gouged. The tree resin bleeds out and, when hardened, it is harvested and used in healing balms, burned as incense, and added to oil to be used in anointings.

In summary, these three precious gifts mirror Jesus Christ: The royal Messiah's precious sacrifice, his ability to heal mankind, and his role as mediator between Almighty God and mankind. The men from the east point to righteous, religious experts rich in knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

By design, the entry into God's temple is in the east. "The glory of the LORD entered the temple through the gate *facing east*" (Ezekiel 43:4).

The powerful Middle East wind is the image God uses to describe His righteous power. "He stirred the east wind from the heavens and drove the south wind by His might" (Psalm 78:26).

In righteousness, God punished the rebel northern house of Israel using the forces of the east wind. His language is both physical and symbolic. "Although he flourishes among his brothers, an *east wind* will come—a *wind from the LORD* rising up from the desert. His fountain will fail, and his spring will run dry. The wind will plunder his treasury of every precious article. Samaria will bear her guilt because she has rebelled against her God" (Hosea 13:15-16a).

The northern house of Israel did not return to the Holy Land en masse. After their release from captivity, they migrated away from the east. "Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; he multiplies lies and violence; he makes a covenant with Assyria and sends olive oil to Egypt" (Hosea 12:1).

Wind is an image for unseen forces. The ancient northern house of Israel craved power and self-direction. The east wind

moves westward. By pursuing the east wind, God is pointing to the direction of their migration where they engaged in alliances and trade with gentile kingdoms.

The God of Israel gave them time to repent, but their expectations of Him were not met, so they went on their way. The fierce east wind is the force of God *righteously* pushing His unrighteous people away from His place of rest.

“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).

The righteous judgment of our LORD God comes from the east—the direction of His temple. It is also the direction of the righteous kings who will come with their armies down the great river, Euphrates.

IT IS DONE

The seventh angel will pour out his bowl into the air and a loud voice will be heard, “It is done!” (Revelation 16:17).

The most severe earthquake to occur on Earth will split the great city into three parts and the nations will collapse; mountains will fall, filling the oceans and pressing islands against the mainland. God will open His temple in heaven for all to see the Ark of the Covenant. This earthquake will mark the end of Wickedness and the beginning of peace on Earth. Loud voices from heaven will be heard on Earth. “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord

and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever” (*New International Version*, Revelation 11:15).

The show of Almighty God’s great power over the fallen gods is the unveiling of the unstoppable and unmatched markers on His timeline. The great earthquakes mark the beginnings and the endings of every significant event of God’s plan.

THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

During the time of Jacob’s trouble—the Great Tribulation, Jesus will be watching how God’s people are being treated. He will be the judge. God’s people are his body; he died for them and all of mankind while they were still sinners. He will offer the good people from the nations, who treat God’s people with care during their time of distress, rulership and eternal life.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. *All the nations* will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd *separates the sheep from the goats*” (Matthew 25:31-32).

The reference to *all the nations* identifies the nations who are not God’s covenant people. God does not consider His people part of the nations of the world. These nations will worship Satan when he is thrown down to Earth. Almighty God will be displeased with their choice and their decision to arm themselves against Him.

He warned them long ago. “Come near, O nations, to listen; pay attention, O peoples. Let the Earth hear, and all that fills it, the world and all that springs from it. The LORD is angry with all the nations and furious with all their armies. He will devote them to destruction; He will give them over to slaughter” (Isaiah 34:1-2).

God’s declaration to the nations written centuries ago by the prophet Isaiah is followed by the signs in the sky after the opening of the sixth seal of Revelation 6:13-14. “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).

While the nations will be vulnerable and powerless to stop Satan and his beastly coalition from overpowering them when they arrive on Earth, the preaching of the two witnesses will give them absolute proof of the great God who can save them. They will encourage all of the national leaders and the people to rethink their loyalties; a great multitude that no one can count will surrender and turn to obey Almighty God. “From every nation, tribe, people, and language, will stand before the throne of the Lamb. They will be wearing white robes and hold palm branches. They will cry out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

Coerced by the three evil spirits, the unrepentant kings of the world will gather for battle against Jesus Christ and the kings from the east with their armies. It is this rebellion that brings God’s judgment upon them.

From among the nations, there will be people who will protect, support, and comfort the suffering people of God during their time of distress. These people, who put their own lives on the line to support God's people, will not be placed with the goats on that day of judgment; they will be part of God's protected sheep.

The captive slaves in the nations will contribute an important portion of the final witness. God's Holy Spirit will pour out and they will prophesy (Joel 2:28). God's love for all creation on Earth will touch the hearts of confused and disillusioned people. God's grace will be offered. Satan's world of chaos and corruption infused with his detestable rituals will trigger people to search for a different God—a God of peace and love. The captives will urge these people to turn away from serving Satan and the beast. Christ will see the humbled captives suffering and feel their pain as though it is happening to him.

Saul, who became Paul, persecuted the new converts of Christianity. Jesus said to him, "Why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). Jesus felt the pain caused by Saul. During the upcoming distress, he will feel every saving action, kind word, need filled, and the warmth of sincere compassion. He will respond to these good people who seemingly won't remember when they cared for him, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40).

Christ will say to those on his right, "take your inheritance." Rulership is the inheritance of the children of God. This inherited gift in God's kingdom was prepared since the creation of the world (Matthew 25:24).

The cruel and malicious people who treat the twenty-first-century Israelite captives badly will be separated and moved to Christ's left. The unkind actions and neglect some people will experience will be felt by Christ. It will be a time when many in the nations mock God's people and ridicule them for being covenant people and having hope in Him.

God's repenting people will recognize their wayward lifestyle. They will feel the shame of their actions and say, "*Because I have sinned against Him, I must endure the rage of the LORD, until He argues my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me into the light; I will see His righteousness. Then my enemy will see and will be covered with shame—she* [likely the Great Harlot] who said to me, '*Where is the LORD your God?*' My eyes will see **her**; at that time, **she** will be trampled like mud in the streets" (Micah 7:10).

At the end, the Great Harlot will see the power of the supreme God in action. The *one hour* of her reign ends and God's people begin to stand, this time as a humble people serving Him. Righteousness will rise and completely blot out darkness forever. God's people will rejoice and say, "*Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will arise; though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light*" (Micah 7:8).

Many of God's people will acknowledge their sins and humbly surrender to the Almighty God. Those who refuse to repent will be judged with the goats.

Peace and freedom will come. "The humble will increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For *the ruthless will vanish, the*

mockers will disappear, and all who look for evil will be cut down—those who indict a man with a word, who ensnare the mediator at the gate, and who with false charges deprive the innocent of justice” (Isaiah 29:20).

After God’s wrath against His people is complete, the unrepentant people of the nations will be punished; their time of suffering and destruction will come. *“I have cut off nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no 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 shoulder to shoulder”* (Zephaniah 3:6-9).

Every man and woman on Earth from all nations will know the Almighty God—their Creator. Mankind will clearly see their enemy—fallen sons of God, who were once revered and trusted. What caused their downfall?

THE BACKSTORY OF THESE FALLEN SONS OF GOD

Almighty God has His stresses and trials recorded throughout the Bible. The magnitude of His suffering by His creation is rarely understood. God allows His creation, choice. Forks in the road of righteousness appear when poor choices are made. God foreknew the rise of Wickedness so He engineered a structure that will remain firm and strong for all eternity. Almighty God is now tearing down the old and building His new eternal government.

“See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. *The lofty trees will be felled; the tall ones will be brought low.* He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax; *Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One*” (Isaiah 10:33-34).

In Isaiah 10, Almighty God is not talking about the great cedar forests in Lebanon on Earth. God uses imagery when He is referring to the spiritual world of: events, places, different types of leaders and roles, His army, and His enemies. He has created mirrors on Earth that reflect important spiritual matters to provide transparency and clarity. Recorded by Isaiah, God Almighty, Himself, will cut down the mighty trees in Lebanon and bring them low.

This Lebanon is in heaven. It is the name of God’s headquarters, which is now collapsing.

The lofty trees that God is referring to were the legal experts of His law. They are sons of God who are also described as

stars. God referred to these shining beings when He was talking to Job. “Where were you when I laid the Earth’s foundations?... On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the *morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*” (Job 38:6-7).

The starry host in heaven sparkles and shines like the stars in our night sky. God’s reference to these stars is not an array of planets reflecting the light of the sun but, rather, a vast host of radiant angels and sons of God holding many positions in His government. There is also His starry host trained in spiritual warfare. Satan, too, has his starry host.

STARS WILL FALL FROM THE SKY

Isaiah prophesied a dramatic event resting on our dark horizon. Mankind across Earth will witness the collapse of their night sky, which is a mirror of radiant beings in heaven. “*All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree*” (Isaiah 34:4).

God Almighty is describing His destruction of the army of angels warring against Him. This vast starry host will gather angry nations against Him and Jesus Christ. They will overestimate their power and their confidence will end dramatically. Against the great Creator, they are powerless; He will destroy them. Their eternal life will wane and they will die like mere mortals—aged, crumpled, dried up to be crushed with one squeeze of His hand.

Matthew recorded Jesus prophesying the same event and exactly *when* it would take place.

“Immediately *after the tribulation of those days*, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, *the stars will fall from the sky*, and *the powers in the heavens will be shaken*. At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the Earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:29-30).

Joel also saw the vision of the Day of the Lord when all these cosmic events will occur. God’s army moves unstoppable, destroying everything in their tracks. “They storm the city; they run along the wall; they climb into houses, entering through windows like thieves. Before them the earthquakes; the heavens tremble. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars lose their brightness. The LORD raises His voice in the presence of *His army*. Indeed, *His camp is very large, for mighty are those who obey His command*. For the Day of the LORD is great and very dreadful. Who can endure it?” (Joel 2:9-11).

The rebel spiritual beings will lose their shining splendour; they will become mortalized and decay. “The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will no longer shine” (Joel 3:15).

The mirror in the night sky of Earth will reflect the fall of these rebels.

The angels and the sons of God are not invincible. Through the power of God Almighty, everything was created. He gives and He can take away. The rebel angels and sons of God will

be captured and overthrown. “Then the fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun and moon and *stars were struck. A third of the stars were darkened*, a third of the day was without light, and a third of the night as well” (Revelation 8:12). One-third of the angels rebelled against God. They are losing their shining glory; their eternal bodies will enter a state of rapid decay.

Creation in heaven was at one time at peace. Vast dominions ruled by sons of God existed and continue to exist. God is developing and enriching His creation in heaven with special opportunities and responsibilities. He poured out His Holy Spirit and many grew in knowledge unsurpassed. Some expanded their centres to provide resources to assist other beings in further spiritual development and leadership. Nestled in the book of Ezekiel is a story of a son of God who became a great leader in God’s headquarters. No one could rival him. God Almighty loved this son. Seeing him succeed gave Him great joy. Nations on Earth allied with this leader and received protection, resources, and enjoyed peace. Creation in heaven felt the comfort of his leadership. Sons of God in heaven challenged him but none could match his spiritual growth. Who was this great leader in heaven?

“Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon, with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest; it towered on high, its top above the thick foliage. The waters nourished it; deep springs made it grow tall; their streams flowed all around its base and sent their channels to all the trees of the field. So, it towered higher than all the trees of the field; its boughs increased and its branches grew long, spreading because of abundant waters. All the birds of the sky nested in its boughs, all the animals of the wild gave birth under its branches all the

great nations lived in its shade. It was majestic in beauty, with its spreading boughs, for its roots went down to abundant waters. The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it, nor could the junipers equal its boughs, nor could the plane trees compare with its branches—no tree in the garden of God could match its beauty. I made it beautiful with abundant branches the envy of all the trees of Eden in the garden of God” (Ezekiel 31:3-9).

What are the cedars? Where is this Lebanon? What is the meaning of the branches, the forest, the waters, and the nourishing? When do the birds in the sky and animals of the wild take refuge under the umbrella of kingdoms? What is the garden of God and the trees of Eden?

God is using His imagery to tell the story of the fall of His headquarters in heaven. Life in the realm of the first creation is very different to Earth. It is vast and the angels and sons of God tower over mankind in strength and knowledge. God uses descriptors to help mankind understand what they cannot see. The gigantic cedar trees on Earth are a perfect illustration of the great leaders in God’s government and legal courts in heaven.

THE CEDAR TREE

Imagery of the great cedars bring an immediate rich visual of the most spectacular trees on Earth. They have the unique qualities that mirror the strong leaders in God’s headquarters. These tall, grand trees are dimensionally stable with a built-in thermal insulator. With oils that work as natural preservatives,

these trees are resistant to bacteria and fungus. To top it off, they release a fresh aroma that deters pests.

By describing this type of leader as a cedar tree, God is revealing details of their special abilities.

- **Great height:** They have an abundant amount of God's knowledge; they are experts of His law and familiar with God's strategies and techniques.
- **Grand:** They are royal members of God's family in heaven.
- **Dimensionally stable:** They are not easily swayed to make mistakes and sin.
- **Built-in thermal insulator:** They have a robust thermal shield. It is an image of their application of God's how-to knowledge that achieves peace and harmony.
- **Oils:** They have the enduring qualities to ensure righteousness prevails showcasing the priestly qualities of a burning bright light that is critical to righteous rulership.
- **Resistant to bacteria and fungus:** They oppose misinformation and disinformation. They will combat rebel ideas and beliefs. They will not listen to talk of self-reliance, self-direction, or self-glory.
- **Fresh aroma:** They advocate for righteousness. Their counsel follows God's principles.

The king of Assyria to whom God was referring to in Ezekiel chapter 31 had all of these prized qualities. At the beginning of the chapter, God was talking to Pharaoh king of Egypt about this once very successful king.

“In the eleventh year, in the third month on the first day, the word of the Lord came to me: ‘Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his hordes. Who can be compared with you in majesty?’” (Ezekiel 31:1-2).

This Pharaoh king ruled a vast kingdom in heaven like the great king of Assyria. Biblical scholars sometimes overlook the existence of some kings and princes in heaven who also rule over a kingdom on Earth.

PHARAOH KING IN HEAVEN

Daniel recorded the angel, Gabriel, at war against the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece. “However, *the prince of the kingdom of Persia* opposed me for twenty-one days. Then *Michael, one of the chief princes*, came to help me, for I had been left there with the *kings of Persia*” (Daniel 10:13).

The prince of Persia apprehended Gabriel for twenty-one days. There, he was left under the custody of other kings of Persia, until he was rescued by the chief prince, Michael. These princes are in heaven; they rule over vast dominions.

Some theologians may not have considered the existence of vast dominions ruled by kings, chief princes, and princes exist in heaven. However, there are countless angels and sons of God who are under the rulership of Almighty God; He manages a *great assembly*. It is often not fully grasped the knowledge known by the ancient kings and patriarchs about life in heaven. “*God presides in the great assembly*; he gives judgment among the ‘gods’” (Psalm 82:1). Also, “For

the *LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods*” (Psalm 95:3).

King David understood that the God of Israel is the great King over all creation. “For you, *LORD*, are the *Most High* over all the Earth; *you are exalted far above all gods*” (Psalm 97:9).

Among biblical scholars, knowledge about kingdoms on Earth connected to heavenly rulers over Persia, Greece, Assyria, and Egypt has been lost.

THE FORGOTTEN INHERITANCE OF THE NATIONS

On many occasions, Moses reprimanded the people of ancient Israel. Without having God’s Holy Spirit, they often struggled to desire to live His way. Even under the righteous leadership of Moses, they wandered off track. Moses wrote a song preserved in Deuteronomy 32 for them to remember forever. He began by reminding them that their God is the Almighty God. He said, “For I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Ascribe greatness to our God! He is the Rock; His work is perfect; all His ways are just. A God of faithfulness without injustice, righteous and upright is He. His people have acted corruptly toward Him; the spot on them is not that of His children, but of a perverse and crooked generation. Is this how you repay the LORD, O foolish and senseless people? Is He not your Father and Creator? Has He not made you and established you?” (Deuteronomy 32:3-7).

Forgotten is the knowledge of Almighty God taking for Himself a people on Earth who became His subjects under

His direct rule when He gave the nations on Earth heavenly rulers.

“Remember the days of old; consider the years long past. Ask your father, and he will tell you, your elders, and they will inform you. When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He divided the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the LORD’s portion is His people, *Jacob His allotted inheritance*” (Deuteronomy 32:3-9).

God chose the descendants of Jacob—his twelve sons who are today twelve nations. Amos recorded this tender moment of the Almighty God speaking about the descendants of Jacob. “Of all the families of the Earth, only Israel have I chosen” (Amos 3:2).

At the time of Babel, God Almighty gave the members in His headquarters rulership over the nations as an inheritance. The *Good News* version states that *God assigned to each nation a heavenly being*. The *New Living Translation* states, “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*” (Deuteronomy 32:8-9). Some translations like the *Kings James Version* state, “... he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the *children of Israel*.”

The discrepancy of whether the translation should be the number in his heavenly court, a heavenly being, the sons of God, children of Israel, sons of Israel, or people of Israel is explained by Dr. Michael Heiser. He states, “Most English Bibles do not read “according to the number of the sons of

God” in Deuteronomy 32:8. Rather, they read “according to the number of the sons of Israel.” The difference derives from disagreements between manuscripts of the Old Testament. “Sons of God” is the correct reading, as is now known from the Dead Sea Scrolls” (Heiser 69).⁴

One of the key responsibilities of these rulers was to teach the people God’s law and His way to bring and keep them on the righteous path. However, it wasn’t long when, one by one, these heavenly rulers fell into sin and allied with Satan against Almighty God. The human expression: *power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely* is not limited to mortals.

ASSYRIA, ONCE A CEDAR IN LEBANON

Ezekiel chapter 31 is the story of the heavenly ruler over Assyria, *once a cedar in Lebanon*. He was a revered ruler in God’s heavenly court, located in Lebanon. While Lebanon on Earth had at one time the finest cedar forests, it is not God’s headquarters; it is a reflection of the many great leaders in God’s government in heaven. On Earth, the Cedars of God are located in a specific area of the Bsharri Mountain in the North Governorate of the Lebanese Republic. The Lebanese flag is a remembrance of their pride for the great cedar trees that were so abundant in ancient times.

⁴ Heiser, M. S. *The Unseen Realm*. First Edition. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

GOD'S IMAGERY OF TREES, BRANCHES, WATER, BIRDS OF THE AIR, WILD ANIMALS

The cedar tree is an image of an expert of God's law. A forest is a group of leaders. The waters and streams nourishing these leaders image the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. They expanded their rule, branching out to establish supports and structures for justice and the teaching of every facet of God's law. The birds of the air and the wild animals that are nestled under the canopy of the righteous and wise leaders in heaven are descriptors of other kingdoms in heaven that are not part of the God family.

The great nations on Earth lived in the shade of the revered heavenly king of Assyria, who reigned from heaven over the nation of Assyria on Earth.

Ezekiel recorded God's story of this Assyrian king who set his roots down deep to fill himself with God's Holy Spirit. God desires that all creation increase in knowledge, understanding, and wisdom through the in-flowing of His Holy Spirit. It gives Him great joy to see creation grow spiritually and this leader grew above and beyond all of the members in His courts. Unfortunately, he fell into rebellion against Almighty God and the Pharaoh king of Egypt began to wander onto the same dark path, following the fallen, once-great king. These are all sons in God's family expressed as an image of trees in His garden whose name is Eden.

PHARAOH KING OF EGYPT

Many places on Earth have the same name as kingdoms in heaven. Persia, Greece, Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Meshech, Tubal, and Lebanon are a few. The Pharaoh king of Egypt ruled over a kingdom in heaven; at the time of Babel, God also gave him kingship over a family of people. That Pharaoh king called his kingdom on Earth, Egypt. This Pharaoh king tasted the tantalizing high of power and glory and he wanted more. His regent on Earth knew that heavenly rulership was departing from the ways of the Almighty God; Egypt was falling into darkness. The ten plagues of Egypt declared God's verdict.

The number ten is symbolic of God's law. A legal judgment was brought against the heavenly Pharaoh king of Egypt by Almighty God. It took eight plagues, a violent storm of hail to strike all of Egypt, before the regent Pharaoh admitted, "This time I have sinned. The LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong" (Exodus 9:26-27).

Egypt in all of its majesty, surpassing all of the kingdoms on Earth, was lured into rebellion against God because of the pride of their Pharaoh king. The plague of frogs that came out of the Nile River mirrored evil spirits like the three that are prophesied to come out of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet (Revelation 16:13). This very river that the Pharaoh king claimed to have created became a cesspool of wickedness.

"Son of man, set your face against the Pharaoh king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all Egypt. 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 29:2-3).

The Pharaoh king of Egypt is a spirit being—a son of God in heaven. The pride and arrogance that he coddled clouded his vision. He claimed to be the creator of the great, resource-rich Nile River that is credited as the longest river on Earth.

THE KING OF ASSYRIA AND PHARAOH KING OF EGYPT

The king of Assyria was proud of the height he achieved: extensive knowledge, vast expansions, and immense power. God said, "Because it towered on high, lifting its top above the thick foliage, and because *it was proud of its height*, I handed it over to the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with according to its wickedness, I cast it aside, and the most ruthless of foreign nations cut it down and left it" (Ezekiel 31:10-11). Assyria on Earth and in heaven was brought down.

"Its boughs fell on the mountains and in all the valleys; its branches lay broken in all the ravines of the land" (Ezekiel 31:12b). This kingdom had grown into a vast and most powerful empire. When it fell, its branches collapsed onto mountains and valleys. The description of *mountains* and *valleys* is God's imagery for other governments and small civic centres, being crushed in the process. God continued, "All the nations of the Earth came out from under its shade and left it" (Ezekiel 12b).

All of the nations on Earth were impacted severely by the fall of this empire.

This great tragedy marked the end to such growth and acquisition of power. It was proving to be a stumbling block that enticed powerful leaders to acquire an insatiable desire to seek more power by any means. “Therefore, *no other trees by the waters are ever to tower proudly on high*, lifting their tops above the thick foliage. No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height; *they are all destined for death*, for the Earth below, among mortal man, with those who go down to the pit” (Ezekiel 31:14).

God is still using the imagery of *trees* because He is referring to the once so very great leaders in His headquarters *in heaven*. They were all exceptional, yet all of them fell into rebellion against Him; all are destined to die.

It was a painfully dark time for Almighty God, who loved them all. “On that day it was brought down to the grave I covered the deep springs with mourning for it; I held back its streams, and its abundant waters were restrained. Because of it, I clothed Lebanon with gloom, and all the trees of the field withered away. I made the nations tremble at the sound of its fall when I brought it down to the grave with those who go down to the pit” (Ezekiel 31:15-16a).

God wept. He had to draw back His Holy Spirit from this once-revered great son and watch him die. Words cannot describe the weight He felt and the pain of a parent watching His child rage against Him and embrace Wickedness. It wasn't only this great leader who turned away but all of the great leaders in His headquarters. “Then *all the trees of*

Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, all the trees that were well-watered, *were consoled in the Earth below*. Those who lived in its shade, its allies among the nations, had also gone down to the grave with it, joining those killed by the sword” (Ezekiel 31:16b-17).

The judges and masters of God’s law are now judged and found guilty. The sword of God’s law will be their destruction. Presently, these rebels are imprisoned in the pit in inner Earth. From the far north where they were honoured and revered, all of them have been brought down to the deep south. They are imprisoned in the most southerly parts of all creation, deep in inner Earth, where all the lawbreakers and the shamed are kept until judgment.

God’s final warning to Pharaoh was recorded in Ezekiel 31:18. In deep sorrow, He basically said, “Who, of all the leaders in the God family of Eden, can be compared with you in splendour and majesty? Yet you, too, will be crushed with all of the leaders who once held highly esteemed offices in the courts in heaven. You will lie with the wicked who have been judged by the law and the word of God and found guilty. Pharaoh, you will die, like the sinners on Earth.”

Spirit beings can be destroyed. God said, “You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. But *you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler*” (Psalm 82:6).

Indeed, power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely. God gave the first creation in heaven a chance, but all of the choicest and best failed. The door is now shut for them. The key leadership positions will now be given to the saints from

Earth. Mere mortals will rise up into immortality and fill all of the highly esteemed offices in the courts of God.

GOD WILL REBUILD

One final great battle remains where these fallen rebels will attempt to take control. They will not succeed and God Almighty will complete all that He has set out to do. He will use these deeply darkened rebels to test His people and *all* of the repentant people from the nations. God knew the outcome all along. He said to the raging king of Assyria, “Have you not heard? *Long ago I ordained it; in days of old I planned it. Now I have brought it to pass*, that you should crush fortified cities into piles of rubble” (Isaiah 37:26).

God ordained; He planned; He brought. These three actions mark a divine event on God’s timeline. God conquered rebel nations inferior to Assyria through the barbarous war machine engineered by the rebel king of Assyria. When this king was brought down to the pit, other imprisoned rulers were comforted. They were victims of his raging lunacy and his collapse brought them feelings of justice. They had fallen away from God, but they did not war against other nations to the extent of the relentless, ruthless Assyrians.

Almighty God will deal with every rebel both from creation in heaven and on Earth. “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” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

God gave leaders in heaven opportunities to make decisions, but their judgments lacked foresight. Their time has ended and God put into motion His plan. He has already started to rebuild His new government. Now, He will do what He had planned from before creation. He said, “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 the high and lofty mountain. On the mountain *heights of Israel*, I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar” (Ezekiel 17:23a).

God has chosen a leader; He will establish him at the very top of His government. This leader will be king over all Israel; he will establish courts and churches and fill them with righteous people. God’s law will be enforced and His word will be practised. Love will abound and peace will be achieved. He will be a splendid, great leader. This leader is Jesus Christ, who is now coronated King over all kings and Lord over all lords.

“Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it” (Ezekiel 17:23b-24).

God knows the outcome of His decision. All kingdoms of all kinds will be protected and nurtured under the canopy of this great leader. All the rulers in other kingdoms and nations will

know that the LORD Almighty can remove power from kings and princes in heaven and the wealthy families on Earth who appear to be untouchable. Also, the rebel angels and sons of God are not invincible. God will humble creation in heaven and raise up His saints on Earth. God Almighty assures us that the good people who have had no opportunity to lead, who have been oppressed and robbed of their wealth and reduced to nothing more than a pawn on the board, will rise to power. Only Almighty God is invincible. Only He reigns supreme. When God Almighty speaks, it is done!

Daniel recorded, “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations, and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and *his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed*” (Daniel 7:13-14).

The kingdom of God has already been given to Jesus Christ. His kingdom will never be destroyed. The rebel sons of God will try to take God’s kingdom by force during the upcoming Great Tribulation. They will target the saints because these dedicated servants of God will not submit to Wickedness, instead, they will reveal the evil work of mankind’s darkest enemy.

Almighty God is the great Judge. The court will sit and this final rebel coalition of Wickedness will be instantly crushed into dust. “Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be the

everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship him (Jesus Christ)” (Daniel 7:27).

God’s closing statement, “This is the end of the matter!” (Daniel 7:28). Indeed!

THE OLD LEBANON IS BEING DESTROYED

“Sheol beneath is eager to meet you upon your arrival. It stirs the spirits of the dead to greet you—all the rulers of the Earth. It makes all the kings of the nations rise from their thrones. They will all respond to you, saying, ‘You too have become weak, as we are; you have become like us!’” (Isaiah 14:9-10).

The spiritually dead are imprisoned in Sheol. At this time, many but not all of the rebel heavenly rulers have been captured and incarcerated. Almighty God is working on His timeline. At the close of the Great Tribulation, the heavenly ruler of Babylon will be taken down. Upon his arrival, the imprisoned rulers will stand when they see one of their remaining hopefuls come in chains and thrown behind bars with them. Their heads will drop and their hearts will tremble.

“Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars! Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen, because the glorious trees have been destroyed; Wail, O oaks of Bashan, for the impenetrable forest has come down” (Zechariah 11:2).

In front of mortal man for all to see, God Almighty will bring down the rebel, spiritual sons of God.

“See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. The lofty trees will be felled; the tall ones will be brought low. He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax; *Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One*” (Isaiah 10:33-34).

He is building a new government and it will not be comprised of the proud and arrogant sons of God from heaven who built powerful governments and vast dominions for their own glory.

“For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased. He will cut down the tall cedars of Lebanon and all the mighty oaks of Bashan. Against all the lofty mountains, against all the hills that are lifted up” (Isaiah 2:12-14).

Almighty God will raise up the humble and serving leaders from Earth. Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, if you are not converted and become as the little children, you shall never enter into the kingdom of the heaven” (Matthew 18:3).

While angels and sons of God became powerful holding top leadership roles in God’s courts, the Son of God stood back, watching them. He was not envious. Like his Father, he loved them and was happy for their success and, like his Father, he mourned their failure. Humility is key to righteous leadership.

The angel in Revelation reminded the Apostle John that they are fellow servants, only Almighty God is worthy of worship. “And when I had heard and saw them, I fell down to worship

at the feet of the angel who had shown me these things. But he said to me, ‘Do not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. *Worship God!*’” (Revelation 22:8-9).

Jesus prophesied the end of the rebellious angels. “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken” (Matthew 24:29).

A firmament has kept mankind from seeing the activities in heaven. That will change when God rolls back the sky. “All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree” (Isaiah 34:4).

A new time is coming. Finally, God’s people will stand up to be the model church kingdom that God intended for them from the beginning.

THE RISE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN GOD'S PEOPLE

ZECHARIAH: THE BUILDING OF THE NEW LEBANON HAS ALREADY BEGUN

Almighty God is very excited about the new government that He is building.

“In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?” (Isaiah 29:17).

In the driest of places, palm trees find water. They are an image of people who find Almighty God and receive His Holy Spirit while living in a place void of God's law and His way. They flourish to become righteous leaders in resource-poor places. The stately leader represented as the cedar tree will again multiply into a forest and establish an eternal haven for righteousness built on the law of God.

“The righteous people will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green” (Psalm 92:12-15).

God's people, both houses of Israel: Judah and Israel, have a long history of disobedience and senselessness. It is often those who have sinned the most, when they repent, love the deepest.

Jesus taught that important lesson. “Then one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him, and He entered the Pharisee's

house and reclined at the table. When a sinful woman from that town learned that Jesus was dining there, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears and wipe them with her hair. Then she kissed His feet and anointed them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, He would know who this is and what kind of woman is touching Him—for she is a sinner!’”

Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, Teacher,” he said.

“Two men were debtors to a certain moneylender. One owed him 500 denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay him, he forgave both of them. Which one, then, will love him more?”

“I suppose the one who was forgiven more,” Simon replied.

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

“And turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not greet me with a kiss, but she has not stopped kissing my feet since I arrived. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. Therefore, I say to you this: Her many sins have been forgiven, for she loved much; but to whom *little is forgiven, he loves little*’” (Luke 7:36-47).

God's people have sinned and rebelled against their King—the great God to their immense shame and treated their Saviour carelessly. However, many will love deeply because of the intense sorrow they will feel when they awaken to the magnitude of their mistakes. Almighty God will heal and nourish them.

“I [God] will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon” (Hosea 14:5-6).

God's people will set down deep roots and establish a strong legal structure that preserves and enforces His law and His way of love. Almighty God will give them daily portions of His Holy Spirit that will enrich their growth and draw them close to Him. They will stand tall, like the regal lily. They will establish branches of resources, learning centres, and guides to bring everyone into the fullness of Christ. They will *all* be teachers, shining bright with a rich understanding and application of God's word and His law. Their watchful eye and constant direction will be like the healing fragrance of the cedar tree. People will be warned and guided away from wandering back into sin or fellowshiping with troublemakers.

God's new government, comprised of the twelve tribes of Israel, will stand tall for all eternity. They will be forever loyal to the Almighty God and will never turn against Him like their predecessors. All of them will have suffered at the hands of the rebel angels and sons of God who once filled God's courts in heaven. These people love righteousness and hate wickedness. They know God and will never forsake Him.

God's new Lebanon is sprouting and it will grow into a thick forest full of faithful and loyal leaders with many beautiful gifts, special talents, and wonderful qualities. Together, they will rule with Jesus Christ, King over all kings and Lord over all lords.

The Millennial reign of Jesus Christ will bring justice and righteous leadership that will heal broken people who were lost, angry, and confused. With him, his queen will work as one, in complete harmony to bring all creation in heaven and on Earth under Almighty God, our great and awesome Creator.

HUMAN SHORTCOMINGS

Satan incites mankind to fight among themselves. It is the biggest distraction that allows him and his allies to work in the shadows unnoticed. The theory of evolution has provided the perfect cover for the evil rulers, authorities, and principalities to keep mankind from learning about their great calling in God's holy, royal family kingdom.

The many interpretations of scripture have added confusion to the understanding of God's word. Despite human shortcomings, Almighty God remains on target. He is fully in charge and aware of the challenges humans face. Almighty God foreknew the outcome before creation began. The 6,000 years of this evil age and the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ will result in a complete understanding of and disdain for sin. All creation will learn to look to their Saviour Son of God and follow him wherever he goes. He will restore all things to how they were before iniquity was found.

RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

Godly rulership was compromised when rebels in heaven locked into sin. Experimentation rose, hybrids appeared, God's law was violated, chaos surfaced, and all creation in heaven became exposed to a different way of life. The fallen Lucifer went to work to destroy the very core of God's kingdom. Soon after the creation of Adam and Eve, Lucifer, taking the form of a slithering snake, convinced them to take his advice. They listened and acted causing all of mankind to follow them into sin. Six thousand years was set by God for mankind to experience fully the curses and pain of sin. The final one thousand years of Christ's reign will establish God's model kingdom of priests and priestesses. Restoration is coming; it will occur over a series of events.

THE FIRST EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: JESUS CHRIST RETURNS

Pharaoh of Egypt gave Joseph all power to rule on his behalf to organize and manage every aspect of the affairs of Egypt, in like manner, God Almighty has given Jesus Christ all power to rule and have control over every aspect of creation both in heaven and on Earth. He is the ruling successor of God's kingdom.

After Jesus was resurrected, Mary was first to see him. She thought he was the gardener. He spoke her name and she knew it was Jesus. He said, "Do not cling to me for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and tell my brothers, 'I

am ascending to *my Father and your Father, to my God and your God*” (John 20:17).

Jesus’s resurrection confirmed mankind’s salvation. Now, all people have the same Father and God as Jesus Christ.

When the disciples saw Jesus, they worshipped him. Jesus then commissioned them to make everyone in the nations students of God’s word. The world on Earth will become the centre of learning for all eternity. God’s family will expand after God’s kingdom is established and new creations will come to Earth to learn. “Then Jesus came to them and said, *‘All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit’*” (Matthew 28:18-19).

Jesus returned to sit at the right hand of Almighty God in the highest heaven. He put his spiritual life on the line to save mankind. If he had sinned during his life on Earth, he would not have been resurrected back into his former glorious, eternal body. This possibility was considered by the Apostle John. Recorded in Revelation, “no one in heaven or on Earth or under the Earth could open the scroll or even look inside it” (Revelation 5:3). Terror and abject sadness gripped the Apostle John who loved Jesus. He wept and wept until one of the elders said, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals” (*New International Version*, Revelation 5:5).

The purpose of recording this moment in time was to teach believers that nobody in heaven, on Earth, or under the

Earth qualified to open the scroll or even look inside. Three important points are revealed in this scripture.

1. Potential qualifiers who could open the scroll and look inside existed in heaven, on Earth and under the Earth and no one in any of these three locations was successful.
2. In order to qualify, an opportunity must have been provided.
3. The successful contender must qualify in two roles: to break the seal of the scroll *and* to look inside.

LIFE IN HEAVEN, ON EARTH, AND UNDER THE EARTH

Most people believe that there is life in heaven. Common to the Judeo-Christian teachings is the existence of angels who have different levels and types of responsibilities. Sons of God exist in heaven; some are kings, chief princes, and princes. What may surprise many people is the scriptural pointer to life *under* the Earth. Sheol is located in inner Earth. It is the location of the imprisoned fallen angels and sons of God. These fallen beings did not qualify to break the seven seals of the scroll or to look inside.

MORE THAN ONE CONTENDER

Small details in scripture open the doors to big pieces of God's grand puzzle. Jesus has been described by the Apostle Paul as the *last* Adam. "So it is written: 'The first man Adam

became a living being'; the *last* Adam a life-giving spirit" (I Corinthians 15:45).

The last Adam, like there was an echo of Adams before him, achieved what previously could not be done by anyone else in heaven, on Earth, or under the Earth. Jesus wasn't the only contender to have the opportunity to be a life-giving spirit. Almighty God gave the opportunity to selected sons of God in heaven, but they all failed. Many of them are presently imprisoned in inner Earth. This adds to the increased significance of Jesus's accomplishments that nobody else could achieve.

Jesus, described as the *last Adam* and the *Lamb of God*, was in transition to the highest heaven when the Apostle John wept because no qualifier was found in heaven, on Earth, or under the Earth. Bloodied and torn, he stood before the great God who handed him the scroll with the seven seals.

THE SUCCESSFUL CONTENDER: THE TWO ROLES

An important point identified in Revelation 5:5 are the roles of the Qualifier set by Almighty God who could break the seals of the scroll and look inside. The sealed scroll is treated as a document at God's highest order, which can only be opened by a king.

Jesus is a king in heaven. Pilate asked Jesus what he had done to upset his own people that they wanted him killed. Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world*"; if it were, my

servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. *But now my kingdom is not of this realm.*”

Pilate responded, “Then you are a king!”

“You say that I am a king.” Jesus added, “*For this reason I was born* and have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:36-37).

The reason for Jesus’s mortal birth is because he is a king in heaven given work to accomplish on Earth. He was successful in everything assigned to him and upon his resurrection, Almighty God declared him to be the King over all kings in heaven and on Earth.

Jesus was also a teacher of God’s word. He was the only teacher with a perfect understanding of God’s word (Matthew 23:10). His blemish-free, redemptive sacrifice brought Almighty God to anoint him as the High Priest in heaven and on Earth in the order of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek remains a mystery character in the Bible. He is evidence of many righteous beings in heaven holding important positions. When God rolls back the sky, people on Earth will see great wonders beyond their imagination.

Jesus Christ was the only king and lord [priest] to qualify to open the scroll and look inside. It contains God’s righteous judgment and the complete prophecy of events that lead to the destruction of Wickedness. He has received all power to work and restore all creation back to keeping God’s law and order and living in love and peace. Creation in heaven and on

Earth will bend their knee before him and he will lead them in righteousness.

“Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on Earth and under the Earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

In Christ’s great love and generosity, he has invited the faithful church to partner with him in royal rulership. The faithful church is a special group of men and women who have been tested, tried, and perfected. They are an expanding group of people who will complete the task of taking the testimony of Jesus to the whole world. They will rule with Christ for all eternity.

“But the court will sit, and his [little horn] power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him” (Daniel 7:26-27).

Jesus Christ will resurrect the saints and they will join him with his army to overthrow and destroy Wickedness. Satan will be imprisoned in the utter lowest depths of the pit inside the Earth. The wicked people who take the mark of the beast, and worship the idol and the beast, will be destroyed because they will have demonstrated their full commitment to serving Wickedness.

THE SECOND EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL IS REUNITED

Jesus Christ will begin his 1,000-year reign over God's people who are, today, a fractured kingdom of separate nations. God's first priority is to restore His people into one, united kingdom.

The ancient kingdom of Israel fractured into two houses from a heated dispute over excessive taxing that continued during the reign of King Rehoboam, son of King Solomon and grandson of King David. Thousands of years have passed and only the house of Judah, the Jews today, remember their roots. The house of Israel, the ten tribes, will uncover and remember their history. The discovery will ignite a great flame that will never burn out.

God's plan for both the house of Judah and Israel remains unchanged. They will become a humble, holy kingdom of royal priests—a church kingdom.

From ancient times God said to Moses, “‘And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites” (Exodus 19:6).

God's directive continues; His people will become a kingdom of holy priests into the twenty-first century. The Apostle Peter said, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light” (I Peter 2:9).

Almighty God is gracious and His forgiveness overflows when repentance is sincere. During the time of their trouble, both houses will cry out to Almighty God and He will recognize their sincerity and their relentless plea for help. He will rescue them; their exodus out of the nations will be the biggest and most glorious event of all time. It will surpass the first exodus and remain a precious memory for all eternity.

“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).

God’s arm is very strong. When He extends it, nobody can restrain Him. When He rescues, no force can hinder Him.

*“With a strong hand, an outstretched arm, and outpoured wrath I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands to which you have been scattered. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations, where I will enter into judgment with you *face to face*”* (Ezekiel 20:34-35).

This group, rescued out of the nations, will undergo a close assessment by God to ensure they understand God’s expectations and their need to be obedient before they enter the Holy Land at the beginning of Christ’s millennial reign. God said, “I will make you pass under the rod and will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me” (Ezekiel 20:37-38).

A second group will be refined through suffering, but not enslaved. God said, “This third I will bring through the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. *They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God’*” (Zechariah 13:9).

This second group of faithful Judeo-Christians will awaken quickly during Jacob’s trouble, the Great Tribulation. Unlike any time previously, *both* houses will cry out to the Almighty God, the God of Israel, *together, at the same time*, weeping.

““In those days and at that time,’ declares the LORD, ‘*the children of Israel and the children of Judah will come together, weeping as they come, and will seek the LORD their God. They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten*’” (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

The eternal binding of these two houses into one kingdom will take place at the return of Jesus Christ. God asked the prophet Ezekiel to prophesy to ancient Israel. With their attention fixed on Him, God told him to take two single sticks and identify each, one representing the house of Judah and the other the house of Israel. He said to Ezekiel to hold them up as one stick in his hand for all to see and declare the reunification of their kingdom. The God of Israel remains on task; His people will become a single church kingdom never to fracture again.

“And you, son of man, take a single stick and write on it: ‘Belonging to Judah and to the Israelites associated with

him.’ Then take another stick and write on it: ‘Belonging to Joseph—the stick of Ephraim—and to all the house of Israel associated with him.’ Then join them together into one stick, so that they become one in your hand.... When the sticks on which you write are in your hand and in full view of the people, you are to tell them that this is what the Lord GOD says: ‘I will take the Israelites out of the nations to which they have gone, and I will gather them from all around and bring them into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one king will rule over all of them. Then they will no longer be two nations and will never again be divided into two kingdoms’” (Ezekiel 37:16-17, 20-22).

God Almighty intended from the beginning that His people be the example for the nations, to be a model nation of priests—a church kingdom, living His way perfectly in love. He will achieve His objective. God’s people were never forgotten by Him. He didn’t grow tired of them and reject them. His people were never assimilated among the people of the nations that they could not be found. Through their travels throughout the ages, God sustained them and often carried them through their hardships while they lived in rebellion. He has never stopped loving His people.

Never forgotten: “Remember these things, *O Jacob, for you are My servant, O Israel*. I have made you, and you are My servant; *O Israel, I will never forget you*” (Isaiah 44:21).

Never rejected: “But you, O Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend— I brought you from the ends of the Earth and called you from its farthest

corners. I said, ‘You are My servant.’ *I have chosen and not rejected you*” (Isaiah 41:8-9).

Never annihilated or assimilated so they couldn’t be found: “Only if this fixed order departed from My presence, declares the LORD, would Israel’s descendants ever cease to be a nation before Me” (Jeremiah 31:36).

Never left to die: “Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been sustained from the womb, carried along since birth. Even to your old age, I will be the same, and I will bear you up when you turn grey. *I have made you, and I will carry you; I will sustain you and deliver you*” (Isaiah 46:3-4).

Never stopped loving them: “The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: *I have loved you with an everlasting love*; therefore, I have drawn you with loving devotion” (Jeremiah 31:3).

The hands of the great Potter will mold a stubborn people into a humble, reunited kingdom of priests who will sincerely serve Him for all eternity. A love for righteousness will burn during their time of great distress. Never will they return to living in rebellion.

THE THIRD EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT IS POURED OUT

It is only through, first, the calling from God and then, the receiving of God’s Holy Spirit that the human mind can be opened to seeing and understanding the spiritual depths of Almighty God.

He operates in a structure of order. He is calling people in His sequence and building His spiritually-filled church kingdom in His set timeline. At Pentecost, the reborn church kingdom received His Holy Spirit. Now, everyone in this kingdom can mature spiritually and become the example Almighty God intended for His people.

Today, God is calling people from inside and outside of His covenant people. This calling will increase rapidly toward the end of the Great Tribulation—Jacob’s trouble, when His Holy Spirit will begin pouring out.

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

Eventually, under the millennial rule of Jesus Christ, all the nations will see the rich blessings of the reborn church kingdom of Israel and they will ask how they can come under the canopy of their Creator, the great God.

“In the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it” (Isaiah 2:2).

The house of the LORD will be established as the chief of all governments. All the nations will see the application of God’s law and order, His grace and love. They will come in the multitudes to learn God’s law and His way. The crazed leaders pushing for war will be gone. The drive for peace will

convert the military into weapon collectors who will have them remanufactured into tools for food production. Peace will come to Earth.

“And many nations will come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. *He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.*’ For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Then He will judge between many peoples and arbitrate for strong nations far and wide. Then *they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer take up the sword against nation, nor will they train anymore for war*” (Micah 4:2-3).

From the ashes of darkness, light will shine on truth giving rise to worldwide recognition of and obedience to their Creator. People will feel the shame of their errors and humbly seek forgiveness. God’s welcoming arms are already open anticipating their entry into His family.

“I will bring them to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on My altar, for *My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations*” (Isaiah 56:7).

Willingly, the people will come to their Creator. Willingly, they will walk in God’s ways. Willingly, they will keep God’s law and live His way. Humbly, they will accept God’s grace. Humbly, they will learn to love one another. Humbly, they will bend their knee before the Almighty God and their Saviour, Jesus Christ.

THE FOURTH EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: THE FINAL BATTLE

At the end of Christ's millennial reign, Satan will be released to test the loyalty of creation on Earth and to prove to all creation in heaven and on Earth that the God of Israel *alone* remains the Almighty, the All-Powerful God. He will call the last of the rebel kingdoms in heaven to battle. This will be a time of cleansing, once and for all, traitors in heaven and on Earth will come to their end.

GOG OF MESHECH AND TUBAL

The chief prince, Gog of Meshech and Tubal, will receive his notice of eviction. It will occur when Satan is released after one thousand years to test the people on Earth. Satan will stir up jealousy among the people in the nations against God's abundantly blessed people. Gog with his allies and hordes will take the lead.

“Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws, and bring you out with all your army—your horses, your horsemen in full armour, and a great company armed with shields and bucklers, all brandishing their swords. Persia, Cush, and Put will accompany them, all with shields and helmets, as well as Gomer with all its troops, and Beth-togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you. Get ready; prepare yourself, you and all your company gathered around you; you will be their guard” (Ezekiel 38:3-7).

The identity of this rebel and his allies remain a mystery for many biblical scholars today. Some associate Gog and his kingdom, Meshech and Tubal, with Russia. This interpretation is likely due to the Hebrew word *Rosh* in Ezekiel 38:2.

1463 [e]	גֹּג gō-wġ	Gog	N-proper-ms
776 [e]	אֶרֶץ 'e-res	of the land	N-fsc
4031 [e]	מָגוֹג ham-mā-gō-wġ,	of Magog	Art N-proper-fs
5387 [e]	נָשִׂיא na-sī	the prince	N-msc
7218 [e]	רֹשׁ rōš	of Rosh	N-proper-fs
4902 [e]	מֶשֶׁחַ me-seḥ	Meshech	N-proper-ms
8422 [e]	וּתְבַל wa-tu-bal;	and Tubal	Conj-w N-proper-fs

Rosh means: the head, the captain, and chief.⁵ It is not referring to Russia. In this case, it has been translated as “chief.”

“Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog, *the chief prince* of Meshech and Tubal. Prophecy against him.”

Lexical Summary

rosh: head, heads, top

Original Word: רֹשׁ

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: rō'sh

Pronunciation: rohsh

Phonetic Spelling: (roshe)

KJV: band, beginning, captain, chapter, chief(-est place, man, things), company, end, X every (man), excellent, first, forefront, ((be-))head, height, (on) high(-est part, (priest)), X lead, X poor, principal, ruler, sum, top

NASB: head, heads, top, chief, tops, first, beginning

Word Origin: [from an unused root apparently meaning to shake]

1. the head (as most easily shaken), whether literal or figurative (in many applications, of place, time, rank, etc.)

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

band, captain, company,

⁵ Biblehub, “Rosh.” *Biblehub.com*. <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7218.htm>. Accessed March 23, 2026.

Theories on this mystery have been discussed and published.

Derek Walker author of the book, *The Imminent Invasion of Israel*, available at Oxfordbiblechurch.co.uk, provides comprehensive details of two theories that have become the common view accepted by many biblical scholars.

Tubal and Meshech are mentioned together in Ezekiel 38:2. They were the fifth and sixth sons of Japheth, the son of Noah (Genesis 10:2). Some believe these people intermarried and became known as Magog, the dominant tribe. There are two main theories for their location: (1) RUSSIA and (2) TURKEY. Whichever it is does not change the overall picture as both are identified by the other names in Ezekiel.

(1) Regarding Meshech and Tubal, some assign a Russian identification, connecting these two nations with the modern Russian cities of Moscow and Tobolsk. Meshech—Moscow, and Tubal—Tobolsk. The first view became well known through the Scofield Study Bible: “That the primary reference is to the Northern powers headed by Russia, all agree. The reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification.”

Thus the name Moscow derives from the tribal name Meshech, and Tobolsk, the name of the principal state, from Tubal. This view is partly based on the similarity of sound in

these names and their close proximity to Rosh (Russia). If this is so, the names Meshech and Tubal point directly to Russia, being identified with Moscow, the capital of modern Russia, and Tobolsk in Asiatic Russia. Modern Tobolsk was founded in 1587, in western Siberia, and from there the Cossacks rode eastward to open up all of Siberia to Russian domination. Meshech and Tubal would then be names standing for Russia in Europe and Asia. L. Sale-Harrison corroborated this identification on linguistic grounds.

Ethnologists—historians who track the migrations of people—tell us after the Flood, the Japhethites migrated from Asia Minor to the north, beyond the Caspian and Black Seas. They settled in the area of Rosh that we know today as Russia. Wilhelm Gesenius, the world-class Hebrew scholar, whose Hebrew lexicon has never been surpassed, said Gog is undoubtedly the Russians. He also identified Meshech as Moscow, the capital of modern Russia. Tubal he identified as Tobolsk, the earliest province in Asiatic Russia to be colonized, and also the name of the city in which Peter the Great built the old fortress after the pattern of the Kremlin in Moscow. “Meshech was founder of the Moschi, a barbarous people, who dwelt in the Moschian mountains.” He went on to say that the Greek name “Moschi” derived from the Hebrew

“Meshech,” is the source of the name for the city of Moscow. In discussing Tubal, he said, “Tubal is the son of Rapheth, founder of the Tibereni, a people dwelling on the Black Sea to the west of the Moschi.” His conclusion was these people make up the modern Russian people.

(2) Another line of study reveals that Meshech and Tubal are the ancient Moschi/Mushki and Tubalu/Tibareni peoples who dwelled in the area around, primarily south of, the Black and Caspian Seas in Ezekiel’s day. Meshech and Tubal are mentioned together in Ezekiel 27:13 as trading partners with ancient Tyre (modern Lebanon). Today these regions are in Turkey, possibly including parts of southern Russia and northern Iran. Meshech was located near what was known as Phrygia, in central and western Asia Minor, while Tubal was located in eastern Asia Minor. So Meshech and Tubal form portions of modern Turkey. (However, later migrations north into Russia mean that this view is also consistent with the first theory) (Walker).⁶

The prophecy of the dreadful tribes ruled by the chief prince Gog of Meshech and Tubal, have been a terrifying threat

⁶ Walker, Derek. “The Imminent Invasion of Israel.” Appendix 6. 2016. *Oxfordbiblechurch.co.uk*, <https://www.oxfordbiblechurch.co.uk/index.php/books/the-imminent-invasion-of-israel/542-appendix-6-where-is-meshech-and-tubal?tmpl=component>. Accessed August 10, 2025.

hanging over God's people since ancient times. They placed them on maps always in the north of where they lived and migrated. This enemy remains an elusive people today possibly because scholars have continued to interpret the *far north* as a location on Earth.

The only enemies of mankind warned by the Apostle Paul are the *heavenly* rebel rulers, powers, and principalities in heaven and on Earth (Ephesians 6:12). Mankind's enemies are located in the far north *above Earth*. God has commanded all of mankind to love one another. Judeo-Christians are called to set that example. Mankind's enemies have always been the spiritual rebels. This final battle is still years in the future; it remains covered in mystery today. However, during Christ's millennial reign, it will be anticipated and God's people will be prepared.

THE EDMITES

While biblical scholars point to Russia as the enemy of the north, it is prophetic that during the time of Jacob's distress, the Edomites, who are the cousins of the descendants of the house of Jacob, will delight in the suffering of God's people. Into the twenty-first century, they are not recognized, but in the day of Jacob's trouble, they will be seen to stand with the invaders who will target God's people mercilessly.

“On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gate and cast lots for Jerusalem; you were just like one of them. But you should not gloat in that day, your brother's day of misfortune, nor rejoice

over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast proudly *in the day of their distress*” (Obadiah 1:11-12).

At times, it can be difficult to determine the time period of events described in scripture. God’s penmanship necessitates exploration.

Ezekiel recorded God’s words against Jacob’s brother’s bitter descendants. The Edomites couldn’t get over losing the birthright to Jacob and his descendants. Esau hated Jacob and taught his children to follow his example. Their hatred will continue into the last days of this evil age. It is likely that they live among God’s people today and hold positions of authority and influence. At the time of Jesus, the Jews were governed by the Herod family of Edomites. The family converted to Judaism to acquire positions of power.

In the time of their disaster, their cousins, the twenty-first-century Edomites, will turn them in. “Because you harboured an *ancient hatred* and *delivered the Israelites over to the sword in the time of their disaster at the final stage of their punishment*, therefore as surely as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will give you over to bloodshed and it will pursue you. Since *you did not hate bloodshed*, it will pursue you” (Ezekiel 35:5-6).

The *final stage of their punishment* takes place during the Great Tribulation. God Almighty will not be impressed with the Edomites. He will punish them in the same way that they treated His people. All people in all nations will be humbled.

GOG, PERSIA, CUSH, AND PUT OF THE FAR NORTH

Further investigation is needed to identify the forces behind the evil plans to annihilate God's people living in peace during the reign of Jesus Christ. Gog of Meshech and Tubal and his hordes along with Persia, Cush, and Put cannot be referring to locations on Earth. They are territories in heaven with the same name as ancient cities on Earth. The chief prince Gog is the ruler of Meshech and Tubal in heaven. He and his allies have dominions located in the far north of heaven.

“And you [Gog] will come from your place out of the far north—you and many peoples with you, all riding horses—a mighty horde, a huge army” (Ezekiel 38:15).

Gog will come out of the far north and down to meet with the many people on Earth who choose to join him.

God's throne is also in the far north. Satan was working to establish his throne in the far north. “How you have fallen from heaven, O day star, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the ground, O destroyer of nations. You said in your heart: ‘I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God. *I will sit on the mount of assembly, in the far reaches of the north.* I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; *I will make myself like the Most High*’” (Isaiah 14:12-14).

This final cleansing and destruction of rebels will be the moment when the God of Israel is recognized as the supreme God and righteous LORD. God added, “O Gog, that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know *Me*

when *I show Myself holy* in you before their eyes” (Ezekiel 38:16b).

God’s reference to *the nations* has never included His people. The Old Testament continually refers to the Almighty God of all creation as the God of Israel or the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This refers to the time of Babel when God gave Himself kingship over the descendants of Jacob and He distinguished Himself from the ruling gods over the nations on Earth. God was giving these heavenly rulers an opportunity to acquire top ruling positions in His eternal kingdom if they were successful in getting the nations back on the righteous path. Unfortunately, all of these heavenly rulers turned against Almighty God to pursue more power and glory. One chief prince with his allies and their troops remains until the last great day on God’s timeline.

The final battle at the end of Christ’s 1,000-year reign, is a prophecy that will ultimately prove the absolute supremacy of the God of Israel as the Almighty God—the great Creator—before all people on Earth. God will not allow people to receive eternal life without fully understanding that He alone is the All-Powerful Creator. No sons of God from the first creation in heaven can make that claim as the rebels did previously.

It should be noted that scripture does not bring Jesus Christ, the King over all kings and Lord over all lords, into this battle with Gog of Meshech and Tubal, Persia, Cush, and Put. Almighty God is demonstrating His supremacy over all gods in front of mankind on Earth.

“After a long time, you [Gog of Meshech and Tubal] will be summoned. *In the latter years* you will enter a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and all now dwell securely. *You and all your troops, and many peoples* with you will go up, advancing like a thunderstorm; you will be like a cloud covering the land” (Ezekiel 38:8-9).

God is addressing three different groups at war against Him in this final battle.

1. Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, the leader of this last coalition of rebels.
2. His allies: Persia, Cush, Put, and their troops.
3. Many people: these people are from the nations on Earth who buy into Satan’s evil influence; no specific nation is mentioned.

God’s people, at this time, will have repented of their sins. The Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur will have been fulfilled and God will allow them to return to His Holy Land with foreigners from other countries who will join them in serving and obeying Him.

“For the LORD will have compassion on **Jacob**; once again He will choose **Israel** and settle them in their own land. *The foreigner will join them and unite with the house of Jacob*” (Isaiah 14:1).

Three groups of people will settle in the Holy Land:

1. The Jacob group

2. The Israel group
3. The foreigners.

At the spiritual level, God is distinguishing Jacob from Israel. God will have **compassion** on the **Jacob** group who are babes in Christ and not yet spiritually mature. He will **choose** the **Israel** group again; they are spiritually mature but not yet transformed into their spiritual bodies. Foreigners from the nations will **join** them and be **fully integrated** into and equal to these people.

God knew the end from before creation began. He engineered His plan to forge a kingdom that will never fall away from His law of love. People will overcome. Suffering will strengthen the saints; darkness will highlight the need for light; wickedness will ignite a love for righteousness. The author of all things right and good remains the One, the Supreme, the Almighty God. He will demonstrate ultimate power before the close of the curtain.

“You will advance against My people Israel like a cloud covering the land. *It will happen in the latter days, O Gog, that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I show Myself holy in you before their eyes*” (Ezekiel 38:16).

This prophecy will happen in the latter days. This time period is different to God’s reference to *in the last days* and *at that time*. This final event will bring a close to the days of physical life on Earth; it will be the last of the last days. This last battle will not involve Jesus Christ like the great battle at the end of the Great Tribulation.

This fearful enemy leading this final event has been anticipated by God's people for centuries. Ezekiel recorded God's prophecy. "This is what the Lord GOD says: *Are you the one of whom I have spoken in former days through My servants, the prophets of Israel, who in those times prophesied for years that I would bring you against them?* Now on that day when Gog comes against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, My wrath will flare up. In My zeal and fiery rage, I proclaim that on that day there will be a *great earthquake* in the land of Israel.... I will execute judgment upon him [Gog] with plague and bloodshed. I will pour out torrents of rain, hailstones, fire, and sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. I will magnify and sanctify Myself, and I will reveal Myself in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 38:17-19, 22-23).

A terrifying, great earthquake will mark the end of rebel gods for all time. Gog, with his army and allies and their troops, and people from the many different nations with him, will be destroyed in a single moment. The battle of Almighty God against rebel gods will be over in a flash!

"I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the judgment that I execute and the hand that I lay upon them. From that day forward the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God. And the nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquity, because they were unfaithful to me" (Ezekiel 39:21-23).

The teaching moment of this event will be as much for God's people as it will be for all of the nations on Earth. They will understand that God allowed His people to suffer at the hands

of the beastly coalition because of their unfaithfulness toward Him. God will hold His people accountable for their sins. The people in the nations will witness the instant destruction of the powerful, remaining rebel gods, their allies, their hordes, and the incorrigible people from the different nations through the execution of His righteous judgment. Finally, all creation on Earth will know that the God of Israel is the supreme God who acts in righteousness, destroying rebels once and for all.

THE FIFTH EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP

The time when the light of God radiates in full across Earth, is when death is conquered. All people from all nations will be taught God's word and mature spiritually into the fullness of Christ and then, there will be no more wavering back and forth into sin.

“He who descended is the very One who ascended above all the heavens, in order to fill all things. And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ Himself, who is the head. From Him the whole body, fitted and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in

love through the work of each individual part” (Ephesians 4:10-16).

God’s Holy Spirit flows out from Him through Christ into humble and repent people, who are the reborn church—a kingdom on Earth of priests and priestesses. Jesus Christ is central; he is the keystone holding everything firmly together. He is also both the cornerstone and the capstone. He alone is all of the core components of the structure that will ensure eternal strength of God’s kingdom. He can be trusted. “Lord GOD says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will never be shaken’” (Isaiah 28:16).

It was foretold long ago that God’s Holy Spirit would rest on the Redeemer.

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18a).

The Apostle John saw Jesus Christ, the Lamb, with the Spirit of the LORD having full authority and complete ability to see with knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. “Then I saw a Lamb who appeared to have been slain, standing in the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the *seven spirits of God* sent out into all the Earth” (Revelation 5:6).

God’s unique Son is all God. He was brought to perfection. On him rest the seven spirits of God. The prophet Isaiah described the beautiful qualities of the seven spirits, which is God’s perfect nature in His role of LORDSHIP.

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:2).

Isaiah paired each of the six qualities to provide the essential counterpart needed to achieve God’s perfection.

- To gain wisdom, understanding is essential.
- To provide righteous counsel, strength is required to stand up against opposition and compromise.
- To acquire prophetic knowledge or knowledge of the deep things of God, the fear of God is essential. The fear of God is the absolute awe, wonder, and reverence of the supreme, perfect, loving Father in heaven.

These beautiful qualities come from the central outflowing of God’s Holy Spirit. It is an image of the menorah—a single candlestick of seven lights, three on each side, forming a single great flame.

The Apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians desiring that they acquire the beauty of our LORD (Ephesians 1:16-17). Perfection is the acquisition of every facet of God’s Holy Spirit.

King Solomon understood the value of God’s attributes seen in His theology. “Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will guard you. Wisdom is supreme; so, acquire wisdom. And whatever you may acquire, gain understanding. Prize her, and she will exalt you; if you embrace her, she will honour you. She will set a

garland of *grace* on your head; she will present you with a crown of beauty” (Proverbs 4:5-9).

The garland of grace is God’s ultimate reward for humble, repentant people. It is His LORDSHIP at work. It is His formation and establishment of a ruling, reborn church headed by Jesus Christ that will reign for all eternity. A body of one will come together through the unity of the church with Almighty God and Jesus Christ.

THE SIXTH EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: ALL POWER AND RULERSHIP RETURNED TO ALMIGHTY GOD

Only one Son of God succeeded to serve the Almighty God without fault, to sacrifice his life without sin, to rule—having all power and authority—without pride and arrogance, to restore all things back to how it was before iniquity was found, and to bend his knee before the Almighty God handing back supreme power and authority to the only One, Unique, Supreme God who has always existed, YHUH [YHWH]. This humble Son of God is Jesus Christ in the New Testament and Yashuah, the Angel of the LORD in the Old Testament. The name of this Angel is written in the name of Almighty God, YasHUaH.

Ancient Israel did not realize that their Saviour was with them everywhere they went. God warned the ancient Israelites, “Behold, *I am sending an angel before you* to protect you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to his voice; do not defy him,

for *he will not forgive rebellion, since My Name is in him*” (Exodus 23:20-21).

This Angel of the LORD has the power to forgive sins. It was foretold that a Saviour would come who could forgive sins. This foretold Saviour was with ancient Israel throughout their whole journey out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He has never left them. This is the great Son of God who will destroy all rebel forces and cleanse all creation in heaven and on Earth.

“Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be abolished is death” (I Corinthians 15:26).

Jesus Christ is a one-of-a-kind Son. Begotten of the Father, only he could achieve every element of the restoration. Our world is far from understanding his achievements in heaven and on Earth. He is the wearer of many crowns. The Father proudly honours him, saying, “Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, and justice is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore *God, Your God, has anointed You above Your companions with the oil of joy*” (Hebrews 1:8-9).

Almighty God anointed Jesus above his companions. That is an interesting statement. Identifying his companions will have to wait until our transformation into our eternal bodies.

Finally, God will create a new heaven and a new Earth. This new beginning will set the stage for all eternity, where God’s

glory will radiate out into the distant spaces, far and wide. The new creation will have no sea—no haven for Wickedness.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new Earth, for the first heaven and the first Earth had passed away, and *there was no longer any sea*” (Revelation 21:1).

Both realms will live in peace under one monarchy: a King [Jesus Christ] and a Queen [the Saints, Wife of Christ]. God Almighty will reign supreme over all creation. His Son will rule as King over all kings and Lord over all lords in both heaven and on Earth. Almighty God will then fully rest. It will be the seventh day on His timeline.

THE SEVENTH EVENT OF THE RESTORATION: REST WILL COME

It was foretold as early as creation that the rest will come. Peace will come to God’s people and to the people from the different nations who settle in the Holy Land under the millennial rule of Jesus Christ. Healed from war, keeping God’s commandments, and living His way, these people will be the example for the nations of the eternal rest that will come for all who live righteously.

“There remains, then, a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For whoever enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that *no one will fall by following the same pattern of disobedience*” (Hebrews 4:9-11).

God will rest from battling His creation because they will not fall into the pattern of disobedience. Everyone will mature into perfection, conquering death once and for all.

Almighty God will win over rebels. Law will win over chaos. Love will win over hate. Righteousness will reign forever. Creation in heaven and on Earth will form the holy, royal family of God and through the power of their Father, they will create. Their dominions will be ever-expanding and limitless.

Almighty God is inviting all creation to join with Him and choose life—eternal.

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