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CHAPTER 13, PART 2

Insights

¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. (Mat. 24:15-22 NKJV)

Antiochus IV, the eighth Seleucid king, was a little horn out of the four on the goat that ruled Greece, like the little horn that rose after the ten in Daniel 7. He is not the same man, but the red dragon is the eighth king in both. Does the eighth king return?

²³ “And in the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. ²⁴ He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. ²⁵ He will cause deceit to prosper, and 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. (Dan. 8:23-25 NIV)

On the papal crown, the “tri-regna” represent three so-called powers of the pope: 1) the father of all kings, 2) the governor of the world, and 3) the Vicar of Christ. ¹⁵⁹ Jesus said, *Call no man Father*, yet the pope is called, “Holy Father.” The Lord Jesus is the King of kings, and no one else can save us from damnation.

The biological Son of God rose to live forever, the Mediator between man and God—the Bridge from earth to heaven. No one

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equals Him; no name is like His; no one is comparable. Liars are with us, using Jesus' name without His Spirit; if we trust in men, we'll lie to others. We must believe God.

³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

³⁶ "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. (Dan. 11:32-36 ESV)

"Pope" is used for Papa or Abba. Bishops were called popes. Eighteen hundred "popes" were invited to Nicaea; three hundred eighteen attended; the rest declined.¹⁶⁰ 17% voted to decide the faith, led by Constantine; one by one, the churches complied.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life."— Pius IX; "It is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff." – Boniface VIII; "No man outside obedience to the pope can ultimately be saved."— Clement VI; "The Pope holds place on earth, not simply of a man, but of the true God." – Innocent I; "I am in all and above all, so that God Himself and I, the Vicar of God, hath one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do." – Nicholas. "Don't go to God for forgiveness of sins. Come to me." – John Paul II.¹⁶¹

January 10, 1984, President Reagan recognized the Vatican's "apostolic nunciature," offering him an embassy in Washington, D.C.¹⁶² The president abetted an ungodly alliance; the beast that speaks as a dragon would rise from the pit again. The ten horns from the beast that rose before him return to the dragon, the one with two little horns like a lamb. God puts it in their hearts to destroy the harlot, Mystery Babylon. (17:15-18, p. 190)

In 2009 at the Dome of the Rock, the pope said, "Here the paths of the world's three great monotheistic religions meet, reminding us of what they share in common."¹⁶³

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Ahmadinejad won the pope's favor; responding to a request, he released fifteen British sailors who allegedly entered Iran's sea by 0.5 km. He presented its Easter gift on April 4, 2010.¹⁶⁴

“Dear Benedict, ...”

October 7, 2010, he was busily writing a letter to the pope. It was in the news: “Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad has written a letter to Benedict XVI in which he calls for closer collaboration between religions.”¹⁶⁵

Pontiff means bridge, like a mediator between God and man, but the Bible says, *There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* (1 Tim. 2:5) If we love Him, we believe His words and obey His commands. John Paul II was one of many who reinvented the bishopric; its last beast rises with *two horns like a lamb* and speaks as a dragon (in 13:11).

A remarkable event occurred more recently: Francis entered the Blue Mosque in Istanbul; prayed with an imam; kissed the Koran, and said, “We all worship the same God.”¹⁶⁶ But Islam refutes the Bible and denies Jesus Christ is the Son of God; most Jews also reject Him whom their own prophets had foretold.

October 24, 2011: a Fox News headline presaged the radical changes: “Vatican Calls for New World Economic Order,” by a “Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace”... “a world political authority”... “universal jurisdiction” ... and “fair distribution of the world's wealth.”¹⁶⁷ He certainly has a knack for numbers:

¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Rev. 13:16-17 NKJV) [Receiving his number conforms men to the beast. Gr.: *Onoma* = title]

Over the centuries, popes morphed the Christian faith till in January 2017 Francis met Mahmoud Abbas of the PLO, a king without a kingdom, to offer him an embassy in Vatican City.¹⁶⁸

Hitler said the world would rotate on the Rome-Berlin Axis; thus, its epithet, “Axis powers.”¹⁶⁹ Is Lucifer a man? If he speaks as a man, he sure looks like a man; men who receive him take in ice-cold death. Hitler refused his prisoners liberty but was sent to perdition when the Jews left his prisons and returned to the land God had promised them long ago:

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³⁴ And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵ And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' (Ezk. 36:34-35 ESV) ['Have strong defense']

All who take the beast's *onoma*, his title, are conformed to the beast. Having one mind with the devil, they're condemned. Young's Literal Translation has it this way: *To do its mind, and to make one mind*—which suggests the mark makes men think like the beast. [Gr.: *charagma*, a mark whose tool breaks the skin.]

¹⁷ for God did give into their hearts to do its mind, and to make one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast till the sayings of God may be complete.
(Rev. 17:17 YLT) Re: the ten kings.

Another king rises on the world stage out of the world wars. He'll take the reins of dominion from the beast. In 1932 modern Saudi Arabia was founded; its prince is expected to become its eighth king as an imam.¹⁷⁰ If welcomed by Israel, his vision will probably succeed; then the whole world will be gain to him.

After building the temple, Solomon received 666 talents of gold yearly; drank from gold cups; made shields of gold; built altars to false gods, married foreign women, and oppressed his own people. 666 signified the king's acquired love of money, which led to other worldly lusts and provoked God to divide his nation in two. (1 Kg. 11:11-13) *The love of money is the root of all evil*, enslaving men in the days of digital empires. (1 Tim. 6:10)

At the height of the apostasy, a man of lawlessness claims to be God after breaking covenant with the Jews. Beside him is a living image of the beast that was slain (in Rev. 13:14-18); then, as the Word says, great tribulation begins. (Mk. 13:19-20; 2 Thes 2):

²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
(Dan. 7:25)

²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the

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heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Mat. 24:29-31 ESV; cf. 1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 20:4) – Yeshua

By faith in Christ, we're victors over the world and its trials, offenses, and spiritual battles. Our faith in Him proves the Word true if He lives in us as He said He'd live in His disciples:

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

¹⁹ After a little while the world no longer *is going to see Me*, but you *are going to see Me*; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you.

(Jn. 14:18-20 NASB)

7:1-8 and 14:1-5 describe Israel's 144,000 pure male virgins, perfect in the sight of God, redeemed in heaven before the beast of 13 rises. When world events in 13 fill the news, in 14:6-13, three prophets are sent from God to call the world to salvation and the church to prepare for the tribulation. Then 7:9-17 comes at the sixth seal when Yeshua comes on a cloud at the right hand of the power of God, and the trumpet of God turns the tables on His enemies (in 6:12-17; 14:14-16; 1 Thes. 4:16; Mat.24:29-31).

Living images are everywhere as images of men and beasts; the living image is a man as the devil. When he is exposed, we'll see his identity. The man of lawlessness sits in the temple beside a living image that speaks like a dragon. Saints resist the beast, but the mark of the beast condemns its takers forever:

¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [3 men]

¹⁴ For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (Rev. 16:13-14) – during the bowls' wrath

In Luke 21, Yeshua spoke at the temple when they asked about its future. He described what to expect and said, *Before all these things*, citing the city's destruction and the reason for it:

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O, Jerusalem!

²⁰“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. ²²For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. ²³How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. (Lk. 21:20-24 NIV)

Jesus said these things while in the temple courts. He was referring to Jerusalem and its temple’s destruction till the punishment ends, and the Jews repossess the city. Notice His sincere concern for pregnant women and nursing mothers.

Mark and Matthew relate His words, but the audience and venue change from Luke’s account. On the Mount of Olives, four disciples took Him aside and asked about the end of the age. Above the Kidron Valley, they observed the temple:

³As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew were questioning Him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things come about, and what *will be* the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. ⁶Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He!*’ and they will mislead many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; *those things* must take place; but *that is* not yet the end. ⁸For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will *also* be famines. These things are *only* the beginning of birth pains. [... after an extensive period of time.]

⁹“But be on your guard; for they will hand you over to *the* courts, and you will be flogged in *the* synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹And when they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what

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you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time; for you are not the ones speaking, but *it is* the Holy Spirit. ¹² And brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ¹³ And you will be hated by everyone because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

¹⁴ “Now when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be—let the reader understand—then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down, nor go in to get anything out of his house. ¹⁶ And whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁷ But woe to those women who are pregnant, and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ Moreover, pray that it will not happen in winter. ¹⁹ For those days will be such a *time of* tribulation as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will *again*. ²⁰ And if the Lord had not shortened *those* days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. ²¹ And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ’; *or*, ‘Look, there *He is*’; do not believe *it*; ²² for false christs and false prophets will arise, and will provide signs and wonders, in order to mislead, if possible, the elect. ²³ But beware; I have told you everything in advance. [The catching up is at v. 20.]

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, ²⁵ AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING FROM HEAVEN, AND THE POWERS THAT ARE IN THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN. ²⁶ AND THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS WITH GREAT POWER AND GLORY. ²⁷ AND THEN HE WILL SEND FORTH THE ANGELS, AND WILL GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM THE END OF THE EARTH TO THE END OF HEAVEN. (Mk. 13:3-27 NASB) [Gr.: *sunagōgē*, congregation.]

¹⁵ For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them

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in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.¹⁸ Therefore, comfort one another with these words. (1 Thes. 4:15-18 NASB) [**The key:** In the interlinear, "... the dead in Christ will rise again firstly then we the living remaining together with them will be seized in the clouds" (ZGE)] [This is the first resurrection of 20:4-5.]

After seeing Jesus on a cloud, those who are left behind because of sin will presume He returned to earth, but He said He will not have returned at that time and warned the carnal church not to chase illusions or listen to liars, but repent to be ready for the day of His actual return (in Mk. 13:21-23). That day arrives after the wrath is poured out on a sinful world, and Babylon the Great is destroyed. Then Yeshua returns with an army on white horses like lightning that flashes across the sky. (Rev. 19:1-16)

On his first trip, his Hellenized friends opened the gated city to Antiochus IV. Arriving on the pretense of peace, he killed his enemies. On a second trip, in 168-65 BC, Antiochus [*Epiphanes*, "*God manifest*"] desecrated the temple with a pig on the altar; demanded worship as if he were God; and set his idol of Zeus in the temple, the so-called "god of gods," the abomination that brought desolation to Jerusalem and Judea for their sins.¹⁷¹

In Josephus' records, three years passed from the day of the temple's desecration till it was purified and rededicated. The king slew many Jews by sword, crucifixion, and torture, taking ten thousand captives to Antioch.¹⁷²

The transgressions of the people were the apparent reason for the desolation of Jerusalem and her temple at that time. In Daniel 8:14, we discover its duration: from the removal of the daily sacrifice till the end of the desolation, 2,300 evenings and mornings, or six years, four months, and twenty days. Then the sanctuary was ceremonially cleansed and rededicated to God by the Maccabees, a family of orthodox priests. On his last trip, the priests routed his far superior army.¹⁷³ At the Feast of Dedication, Jesus was in the temple colonnade. (Jn. 10:22)

The persecution we've seen from a distance is at our front doors today. If it seems the Lord is late in coming, His plans include our victory over the flesh and its fear of death, and losing this war is not an option.

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.²⁶ When

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the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.” (Mat. 13:25-30 NIV)

Nazis crammed Jews into ghettos and tightly packed them in cattle cars, transporting them to work camps. They shaved their heads and tattooed their arms with numbers, denying them their identities. The guards and so-called scientists and doctors abused their captives. They beat them, worked them, tested them with injections, and starved them to death. They controlled them with fear and propagandized the people against them.

Those too weak to work went to death camps for gas showers. They were forced to stack the dead in mass graves or to carry bodies to ovens and shovel out their ashes; before the fire, they marked their victims.

Antichrist minions also take a mark before the fire; it’s an irony. In the parable, those that are weeds are bundled together to be burned. The wheat is gathered and caught up to a place of refuge before His wrath incinerates the weeds below. More than ever, we must live in the Spirit to prepare for the future:

³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Mat. 24:31) [Re: the great trumpet belongs to God.]

At midnight in Tel Aviv, the music and laughter fell silent. The roar of warplanes overhead ended their dance. Hands loaded rifles and arms bared tattoos that reminded them of their cause.

²⁵ “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with per-

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plexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." (Lk. 21:25-28 NKJV) – Yeshua

Jesus said, *A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come, but as soon as she delivereth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.* (Jn. 16:21) He said this to prepare His disciples for His death. The wisdom of His parable also applies to His followers when the tribulation is past and pain is forgotten for joy that the work is done:

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ...

¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. (Rev. 7:9-10, 13-15 NKJV)

Raising the elect out of a corrupt world, the LORD waits for its sins to reach their fullness before putting an end to it. All who live by faith in Jesus Christ are named in the Scroll of Life.

When the gift of the Spirit came with power to the saints at Pentecost, they received supernatural gifts as witnesses of Christ Himself. This was the mighty power of the Holy Spirit who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The power of Christ is ours who ask and believe to receive it; we certainly need it.

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The End of the Age

12 “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ...

¹³ But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”
(Dan. 12:1-2, 13 ESV) [See *The Seventy Weeks*, p. 267.]

In the verses above, Gabriel foresees two more resurrections: First in verse 1, at the time of the tribulation, the holy ones who survive are caught up with the martyrs who go from death to life; these escape the wrath of God and the second death. Next in verse 2, the rest of the dead, saints and sinners, wake at the judgment seat of Christ.

Daniel would rest and stand *at the end of the days*, following the last trumpet with the rest of the dead on the last day. Nearly all humankind will be there, no matter what we’d prefer.

Compared to most of the world, Americans live like kings, but if we’ve loved what we have, it has done us no good. We’re about to be tested like gold refined by fire. We must cleave to the Lord in our suffering, not giving up the faith; no option is viable. Our goals direct our destiny, so we look up. (2 Cor. 3:18; Ti. 3:1-2)

It became clear to Nebuchadnezzar: God appoints kings and leaders for His purposes. We’re commanded to pray for those who govern our land and for grace to repent that we might be blessed. By our unbelief and lethargy, the church is falling away from Christ’s words, and our nation is endangered.

Mark writes about signs that precede the Lord’s coming. A vast period of time passes till the next abomination in the temple. *After that tribulation*, Jesus comes on a cloud for the elect (in Mat. 24:29-31, pp. 148-49; cf. Lk. 21:24-28). Then at last, He returns *as lightning* with an army on white horses. Before His return, anti-christs come *in His name*, deceiving their admirers.

If our faith is true, we’re found in Him; if we treasure His words, we remain in Him. Crucifying our nature, we overcome it by His Spirit’s power. If we’re humble, He fills us; if we’re filled

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with ourselves, there's no room for Him; if we judge another's heart, we expose our own sins; by contradicting or manipulating His words, we've believed lies and have resisted the truth.

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James [Jacob] 1:2-4 TLV)

⁴ Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. ...

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. ⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." ⁹ *Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.*" (1 Pet. 4:1-2, 7-9 NKJV)

After we receive Jesus as our Savior, we can live our way or implore Him to take control, dying to our self-will and entrusting our bodies to His Spirit by faith in God. (Rom. 12:1-2) Thinking we aren't worthy, we lack wisdom; no one is worthy of grace; it's grace. If sin is a daily experience, we're living in unbelief.

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God? (Mic. 6:8 NKJV)

Jews were cut off by inactive faith; gentiles were received but warned: we can be cut off too. We're kept by faith; if not a lifestyle, it may be useless to us when we need it most.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? *Will* tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL
DAY LONG; WE WERE REGARDED
AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that

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neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:35-39 NASB)

Jerusalem over the Nations

Israel's right to her homeland is often denied by teachers who say we were saved by a free will that could choose a new nature and can never be lost, no matter what we do. Even if we think it doesn't matter what we do or say, it matters to God.

In Greek, *metanoia*, repentance, was a change of mind, but to the Jew, it meant turning to God from sin or returning from wandering away; its Hebrew word, *nacham*, means "a strong turning to a positive course of action."¹⁷⁴ Cultures shape and alter meanings of words; some omit certain concepts entirely, but the Word of God reigns.

Roosevelt and Churchill gained an unexpected ally after Hitler betrayed Stalin by invading Russia. Despite his Marxist ideology, Stalin met with two free-world allies. Not just three men, their union involved three beasts, fallen angels, thrown out of heaven and rising as kings on earth. Beasts influence men's words, but that doesn't absolve the men from their sins.

"The world had never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized, and tenaciously malevolent as that practiced by Marxism. Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin, and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, more fundamental than all their political and economic pretensions." – Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 1983.¹⁷⁴

His justice is perfect. Any attempt to divide His nation Israel results in divisions of our own.¹⁷⁵ Jesus said, *Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation (in Mat. 12:25).*

The best plan for our nation is for us to return to God, drawing closer than ever before, finding the truth of His words simply by believing every one of them. Not long from now, we'll stand at the Judgment Seat, but this is the day of salvation.

² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth

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into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. (Zec. 14:2-3)

³³ Their wine is the venom of serpents,
the deadly poison of cobras.

³⁴ “Have I not kept this in reserve
and sealed it in my vaults?

³⁵ It is mine to avenge; I will repay.
In due time their foot will slip;
their day of disaster is near
and their doom rushes upon them.” (Deut. 32:33-35 NIV)