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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

CHAPTER 15

15 Then I saw another great and wonderful sign in heaven: seven angels who have seven plagues—the last ones, for with them God's wrath is finished. ² And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had overcome the beast and his image and the number of his name standing by the sea of glass, holding the harps of God. ³ And they are singing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and wonderful are Your deeds,

ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot! [O LORD God the Almighty!]

Just and true are Your ways,

O King of the nations!

⁴ Who shall not fear and glorify Your name, O Lord? For You alone are Holy.

All the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed!"

⁵ After these things I looked, and the Temple of the Tent of Witness in heaven was opened. ⁶ Out of the Temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, dressed in pure bright linen and wearing wide gold sashes around their chests.

⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. ⁸ And the Temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power. No one was able to enter the Temple until the seven angels' seven plagues were finished. (Revelation 15:1-8 TLV)

Insights

Seven angels pour the last plagues against the world's moral corruption. Four seals had sent catastrophes before the sixth seal and its seven bowls. Saints who resisted the beast, his image, and his mark are in heaven from the first till the last bowl goes out.

After the pain and the tears, we rise from our graves to ascend, singing the songs of Moses and the Lamb—gentiles and Jews together, converted by the Holy Spirit of God. <u>The Union</u> is One New Man, the answer to Jesus' prayer for all believers, the Witness that God sent His Son to die and rise again for us:

²⁰ "I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, ²¹ that they may <u>all be one</u>; just as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also <u>may be in Us</u>, so that the world may believe that you sent Me.

 22 The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and you in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me." $(\mathrm{Jn.\,17:20-23\,NASB})$

Chapters 14 and 15 enlarge on 7 to reveal the unseen events between the two ascensions: after the virgins are in heaven, three prophets go forth to warn the world while two empires rise in 13. The presence of its martyrs in heaven signals God's wrath on the earth below. Together the saints sing at the death of the wicked as the winepress ends its harvest. (14:17-20; 16:17-21; 18:8-19:10)

Finally, Yeshua returns to earth, leading His army on white horses, riding in the sky like lightning. He orders the destruction of the beast and false prophet, finishing the wrath of God in Armageddon and entering Jerusalem at last. (19:11-14)

What's an Antichrist?

Since the first century, there have been antichrists who deny Yeshua was born in mortal flesh. (Is. 7:14; Mat. 1:20,23) Others deny His Spirit enters our bodies. (Rom. 8:9-11) Some claim the place of Christ but are liars. John described them as antichrists:

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out* that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. (1 Jn. 2:18-19) [The antichrists left the original apostles' and prophets' teachings.]

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. (2 Jn. 7 ESV)

² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that <u>Jesus Christ has come in the flesh</u> is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because <u>He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world</u>. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (1 Jn. 4:2-6 NKJV)

Now the Lord is that Spirit: (from 2 Cor. 3:17). He lives in us as the Spirit of the Father who made Him the Victor over the likeness of our sinful flesh. We discover God by receiving the words of His prophets and apostles and discerning the truth from error.

²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. (1 Jn. 2:22-23 NKJV) [God's Son is Messiah.]

The man of lawlessness waits for the fullness of iniquity till the one *in the way* moves *out of the way*. He appears when the apostate church rejects the truth and denounces the fear of God:

³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. (2 Thes. 2:3 HCSB)

¹³ For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

(2 Cor. 11:13-15 NKJV)

Jesus never spoke to please men, but often said what they refused to hear. He was rejected but was unmoved; He knew that those His Father had chosen *would hear* even His difficult words

and would remain: Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. (Jn. 7:68)

Sating their desire for a tangible god while offering a false peace and demanding worship, the voice of a deceiver in a living image blasphemes the God of life, truth, and love. Antiochus IV came and was let into the temple by apostates. Next the enemy of their souls comes to offer the Jews peace. He persuades the world, but believers reject him though at the cost of our lives.

The spirit of the false prophet was here before we were. He was permitted to give life to the image of the beast that was slain but lives. Its image moves and speaks. (13:14-18; cf. Is. 14:12-17)

"Talkies" grew popular in theaters in the 1920's–30's; now they're in churches and concerts, on computers, TVs, and phones—even in 3–D. Accustomed to living images, we're influenced by them; an image in Jerusalem's temple wouldn't surprise us.

⁴¹ "I do not receive honor from men. ⁴² But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³ I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God? (Jn. 5:41-44 NKJV)

Devils never warn us but tell us we are good or grace has no limit or God has no wrath or He sees no sin or there *is* no sin while churches refer to the blood God sees but not the sin. Jesus must be thinking of the price He paid to break its power; now if Christ is in us, He is able to do so; but do we believe? (Col. 1:27)

⁹ He who planted the ear, does He not hear?
He who formed the eye, does He not see?
¹⁰ He who chastens nations, will He not rebuke—
One who teaches humanity knowledge?
¹¹ ADONAI knows human thoughts---they are but a breath.
(Ps. 94:9-11 TLV)

Eagles before His Return

³¹ On that day, a man on the housetop, whose belongings *are* in the house, must not come down to get them. Likewise the man who is in the field, must not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife! ³³ Whoever tries to make his life secure will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night two will be in one bed:

One will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁵ Two *women* will be grinding grain together: One will be taken and the other left. [³⁶ Two will be in a field: One will be taken, and the other will be left.]"

³⁷ "Where, Lord?" they asked Him.

He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there also the vultures will be gathered." (Lk. 17:31-37 HCSB; V. 36 is in some mss.) [Gr.: $a\breve{e}t\breve{o}s$ means eagles, which will eat the dead.]

In Matthew the Lord comes on a cloud for His elect to meet Him in the air immediately after the tribulation when eagles are eating the corpses. In Luke Jesus describes the ascension before His wrath: *It will be as it was in the days of Noah* when God saved His elect but sent His wrath against the world. At His appearing, half the virgins are left behind until Yeshua returns to reign in Jerusalem. (Rev. 16:15, p. 181; cf. Mat. 25:1-13, p. 99)

Those who are left behind should know He did not return, because first He comes on a cloud to take up His chosen ones; then after the wrath, He returns like lightning with His armies on white horses. He will purify us who are left behind, but we must draw near to God for Him to draw near to us. (from Jas. 4:8) In the midst of His wrath, He warns us of His return,

 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") (Rev. 16:15 ESV)

Eagles after His Return

Christ comes at the right hand of God, and their wrath falls till He returns against His enemies with armies of martyrs. (6:15-17; 19:14,19) Then He destroys the nations' armies by His Word. Again eagles eat the dead with birds of prey. (Cf. Ezk. 39:4,17)

²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. ... ²⁷ "For <u>as the lightning</u> comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ For wherever the carcass is, there <u>the eagles</u> will be gathered together. (Mat. 24:23,27-28 NKJV) [He returns at the end of this age.]

The Feast of Tabernacles, or booths, begins on Tishrei 15. Its week recalls the Hebrews who rested in huts on their way out of Egypt. Temporal things like feasts are often metaphors of eternal

things. At Passover the Lamb of God was slain. His body rose the day after its weekly Sabbath. The day after seven Sabbaths, the fire of Joel 2:30 fell on Pentecost, sending the Spirit's power on His disciples who had waited for its promise till they became the firstfruits of the Spirit.

Jesus is not on the earth during His wrath, but returns to war against the nations in Armageddon. At His return, the beast and his prophet are plunged alive into a lake of fire (in Mat 24:15-28). Then the dragon is locked in the bottomless pit for a thousand years pass, and he is released. (Rev 9:1-2, 11; 11:18; 20:3)

In His Kingdom, Christ divides the people of the nations as sheep from goats and sends those on the left to destruction but keeps for Himself the sheep on the right. He does not change His position: we are either with or against Him and with or against His Kingdom and His chosen people, the descendants of Israel, the natural branches of the olive tree. We are either all-in or all-out; He remains the same. (Mat. 25:32-33)

It's the saga of Jerusalem, *the city of the great King,* where what does not exist is spoken into being. She remains corruptible till He makes her incorruptible, prepared for an eternal universe as His Spirit prepares us for His eternal Kingdom. (Rom. 4:17)

When Jews see Messiah coming at the right hand of the One on the throne, they realize He is the Son of God, and they grieve, evoking His compassion. (6:16-17) As God fulfills His promises, He pours out the Spirit of grace and supplications on them.

Bound by Babylon

Though Babylon was cursed long ago, she still corrupts the world by her sins; attached to a host, she rules the nations. She is a spiritual parasite, drawing the life out of her cities. The scarlet beast carried her to Berlin till he gave her to the next beast.

On the earth, His enemies see the One on the throne with the Lamb and cower in fear (in 6:15-16). Christ comes to catch us up when Israel is in peril; all the world is in disarray; its nations are perplexed; enemies surround her; wrath falls from heaven. But she mourns for the Son she never knew and cries for Yeshua. As a mother grieves for her only child, He's all she can think about:

12 The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel: Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man with-

in him: ² "Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. ³ On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it. ⁴ On that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But for the sake of the house of Judah I will keep my eyes open, when I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. ⁵ Then the clans of Judah shall say to themselves, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem have strength through the LORD of hosts, their God.'

⁷ "And the LORD will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah. ⁸ On that day the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the LORD, going before them. ⁹ And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zec. 12:1-5, 7-9 ESV)

Seven angels pour out God's indignation, one at a time (in chapter 16). His wrath continues till Babylon falls to the sea. Then the breath of His mouth takes the sword of His Word, striking His enemies in Armageddon. Jesus returns to Jerusalem's throne, in the highest mountain of all:

6 "In that day I make the leaders of Judah
As a hearth of fire among trees,
And as a torch of fire in a sheaf,
And they have consumed—on the right and on the left—all the peoples round about,
And Jerusalem hath inhabited again her place in Jerusalem. (Zec. 12:6 YLT)

After the Holocausts

In the day of the three prophets, before the last holocaust, a man of sin appears when the church is apostate. With her guard down, she receives whatever her heart desires to believe and is comfortable in her darkness, honoring idols. The great tribulation will test and purify the saints, but Jesus asked, *When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (Lk. 18:1-8)*

A dragon entered apostate Israel in 167 BC; the abomination of her desolation returns at the apostasy of the church; he rose in Berlin to destroy Jews and rises to reign over Mystery Babylon, overcoming the saints worldwide. It's given to us to endure to the end; to keep the faith, and to keep looking up.

Chapter 15 reveals the martyred saints who were caught up with the living to meet Him in the air. They remain in heaven while seven angels carry out the seven bowls of wrath; with them God's indignation is finished, ending the age. Chapter 16 describes the wrath of God when the dragon ends his schemes to deceive the world with a false prophet and the beast.

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CHAPTER 16

- 16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."
- ² So the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and a harmful and painful sore afflicted the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.
- ³ The second *angel* poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead *man*; and every living thing in the sea died.
- ⁴ Then the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. ⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, the One who is and who was, O Holy One, because You judged these things; ⁶ for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." ⁷ And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments."
- ⁸ And the fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given *power* to scorch people with fire. ⁹ And the people were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give him glory.
- ¹⁰ And the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, ¹¹ and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.
- ¹² And the sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.
- ¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; ¹⁴ for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the entire world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. ¹⁵ ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk

about naked and *people* will not see his shame.") ¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

¹⁷ Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." ¹⁸ And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since mankind came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. ¹⁹ The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. ²⁰ And every island fled, and no mountains were found. ²¹ And huge hailstones, weighing about a talent each, came down from heaven upon people; and people blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because the hailstone plague was extremely severe. (Revelation 16:1-21 NASB)

Insights

16:2 has a **key**: And the first went, and poured out his bowl upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore <u>upon</u> the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. The bowls fall at the time of the mark.

16:13 has another **key**: 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. Its **keys** tell us His **bowls** fall while the beast, the prophet, and the dragon are together to war against the Lamb of God. (13:1-4; 19:17–20:3)

The man of lawlessness rises with false miracles, signs, and wonders. (1 Thes. 2:1-11) The dragon gives up his throne but rises in a beast *with two horns like a lamb and speaks as a dragon* (13:2,11,13); he then subdues the beast by his own authority.

¹¹ and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds. (16:11 NASB)

The first bowl gives those with the mark of the beast painful, malignant sores. A second turns the sea to blood; the living that are in it die. A **third** bowl turns springs and rivers to blood; those guilty of shedding blood drink it. The **fourth** scorches skin like searing wood. **The fifth** puts Babylon in the dark, but how

they loved darkness! At the **sixth**, spirits leap from the mouths of the beast, the dragon, and the prophet, calling kings to Armageddon where they gather from the East to the dried Euphrates to war against the Lamb. Expecting His return, they imagine their weapons can destroy Him, but they're useless. (Ezk. 39:3-5 p. 185)

At the **seventh bowl**, the worst earthquake of all shakes the great city that splits in three while the nations' cities crumble. At this, God remembers Babylon the Great to pour out the cup of His furious wrath on her; mountains and islands disappear. Its heavy hail falls, and they blaspheme God as the age ends.

No one seeks God; not even one. (Rom. 3:11-12; Ps. 14:1-3) And yet He's the Potter, and we're the clay. He works in whomever He chooses to believe His words by the gift of faith. (Eph. 2; Rom. 9) The truth sets us free to resist or to yield. As we trust in God, His Spirit empowers us. (Rom. 8:5-14; Heb. 10:26-39) The scriptures are clear: whoever continues to sin does not belong to Him; by our own will, we can be cut off. (1 John; Rom. 9)

We're taught that we choose the Savior by our free will as sinners and then are predestined to be saved no matter what we do, but we're unable to make that choice because sinners aren't free. We were slaves till Christ set us free; now we're predestined for salvation, but not against our free will: God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. (2 Thes. 2:13b) This life is not forced on us; now we're free to choose life or death. It's God's will that we choose life by sanctification through faith in the truth. If He has chosen us, we must not neglect our salvation, but choose life, not death. (Jer. 5:30-31; 2 Tim. 4:3-4) The prophets and apostles prophesied of a great apostasy. If we can't endure the truth, we'll be deceived and won't be ready for His coming.

Moses spoke to the Hebrews by God in Egypt. The people believed and obeyed, spreading a lambs' blood on their doorposts. In Persia they prayed for three days without food or water, hoping the king would favor Esther, his Jewish wife. As one man, they called out, and God saved them. At the end of every story, He rescued them by His grace.

¹¹ So that men will say,

[&]quot;Surely *there is* a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth." (Ps. 58:11 NKJV)

All Things Are Possible

Most people agree it was not possible for God to create the universe in six days; people say Noah could not have saved the animals from a worldwide flood in an ark; that Moses could not have freed the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt; that God could not have parted the Red Sea for them to cross through, nor could Egyptians have drowned in it; that a great fish never swallowed Jonah; that God didn't father a Son as a mortal; that Jesus never rose from the dead. Most didn't believe the Jews would return to their land or speak its native tongue again; now they're there, and the world wants to destroy them while Jews continue to turn to Yeshua daily. All Israel will be saved (in Rom. 11:26) because God said so, despite what most people think. And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. (Ezk. 20:34)

The One who walked through the storm on the sea was God in Christ. He who rose from the dead bruised the serpent's head and gave the saints the Kingdom. The LORD stands on the Mount of Olives and splits it in two for His people to flee their enemies. When YESHUA returns as King of the earth, *Jerusalem* is *safely inhabited* for a thousand years. (Zec. 14:11; cf. Rev. 20:7-10)

- ⁹ And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, the LORD is my God. (Zec. 13:9; Lk. 13:35)
- ⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. ... ¹¹ And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but <u>Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited</u>. (Zec. 14: 9, 11; cf. Ezk. 38:8, 11, 14) ["... in that day," i.e., for a thousand years]

Ezekiel's Revelation

Near the end, expect a spiritual and political reset to overtake the world; ten kings have rejoined the dragon that now has two horns like a lamb. God incites them to destroy Babylon, finishing His wrath (in 16:17-21). The beast, the dragon, and their false prophet assemble international forces against the Lamb but find

their launching pads and missiles [bows and arrows] fail at His return:

39 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. And I will turn you about and drive you forward, and bring you up from the uttermost parts of the north, and lead you against the mountains of Israel. Then I will strike your bow from your left hand, and will make your arrows drop out of your right hand. You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hordes and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. You shall fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Lord God. I will send fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the coastlands, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

⁷ "And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. ⁸ Behold, it is coming and it will be brought about, declares the Lord God. That is the day of which I have spoken.

⁹ "Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and make fires of the weapons and burn them, shields and bucklers, bow and arrows, clubs and spears; and they will make fires of them for seven years, ...

¹¹ "On that day I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of the Travelers, east of the sea. It will block the travelers, for there Gog and all his multitude will be buried. It will be called the Valley of Hamon-gog. ¹² For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. ¹³ All the people of the land will bury them, and it will bring them renown on the day that I show my glory, declares the Lord God. ¹⁴ They will set apart men to travel through the land regularly and bury those travelers remaining on the face of the land, so as to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make their search. ¹⁵ And when these travel through the land and anyone sees a human bone, then he shall set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon-gog. ...

¹⁷ "As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field: 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. ...

²¹ "And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. ²² The house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward. ²³ And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴ I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

²⁵ "Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. ²⁶ They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, 27 when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. ²⁸ Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. ²⁹ And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord Gop." (Ezk. 39:1-9, 11-15, 17, 21-29 ESV)

Ezekiel 38 and 39 are similar, each in its time, divided by the Messianic Kingdom. Reading and comparing the chapters, 39 precedes 38 by a thousand years with the bowls and the trumpets on either side of the Millennial Kingdom. Since the nation was born, she has lived in danger and has built walls for safety, but during the Kingdom, Israel lives securely with no one to make them afraid. (Ezk. 39:26)

In 39:22 the LORD begins to explain why the Jews had been persecuted for two thousand years: they had continually profaned

His holy name, even the name of His Son, so He scattered them to the nations. Yeshua warned them: he who doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father either, because the Father sent Him (in Jn. 5:23; Deut. 18:18). Now Abba has made His Son the Judge and the Life-giver of all who trust in His holy name. (Jn. 5:22)

The scriptures describe the effect on the world that learns of the judgments of God against His people and how He restores their fortunes and returns them from all nations to their homeland. In 39:25 His Kingdom begins by restoring them to the land they hadn't seen for centuries.

Two Thrones and Two Kingdoms

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! She who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is abandoned to you. And I tell you, you will not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One'!" (Lk. 13:34-35 HCSB) – Yeshua

because these are days of punishment, so that all things which have been written will be fulfilled. ²³ Woe to those women who are pregnant, and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath to this people; ²⁴ and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. (Lk. 21:22-24 NASB) – Yeshua

The chief prince, Gog, from the uttermost parts of the north, [Heb.: sar, an official, prince, or ruler] is Russia's supernatural king who rules Magog as Satan had ruled Babylon. The bear that incited the Marxist revolution in China, Gog, leads Meshech and Tubal, south of the Black Sea [Turkey]. When the feet of the bear mobilize the beast in 13, armies from the East cross the Euphrates to a valley below Armageddon, renamed Hamon-Gog as their gravesite. [Meaning "multitudes of Gog," in Rev. 16:16] All of their ambitious plans are doomed to fail, and God is glorified.

China is allied with Russia when Magog and Gog emerge as one. At that time (in Ezk. 39), they're turned around to go up to

Jerusalem. Intent on her destruction, their bodies are given to all kinds of birds of prey during the **sixth bowl.** (Ezk. 39:4,17)

When the seventh angel pours his bowl into the air (in 16:14), a voice speaks: "It is done!" (16:17) The earth quakes, splitting *the great city* in three as around the world, the nations' cities fall. God incites the ten kings to destroy the throne of the beast when He remembers the harlot (in 16:19-21; cf. 18:5), and Babylon drains the cup of His furious wrath. (16:19-21; 17:15-17; 18:17-20 Dan. 2:35) Islands and mountains disappear when the city crashes into the sea like a lost Atlantis (in 19:1-3).

Satan is not omnipresent, but his devils are throughout the world, and the nature of his city's nefarious spirit spread when the people carried her ways from Babel to set up the world's cities. She affected Jerusalem until God sent the Babylonians to overcome the city and take the best of Judah captive to Babylon for seventy years as her just punishment.

Chapter 17 introduces Mystery Babylon; 18 describes her, and 19 rejoices over her destruction. Never a wife, the harlot spirit left the dragon's cursed city until he gave his throne to the beast (in 17:18; 18:3; 19:1-3; 13:2). She's a harbor for the enemies of God's Israel and the nemesis of His capital city, Jerusalem.

In Daniel 2, the head of the idol in the king's dream was the king of Babylon himself. At that time, Nebo was his god. Not long after Nebuchadnezzar's death, the kingdom was cursed and its throne was taken by the Medo-Persian Empire; then one after another, the kingdoms received her culture because their kings claimed Babylon's throne.

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

(Daniel 2:44-45 NKJV) – 2:1: i.e., in the days of the ten kings