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## Chapter 1

# Overview of Bible Prophecy

There is something in many of us that seems to enjoy predicting the future. Well, maybe not predicting it, but always there is the fascination of wondering what the future holds. Whenever a war breaks out, someone tosses out the word “Armageddon.”

### THE COMING SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD OF “JACOB’S TROUBLE”

Good Christian scholars have had various views. Our Jewish scholars remind us that Messiah is coming. The view that seems to line up with my understanding of Scripture is what is commonly called the pre-tribulation/premillennial view of the return of our Messiah. The Second Coming of our Lord will occur before the millennial return of Messiah back to the earth. An event prior to that is commonly called the Rapture, which is when our Messiah returns to gather His own unto Himself. The age ends when the Tribulation (also known as the “time of Jacob’s trouble”) begins, and the Messiah returns to the earth to establish His 1000 year kingdom after the Tribulation.

The seven years of Tribulation correspond with the 70th week of Daniel and is therefore seven years in duration. Half of that period is said to be forty-two months or 1260 days, since the prophetic year is 360 days. The description of the Tribulation is that there is judgment upon the earth, and that there will be a series of three judgments as described in the New Covenant book of Revelation.

This period of time will be Jewish in scope and sequence. The length is seven years. The promise of seven years will be fulfilled based on Daniel’s prophecy in **Daniel 9:24-27**:

*“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (the use of the Hebrew word SHABUA for a week means a week of years, or seven years): and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”*

I am looking for the coming of Yeshua, because the Scriptures tell me to do so. There are now and have always been signs of the times, but the fact is we are closer now than we have ever been. To all my dear Jewish and Gentile friends, I encourage you to look up, for your redemption draws nigh.



## Chapter 2

# The Place of the Jewish Nation in Bible Prophecy

*“And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger; all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”*

**(Genesis 17:6-8)**

At age ninety-nine, Abraham received from God these instructions nearly 4000 years ago. Today, the promises given Abraham so many generations ago are still being debated. However, in order to clearly understand the time we live in, one must understand certain prophecies relating to Israel and the other nations.

### ISRAEL - KEY TO PROPHECY!

Throughout Scripture, God describes how the children of Israel eventually would return to the Promised Land in the “last days” and would rebuild the land of Israel.

The prophet **Hosea** stated in **chapter 3:4,5:**

*“For the Children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.”*

**The prophet Ezekiel stated in chapter 37:21:**

*“And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land.”*

These prophecies given over twenty-five centuries ago clearly stated that some day in the future, the children of Israel would return from the nations to their land, Israel.



**MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL**

The Balfour Declaration of November 1917, which was ratified by the League of Nations, signaled the beginning of the Jewish people returning to their land after 1,847 years of wandering.

### 1948 - ISRAEL IS REBORN!

**One of the greatest signs of our being in the “last days” was Israel becoming a nation on May 14, 1948.**

In **verse 22**, the prophet Ezekiel continues stating that the Jewish people would again have their own nation:

*“And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel;...”*

### MANY NEW SETTLEMENTS IN JERUSALEM ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL!

Now, after 1,878 years, the State of Israel was once again a nation. **The Palestine Post** carried the great news on May 15, 1948, **“STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN!”** Just as the prophet had declared, Israel became a self-governing nation despite tremendous obstacles, including a massive Arab attack at that time. In **verse 25**, we read:

*“And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children’s children for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.”*

Notice that once the children of Israel return, they will dwell in the land forever.

### ISRAEL TO BUILD THE WASTE CITIES AND NEVER BE REMOVED AGAIN!

Another Hebrew prophet, Amos, described how Israel would build the waste cities and would never lose their land again.

*“And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and **they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.**”*

**(Amos 9:14,15)**

### AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WAS MADE WITH ISRAEL!

God also told David that He made a covenant with the children of Israel and his seed forever in **Psalm 89:3,4:**

*“I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations...”*

**Ezekiel** also described this everlasting covenant in **chapter 37:26-28:**

## The Place of the Jewish Nation in Bible Prophecy



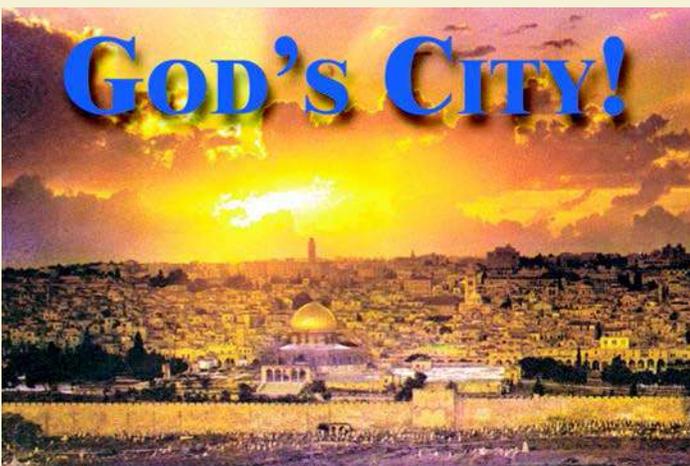
MODERN CITY OF TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

*“Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore.”*

By having the sanctuary in the midst of them means that Israel would get back Mt. Moriah (Old Jerusalem). This is where Solomon’s Temple stood many years ago. It is also where Titus destroyed the second Temple in 70 A.D. and where a third Temple will be built in the near future.

### MIRACULOUS SIX-DAY WAR FREES JERUSALEM!

In order for the Jews to have another sanctuary on Mt. Moriah, the city would have to be back in their control. In June, 1967, in what is known as the “Six-Day War,” Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria, the Sinai Desert from Egypt, and the West Bank from Jordan, which included the most significant thing, the ancient city of Jerusalem. After Gentile control for 1897 years, Jerusalem was again part of Israel. On June 8, 1967, the **Jerusalem Post** proclaimed the thrilling news - *“Old City, Most of Sinai Fall.”* At that time, the Jews proclaimed that they would never again depart from Jerusalem.

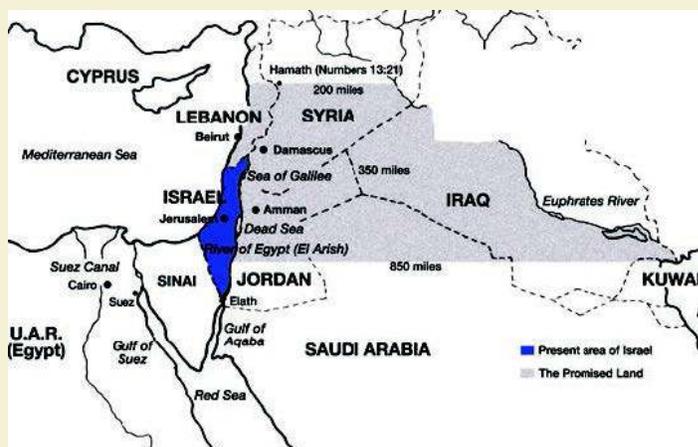


The Arabs, who for about 1300 years controlled Jerusalem and who had built their Muslim mosques on Mt. Moriah, now found themselves without control, and they now saw the Star of David flying over the ancient city of Jerusalem. They vowed to never rest until they get it back.

### PROMISE GIVEN TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED!

The great conflict now occurring over who is to own the Promised Land, including the sacred Mt. Moriah, can be settled by understanding God’s promise to the children of Israel. Moses described this in **Genesis 15:18**:

*“In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:”*



NOTE: For other Scriptures describing Israel’s future boundaries, see: **Exodus 23:31; Numbers 34:3-12; and Ezekiel 47:13-22.**

Ever since Abraham fathered Isaac and Ishmael, the conflict has continued, even to this present day, as to whom the land covenant really was given. Today, the Arabs, Palestinians, and Jews are still fighting over this hotly contested land, including the Temple Mount.

**Genesis 17:19-21** makes it very clear that the promise is through Isaac, not Ishmael, his half-brother.

*“And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.”*

## Chapter 3

# The Abrahamic Covenant and Its Promises

The Holy Scriptures often speak of covenants. A covenant is an agreement. One of the beloved covenants that God made with His people is the Abrahamic Covenant. God instructed Abram to leave his land and to proceed to the land of promise (Canaan). He and his family left Ur of the Chaldeans. Ur was a wealthy, populated, and sophisticated city. It was the center of Southern Mesopotamia. The most prosperous and literate time was during the time of the Patriarch. God called Abram to go to an unknown land, and by faith, the faithful man headed to the destination. (See **New Covenant, Hebrews 11:6**) There were two routes that were possible to make this journey. One was across the Arabian Desert and the other, through Haran in Syria, then down to Canaan. The former journey was too difficult for herds; therefore, Abram chose the latter.

The patriarch was in Haran when the call was reiterated:

*“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee:”* (Genesis 12:1)

This covenant that God made was very special. When God makes a covenant, it may be conditional, which means that, based upon obedience of people, the covenant will occur. This particular covenant is unconditional, which means that God will perform the promise because it is His holy decree. This covenant is initially given in **Genesis 12:1-3** and is reiterated in both the Old and New Covenants.

There are several issues that are important in this covenant.

The first is the promise that God said, “I will show you a land and from it make a great nation through Abram.” The reference is undoubtedly to the Jewish nation. The nation of Israel has been given this piece of ground, and from this place, a great nation is to be developed. Despite the Hamans, Hitlers, and Ahmadinejads of the world, who have desired to kill off this group of people, and who desired to destroy them through the holocaust and other horrific conditions, their perpetuity will last because the divine decree of the Almighty has ordained it.

Another promise is that God promised to bless those who bless Israel, as stated in **Genesis 12:3**:

*“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”*

This promise has been seen in temporal blessings as described in **Genesis chapters 13 and 24**.

*“And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.”* (Genesis 13:2)

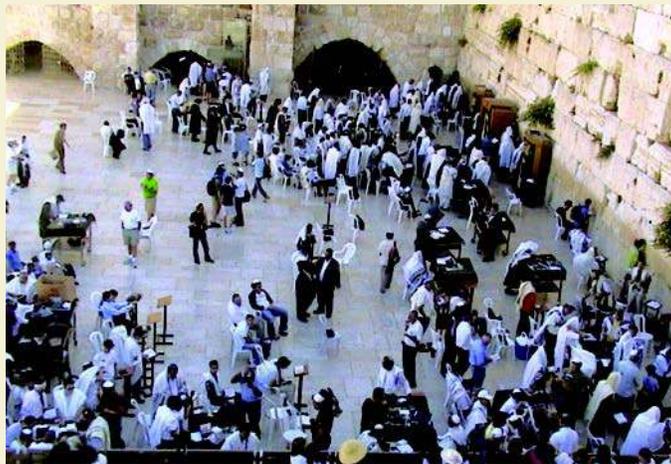
*“And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.”* (Genesis 24:35)

Spiritual blessings also were fulfilled in Abram:

*“And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spoke unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:”* (Genesis 21:22)

Additionally, fame went throughout the world of Abram and his seed. His name would eventually become Abraham, and through the son of promise, Isaac, there would be generations that would be blessed.

This promise states clearly that the land belongs to Israel. The United States of America has historically stood with Israel. It is this writer’s opinion that the best friends to Israel may be the evangelical Christians. I, for one, want to make it very clear that I stand with Israel and encourage their leadership to keep the land that God has given to them because it was given in an unconditional promise to them by divine decree.



**JEWISH PEOPLE GATHERING AT THE WESTERN WALL IN JERUSALEM**

This faith life of the Patriarch is very similar to our call to live out the faith life based on the promises of the Holy God of Heaven. God is holy, just, and righteous, and all His promises will be fulfilled just as He has promised. To the nation of our beloved Jewish friends, we say to all of you that we love you, and we stand with you based on the holy promises of the Divine through the Abrahamic Covenant. The land is yours! The Almighty has decreed it. Keep it!

Political, economic, social, and religious pressure do not change the promises of the Lord. The land is sacred. God said so. It belongs to the Jewish people who are rapidly returning to their homeland. Home is where the heart is. The Lord has ordered the Jewish people into their land.

## Chapter 4

# Fascinating Events – Why Israel Must Be Supported

*“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”*  
(Genesis 12:3)

*“For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.”*  
(Zechariah 2:8)

One may ask the question, “What is so important that one should support Israel, a nation that represents less than 1/1000th of the population of the earth and is one of the smallest countries in the world?” Some people say that if Israel did not exist, the “Middle East” and the entire world would be much more peaceful.

The first and foremost reason Israel should be supported is that God chose this tiny nation to carry out His purpose, and to bless those who bless her. As quoted in the above scripture in **Zechariah 2:8**, God calls Israel, “the apple of His eye.”

### ISRAEL'S AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Amazing achievements have been accomplished by Israel despite it being engaged in a number of wars with an implacable enemy that has tried to annihilate it as a nation. It has spent more per capita to defend itself than possibly any other nation on the planet. Since its founding, Israel is one of the most creative and innovative countries in the world

Israeli achievements in high-tech have benefited millions of individuals in their homes, businesses, education, etc. Great advances in the medical field by Israeli scientists, doctors and researchers have made important strides in improving the health of countless numbers of people in our world.

### ELIMINATE OR DIVIDE ISRAEL!

Even though Israel has blessed the world with so much, there are those individuals who would like to see Israel completely eliminated as a nation and as a people. Many believe that Israel should be denied the land that God has promised to give her. Dividing the land is their answer to achieving peace in the Middle East.

### JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO PART GOD'S LAND?

*“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.”*  
(Joel 3:1,2)

### STATEMENT BY FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH!

**“We share a vision of two states living side by side with PEACE AND SECURITY.”**  
(April 4, 2002)

### STATEMENT BY FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA!

Recently, President Barack Obama also said the way to have peace in the Middle East was to divide the land of Israel in order to have two states living side by side.

**“What we know is that the status quo is unsustainable. It's critical for us to advance the two-state solution where they live side by side in PEACE AND SECURITY.”**  
(March 24, 2009)

Not only did former Presidents Bush and Obama talk about having two states by dividing God's land that was given to Israel, the “Quartet” (America, Russia, the United Nations, and the European Union) had the same vision concerning two states on that land.

### A ROAD MAP FOR PEACE? THE QUARTET! U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT PHOTO – 9-20-2005



### QUARTET STATEMENT

**“The conclusion of disengagement represents an important step toward achieving the vision of two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in PEACE AND SECURITY.”** (The Quartet met in New York on September 20, 2005.)

### “WHEN THEY SHALL SAY PEACE AND SAFETY!”

It is interesting to note that the Scriptures describe what will happen when leaders are talking about dividing God's land in the last days of this age.

*“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they say, PEACE AND SAFETY; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...”*  
(New Covenant: I Thessalonians 5:2,3)

## Fascinating Events – Why Israel Must Be Supported

### INTERESTING COINCIDENCES?

It is also very interesting to note certain events that have occurred at the same time that various leaders were involved in the dividing of God's land. Could we be witnessing the importance of **Genesis 12:3a**: "*And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:...*" Or could the following events just be "*interesting coincidences?*"

#### 1 - October 30, 1991 – The Perfect Storm!

As President George H.W. Bush was opening the Madrid (Spain) Conference to consider "land for peace" in Israel's Middle East role, the "perfect storm" developed in the North Atlantic, creating the largest waves ever recorded in that region. The storm traveled 1,000 miles from "east to west" instead of the normal "west to east" pattern and crashed into the New England coast. Thirty-five foot waves crashed into the Kennebunkport home of President Bush causing much damage.

#### 2 - August 23, 1992 – Hurricane Andrew!

When the Madrid Conference moved to Washington, D.C. and the peace talks resumed, Hurricane Andrew, one of the worst natural disasters ever to hit America, came ashore and produced an estimated \$30 billion in damage and left over 180,000 people homeless in Florida.

#### 3 - September 10-11, 2001 – A Palestinian State!

William Koenig, White House Correspondent and author of **EYE TO EYE – FACING THE CONSEQUENCES OF DIVIDING ISRAEL**, wrote the following: "On 9-10-2001, President George W. Bush was completing the most comprehensive Middle East peace plan ever to be drafted, which was to call for a Palestinian state. No other American President had ever publicly stated their approval of a Palestinian state."<sup>2</sup> The next day, 9-11-2001 occurred, which was the greatest terror event to happen in America's history.

#### 4 - November 30, 1995 - Clinton and 42 Nations for Arafat!

Yasser Arafat came to Washington D.C. to meet President Clinton to raise money for the Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. Forty-two other nations were represented in Washington D.C. and all consented to give Arafat \$3 billion in aid. The European nations promised \$1.7 billion, and President Clinton promised \$400 million. The very same day, the Dow Jones average dropped 216 points and the European Market had its worst day in history on December 1st. Hundreds of billions in market capitalization were lost in the United States and Europe.

#### 5 - August 2005 – Hurricane Katrina!

On the 17th day of August, the Israeli government began removing over 8,000 settlers from the Gaza Strip and then removed Jewish settlers from four settlements in the West Bank. Our government was to pay Israel about \$2 billion to assist in removing the settlers. At the same time, Katrina was forming in the Atlantic and became a Category 1 hurricane hitting Florida and then turning into a Category 4 hurricane before hitting the Gulf states. This storm has now been said to be the greatest storm ever to hit the U.S.A. with damage

estimated at over \$200 billion.

### NUMERICAL COINCIDENCES???

It was estimated that approximately 10,000 Jewish people were displaced when removed from the Gaza Strip and some settlements in the West Bank. It was also estimated that about 500,000 Americans were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina. An interesting study was done by professor Howard B. Rothman concerning the displaced individuals in respect to the population of Israel and America.

■ **10,000 Jews out of a population of 6 million = Percentage of .00167**

■ **500,000 Americans out of a population of 300 million = Percentage of .00167**

**(Howard B. Rothman, PH.D. Professor Emeritus – Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7420)**

#### 6 - August 25 – September 13, 2008 – Three Hurricanes!

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in Israel on Monday, August 25, 2008, and completed her visit to the region on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. "Secretary Rice, completing a visit to the region today, has been pressing Israel to sign a document by the end of the year that would divide Jerusalem. Rice says Israel must agree to a Palestinian State capital in Jerusalem – Israel's own capital - and a full Palestinian State in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza." (Arutz Sheva, Israel National News – 8-26-08)

On the day of her arrival, a series of devastating storms began on Monday, August 25, 2008. Hurricane Gustav formed the next day, followed by Hurricane Hanna, and ended with Hurricane Ike hitting Texas with great and costly devastation.

#### 7 - October 29-30, 2012 – Second Perfect Storm?

Just before the American election was to be held in November 2012, another storm was in progress that has been called the storm of the century. Some have named it God's "October Surprise!" Experts said it could be one of the most costly storms besides Hurricane Katrina (estimated cost over \$60 billion) to ever hit America. This was the anniversary date of the first Perfect Storm that occurred on October 30, 1991, when President George H.W. Bush opened the Madrid Conference to consider "land for peace." At the time, some of our current leaders were continuing to stress dividing Israel's land to have two states living side by side in "peace and security!" Are there dire consequences on those who try to divide God's land of Israel?



## Fascinating Events – Why Israel Must Be Supported

### 8 -August 25, 2017 - Hurricane Harvey!

Making landfall in Texas at a speed of 140 mph and causing massive flooding, it is estimated to be the costliest tropical cyclone creating \$125 billion in damage.

The day before this enormous storm hit Texas, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met for peace talks! Jared Kushner and other U.S. team members met with the Prime Minister at IDF Headquarters in Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Netanyahu said, **peace was “within our reach.”**

It was reported in the Jerusalem Post that at the beginning of the meeting, the Prime Minister expressed optimism to Jared Kushner and said “We have a lot of things to talk about. How to advance **Peace, Stability and Security** in our region - prosperity too - and I think all of them are within our reach.”

That same day, President Trump wrote the following: “Thank you Prime Minister @b.netanyahu and Jared! Let’s advance **#Peace, #Prosperity, and #Security** in the area. There is no doubt that our relationship with you is stronger than ever!...”#USA #Israel (Arutz Sheva7)

### 9 -August 23, 2018 - Hurricane Lane!

An interesting note by William Koenig on August 24, 2018 stated: “Hurricane Lane is the first major hurricane to impact the United States since last year’s month of Elul hurricanes of Harvey, Irma and Maria. The hurricane began impacting Hawaii on Thursday. **Lane jumped to a Category 5 hurricane the day that President Trump stated that “Israel would pay a higher price due to his Jerusalem Embassy move.”** (Aug. 24, 2018 William Koenig - [bill@watch.org](mailto:bill@watch.org))

### 10 - September 14, 2018 – Hurricane Florence!

Hurricane Florence struck the North Carolina coast and caused massive damage along America’s east coast. It is estimated to be one of the costliest storms in the U.S.A.

**An update from Bill Koenig, September 14, 2018 states:** “Virtually every major hurricane since the beginning of the Israeli-Palestinians’ peace process in Madrid, Spain held from October 30-Nov. 1, 1991, has corresponded to White House involvement in Israel’s land. These have all occurred at the time U.S. presidents were actively pressuring and/or inducing Israel to make peace with the Palestinians by agreeing to give up large parts of Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem for promises of **Peace and Security.**”

### 11 - October 10, 2018

Hurricane Michael struck Florida’s Panhandle at 155 mph (a category 4 storm) doing massive damage to a large area. Secretary Pompeo stated in a speech that day “the unreleased Mideast Peace Plan is “truly historic.” On the same day, another “storm” hit the stock market with a drop of 841 points on the Dow Jones. The day before, another far-reaching announcement was made when American

United Nations Ambassador, Nikki Haley, announced her resignation while speaking from the White House. She will be a significant loss as she is one of Israel’s strongest supporters and has had a great impact for change in Israel’s support at the U.N!



**Are recent storms just “coincidences”** that have occurred while various leaders have been involved in the dividing of God’s land? The Hebrew prophet Jeremiah described what would happen in the future and that it would be “considered” in the latter days.

*“Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.”* (Jeremiah 30:23,24)

Just before Israel’s Messiah appears with power and great glory, Yeshua states that there would be signs in the heavens and also events that will involve widespread destruction to the seas, rivers, and springs of water.

*“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”* (New Covenant - Luke 21:25- 27)

<sup>1</sup> Page 182 – EYE TO EYE by William Koenig

<sup>2</sup> Page 167 – EYE TO EYE by William Koenig

Note: EYE TO EYE lists many other events relating to Israel and the peace process!

**(Some of the above information taken from “12 Major Signs of The End Times” / “REVIVAL LIST” & Koenigs [watch-news@watch.org](mailto:watch-news@watch.org))**

## Chapter 5

# The Persecution of the Jews

The Jewish people have been persecuted throughout history. It is generally considered that Abram was the first Jew. When God first addressed the Patriarch Abram, He gave this promise, "... *I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...*" (**Genesis 12:3a**). If Elohim God wishes to bless those who bless the Jews, why is there such opposition to this group of people? "Persecution of Jews has occurred on numerous occasions and at widely different geographical locations."<sup>1</sup> As one peruses the Old Covenant and studies the time of the Pharaohs in Egypt or reads about the totalitarian regime of Hitler, the message of discrimination is very clear. Despite Elohim's promise, the persecution has escalated. Elohim loves the Jews, but there are many others who do not agree.

Jews have been accused of a number of things including deicide (the killing of God). An underlying source of this prejudice surrounds both political and religious reasons. There are some who would consider that the persecution of the Jewish people and their sufferings are exaggerated as a means of gathering support for the Zionist State of Israel. Is the conversation only about political/religious reasons? I think not. So a fair question is this: Why does there appear to be such antagonism toward the Jewish people?

Let's consider some of the history of this persecution. There are many biblical accounts of anti-Semitism. The Pharaoh of the Exodus kept the Jews in bondage and then expelled them from the land. Much of the story of the Exodus in the Old Covenant describes their conflict. Elohim raises up the deliverer in Moses who is trained in the Egyptian ways (Exodus 1,2). After 10 plagues, the Jews head toward the Promised Land and pass through the Red Sea with the Egyptian army close behind. Moses leads the people safely across to dry ground, and the Egyptian army drowns by the returning waters that had abated. The Old Covenant states, "...for the LORD fighteth for them..." (**Exodus 14:25**).

Another example is the remarkable story of Queen Esther who, as a Jew, sat in the kingdom of the Persians when Haman tried to destroy the entire Jewish community in Persia! Haman prepared gallows to hang Mordecai, the Jew, who would not bow to Haman, only to have his own life taken by the command of the king on the same gallows. An entire generation survived this potential holocaust. Europe and the Middle East have been areas where anti-Semitism has grown. "In the Middle Ages anti-Semitism was religious."<sup>2</sup> There were persecutions, massacres, and conversions that were forced on the Jewish people. During the First Crusade, many Jewish communities in Germany were destroyed. In the fourteenth century, Jews were blamed for poisoning wells. It seemed that the finger was often pointed in the direction of the Jews when trouble came to a community. The Jew must be the reason for the trouble!

Eventually, history arrives at the Holocaust. "In 1933, the Jewish population stood at over nine million."<sup>3</sup> Many European Jews lived in areas that would be occupied by Nazi Germany. The Nazi regime desired to rid the population

of the unwanted people. This included Gypsies, mentally disabled, and physically challenged patients in institutions. However, what happened to the Jews was unthinkable. Approximately 6,000,000 Jews were killed during the Holocaust. The Final Solution was actually a calculated plan of genocide of the Jewish people who lived in Europe. Extermination camps were established to kill undesirables, primarily Jews. These death camps reeked with the stench of burnt flesh. The atrocities included such disgusting acts as searching the dead for valuables including gold fillings in teeth.

Numerous books and articles have been written about the treatment of the Jews. Holocaust museums offer a clear reminder of such atrocities. So why is there such hatred? I am sure there are many political and religious answers that individuals address to explain the behavior. However, in the name of all that is good, why would any group be so persecuted? Perhaps the reason goes back to the beginning when God called Abram. Elohim God called the Jewish people His special people. It is His choice. When Elohim God proclaims, "*The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*" (**Deuteronomy 7:7,8**). The Jewish people were given a land that belongs to them. They are beloved of Elohim. His warning is that He will curse those who curse them. The word "curse" means to bring into contempt. History is strewn with the commentaries of those who hate the Jewish people. Pharaoh, Haman, Hitler, and on and on are the names of those who stood against Israel. Their failures are a reminder that God has a plan for the Jewish people.

As an Evangelical Christian, I believe that the Messiah has already come once and will return again. God has a place for the nation of Israel (**Romans 9-11, New Covenant**). Apparently, in the society that we live in today, there are very few who are friends to the Jews. Have other people groups been persecuted? Yes, but not like this group. It does come from the Evil One, the Devil himself. It does seem that there are some who are promoting a Zionist position, and they do so with the desire to put all the proverbial eggs in their basket, but the facts of history do not lie. No other group has endured such treatment. One day all shall be made right, and that is when the Messiah comes to the earth a second time. Until then, I want to be counted in that number who support that the land of Israel belongs to the Jews. Why? ... Because Elohim God said so!

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## Chapter 6

# The Place of the Gentile in the Jewish World

I am a Gentile. I love Israel. I believe the Jews are God's chosen. My home away from home is the beloved land of Israel.

Gentiles are not necessarily viewed as friends of Israel. Historian Alfred Edershem wrote, "To begin with, every Gentile child, as soon as he is born, was to be regarded as unclean."<sup>1</sup> "In truth, the bitter hatred which the Jew bore to the Gentile can only be explained from the estimate intertwined of his character. The most vile, and even unnatural crimes were impacted to them."<sup>2</sup> It is no wonder that the Jewish people do not trust Gentiles. Hitler, the Holocaust and even Christian leaders have been wicked towards the beloved Jewish nation.

The New Covenant states:

*"And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?"*

(New Covenant – Romans 11:17-24)

In this passage, Paul continues to use figures of branches and roots. The breaking off of some branches and the grafting in of the branches represent the partial rejection of Israel and the reception and acceptance of the Gentile world.

God is making room for the Gentile world. God can and will do this. **Paul** continues in **verses 25-27**:

*"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer,*

*and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."*

The reason Gentile believers share a standing with God is they have responded to the faith of the Gospel (Good News).

The word "graft" is the Greek word "enkentrizo," which means "to insert a slip of a wild olive branch into the good olive tree." The uncultivated branch is the Gentile and the good olive tree is the Jews. In the Romans passage, the history of the Gentiles is "you were formerly disobedient to God." The recent time of salvation declares mercy. The salvation of the Gentiles is God's merciful and gracious gift. The fact is that the mercy of God has also been extended to the Jews.

Both Jews and Gentiles will be enveloped into God's saving purposes. The era and time of Messianic salvation has arrived. The focus on the history of the Gentile and Jewish people who are recipients of mercy is here. The scales need to be lifted to find that God has both people in mind. Both Jews and Gentiles are a part of God's family through the Covenant work of the Messiah.

Without distinction, both Jew and Gentile who know the Lord are a part of the family of God. As a Gentile, I enjoy brotherhood through the Messiah with my Jewish family. For those who will have me – count me in! I already belong!

### GENTILES WHO LOVE ISRAEL ARE PART OF A RECENT HOLY LAND TOUR

One way to bless Israel is to visit the Holy Land and encourage others to also visit. **Psalm 48:1-2** says: *"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."*

<sup>1,2</sup>Grant R. Jeffrey, "Appointment With Destiny."



PREVIOUS TOUR GROUP, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

## Chapter 7

# The Significance of Jerusalem!

The significance of Jerusalem includes many historical and religious teachings. Many of these teachings form the foundation of various religious beliefs while some are categorized as traditions.

Three of the world's major religions trace their steps to the Patriarch Abraham. There are others not so widely known with the same foundation. Abraham is considered the first Jewish person. Jewish people are described as descendants of Jacob, sons of Isaac.

The three major religions that trace their steps to Abraham are Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Each of these teachings consider Jerusalem to be the holy city. The Temple Mount is one area that all three religions consider to be sacred.

The foundational Biblical text that sets the stage for Jerusalem's significance is **Genesis 12:1-3**. *"Now the Lord had said to Abram, get out of your country from your family and your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you: And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

The Jewish faith views the covenant to Abraham as exclusive for them. The capital and most holy city in Judaism is Jerusalem. It has been the spiritual, ancestral, and family background for our Jewish friends since the Abrahamic promise. The first occurrence of the city is mentioned when Abraham bound Isaac on Mt. Moriah. It is in this passage, **Genesis 22:2**, that Moriah is mentioned. Moriah is one of the mountains in Jerusalem. This is one of the earliest and most significant accounts of Jerusalem.

The city was called Salem. In **Genesis 14:18**, the city is mentioned as Salem or Shalem. It is mentioned as Jerusalem in Joshua 10:1. The city is the center of the world for the Jewish faith for it is considered that this is where God abides. The city has long been the place of Jewish religious consciousness.

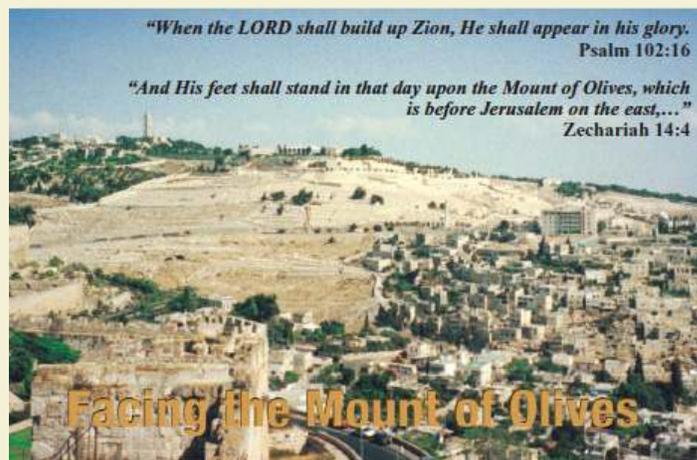
David's desire to capture the city and build the temple there is described in the books of Samuel and a number of the Psalms. Over 800 times in the Hebrew Bible the city is mentioned with renderings including Zion. According to the Hebrew Bible Solomon's temple was built and finished around 950 B.C. In 580 B.C. the Babylonians captured the city and destroyed the temple thereby sending many Jewish families into exile. Jerusalem is very important to the Christian because of Yeshua... Yeshua is God in flesh. The New Covenant states, *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was nothing made."* (**John 1:1-3**). Jerusalem is seen as

the place where Yeshua was in the temple (**Luke 2:22**). Yeshua attended the festivities in the city. Yeshua appears in the temple cleansing it of the unscrupulous vendors. Yeshua is in the upper room for the last supper while his arrest is in Gethsemane. His crucifixion is actually outside the city at Golgotha.

Christians view both the Old Covenant and New Covenant to be the inspired Word of God. Judeo-Christian values are considered to be sacred. The city is the most fought over city in history. Jerusalem has been attacked many times. It has been captured and recaptured 44 times. The city was destroyed twice. It is truly the eternal city.

The New Covenant closes with a breathtaking prophecy. *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* (**New Covenant - Revelation 21:1,2**). The city is illustrated as a bride. In this scenario, the bride groom is the highlight. Here, God is dwelling with us. (**Revelation 21:3**). This expression is a prophecy of a transformation. It will be a transformation to a higher form of living. The heavens and earth will be gloriously renovated and the Messiah will reign supreme. All things will be new! (**Revelation. 21:5**) I believe this Messiah to be Yeshua. He is preparing a place for you. (**John 14:1-6**).

It is fair to say the most holy place in the world is Jerusalem. The city is where the action is. Religious activity and war are normal occurrences. It is a place to visit over and over again. No city in the world seems to have the significance of this place. It certainly deserves the title "holy city" and we should all *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee."* (**Psalms 122:6**).



## Chapter 8

# Pray For The Peace of Jerusalem!!

**“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.”**  
(Psalm 122:6)

### WHY PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM?

Since Jerusalem became a city many years ago, there have been more wars and less peace over this city than in any other city on earth. This special city in God’s plan has been besieged over 40 times in its history.

Even though no other city can come close to all the suffering that has gone on in Jerusalem, we have a special command from God: “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem...” Two of the reasons are that Israel’s true Messiah wants to live there, and God wants to put His Name there:

*“...David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.”*  
(I Kings 11:36)

This is the city where our Lord chose not only to be crucified for the sins of the world, but it also is the city He will return to when He sets up His Kingdom on earth.

### ALL NATIONS ARE COMING TO JERUSALEM!

*“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”*  
(Zechariah 12:2,3)

You and I now are witnessing the final preparation for yet another and final siege against Jerusalem. Russia along with all its allies are building up their massive armies for the great climatic battle that soon will be fought. Even though there is much talk about peace for the Middle East at this very hour to try and settle the complicated Middle East problem, those who know the Bible know that there will be no lasting peace until Israel’s Messiah comes back to defend Israel and save her! Zechariah clearly tells us what soon will happen when many nations come against Jerusalem:

*“...In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;...And it shall come to pass, in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”*  
(Zechariah 12:8,9)

You may be asking the question, “Why is God going to bring all the world to Jerusalem?” To show His Glory!

**“When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.”** (Psalm 102:16)



*“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son...In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem...”*  
(Zechariah 12:10,11)

Yes, Israel finally will see that the “One” who was crucified almost two thousand years ago is their true Messiah; for when He comes back to Jerusalem after the battle of Armageddon, a question will be answered:

*“And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands?...His answer will be: “...those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.”* (Zechariah 13:6)

Those who are still alive in the world also will see why Jerusalem is so important to God. It was there that salvation was wrought by Yeshua, Israel’s true Messiah, and it is there that He will return.

*“And His feet whall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives...and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee... and the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD and his name One.”*  
(Zechariah 14:4,5,9)

Though many nations of the earth have scoffed at the most important spot on the face of the earth, soon they will be brought to Jerusalem to see the Lord magnified:

*“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.”*  
(Ezekiel 38:23)

Do you know this “One,” Yeshua, who soon is going to come and judge the nations? If not, I urge you to learn more about Him so you will not be under God’s judgment, but rather that you can have the peace of God and have the assurance of being with Him forever.

- Jack Heintz -

## Chapter 9

# The Coming “False Messiah” and A Coming World Government!

*“Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore.”*

**(Ezekiel 37:26-28)**

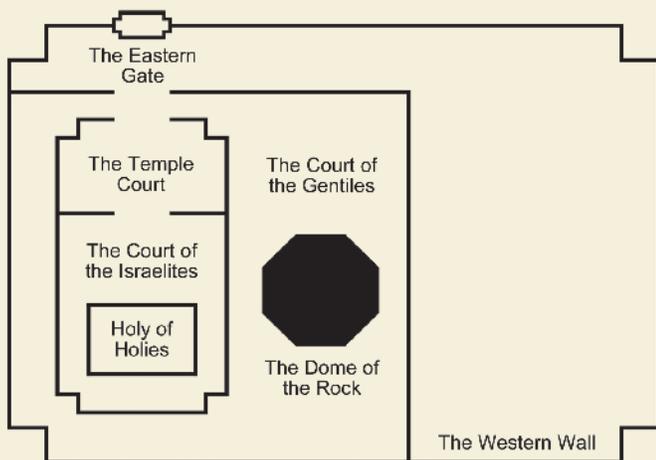
Today, many scholars and numbers of non-religious Jews are skeptical about another Temple being built in Jerusalem. However, the prophet Ezekiel described in great detail concerning the coming future Temple. In the above passage, Ezekiel stated three times that God would establish His sanctuary to be in the midst of Israel forevermore.

### NEW JERUSALEM TEMPLE WILL BE NORTH OF THE GOLDEN DOME?

A major question has been asked: “Where will the new Temple be rebuilt?” Some say, “Where the present Muslim mosque now stands,” which means that the mosque would have to be destroyed. Others say, “an area to the north of the Golden Dome.”

### DOMES OF THE ROCK REMOVED?

For years, a commonly held view stated that in order for the Temple to occupy the Temple Mount, the Dome of the Rock would have to be removed or destroyed. This would certainly



involve a great bloody war with all the Arab nations, as their tradition states that Mohammed, after he arrived on a winged horse on the Temple Mount, ascended to heaven from the very place now occupied by the Golden Dome. There is another belief that the original Temple occupied an open area just north of the Muslim Dome of the Rock.

Several sources that include the Mishnah Torah, the Talmud, and the writings of Josephus give indications that the five gates of the Temple were in a straight line directly opposite the Eastern Gate, also known as the Golden Gate. The diagram below shows where this third Temple may be built.

### NEW COVENANT GIVES INSTRUCTIONS OF THE TEMPLE LOCATION!

The author of the last book of the New Covenant was clearly told by an angel of God to measure the Temple of God, but to leave out the outer court which is outside the Temple area. He was also told that this area, including the Holy City, would be trodden down for forty-two months, which relates to the time of Jacob’s trouble when the false Messiah rules over Jerusalem.

*“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.”*

**(New Covenant-Revelation 11:1,2)**



**EASTERN GATE AND THE MUSLIM DOME**

### ALMOST ALL ITEMS FOR TEMPLE WORSHIP ARE NOW READY!

The Temple Institute in Jerusalem has been involved for years in preparing the various items needed for Temple worship. Over the past few years, our Beth Shalom Tour groups have had the privilege of viewing the many items that have been prepared by those working in The Temple Institute.

### THE LORD WILL RESTORE THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID!

The prophet Amos and the New Covenant clearly describe an “end time” event when Israel’s true Messiah will raise up the Tabernacle of David:

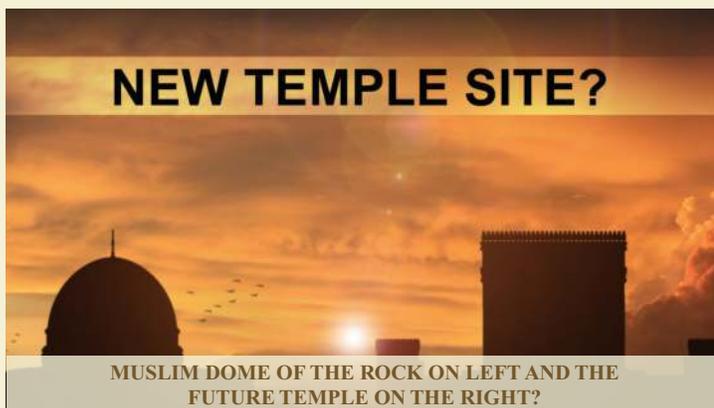
*“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the branches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:”*

**(Amos 9:11)**

*“After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.”*

**(New Covenant - Acts 15:16-17)**

For the information concerning this rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, you are encouraged to read **Ezekiel, chapters 40-46**, which give details concerning its dimensions, the future priesthood, and future worship.



### A “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL ESTABLISH A SEVEN YEAR PEACE COVENANT!

In the 1930’s, Rabbi Shvili, in his book, “Reckonings of Redemption” stated: “We Jews can know our entire history to the very letter by studying the twelve chapters in one book in the Old Testament – the book of Daniel.”

As Rabbi Shvili stated, in order to understand the entire history of Israel, a study of the great Hebrew prophet Daniel clearly is encouraged as the twelve chapters describe not only ancient history, but foretell what will soon befall the children of Israel.

Just before true and lasting peace will come to Israel, a “false Messiah” will deceive Israel into believing he is their long-awaited saviour who will promise “**peace and safety.**”

### A “FALSE MESSIAH” SHALL ARISE!

Daniel, chapter seven, describes a vision that Daniel was given relating to events that would directly affect Israel over many centuries. Although Daniel had been able to interpret King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream years earlier as a young man (see Daniel chapter two), he was grieved and troubled by this later vision concerning Israel’s future.

*“I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.”*

**(Daniel 7:15,16)**

Some of the things revealed to Daniel included what the coming “false Messiah” would do over 2,500 years later when Israel is again a nation in the end of days.

*“And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them (God’s chosen people) white, **even to the time of the end**: because it is yet for a time appointed.”*

**(Daniel 11:35)**

The last chapter of Daniel states that many of these revelations would be sealed until the time of the end.

*“And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end.**”*

**(Daniel 12:9)**

In **Daniel 9:27a**, a covenant for seven years is clearly described:

*“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week...” (The use of the Hebrew word SHABUA, to describe a week, means a week of years, or seven years.)*

### THE “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL RULE FROM JERUSALEM FOR 42 MONTHS!

*“And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by Him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half (42 months); and when he shall have accomplished to break the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?”*

**(Daniel 12:7, 8)**

### THIS “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL CAUSE THE REINSTATED SACRIFICE TO END!

The “false Messiah” who enters the new Jerusalem Temple of God will actually cause the restored sacrifice being done by Jewish priests to be stopped in the middle of the seven year time period.

*“...and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...”*

**(Daniel 9:27b)**

## The Coming “False Messiah” and A Coming World Government!

### THE “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL SIT IN THE NEW TEMPLE AND WILL DIVIDE THE LAND!

*“And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god,...and shall divide the land for gain.” (Daniel 11:36, 39)*

### “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL SET UP AN ABOMINATION IN THE TEMPLE FOR 3 ½ YEARS!

*“And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” (Daniel 12:11)*

### THE “FALSE MESSIAH” WHO RULES FOR 3½ YEARS WILL CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS!

*“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.” (Daniel 7:25)*

### THE “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL BE DIVERSE AND EXCEEDING DREADFUL!

According to Daniel, the coming “false Messiah” will be a world leader that will rule the world in a fierce manner. He will destroy many as he deceives the world and brings a false peace to Israel.

*“Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;” (Daniel 7:19)*

### DANIEL DESCRIBES THIS TERRIBLE TIME!

As Daniel finishes his great description of prophecy relating to Israel and the coming “false Messiah,” he describes this coming time of trouble (time of Jacob’s trouble) as the worst time in history. Daniel also gives great hope to those who are delivered and who are found written in God’s Book of Life!

*“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” (Daniel 12:1)*

The great Hebrew prophet Jeremiah also describes this coming time of great distress in **Jeremiah 30:7**:

*“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”*

### THE “FALSE MESSIAH” WILL HAVE FOUR POWER BASES!

The New Covenant has much to say concerning the coming “false Messiah.” The book of Revelation, chapter 13, gives a great description of his four power bases.

**I. MILITARY ..... Verse 4**

**II. POLITICAL ..... Verse 7**

**III. RELIGIOUS ..... Verses 11-12**

**IV. ECONOMIC .....Verses 16-18**

#### I. MILITARY POWER BASE!

This “Great Deceiver” who enters into a covenant with Israel and with many others, promising peace, will rule the world with tremendous military power that will be unmatched.

*“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:4)*

#### II. POLITICAL POWER BASE!

This world dictator, who appears to be Israel’s Messiah, will make war with Israelis and will have political power over all people and nations.

*“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:7)*

#### III. RELIGIOUS POWER BASE!

Another individual, who has power like that of the “false Messiah,” will cause all people that dwell on the earth to worship him. He will appear as one who looks peaceful but will speak like the Devil. Many believe this is the coming “false prophet.” *“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” (Revelation 13:11,12)*

#### IV. ECONOMIC POWER BASE! MUST RECEIVE A MARK (666) TO BUY OR SELL

The Scriptures also describe a world leader who appears as Israel’s Messiah, that will have tremendous control of the world’s economy. No one will be able to buy or sell anything unless he has a special mark from this world leader.

*“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).” (Revelation 13:16-18)*

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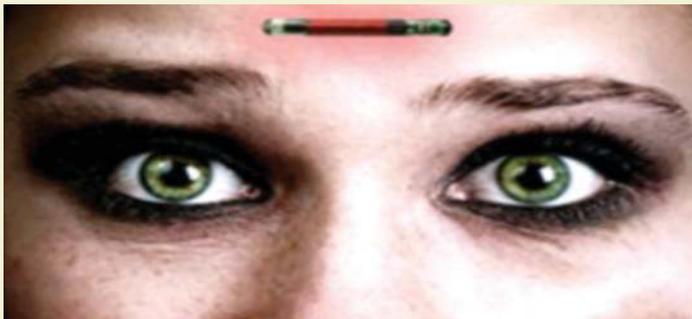
## The Coming "False Messiah" and A Coming World Government!

### RESULTS OF RECEIVING THE MARK!

The Scriptures also give a strong warning of the horrible judgment that will occur on those who follow the "false Messiah" and take his mark.

*"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,... and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."*  
(New Covenant - Revelation 14:9-11)

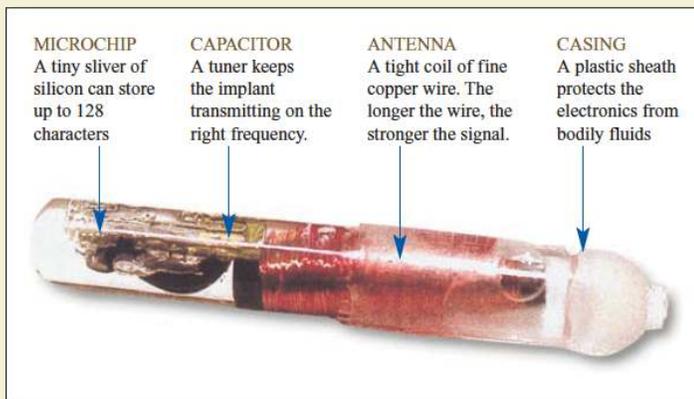
### DIGITAL ANGEL – A MICROCHIP IMPLANT!



Is the system now available that could be used to control every human being which involves having a mark in their right hand or in their forehead?



Digital Angel was unveiled and demonstrated in New York, October 31, 2000. This microchip by Applied Digital Solutions can be implanted in a person's hand and can be monitored by satellite. **It is about the size of a grain of rice.**



News articles and TV broadcasts have recently told how individuals now are receiving this implant which contains several details about the individual. With satellite, a person can be located any place on the globe. A system such as this could certainly be used by the coming world leader with the use of high speed computers.

### THERE ARE AMAZING NEW TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TODAY THAT CAN ASSIST IN TRACKING PEOPLE TODAY!



### GOD'S TWO SUPER WITNESSES SOON WILL APPEAR TO WARN ISRAEL!

The Old and New Covenants both state that two special witnesses will appear in the last days and will prophesy for 42 months (3 ½ years) concerning "end time" events.

*"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days,(42 months) clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."*  
(New Covenant – Revelation 11:3-4)

This Scripture reference in the New Covenant is a direct reference to the two anointed ones that are mentioned in the book of Zechariah:

*"And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**" (Zechariah 4:12-14)*

These two anointed ones will have supernatural power that will witness God's power in contrast to the power of the false Messiah. Similar to some of the signs shown in the days of Moses, the New Covenant states in **Revelation 11:6** that these two witnesses will "...have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will."

The next chapter, **Heavenly Events and Great End Time Signs!** gives us some amazing information concerning events on God's timetable!

## Chapter 10

# Heavenly Events and Great End Time Signs!

As we face an unknown future for America and Israel, are there any “signs” that may indicate possible climactic events that may soon occur? In **Genesis 1:14**, certain events that occur in the heavens would be for “signs” and seasons, and for days, and years.

*“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:”*

The Hebrew word for “Signs” is “**Moedim**” which means divine appointments. The Hebrew Scriptures tell of many events that would happen in the end times and describe how God has set **specific divine appointments** to occur.

*“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, Before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.”* (Joel 2:31)

Amazing heavenly events took place recently when there appeared four lunar eclipses and two solar eclipses that occurred in 2014 and 2015.<sup>1</sup> The lunar eclipses often are called “blood moons” since they often take on a bloody color. What makes these remarkable celestial occurrences so unusual is that they all appeared on Jewish Holy Days!



### UNIQUE SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSES

Another remarkable fact is that during both years, the spring lunar eclipses appeared on Passover, and the fall lunar eclipses occurred on the Feast of Tabernacles (also called Sukkot).

In addition to the four lunar eclipses, two other phenomenal events, two solar eclipses, occurred on two dates in 2015. The first solar eclipse occurred in the spring on the first day of Israel’s religious new year, Adar 29/Nisan 1. The second one appeared on the eve of the first day of Israel’s civil new year, Tishri 1, which is Rosh Hashanah, also known as the Feast of Trumpets. On each one of the Jewish Holy Days, the moon did not give its light, and the sun was darkened.<sup>2</sup>

According to NASA, when four consecutive lunar eclipses occur, it is known as a tetrad. There have been other tetrads, but only three others have been recorded to have occurred on Jewish Holy Days.<sup>3</sup>

After Israel became a nation in 1948, another tetrad occurred (April 13, 1949, October 7, 1949, April 2, 1950, and September 26, 1950). Before the 1900’s, no other tetrad of eclipses occurred on Biblical feast days except during 1493 and 1494 after Spain expelled the Jews in 1492 when Christopher Columbus discovered America. It is reported by some researchers that Columbus had Jewish origins. In “Three Sources of Textual Evidence of Columbus, Crypto Jew,” Irizarry writes that Columbus wrote in Spanish and sometimes in Hebrew when he wrote referencing Jewish Holy Days during his first voyage.

The last time a tetrad occurred on Jewish Holy Days was in conjunction with Jerusalem returning to the Jewish people following the June 1967 Six-Day War (April 24, 1967, October 18, 1967, April 13, 1968, and October 6, 1968).

### ELUL 29, THE SABBATH, AND THE SEVENTH YEAR

Other significant information concerning the solar eclipse that occurred on September 13, 2015 pertains to a special day on the Jewish calendar, Elul 29, the eve of Rosh Hashanah or the Feast of Trumpets. Elul is the sixth month of the ecclesiastical year and the twelfth month of the Jewish civil year on the Hebrew calendar. What is so significant about this is that it was the last day of a “Shemitah” year, which occurs at the end of a Sabbatical year, and the end of a seven year cycle. This event is described in **Deuteronomy 15:1, 2:**

*“At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD’S release.”*

This is a specified time when Jewish people are to waive all outstanding debts between creditors and debtors.

### TWO OTHER MAJOR ELUL 29 EVENTS OCCURRED ON THE HEBREW CALENDAR

- 1. September 17, 2001 – (Elul 29)** The American stock market crash following the attack by our enemies on September 11, 2001. This was the start of the large economic calamity relating to 9/11.
- 2. September 29, 2008 – (Elul 29)** The second American stock market crash as the market dropped 777 points in the 7th hour of trading.

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What also is very amazing concerning what happened in America on Elul 29, 2001 and Elul 29, 2008, is that the two dates were exactly seven years apart. Could God also be sending warnings to America.?

Since writing and speaking on events that occurred in 2014 and 2015 with respect to the heavenly “signs,” I have been asked by others: “**So what has happened since the six eclipses?**”

### MAJOR EVENTS SINCE FIRST BLOOD MOON!

Upon my research, I discovered that twelve major events have taken place that directly concern Israel since the first blood moon occurred on Passover, April 15, 2014.

1. Fifty-Day Gaza War, June-August, 2014!
2. Collapse of Israel’s last government led by Prime Minister Netanyahu! – Shortest length in Israel’s history – Less than 21 months! Israel’s new government began May 6, 2015!
3. Palestinian Authority became a new member of the World Criminal Court on April 1, 2015, and it was not even a country! <sup>4</sup>
4. Former President Obama announced the Iran Nuclear Agreement on the anniversary of Haman’s decree to kill all Jews! (357 B.C.E.)
5. Vatican signs historic first accord with “Palestine” on June 26, 2015, two years after recognizing it as a Palestinian State!
6. Year of the Shemitah began, September 25, 2014, and ended September 13, 2015! (Rosh Hashanah)
7. Last blood moon occurred on September 28, 2015. (Feast of Tabernacles - Sukkot). It appeared over Jerusalem!



8. The tremendous terror attacks of Palestinians against Israel began which some call the “Third Intifada” or “Fire Intifada!”

9. Russia and Iran now are on Israel’s border! (See last chapter for more details.)
10. UNESCO (United Nations) passed a resolution on October 14, 2016 stating that Israel has no right or connection to the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, or Jerusalem!
11. A Super Moon occurred on November 14, 2016. The last one occurred in 1948 when Israel became a nation! <sup>5</sup>
12. New U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334 ordering Israel to stop any building in Judea and Samaria (including East Jerusalem). Vote was 14 to 0 with USA abstaining by direction of former President Obama, December 23, 2016. This was the first time the USA did not veto and back Israel!<sup>6</sup>

### THE LORD’S SIGNIFICANT JUBILEE?

*“And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year; and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a Jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.”*  
**(Leviticus 25:10)**

This is exactly what happened when the Jewish people returned to Jerusalem in 1967. They returned to the city God promised them for their possession!

As you look at the topic of the Jubilee, a number of comments need to be made about this very important subject. First, my purpose in writing this section is not to set specific dates, as the Gregorian calendar is far from perfect. Many Bible scholars believe the date of Adam and Eve was about 4000 B.C.

Second, because no Jubilees have been observed by the Jewish people for over two thousand years, one cannot be dogmatic concerning setting exact dates. However, when we note certain events concerning Israel and how God’s plan has been fulfilled through history, it certainly is interesting to note these major prophetic occurrences and how they may directly relate to the Jubilee.

### 1967 AND JERUSALEM’S SIGNIFICANCE!

Many Bible scholars (Hartman, Cohen, Pedrone) believe that 1967 was not only a very significant year in Israel’s History, but that year was a Jubilee year. From June 5 to June 10, 1967, also known as the Six-Day War, Israel miraculously defeated the armies of Egypt, Jordan, and Syria to gain control of the entire city of Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, and the additional area of Judea and Samaria (known as the West Bank). **Jerusalem became the capital of Israel!**

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**A SPECIAL JUBILEE ALSO OCCURRED IN 1917!**

It also is interesting to note that another unique event occurred in the year 1917 exactly **fifty years prior to the SIX-DAY WAR of 1967**. The Jewish people were without a land of their own. Muslim Turks inhabited Jerusalem.

General Allenby of Great Britain miraculously took over Jerusalem without firing a shot. The Balfour Declaration was put in force which gave the Jews the right to their own homeland which became a reality in May 1948. It is commonly believed by many Jewish followers that 1917 was a Jubilee year!

**ANOTHER HISTORIC DAY - MAY 14, 2018!**

One of the most significant days in Israel's history was the moving of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, May 14, 2018! As Israel was celebrating its 70th Anniversary, exactly 70 years from its founding, May 14, 1948, President Trump moved America's Embassy, officially recognizing **the true capital of Israel as Jerusalem!**



**WILL THERE BE PEACE AND SAFETY?**

*“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...”*

**(New Covenant: I Thessalonians 5:2,3)**

“When the sun is in eclipse, it is a bad omen for those who worship idols. But when there is an eclipse of the moon, it is a bad omen for Israel, since Israel reckons time by the moon, and those who worship idols by the sun.”

**(The Babylonian Talmud, Sukkah)**



**SUPER SOLAR ECLIPSE CROSSES USA!**

The super solar eclipse of August 21, 2017 is 99 years since a similar solar eclipse occurred in 1918. This 2017 eclipse occurred 40 days prior to Yom Kippur on the last day of the month of Av. The next day after this eclipse began the month of Elul on the Jewish calendar! (Traditionally “Month of Repentance”)

**INTERESTING EVENTS!**

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 and Wednesday, August 23, 2017 Major Push for Mid-east Peace! At the beginning of the month of Elul, White House advisors Jared Kushner, Dina Powell, and Jason Greenblatt (U.S. Special Middle East Envoy) began a major push for peace and met with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Saudi Arabia to restart peace talks. The U.S. Peace Party met with other Arab leaders to advance the peace process including the Palestinians, the Israelis, Jordanians, and Egyptians.

Thursday, August 24, 2017 – Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met for peace talks! Jared Kushner and other U.S. team members met with the Prime Minister at IDF Headquarters in Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Netanyahu said peace was “within our reach!”

It was reported in the Jerusalem Post that at the beginning of the meeting, the Prime Minister expressed optimism to Jared Kushner and said, “We have a lot of things to talk about. How to advance **peace, stability and security** in our region – prosperity too – and I think all of them are within our reach.”

That same day, President Trump wrote the following: “Thank you Prime Minister @b.netanyahu and Jared! Let’s advance **#Peace, #Prosperity, and #Security** in the area. There is no doubt that our relationship with you is stronger than ever!...” #USA #Israel (Arutz Sheva 7)

(See Chapter 4 - INTERESTING COINCIDENCES?)

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## Chapter 11

# The Messiah in the Old Covenant

*“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?”*  
(Isaiah 53:1)

For years, Jewish people have been looking forward to a coming Messiah. Even the great prophet Isaiah asked the above questions concerning who would believe the report regarding the one who would bring peace to a troubled world.

When one studies the Old Covenant Scriptures, the Lord gives us over three hundred passages that point to Messiah's first coming. These references were written over five centuries before Yeshua (Jesus) was born in the tiny town of Bethlehem.

The purpose of this chapter will list seventeen of the specific prophecies having to do with the Messiah's life, death, and His resurrection. The following are the seventeen Old Covenant prophecies:

### 1. He would be born in Bethlehem and would come from the tribe of Judah:

*“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”*  
(Micah 5:2 – v. 5:1 in the Hebrew Scriptures)

*“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”*  
(Genesis 49:10)

### 2. A messenger would precede His arrival:

*“The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”*  
(Isaiah 40:3)

### 3. He would ride into Jerusalem on a colt:

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”*  
(Zechariah 9:9)

### 4. A friend would betray Him:

*“Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”*  
(Psalm 41:9)

### 5. They would pierce His hands and feet:

*“For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.”*  
(Psalm 22:16)

### 6. His enemies would wound Him:

*“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*  
(Isaiah 53:5)

### 7. He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver:

*“And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.”*  
(Zechariah 11:12)

### 8. The 30 pieces of silver for His betrayal would be thrown in the Temple of God:

*“And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”*  
(Zechariah 11:13)

### 9. They would spit on Him and beat Him:

*“I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.”*  
(Isaiah 50:6)

### 10. He remained silent when accused:

*“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.”*  
(Isaiah 53:7)

### 11. His crucifixion would be among thieves:

*“Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”*  
(Isaiah 53:12)

### 12. His accusers would gamble for His clothes:

*“They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”*  
(Psalm 22:18)



**PLACE WHERE THE CRUCIFIXION TOOK PLACE, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL**

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**13. They would pierce His side:**

*“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.” (Zechariah 12:10)*

**14. Not one of His bones would be broken:**

*“He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.” (Psalm 34:20)*

**15. There would be no decaying of His body:**

*“For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” (Psalm 16:10)*

**16. He would be buried in a rich man’s tomb:**

*“And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:9)*

**17. Darkness would be on the earth the day of the crucifixion:**

*“And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.” (Amos 8:9)*

In order to verify that these seventeen incredible prophecies occurred, you are encouraged to see the next chapter by Dino J. Pedrone concerning “The Messiah in the New Covenant.”

Though there are many more prophecies that clearly point to the Messiah, **for anyone to fulfill these seventeen prophecies it has been calculated to be 1 chance in 480 Billion x 1 Billion x 1 Trillion.<sup>1</sup>**

As I was writing this chapter, the day was extremely important to me as it was the 1st of Av (July 22, 2009). The 1st of Av is the first day of a nine day period of mourning for many Jewish people. This period ends with the 9th of Av, the time that Israel observed the destruction of her two Temples. Both were destroyed on the same day, hundreds of years apart. More will be given on events that occurred on the 9th of Av in the 14th chapter of this publication, “The Calamity of God’s Chosen People.”

**Three solar eclipses occurring on the 1st of Av!**

		
<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
July 31	July 22	July 11
<b>1st of Av</b>	<b>1st of Av</b>	<b>1st of Av</b>



**2009 SOLAR ECLIPSE ON THE 1st OF AV**

What was so very different about this day was that a few hours earlier, an unusual solar eclipse had just occurred and as it was ending, there appeared to be a Star of David at the top of the solar eclipse. This eclipse was viewed by many, and I personally viewed the eclipse on two web sites!

What was even more dramatic is that this was the second of three solar eclipses that were to occur on the 1st of Av July 31, 2008, July 22, 2009, and another on July 11, 2010. According to my research, this is the first time in history that three eclipses would occur three years in a row on the 1st of Av.

It is interesting to note that just before Israel’s Messiah appears, the New Covenant says that there would be signs in the sun, moon, and stars:

*“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; And on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 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.”*

**(New Covenant - Luke 21:25, 26)**

Not only would there be these signs in the heavens, but there would also be twenty-one coming judgments that are described in the New Covenant including widespread destruction to the seas, rivers, and springs of water. It will become so terrifying that men’s hearts will fail from fear and the heavens will be shaken. Chapter 8, “The Next Event,” gave more details of these awful judgments and four reasons why true believers will not be here for these events.

<sup>1</sup>Grant R. Jeffery, “The Signature of God”, Pg. 182

# The Messiah in the New Covenant

There is a common term known as the “silent years” to describe the period between the Old and New Covenants. Quite frankly, this may be a misnomer. Although no inspired prophet arose in the land of Israel during the time, the Old Covenant was regarded as complete. Furthermore, events took place that seemed to give credence to Judaism and providentially led to the coming of the Messiah. The Messiah would appear with a proclamation that included a gospel of grace and belief.

Following the work of Nehemiah in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, the Persian Empire exercised control over Judea. The Jews were permitted to observe their religious institutions without difficulty from the government. The high priests ruled, and they had responsibility to the Persian government. Although this gave great credence to autonomy to the religious leaders, it made them to be political leaders as much as religious leaders. The role of high priest resulted in numerous jealousies. **Nehemiah**, in fact, records in **12:22** of the son of Joiada, Johanan, who slew his brother Joshua in the Temple. The struggle for Judea was that Egypt and Persia were engaged in numerous conflicts and battles, and God’s land was in the middle. During the reign of Ochus, many Jews were implicated in a revolt against Persia, and thus they were deported to Babylon.

History buffs are very familiar with what happened. Out of Greece came the young, talented Alexander the Great. There is actually a legend that says that Alexander came to Jerusalem where he was met by the Jewish high priest who told him of Daniel’s prophecy in chapter 8 that he would be victorious. I personally do not sense there is any credence to this story, yet the confidence of the young general cannot be dismissed. Alexander proceeded to give to the Jewish people the privilege of observing their laws, and even encouraged the Jews to settle in their land with rights similar to Greek subjects.

When Alexander died, Judea was subject to one of Alexander’s generals who controlled Asia Minor. Eventually, Ptolemy I of Egypt took control, and many Jews settled in Alexandria. The brilliant Jewish minds translated The Law into Greek. This translation became known as the Septuagint. The Egyptian control ended as Antiochus III of Syria took both Syria and Palestine from Egyptian control. The Syrian rulers were called Seleucids after Seleucid I. This was a tragic time for the Jewish people. Antiochus IV aligned himself with the Hellenizing group. He appointed a man who changed his name from Joshua to Jason. A huge time of persecution broke out, Scriptures were burned, a swine was put on the altar, and the Jews were forced to break their Kosher dietary standards.

Following this came the arrival of the Maccabees. By 164 B.C., the Temple rites were reinstated. Eventually, the Roman Empire, with all of its massive powers, took over Jerusalem and the area that God had promised in His covenant to Abraham. It is this background that leads us to the New Covenant. The Jewish people are under Roman authority, and the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Scribes have huge interests in the well-being of God’s people. Additionally, the Herodians promoted that the best interests of the Jewish people lay in their cooperation with the Roman Empire. It is this background that leads us to the preparation of the coming of the Messiah. The advent of God’s Messiah was ready for His arrival.

Bible scholar, leading researcher, and Bible prophecy teacher Grant R. Jeffrey has put together an interesting list of seventeen,

fulfilled prophecies of the suffering Messiah:

### 1. His birth in Bethlehem from the tribe of Judah:

*“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.”*  
(Matthew 2:1)

This fulfilled the prophecies of **Micah 5:2 (Micah 5:1 in the Hebrew Scriptures) and Genesis 49:10.**

### 2. He would be preceded by a messenger:

*“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*  
(Matthew 3:1,2)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Isaiah 40:3.**

### 3. He would enter Jerusalem on a colt:

*“And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;”*  
(Luke 19:35-37)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Zechariah 9:9.**

### 4. He would be betrayed by a friend:

*“And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.”*  
(Matthew 26:47,48)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Psalms 41:9.**

### 5. His hands and feet would be pierced:

*“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.”*  
(Luke 23:33)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Psalms 22:16.**

### 6. He would be wounded by His enemies:

*“Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.”*  
(Matthew 27:26)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Isaiah 53:5.**

### 7. His betrayal for 30 pieces of silver:

*“And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.”*  
(Matthew 26:15)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Zechariah 11:12.**

### 8. His betrayal money would be thrown in the Temple and then given to buy a potter’s field:

*“And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in.”*  
(Matthew 27:5-7)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Zechariah 11:13.**

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**9. He will be spit upon and beaten:**

*"Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,"* (Matthew 26:67)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Isaiah 50:6**.

**10. He would be silent before His accusers:**

*"And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearst thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly."* (Matthew 27:12-14)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Isaiah 53:7**.

**11. He would be crucified with thieves:**

*"Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left."* (Matthew 27:38)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Isaiah 53:12**.



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**12. People would gamble for His garments:**

*"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did."* (John 19:23,24)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Psalms 22:18**.

**13. His side would be pierced:**

*"But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."* (John 19:34)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Zechariah 12:10**.

**14. None of His bones would be broken:**

*"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they broke not his legs."* (John 19:33)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Psalms 34:20**.

**15. His body would not decay:**

*"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."* (Acts 2:31)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Psalms 16:10**.

**16. His burial in a rich man's tomb:**

*"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed."* (Matthew 27:57-60)

This fulfilled the prophecy of **Isaiah 53:9**.



**ENTRANCE TO THE EMPTY TOMB**



**EMPTY TOMB OF MESSIAH JESUS IN JERUSALEM**

**17. The darkness covering the earth:**

*"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour."* (Matthew 27:45)

This is a fulfillment of **Amos 8:9**.

Though there are many more prophecies that clearly point to the Messiah, for anyone to fulfill even these seventeen prophecies it has been calculated to be **1 chance in 480 Billion x 1 Billion x 1 Trillion.**<sup>1</sup>

**AN IMPORTANT QUESTION IS ASKED ABOUT THE NAME OF GOD'S SON!**

*"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"* (Proverbs 30:4)

God's son's Hebrew name is **Yeshua** (meaning Salvation) **Ha Mashiach** (meaning "The Messiah"). In the Greek language, it is **Je'sus (hyay-soos) Christos (Christose)** which was later anglicized to be **Jesus the Christ**.

Chapter 13 of this publication tells how to know the Messiah of Israel.

<sup>1</sup>Grant R. Jeffrey, "The Signature Of God, Pg. 182

# A Stranger Comes to Know Israel's True Messiah

*“Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name’s sake; (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;...”* (I Kings 8:41, 42)

For years, I never knew what these verses in 1 Kings meant. Being raised in a semi-religious home, my mother had me attend Sunday school when time permitted. I never had any understanding of Israel or how to have a personal relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In college, I was required to attend chapel weekly my first year, and it was then that I took a course in religion with the end result of having no understanding of God, or if He even existed.

It was during high school and college that I developed a strong belief in myself. I had become very successful both in sports as a wrestling champion, and in academics, being a member of the National Honor Society and then a member of the Dean’s list. This all resulted in my believing that I was my own god, and that I could accomplish whatever I desired.

When I entered the business world in the Chicago area, I set a goal to be a millionaire by age 30 while developing a large truck service firm with my brother. Little did I know that as the business grew rapidly, I would face situations that would cause me to have problems with my health, and a case of ulcers before age 30, even though I said that would never happen to me, as I thought I had everything under control.

It was during this time that my mother would say that God would direct me and help me with mounting challenges if I only believed. She would also tell me about Israel and how it was so important to bless the Jewish people. Even a close friend tried to talk to me about “end time” events to no avail. I believed both were kind of fanatical, but they never gave up on me.

### A MAJOR TURNING POINT!

In 1966, after two years of mounting challenges and no solutions, the only answer I could see left to me was to pray. This was the first time I had ever prayed to a God I had no knowledge of except what my mother had said about the power of prayer. Within nine days, the legal problems and zoning problems were solved in a very unusual way. At the time, I questioned if this was a miracle of God or just a coincidence.

Several other events then occurred including major weather events that worked in our favor. The night of our grand opening in March 1967, as hundreds of guests attended our new facilities, tornados occurred and many people were killed in the Chicago area. Buildings near our facility were greatly damaged, and yet our property and building sustained absolutely no damage. That night, for the first time, I recognized that God was trying to get my attention. I now had a desire to begin studying the Scriptures, with particular interest in the book of **Ezekiel** having to do with Israel becoming a nation again. The last book in the

New Covenant also drew my attention concerning coming judgments that soon would occur on the earth.

### SIX-DAY WAR INVOLVING JERUSALEM ANOTHER MAJOR TURNING POINT!

When the Six-Day War occurred in June 1967, my focus on the Scriptures became even more important in my search. My mother now was telling me that God was fulfilling His purpose in giving the Jewish people His city of Jerusalem as foretold many years ago. This event caused me to increase my study of the Bible, with a desire to learn how I could find out my real purpose in life.

### THREE PERSONS ATTEMPT TO GET ME TO ATTEND THE SAME MEETING!

After two Bible-believers tried to get me to attend a meeting near my home, one of my salesmen invited me to attend the same event. I personally thought this was a conspiracy as he was the third person who talked about this meeting. This resulted in my asking him what would be taught, and if the other two persons had discussed my situation with him. He said that no one put him up to contacting me, and that I would find what I was looking for if I attended.

That Sunday, I did attend the meeting, and my life was changed dramatically with a peace I never before realized. My health was restored and the ulcers left. That day I came to personally know the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Not only did I come to know Israel’s true Messiah, but His “strong hand” and “His stretched out arm” became very real to me!

Within months, major life and death events took place and my faith and trust in God grew greatly. Threats were made against our company and me personally if I did not go the way “certain men” stressed and strongly suggested. **Psalm 37:1-40** became one of my favorite protection **Psalms**, especially **verses 1-3**:

*“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.”*

I am here to testify of God’s protection and provision, as two of the men involved in the threats died unexpectedly of heart attacks shortly after each encounter. Another person, indirectly involved, died of a serious illness.

### SOLOMON PRAYS TO HEAVEN!

*“Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; ...”* (I Kings 8:43)

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Months after seeing God work in so many marvelous ways, I began to have a real interest in Israel. In July of 1970, the Lord clearly directed me to leave my business and come to South Florida to develop the ministry of Peace For Israel. One major part of this important ministry is to get Bible believers to back Israel, as well as pray daily for the peace of Israel, and for Jerusalem in particular, **Psalm 122:6** says:

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."*

It is also an important part of our regular prayers that many people, both Jews and Gentiles, will come to know the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as I do.

#### MUST SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND!

*"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."* **(Isaiah 55:6,7)**

#### GOD PROMISES INNER PEACE AND AN ETERNAL, ABUNDANT LIFE TO ALL WHO KNOW THEIR TRUE MESSIAH AS LORD AND REDEEMER!

Although many people have rejected the true Messiah, you do not have to make the same mistake. To have perfect peace with God and be ready for His soon return, you must understand and believe the following **Five Steps For Perfect Peace:**

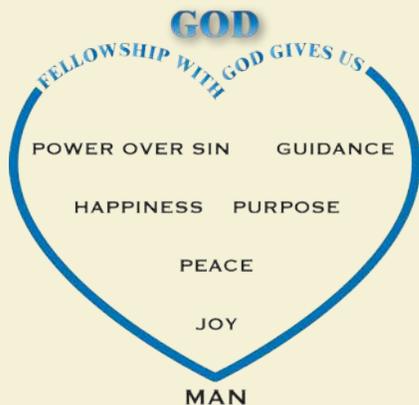
##### STEP 1 – GOD’S OBJECTIVE FOR MAN!

**First**, God wants us to know Him personally, and to have His abundant life. The Scriptures tell us:

*"Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."* **(Psalm 16:11)**

*"Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and He shall bring it to pass."* **(Psalm 37:4,5)**

*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths."* **(Proverbs 3:5,6)**



#### WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE MISSING GOD’S FELLOWSHIP AND HIS ABUNDANT LIFE?

##### STEP 2 – MAN’S PROBLEM!

**Second**, one must recognize he is a sinner in need of atonement for sin. Abraham recognized this in giving a burnt offering. **Isaiah 53:6** says:

*"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,..."*

Continuing in **Isaiah 64:6**, we read:

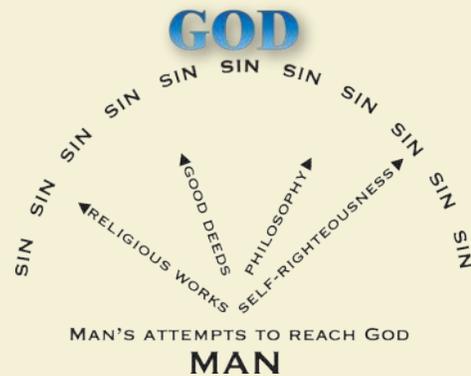
*"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..."*

Solomon wrote about how there is no one without sin:

*"For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good and sinneth not."* **(Ecclesiastes 7:20)**

The prophet Isaiah states that our sin separates us from God:

*"Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you that He will not hear."* **(Isaiah 59:1,2)**



##### STEP 3 – GOD’S ANSWER!

**Third**, one must believe the Scriptures (faith) and must have God’s blood sacrifice. **Genesis 15:6** states:

*"And he (Abraham) believed in the Lord; and He (God) counted it to him for righteousness."*

Continuing in **Leviticus 17:11**, Moses said that the blood sacrifice upon the altar makes the atonement:

*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I (God) have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."*

Years ago, the lamb sacrifices upon the altar in the Jerusalem Temple furnished the blood of atonement. Two major holidays that are observed today by the nation of Israel are

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**PASSOVER** – The Lamb atoning for a family.

**YOM KIPPUR** – The Lamb atoning for a nation.

Today, however, when these days are celebrated, there is no blood sacrifice. One must ask, has God changed His requirement or rejected His people? Abraham gives us insight in **Genesis 22:8**:



*"...My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering..."*

This statement clearly foretells the future when God would provide Himself as, the Redeemer, also known as Messiah, for the sins of all of us.

### STEP 4 – OFFERS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION!

**Fourth**, one must believe that **GOD'S ONLY PROVISION** has been provided by Israel's true Messiah. Through Him, you can experience God's forgiveness and His abundant life.

The prophet Isaiah had prophesied about Him over 700 years before He came:

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."* **(Isaiah 9:6)**

Isaiah continues to describe how the Messiah is calling Israel to learn about Him:

*"Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. "Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go."* **(Isaiah 48:12,16,17)**

This passage clearly identifies the Messiah Redeemer as "the Holy One of Israel" and also as "the Lord thy God." It also shows that God, "Elohim," is a compound unity as describing that the Messiah was sent by "the Lord God, and His Spirit."

Dr. Bud Hunter, author of "Israel's Future, And The Coming World Government!," gives great insight into the plural unity of God in the SHEMA.

*"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord:"* **(Deuteronomy 6:4)**

## "SHEMA ISRAEL, ADONAI ELOHENU, ADONAI ECHAD"

"If we study this tremendous statement, the SHEMA, we find some amazing things about God. What does the SHEMA prove about God? For some who use the SHEMA, it is supposed to prove that God is one, a singular being. Hence, He could not have a Son or Spirit, even though the prophets have already shown us that God does have a Son and Spirit. **(Psalm 2 and Isaiah 48)**

"Is this a glaring contradiction in the Hebrew Bible? Not at all because the very SHEMA itself shows us that God, Elohim, is a UNITY in PLURALITY. The Hebrew word Elohim is plural, but it is a PLURALITY IN UNITY. The "Elohenu" of the SHEMA is "OUR GOD." The "nu" at the end of the word means "our" and is attached to a word to indicate that the word is plural. The ADONAI, The Lord, is also a plural word. So the SHEMA clearly identifies God as a plural unity. The final word in the SHEMA is ECHAD and this settles it once and for all because ECHAD is a "compound unity," meaning "several or many in one."

Moses also describes a compound unity, as we read about God in His creation of man:

*"And God (Elohim) said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:..."* **(Genesis 1:26)**

Peter Stoner, a Professor Emeritus of Science, after he examined only eight of the different prophecies concerning Messiah, estimated that the chance of anyone fulfilling all eight prophecies was one in 10<sup>17</sup> (a 10 followed by 17 zeros).

Do you know the only one who has fulfilled all the Messianic prophecies? His Hebrew name is **Yeshua Ha Mashiach**. In the Greek language, it is **Je'sus Christos**, which was later anglicized to be **Jesus the Christ**.

Many people, both Jew and Gentile, have had their sins forgiven and have gained a personal relationship with God through Messiah Yeshua (Jesus). Through Him, one gains the atonement and becomes a "completed" person!

### STEP 5 – GIVES MAN'S PRIVILEGE!

**Fifth**, we must personally repent and believe on Messiah Yeshua (Jesus), receiving Him as Saviour and Lord! **Isaiah 55:7** states:

*"Let the wicked forsake his way; and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."*

An example of how the Messiah is to give us eternal life was shown by the children of Israel looking upon the serpent on the pole in the wilderness. Those who believed and looked were saved.

*"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."* **(New Covenant: John 3:14,15)**

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Just as the Israelites who were saved by faith believed God and looked upon the serpent, one must by faith look to Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) - God's only way to be saved.

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."*

**(New Covenant: Ephesians 2:8,9)**

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

**(New Covenant: Romans 10:13)**

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Messiah Yeshua (Jesus)."*

**(New Covenant: Romans 6:23)**

According to Scripture, when a person believes on Messiah Yeshua (Jesus), he is spared the wrath of God, and he gains everlasting life. His sin is forgiven!

**How can that be?** Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) has the power to forgive sin because He is, in fact, the Son of God!

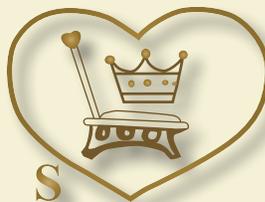
*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

**(New Covenant: John 3:16)**

### THE FOLLOWING TWO HEARTS SHOW TWO TYPES OF LIVES



#### MESSIAH DIRECTING THE LIFE:



Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) on the throne of life as Lord. Self is yielded to Messiah! Sin has been forgiven and atoned for!

#### S SELF DIRECTING THE LIFE:



Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) outside the life with self on the throne of life. Many questions with a life of unrest, unhappiness, dissatisfaction, frustration, worry, etc.

Which heart is representative of your life? Which heart would you like to be representative of your life?

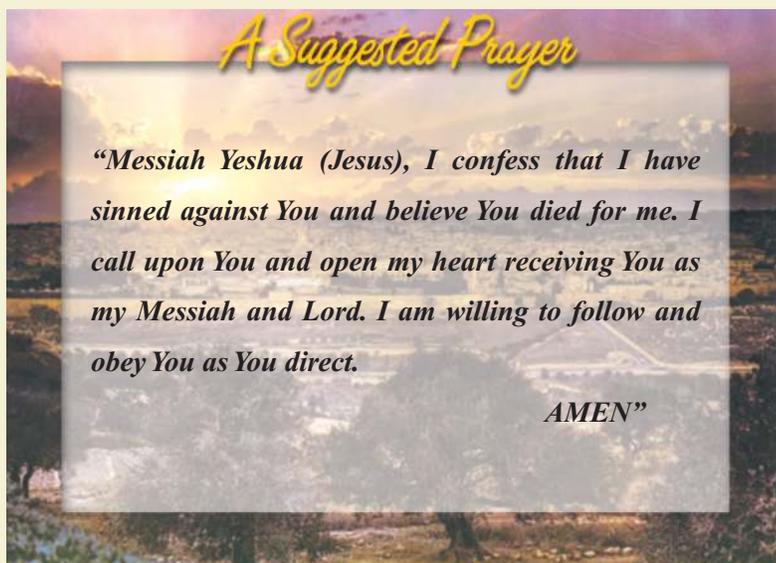
### RECEIVING MESSIAH YESHUA (JESUS) IS BY PERSONAL INVITATION!

*Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) is speaking: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..."*

**(New Covenant: Revelation 3:20)**

#### HOW TO RECEIVE MESSIAH:

1. Admit to God that you are a sinner.
2. Be willing to turn from your sin to God.
3. Believe that God's only atonement (forgiveness) for sin has been provided by Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) who died for you.
4. Pray and trust Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to come into your life as your own Saviour and Lord.



# The Calamity of God's Chosen People

*"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God."*  
(Deuteronomy 28:1,2)

*"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:"*  
(Deuteronomy 28:15)

### BLESSINGS AND CURSES!

The Lord has promised tremendous blessings to those who know Him and follow His instructions. **Deuteronomy, chapter 28**, clearly describes the many blessings the children of Israel would receive by following God. It also tells of the many curses they would receive if they would turn away from following Him.

As I wrote this chapter, my heart was heavy, for it was Tisha B'Av, considered to be the "saddest day on the Jewish calendar." The literal name means "the ninth day of (the Jewish month of) Av."<sup>1</sup>

It is a date when a number of great tragedies have occurred regarding the Jewish people, including the loss of both of their Holy Temples in Jerusalem. Other calamities that occurred on the 9th of Av include:

- \* **Numbers 13 and 14** describes how the children of Israel were not allowed to enter the "Promised Land" as a result of the sin of the spies.
- \* In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella expelled the Jews from Spain.
- \* In 1914, World War I began, which set the stage for World War II and the resulting Holocaust.
- \* On the Eve of Tisha B'Av, the mass deportation of the Warsaw Ghetto Jews began, taking them to the Treblinka death camp.
- \* Jewish people had their last legal day in 2005 before being expelled three days later from Gush Katif in the Gaza Strip.

### ANOTHER CALAMITY TO SOON OCCUR: "THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE!"

Two Hebrew prophets, Daniel and Jeremiah, as well as the great leader Moses, all prophesied about events that would occur in a future generation when Israel had returned following her second dispersion. Soon, the greatest time of trouble will take place.

*"...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."*  
(Daniel 12:1)

The prophet Jeremiah described this awful time for Israel as the "Time of Jacob's Trouble."

*"And these are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child?"*

*wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."*  
(Jeremiah 30:4-7)

### TWO-THIRDS PART OF ISRAELIS WILL DIE!

Another great Hebrew prophet, Zechariah, stated that when all the nations turn against Israel, two-thirds of those living will be cut off, but the remaining third will be saved when they call upon the Lord.

*"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 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."*  
(Zechariah 13:8,9)

As we see events now unfolding concerning Israel and its surrounding nations, one can see how this could occur through a nuclear attack by Iran and the many nations determined to wipe Israel off the map.

*"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:"* (Psalm 83:4,5)

### JERUSALEM, THE CITY OF PEACE, WILL AGAIN EXPERIENCE A GREAT CONFLICT!

The stage for the ultimate conflict over the city of Jerusalem is now being set. One may ask: "Why so much controversy over one city?"

**First**, GOD chose one city to put His name there. In **I Kings 11:36**, we read,

*"And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there."*

Second, the Jewish people have vowed that they will never again give up Jerusalem. The **Jerusalem Covenant** signed by all the Jewish leaders in the early 1990's stated:

*"We love you, O Jerusalem, with eternal love, with unbounded love, under siege and when liberated from the yoke of oppressors. We have been martyred for you; we have yearned for you, we have clung to you. Our faithfulness to you we shall bequeath to our children after us. Forevermore, our home shall be within you."*



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**Third**, the Palestinians, previously led by Yasir Arafat, stated that Jerusalem is to be their eternal capital. Arafat stated, "Jerusalem is our eternal national capital. We shall never accept its Judaisation."

Arafat's true intentions were clearly revealed the same day that he signed the historic peace agreement in Washington, September 13, 1993. That same day he stated the following in Arabic on Jordanian TV:

*"Since we cannot defeat Israel in war, we do this in stages. We take any and every territory that we can of Palestine, and establish as sovereignty there, and we use it as a springboard to take more. When the time comes, we can get the Arab nations to join us in the final blow against Israel."*

When Yasir Arafat's Fatah movement republished their Constitution in 1999, Chapter 1, Article 19 clearly revealed their intention of destroying Israel:

*"This struggle will not cease unless the Zionist state is demolished and Palestine is completely liberated."*

Look at the Palestinian emblem that was shown in their website noting the claim to the entire State of Israel. (Map of Israel – center top between the two guns)



Iran's Former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad continued to state that Israel will be annihilated and stated: "Like it or not, the Zionist regime is heading toward annihilation, and that The Zionist regime is

a rotten, dried tree that will be eliminated by one storm." In October 2005, he also stated that Israel should be "wiped off the map."

A Hamas video released shortly before Hamas won its election in January of 2006 to represent the Palestinians clearly emphasized their ideology:

*"We succeeded with Allah's grace, to raise an ideological generation that loves death like our enemies love life. We will not abandon the way of Jihad and Shahada (Martyrdom) as long as one inch of our holy land is in the hands of the Jews."*

*"Congratulations to our people of 1948 (Israeli Arabs) on the liberation of Gaza. You wish to destroy the Israelis from their interior. We will never forget you, and never leave you. A day will come when our flag will fly above all the quarters of our land. Our flag will fly on the minarets of Jerusalem, and the walls of Acre, and the quarters of Haifa."*

### FAITHFUL MUSLIMS ARE TO KILL ALL JEWS!

Seeing such animosity between the Muslims and Jews, one may ask where such belief arises to cause Palestinians and Arabs to commit suicide in order to kill innocent men, women, and children.

Two passages from the *Hadith* (statements attributed to Mohammed) clarify the thinking of many Muslims:

"You will fight against the Jews and you will kill them until even a stone would say, 'Come here, Muslim, there is a Jew (hiding himself behind me) <sic>; kill him.'"

"Let Allah destroy the Jews."

Words from the Koran 9.5 state:

*"So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush."*

It is believed by many Muslims that those who commit suicide while killing Jews are great martyrs. Many of the Palestinian children are taught from an early age that martyrdom is an honor.

The very day that suicide bombers attacked America on September 11, 2001, the official Palestinian newspaper carried the following shocking statement:

*"The suicide bombers of today are the noble successors of their noble predecessors. The Lebanese suicide bombers, who taught the U.S. Marines a tough lesson. These suicide bombers are the salt of the earth, the engines of history. They are the most honorable people among us."*

### IS A PSALM 83 WAR IMMINENT?

With many nations now calling for Israel's destruction, another war appears imminent that possibly will precede the end time war as described in **Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39**, known as the War of Gog and Magog.

Many Bible scholars connect the fulfillment of **Psalm 83** as occurring with ancient Israel. Others believe that **Psalm 83:1-8** describes a war that will occur shortly with modern-day Israel, before the war with Russia and her allies, as described in **Ezekiel 38 and 39**. The Psalm may have more prophetic significance today as we see the confederacy of surrounding nations that want to cut Israel off from being a nation. These nations are not mentioned in **Ezekiel 38** and probably are the ones described by the Psalmist.

In order for Israel to be dwelling securely as described by the prophet **Ezekiel, Psalm 83:1-8** (shown below) possibly describes a war that will occur before the invasion by Russia, Iran, and other nations involved in the Ezekiel conflict.

*"Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more." For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot. Selah"*

A modern breakdown of the enemies of Israel as described in the **Psalm 83:1-8** coalition is:

**Tents of Edom = (descendents of Esau) Palestinian Refugees and Southern Jordanians**

**Ishmaelites = Saudi Arabians**

**Moab = Palestinian Refugees and Central Jordanians**

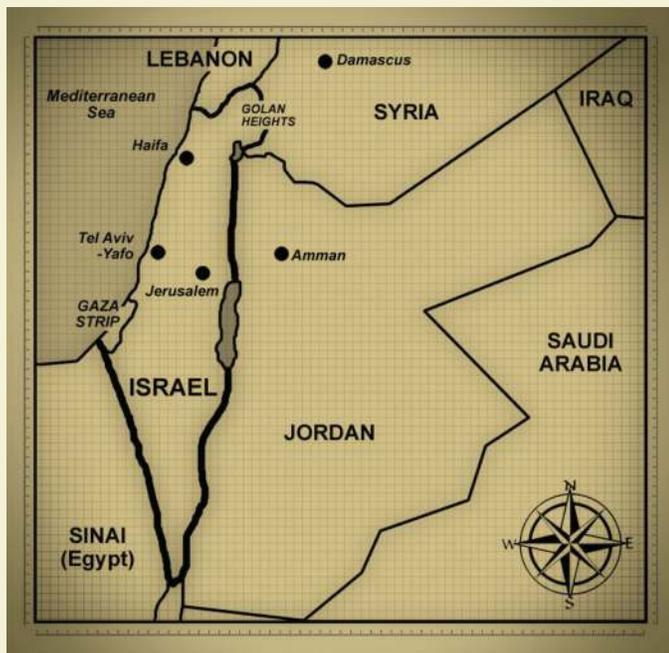
**Hagrites = Egyptians**

**Gebal = Northern Lebanese**

**Ammon = Palestinian Refugees and Northern Jordanians**

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Amalek = Arabs South of Israel  
Philistia = Palestinian Refugees and Hamas of Gaza  
Inhabitants of Tyre = Hezbollah and Lebanese  
Assyria = Syrians and perhaps Northern Iraqis  
Children of Lot = Moab and Ammon



**WILL DAMASCUS BE DESTROYED  
AND BECOME A RUINOUS HEAP?**

*“The burden against Damascus. Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city. And it will be a ruinous heap.”*

**(Isaiah 17:1)**

Some Bible scholars believe that the city of Damascus was left deserted in 732 B.C. when the Assyrians deported its citizens, leaving the city deserted. Other Bible prophecy scholars believe that this fulfillment will possibly happen in the last days.

Another twin prophecy that pertains to Damascus is found in **Jeremiah 49:23-27**:

*“Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her; as a woman in travail. How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy! Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts. And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad.”*

With events now occurring in Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, and other Muslim nations calling for the destruction of Israel, is the total destruction of Damascus imminent? Is a **Psalm 83** war ready to begin? We can be totally confident that whatever happens, God will defend Israel!

With the inner circle of surrounding enemies (listed previously) being destroyed in the near future, the stage would be set for the **Ezekiel 38 and 39 War** which occurs during the “time of Jacob’s trouble.” This is when the Russia-Iran coalition

will attempt to invade Israel, as Israel is dwelling safely as described in **Ezekiel 38:11**: *“And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely...”*

**ISRAEL’S ENEMIES ALSO WILL INCLUDE  
RUSSIA AND HER ALLIES!**

In 1982, when Israel dramatically moved into Lebanon, Russia’s tremendous involvement in the Middle East was discovered, as billions of dollars worth of Russian weapons were found stockpiled in that country. It was very clear that there were enough weapons to not only supply the PLO terrorists but also an army for an all-out war with Israel.

Today, as tensions mount in the Middle East, it appears Russia’s involvement in a future major conflict with Israel is growing. While meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in May 2013, Russia’s President Vladimir Putin warned that Israel should keep its hands off of Syria. Russia is clearly aligning with Damascus and its leadership.

It is reported that S-300 km batteries carrying 144 missiles for shooting down Israeli Air Force planes will be supplied to Syria by Russia, along with other advanced weapons. These missiles have a range of 200 km and clearly pose a grave threat to the entire nation of Israel.

The prophet **Ezekiel**, twenty-five centuries ago, also described who one of the enemies of Israel would be – **Russia**. In **chapter 38:1-3** we read:

*“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:”*

Ezekiel identifies this enemy as Gog, the land of Magog, to be ruled by the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Many years ago, settlers of the country known today as Russia were Tubal, Meshech, and Magog. Russia is clearly identified by the word “chief,” which is the Hebrew word Rosh. This word still continues to be used today in some oriental languages for Russia.

When Russia invades Israel, her allies are also described by **Ezekiel in verses 4-6**:

*“And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.”*

The modern name for Persia is Iran, a country with leaders that have said Israel should be totally destroyed. Ethiopia and Libya still have their same names today. Gomer and Togarmath were the settlers of modern Turkey, which also is a Muslim country.

**Ezekiel** continues to describe how Russia and her allies will descend upon Israel in **verses 15 and 16**:

*“And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee,... And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.”*

## The Calamity of God's Chosen People

### RUSSIA AND ITS ALLIES WILL BE SUPERNATURALLY DEFEATED!

When Russia, along with Iran and the other Arab allies invade Israel, **Ezekiel** describes how God is going to defeat these nations with three weapons: (1) A great earthquake, (2) soldiers fighting against one another, and (3) fire and brimstone raining down from heaven.

*"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone."* (**Ezekiel 38:18-22**)

As we think back in history of great events in Israel, it is evident that God used these three types of destruction:

1. The earth opened and swallowed up all the men of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, when Moses' leadership was being contested. (See **Numbers 16**)
2. When God used Gideon with his army of 300 to destroy the vast army of the Philistines, they turned their weapons upon each other in great confusion. (See **Judges 7**)
3. Because of the great sin and iniquity of Sodom and Gomorrah, God poured out fire and brimstone upon these cities and obliterated them from the face of the earth. (See **Genesis 19**)



VALLEY OF MEGIDDO, ISRAEL

**Fourth**, God also said that Jerusalem would become a great obstacle and that *all* nations will eventually fight against Jerusalem. The prophet **Zechariah** described this problem:

*"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."* (**Zechariah 12:2,3**)

A special United Nations resolution that was passed in December 1995 set the stage for this future major conflict.

The resolution declared that Israel's control over Jerusalem was "Illegal, and therefore null and void." The resolution passed with a vote of: 133 in favor, one against (Israel), and one abstention (United States).

(See previous chapter 10, page 20 of this publication for more anti-Israel resolutions recently passed by the U.N.)

**Zechariah** continues to tell in **chapter 14:1,2** how *all the nations* will go against Jerusalem:

*"BEHOLD, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;..."*

### AN ARMY OF 200 MILLION ALSO WILL BE INVOLVED IN ARMAGEDDON!

The final battle of Armageddon will also involve an army coming from the East as described in the last book of the New Covenant.

*"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."*

(**New Covenant: Revelation 16:12**)

This army which comes from the east will also number 200 million! Today, China states that she now has a standing army of about 200 million.

*"And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand:..."* (**New Covenant: Revelation 9:16**)

### ALL NATIONS WILL GATHER AT ARMAGEDDON!

As **Zechariah** prophesied in **Zechariah chapter 14**, God will bring all the nations against Israel for the great battle of Armageddon in the valley of Megiddo.

*"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon."* (**New Covenant: Revelation 16:16**)



This map shows Israel in red surrounded by the 22 hostile Arab/Islamic nations shown in green. Israel presently has about one-sixth of one percent of all the land that the Arabs say is theirs.

Israel is about 1/19th the size of California while the surrounding Arab countries are about 640 times her size. The current population of Jewish people worldwide is about 13 million. The Arabs number 300 million with brotherhood connection to an estimated 1.4 billion Muslims throughout the world.

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**AMERICA IN PROPHECY?**

One may ask, "What about America?" God said that He would make an "end of all nations" where He scattered the Jewish people. America is the nation which has more Jewish people than any other nation on earth, with the exception of Israel. **Jeremiah 30:11** states:

*"For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."*

To make an "end" of all nations means to bring them down. One day, America also will turn against Israel when the false Messiah rules the world, for **Zechariah 14:2** tells us, "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;..."

**GOD WILL FIGHT FOR ISRAEL!**

Just as Israel is about to be totally defeated, the LORD will fight for Israel as He did so many times in the past. **Zechariah** describes this in **chapter 12:8,9**:

*"In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;...And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."*

**Zechariah 14:3,4** describes this defense in greater detail:

*"Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east,..."*

**A PLAGUE WILL BE UPON ISRAEL'S ENEMIES!**

It has been said that the neutron weapon will cause human flesh to literally disintegrate upon a person while standing. Notice what the prophet describes when God defends Jerusalem.

*"And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."*

**(Zechariah 14:12)**

**MOSES SPOKE OF A "LATTER DAY"  
TRIBULATION AND HE GAVE A SOLUTION!**

Moses, who also spoke of a future tribulation, told how the children of Israel could be delivered in the latter days:

*"But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days..."*

**(Deuteronomy 4:29,30)**

**MANY JEWISH PEOPLE WILL TURN TO THE  
LORD IN THE LAST DAYS!**

The Hebrew prophet, Hosea, also describes how the children of Israel would seek the LORD their God in the latter days after they had been without an image and being out of their land for many days.

*"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days."*

**(Hosea 3:4,5)**

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* **(II Chronicles 7:14)**

**ISRAEL'S TRUE MESSIAH WILL SAVE ISRAEL!**

Israel's true Messiah will be recognized when those who are left call on His name. **Zechariah 13:8,9** tells us:

*"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 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."*

When Israel's true Messiah comes, instead of great rejoicing, there will be great mourning as described by **Zechariah**:

*"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son...In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn..."*

**(Zechariah 12:10-12)**

**THE LORD WILL SHOW HIS PIERCED  
HANDS WHEN HE RETURNS!**

*...and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son...And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives... Zechariah 12:10, 14-16 (KJV)*



**1000 YEARS OF LASTING PEACE!!!**



When Israel's Messiah comes to Jerusalem at the end of the "time of Jacob's trouble," total peace will finally come to Israel and the entire world! This period will last for a thousand years according to the Scriptures, and the Lord will be King over all the earth as described by the prophet Zechariah:

*"And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."* (Zechariah 14:9)

**GOD'S COVENANTS WILL BE COMPLETED!**

This will be a time when His covenants concerning Israel will be fulfilled. Israel's land will be greatly expanded according to the Abrahamic Covenant.

*"And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever."* (Genesis 13:14-15)

*"In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"* (Genesis 15:18)

**A NEW COVENANT!**

The covenant that the Lord made with Israel when He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt will be changed, and a new covenant will be made with Israel!

*"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*

*Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."* (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

**MESSIAH WILL RULE FROM JERUSALEM!**

The city of Jerusalem will now be from where Israel's Messiah will rule, and His law will go forth out of Zion!

*"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."* (Isaiah 2:2-3)

**ALL NATIONS ARE JUDGED AND WAR WILL END!**

This will be a great time of peace for all who enter the Millennium with our Messiah. All the terrible instruments of war will be done away with!

*"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."* (Isaiah 2:4)

**SOME OTHER CONDITIONS TO OCCUR!**

- Longevity of life – Isaiah 65:20
- Sickness will be eliminated – Isaiah 33:24
- The curse on the earth will be removed – animal natures will be different – Isaiah 11:6-9
- Great rejoicing and joy will come from Jerusalem – Isaiah 65:17-19

Rabbi Hagaon, centuries ago, said, "Nothing is clearer than that a Gentile monarchy after its development into its last ten kingdom division will become the commencement date of the reign of Messiah on earth...For 1,000 years, and to this all the people and rabbis agree."

- Jack Heintz -

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