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among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



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Yes we Can!

*And the earth was without form, and
void; and darkness was upon the face
of the deep. And the Spirit of God
moved upon the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:2



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Introduction - The Name "Israel"

It is impossible to clearly understand the subject of Israel apart from a careful study of the Old Testament. **The first time the name "Israel" appears in Scripture is when it was spoken to Jacob after his long night of wrestling with a powerful opponent. The heavenly stranger finally said,** "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed" (**Genesis 32:28**). **Thus the name "Israel" was at first a name of heavenly origin applied to Jacob alone. It represented his spiritual victory over sin, through wrestling in prayer and claiming God's grace.**

Jacob had 12 sons who later moved into Egypt. The descendants of these sons eventually multiplied into the 12 tribes, which were later forced into slavery by the Egyptians until the time of Moses. Then God told Pharaoh through Moses, "Israel is my son, even my firstborn ... Let my son go" (**Exodus 4:22, 23**). **Note here that the name "Israel" is expanded to include Jacob's descendants. Therefore, the name "Israel" first applied to a victorious man, then to his people. You'll soon see why this is a very important point!**

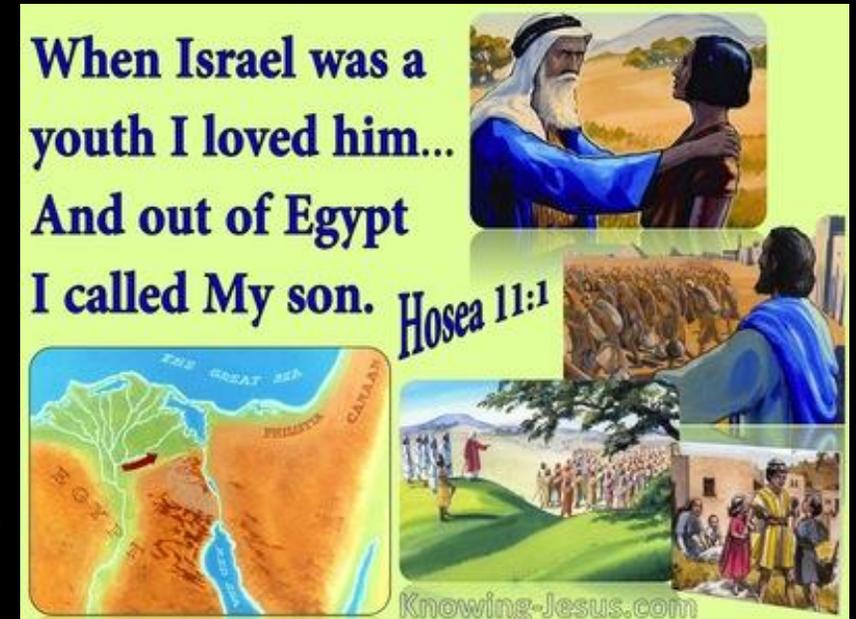


Israel is God's Son - Jesus

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. – [Hosea 11:1](#)

Approximately 800 years after Hosea's prophecy, we learn, "Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king" ([Matthew 2:1](#)). Because Herod felt threatened by this new child king, he sent soldiers who "slew all the children that were in Bethlehem" (v.16). Joseph was warned of the impending crisis in advance when "The angel of the Lord appeareth to [him] in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word" (v. 13). So the family arose and "departed into Egypt" (v. 14).

Matthew writes that the child Jesus remained in Egypt "until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son" (v. 15). Notice that Matthew quotes [Hosea 11:1](#)—which originally referred to the nation of Israel coming out of Egypt—and actually declares it more perfectly "fulfilled" in Jesus Christ! Dual application with both a literal and spiritual fulfilment.



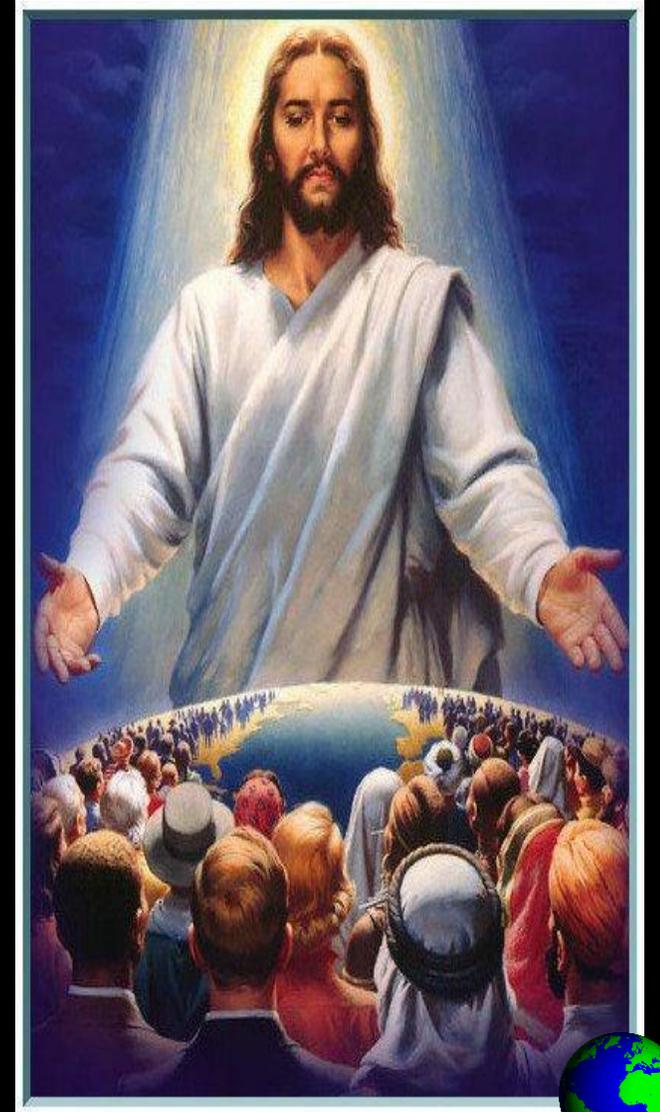
The most Striking Evidence

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets” (Matthew 12:16-19). Here Isaiah 42:1-3 is quoted, a passage that originally applied to “Israel, ... my servant” (Isaiah 41:8). **Yet it is “fulfilled” in Jesus Christ!**

The apostle Paul also follows the principle in his letters of applying statements originally made about the nation of Israel to Jesus Christ. **God called Israel “my firstborn” in Exodus 4:22. Yet Paul said it was Jesus Christ who is “the firstborn of every creature” (Colossians 1:15).**

The clearest example is when God calls Israel “the seed of Abraham” (Isaiah 41:8). However, Paul later writes that Abraham’s seed does not refer to “many,” but to “one, ... which is Christ” (Galatians 3:16). Thus we discover that repeatedly in the New Testament, statements that once applied to the nation of Israel are now applied to Jesus Christ. **The Messiah is now “The Seed.” Therefore, Jesus is the very essence of Israel!** (Also - Genesis 3:15)

This is an explosive truth, and it cannot be ignored if we are to truly understand the role and identity of modern Israel.



A New Nation Identified

The Lord told the ancient Israelites: “And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation” ([Exodus 19:6](#)). **In the New Testament, Peter applies these exact words to the church:** “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people” ([1 Peter 2:9](#)).

Likewise, immediately after Paul’s statement in Galatians 3 about Jesus being “the seed,” he then tells his Gentile (a non- Jew) converts, “And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” ([Galatians 3:29](#)). **Thus in the New Testament, the name Israel not only applies to Jesus Christ, but also to those who are born in Christ—His Church! In other words, all true Christians are now God’s spiritual Israel.**

The church is called the body of Christ ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#)), which is one reason why James, when writing to the church, addresses it as the 12 tribes that are scattered abroad ([James 1:1](#)). **From the very beginning, the church has understood Israel to mean a spiritual body of Christ. How then are Christians thinking Israel will be restored?**



COMING OF THE KINGS OF THE EAST

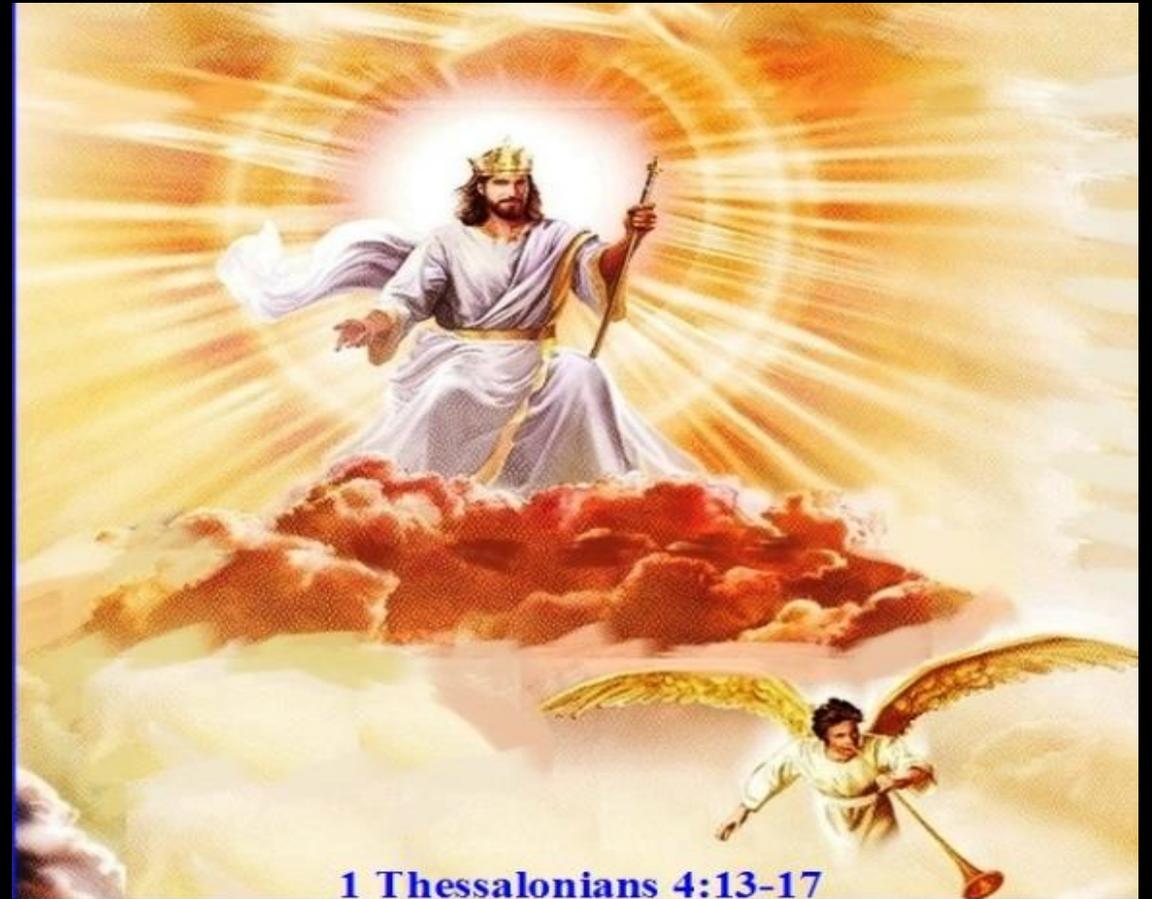
During the past two centuries Christians have had numerous interpretations of the “kings of the East” described in [Revelation chapter 16](#).

In the 1800's the popular view was that it applied to Turkey.

As mankind moved into the 20th century and world war I and II came upon the scene of history Bible scholars began looking to China and Japan for the fulfilment of this prophecy.

The problem in these interpretations is that these expositors of Scripture looked at events prevalent in the world at the time and tried to fit those events and nations into the prophecy.

Many are making similar mistakes today!



1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

1 Corinthians 15:50-54

**JESUS WILL RETURN FOR HIS
TRUE BELIEVERS**



A Point to Note when studying the Bible

There's a general rule in Bible study known as the law of first mention: The first time the Bible mentions a phrase or concept, it often sets the stage for understanding that phrase or concept throughout the rest of the Bible.

For example, the first mention of a *lamb* occurs when Isaac asks his father, “but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” - Genesis 22:7

That story provides a powerful picture of Christ's sacrifice: a ram is taken from the thorny thicket and takes Isaac's place. It alerts the reader to the significance of lambs throughout the rest of the Bible, and interestingly, the first mention of a *lamb* in the New Testament gives us the ultimate answer to Isaac's question:

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” – John 1:29



The Key to Interpreting all prophecy

Let the Bible interpret its own symbols.
If the interpretation is correct, Christ will be seen as the centre of the Scripture under study.

We will see that, as with other Old Testament terms, the term “East” loses its “literal – local” application and takes on a “spiritual – worldwide” meaning. We will also see that the “kings” coming from the “East” have great significance for God’s people and that Jesus is at the very heart of this prophecy.

This prophecy of the “kings of the East” is found in [chapter 16 of Revelation](#) describing the seven last plagues. These plagues are connected to the fall of mystical Babylon and the deliverance of God’s people when Christ returns.



Introduction to the 7 Last Plagues

The heavenly sanctuary at the time of the seven last plagues: Revelation 15:5- 6, 8.

Note: Today man can enter the temple in heaven through faith having Christ as our intercessor. When the seven last plagues fall the work of Christ as man's mediator will be complete. Hence, the temple is "closed" and "no man" can "enter" into the temple.

When probation closes the investigative judgment is complete and the seven last plagues begin to fall upon this earth: Revelation 22:11-12.

Note: When the plagues begin to fall every case will have been decided in the judgment. No man will change spiritually. Christ will then soon come with His reward for "every man" according to their (work) faith and life lived.

The seven last plagues in Revelation 16:1 is called "**..the vials of the Wrath of God**"



Revelation 16



Introduction to the 7 Last Plagues (cont'd)

Revelation 14:10 describes - The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation;...

Note: “Without mixture” refers to the fact that these plagues are not mixed with mercy, the blood of Christ. All of God’s judgments in this earth have in the past been mixed with mercy. At the time of the seven last plagues Christ’s intercessory work is complete. Hence, the mercy of God no longer pleads for sinful man.

According to Daniel what happens to God’s people at the conclusion of the “time of trouble” or seven last plagues? Daniel 12:1

Note: Michael standing up refers Christ ending His intercessory work in the heavenly sanctuary. The seven last plagues are then immediately poured out on the earth, which Daniel describes as the “time of trouble”. Following this time of trouble Christ returns and delivers His people.



"shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb"

Revelation 14:10



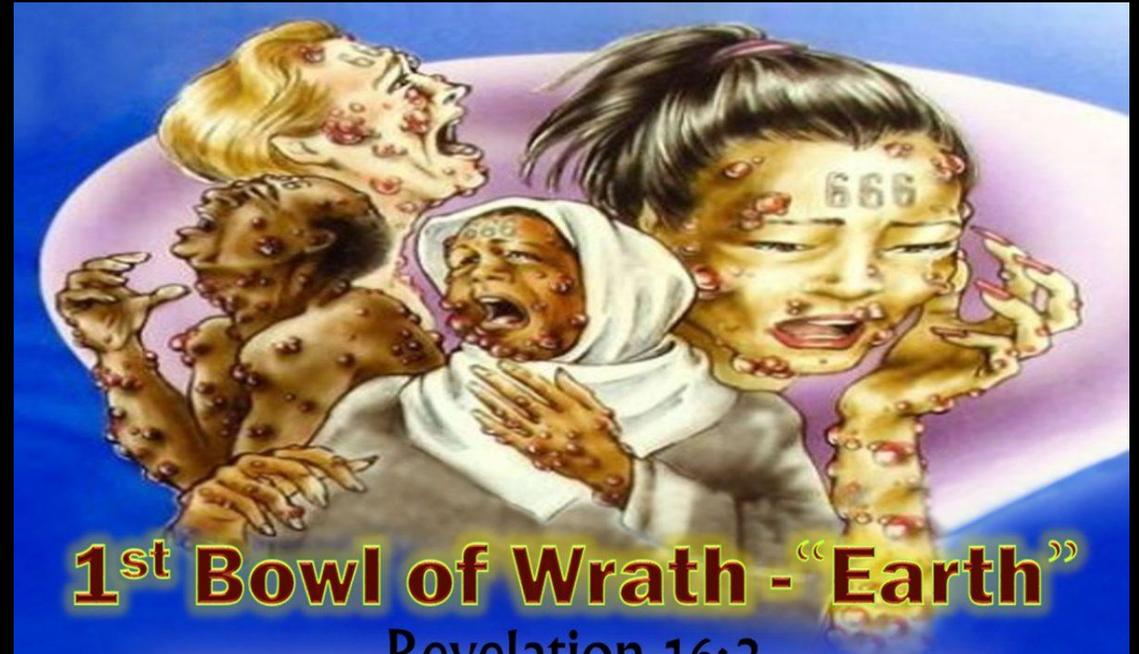
The Plagues fall on those who have the Mark of the Beast

Who are the seven last plagues directed at? - Revelation 14:9-10; 16:2

In what city are those who receive the mark of the beast and receive the seven last plagues pictured as living in?

Revelation 18:2, 4 – Babylon (Papal Rome's Catholicity)

What call does God make to those in Babylon, and why does He make this call? Revelation 18:4 - And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.



1st Bowl of Wrath - "Earth"

Revelation 16:2

“So the 1st Angel went & poured out his Bowl on the Earth, & **harmful & painful Sores** came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast & worshiped its image.”



The Seven Last Plagues – Revelation 16

1st plague (v2) - sores upon those “who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image”.

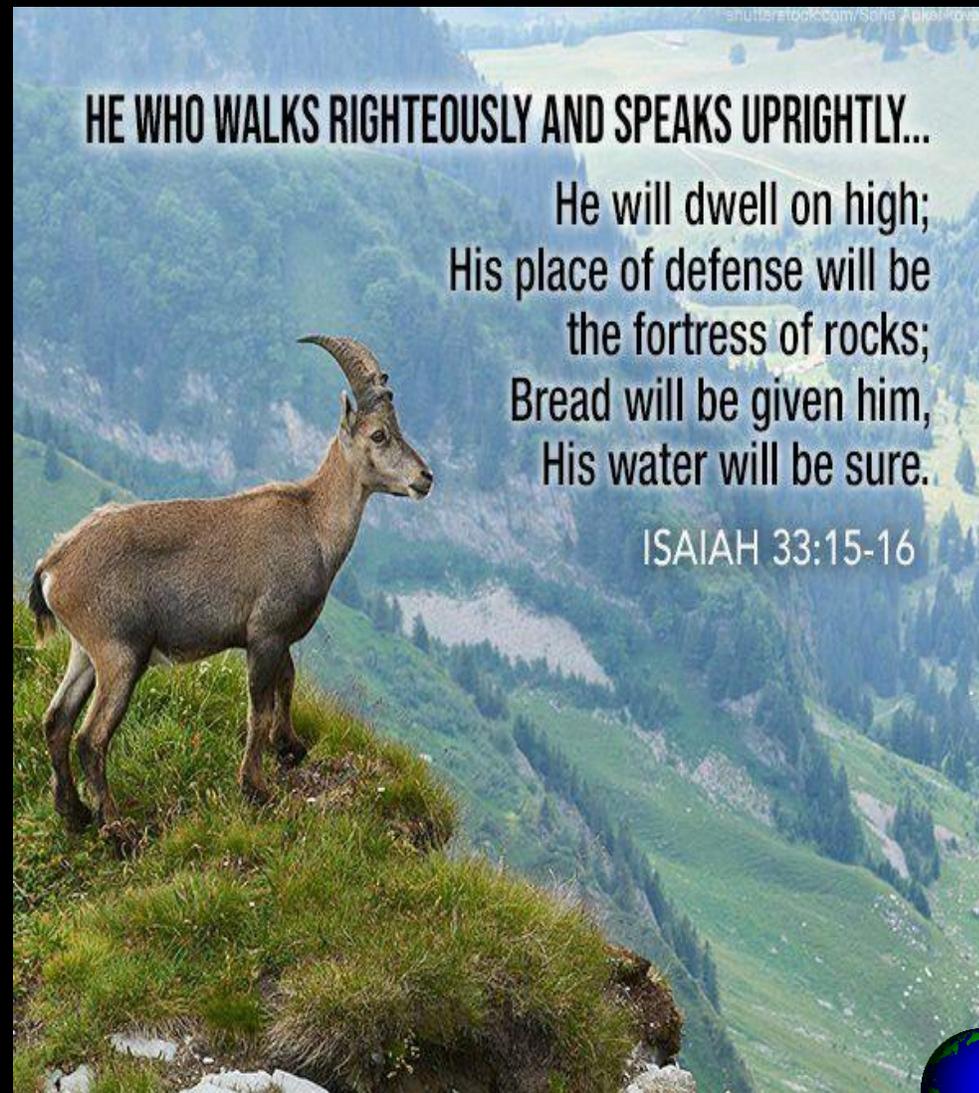
2nd plague (v3) - the sea will become blood and curdle or clot and cause all life in it to die.

3rd Plague (v4) - the rivers and springs of water will become blood.

4th Plague (v8) - the sun to become so hot as “to scorch men with fire”.

The first four plagues fall on different parts of the earth. The last three plagues fall universally throughout the earth and are closely connected to the second coming of Christ.

What does God promise to provide for His people during this time of trouble? [Isaiah 33:14-16](#)



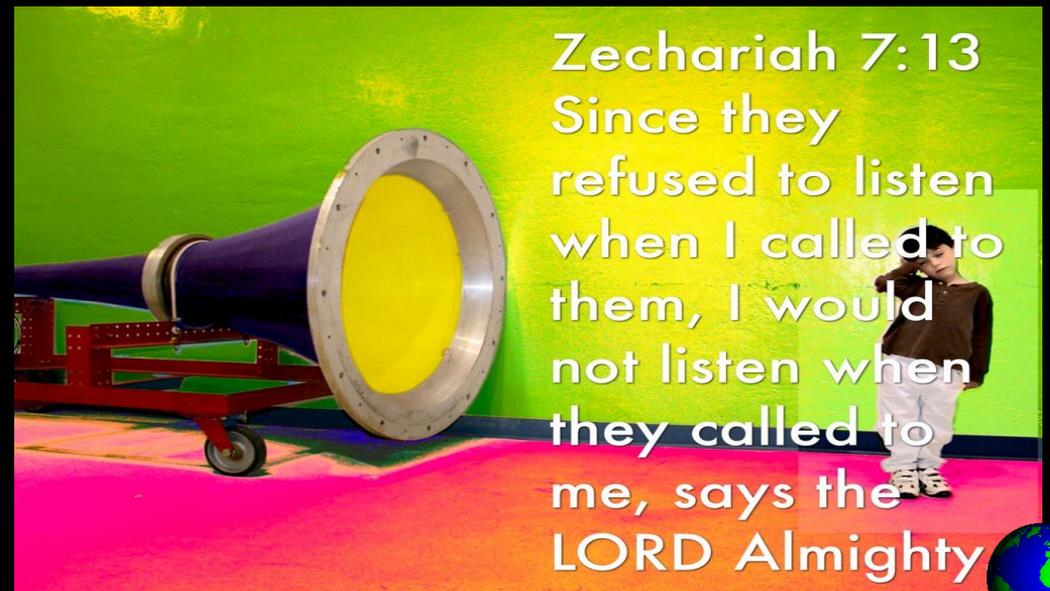
The Seven Last Plagues – 5th Plague

5th Plague (v10-11) – This punishment will bring darkness and pains.

Note: The kingdom of the beast at the time of this plague is the entire world. When this plague falls the whole earth is covered with darkness. This is the first of the last three plagues that are worldwide in their effect and occur in rapid succession one after another. These last three plagues are closely connected with the second coming of Christ to deliver His people from Babylon's power. When this fifth plague falls the beast power and his followers realize they are lost. They sense their spiritual darkness.

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. - [Jeremiah 8:20](#)

Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: [Zechariah 7:13](#). (read v11-12)



The Seven Last Plagues – 6th Plague

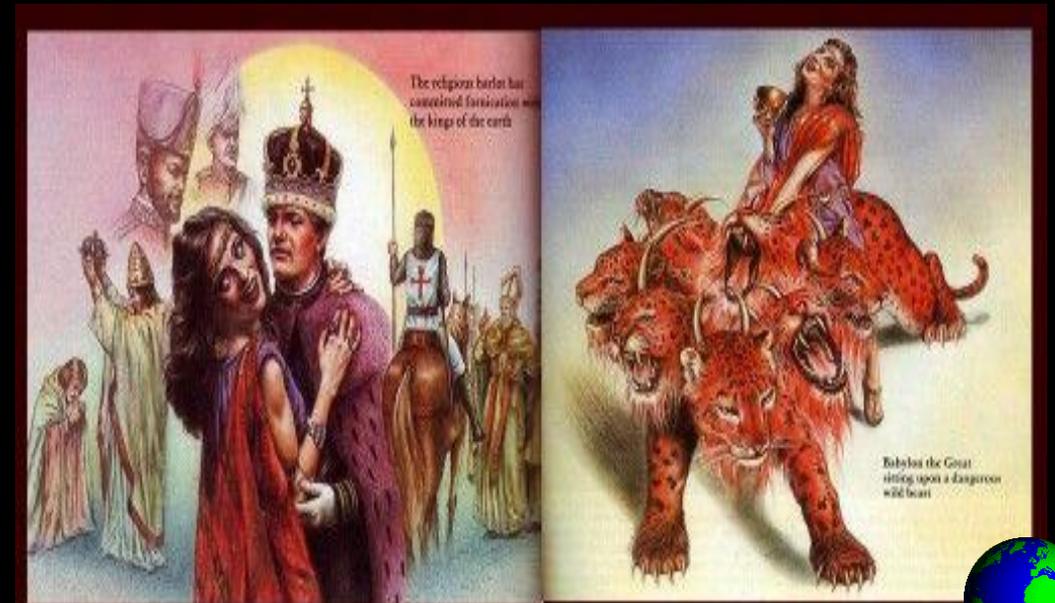
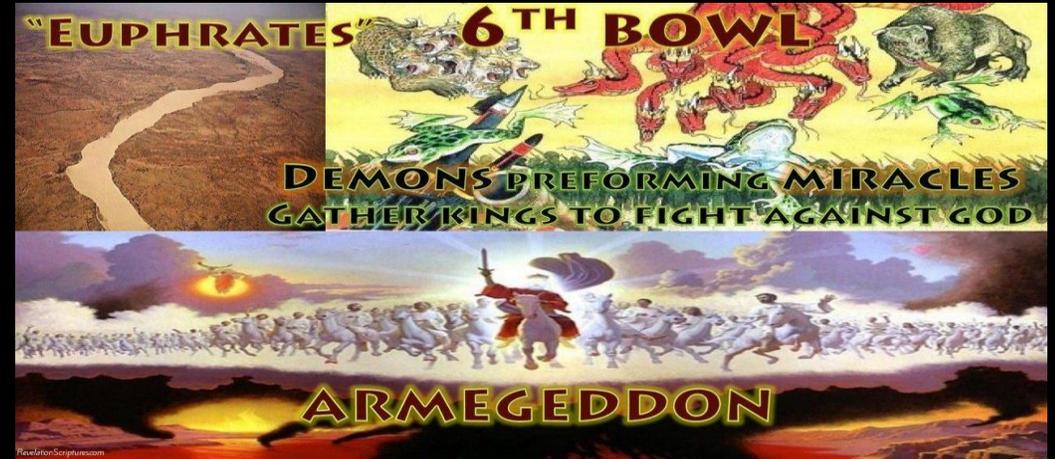
6th Plague (v12-16) – And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the **kings of the east** might be prepared. (there's more)

The Old Testament city of Babylon was located with the Euphrates river running through it.

Revelation 17:1,5 describes spiritual Babylon.

Revelation 17:15 - And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Note: Using the principle that worldwide events are symbolized by local event, the waters described in Revelation where the whore, spiritual Babylon, sits would be the spiritual Euphrates river. These waters represent the people that support Babylon and her persecution of God's people. This sixth plague "dries up" this support for Babylon. The persecution power of Babylon is broken under this plague.



The True King of the East - Jesus

Euphrates dries and prepares the way for the kings of the East – Revelation 16:12.

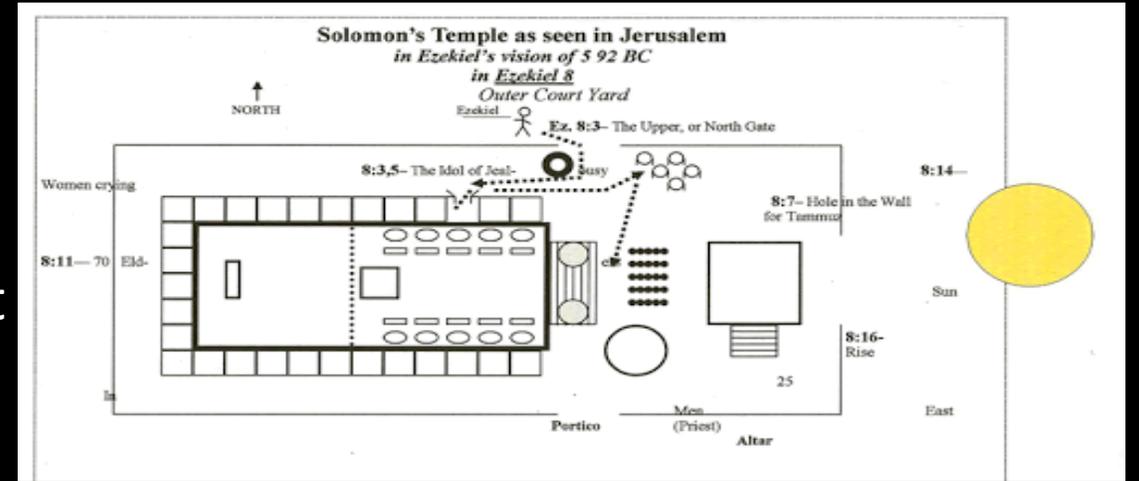
What direction is used to describe the second coming of Christ?

Matthew 24:27 - For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

What is said to come from the East in Ezekiel?

Ezekiel 43:4 - And **the glory of the LORD** came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

Note: In the Old Testament a direction such as "East" is interpreted literally. In the New Testament a direction is interpreted symbolically or spiritually when interpreting an unfulfilled Old Testament prophecy or a New Testament prophecy.



The True Kings of the East – Jesus & Angels

7th Plague (v17-21) - noises and thunderings and lightnings, mighty and great earthquake, great Babylon (Papal Rome) and cities destroyed, every island fled away, mountains were not found, hailstones weighing up to a “talent” = 2nd Coming of Jesus.

Note: The plagues do not touch any one of God’s children. They will be protected by God while the wicked are suffering the devastating affects of the plagues. The first four plagues are not worldwide, but fall on various places on the earth. The last three plagues are worldwide in effect and are closely connected to the second coming of Christ and His angels, who are depicted as the “kings of the East”. The seven last plagues are God’s means of delivering His people from the persecuting power of spiritual Babylon and are the New Testament fulfilment of Ezekiel’s chapter 38 and 39 prophecy (Gog & Magog Battle Israel).



THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

There has been much speculation about the battle of Armageddon described in Revelation chapter 16. The majority of Christians today believe that this famous last day battle will occur in the Middle East and will involve a Russian – Arab confederacy attacking the modern nation of Israel. They apply Ezekiel's chapter 38 and 39 prophecy, which refers to Gog and Magog attacking Israel.

The battle of Armageddon is a description of the last great conflict between Christ and Satan. In an effort to counter Christ's work in calling men and women out of spiritual Babylon, Satan will work very vigorously through the teaching of falsehood, miracles and finally persecution to bring individuals to his side. Christ on the other hand, uses the preaching of the gospel in the context of the three angel's messages found in Revelation chapter 14. This spiritual battle intensifies greatly as this earth approaches the close of probation and enters the period of the tribulation or time of trouble. The second coming of Christ ends the first phase of this battle which results in the destruction of Satan's earthly army (the wicked) and the victorious deliverance of Christ's army (the righteous).



All humanity that ever lived involved in the Battle of Armageddon

At the end of the 1000 years of Revelation chapter 20 the battle of Armageddon is once again taken up. Satan leads the resurrected wicked in an attack on the holy city, New Jerusalem. Again he and his armies are defeated, and this time eternally destroyed by the fire that falls from heaven. This fire creates a great lake of fire that covers the whole earth and consumes it. Then God creates a new heaven and earth, which becomes the home of His redeemed children. Sin and Satan are eternally destroyed.

Hence, we will learn that every individual, believer and non-believer takes part in the battle of Armageddon. It is important we understand the issues of the battle and be sure we are on Christ's side by receiving Him as our Saviour, experience the saving power of the gospel and accepting the truths of God's Word, especially the three angel's message for this last generation.



The Battle of Armageddon begins during the 6th Plague and Ends after the Millenium

The verses on the battle of Armageddon are found in the chapter describing the seven last plagues, Revelation 16. The description is placed between the sixth and seventh plague. Some have concluded that the gathering and the battle takes place at that time. It is true that the battle will be in progress then. However, the gathering described in these verses, Revelation 16:13-16, takes place long before the seven last plagues are poured out. The verses describing this battle are placed in the midst of the description of the plagues in order to answer the question; how and why individuals come to receive the seven last plagues and how to avoid them. It is a parenthetical insert giving an important perspective. The same literary style occurs in Revelation chapter 12. The description of the "war in heaven", Revelation 12:6-7, follows a description of the 1260 year persecution of the woman or church, Revelation 12:5. This parenthetical insert lets us know where the conflict in this earth between Christ, His church and Satan began.



Satan Gathers his followers

Who and where do these unclean spirits come from to gather to Satan? [Revelation 16:13-14](#).

Note: The dragon refers to spiritualism or paganism, the beast refers to the Roman Catholic Church, and the false prophet refers to apostate Protestantism.

What warning did Jesus give us about miracles? [Matthew 24:24](#); [Matthew 16:1-4](#); [Matthew 7:20-22](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:9-12](#); [1 John 2:3-4](#);

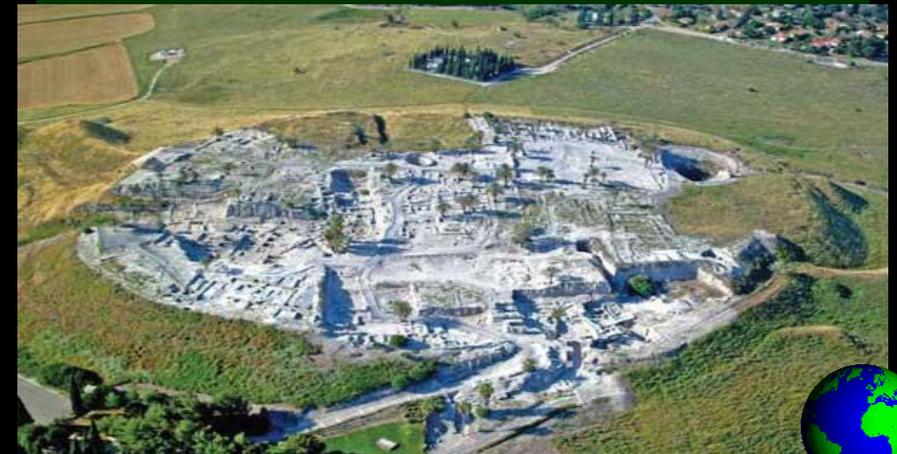
Note: The Bible indicates that in the last days just prior to Christ's return many apparent miracles will be occurring in the Christian world. Many professed Christians will draw to these miracles and will be deceived.

Where does Revelation describe those deceived as being gathered to? [Revelation 16:16](#)

Note: The Hebrew word Armageddon is composed of two words, "mount" and "Megiddo". Hence, Armageddon means Mt. Megiddo. **There is no Mt. Megiddo, only a valley of Megiddo.** Thus Mt. Megiddo is to be interpreted as having symbolic meaning. **It is the symbolic mountain that the wicked are gathered to by Satan's deceptions.**



35-acre Mound, 200 ft. high



Understanding Armageddon

What happened at Megiddo in the Old Testament? [Judges 5:19-21; 4:16](#)

Note: Sun worshipping Canaanites led by Sisera fought against **Israel at Megiddo**. The result of the battle was the destruction of all the enemies of Israel. Hence, the New Testament “Armageddon” refers to the place where all the enemies of spiritual Israel, the church, will be destroyed at Christ second coming. **Armageddon or Mt. Megiddo could be translated “Mt. Of Slaughter”**.

Why does Satan gather individuals to Armageddon? [Revelation 16:14; 17:12-14; 19:19](#)

Note: Those who are gathered by Satan war against Christ and his people. This will finally lead to the persecution of God’s people described in [Revelation 13](#).

What are the characteristics of those gathered by Satan to Armageddon?

- A. [Revelation 18:4](#) They are in symbolic city of Babylon: Catholicity
- B. [Revelation 13:16-17](#) They receive Mark of the Beast: Sun-day.
- C. [Revelation 17:1-2](#) They are drunk with wine of Babylon: Traditions

The Question Box," *The Catholic Universe Bulletin* (August 14, 1942): 4:

The (Catholic) Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her Founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter, the Seventh-day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant.



Christ Gathers His followers - Sheep

How does Christ gather His children to Himself? John 1:12

What special messages does Christ use to gather? Revelation 14:6-12

Where does Christ gather His children to? Hebrews 12:22;
Revelation 14:1 – **Mt. Zion**

What are the characteristics of those Christ gathers to Mt. Zion?

1. Hebrews 12:22 - **They are in the heavenly city Mt Zion**
2. Revelation 18:4 - **They have come out of Babylon.**
3. Revelation 14:4 - **They are not defiled by Wine of Babylon.**
4. Revelation 14:1 - **They have the Father's name in their forehead.**

Further study – Read Exodus 33:18-19; Hebrews 8:10; Revelation 7:1-4; Jeremiah 25:33;

Note: God's name, glory, character, seal, and law are synonymous. Hence those gathered by Christ to Mt. Zion have obedience to God's law in their mind, which has been written there by the Holy Spirit, 2 Corinthians 3:3. This is contrasted with the followers of Satan who have been gathered to Armageddon (Mt. Megiddo), which have the "**mark of the beast**" or disobedience to God's law in their minds.



Jesus Protects His Sheep like a Shepherd

What happens to those who are gathered by Satan to Armageddon? Revelation 14:9-10; Jeremiah 25:33;

Where is the great “winepress of the wrath of God” trodden? Revelation 14:19-20

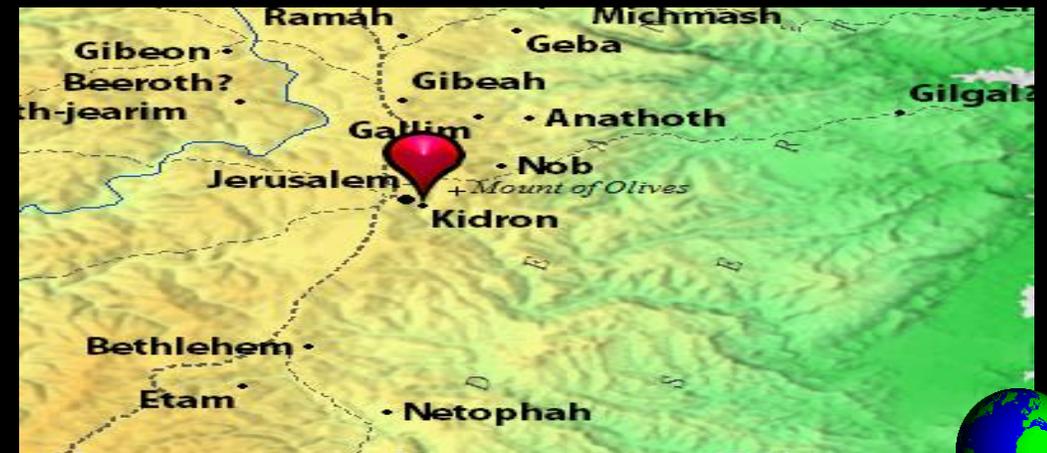
Note: The wrath of God, seven last plagues, fall outside the city (spiritual Jerusalem). Christ suffered the wrath of God at His crucifixion, which took place outside the city of old Jerusalem, Hebrews 13:12. Hence, all gathered by Christ to spiritual Jerusalem will be protected from the seven last plagues and the destruction of the wicked at the second coming of Christ.



COMING BATTLE IN THE VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT

The prophet Joel described a last day battle in the valley of Jehoshaphat in the Middle East. As with the other unfulfilled Old Testament prophecies the majority of Christians apply Joel's prophecy to the modern nation of Israel. They expect there to be a literal battle during which the enemies of Israel attack her and God intervenes to deliver Israel.

If Israel had remained faithful to God and accepted their Messiah, Jesus Christ, this prophecy along with all other Old Testament prophecies would be fulfilled to the literal nation of Israel. Here we will learn how Joel's prophecy also applies to the church (spiritual Israel) in the last days. Joel's prophecy of a last day battle parallels Ezekiel's chapters 38 and 39 Gog and Magog war prophecy, and the battle of Armageddon prophecy. All three prophecies describe the same "last days" battle. Each one gives us further insights into the details of the battle and issues of the conflict.



God's Call To Prayer now

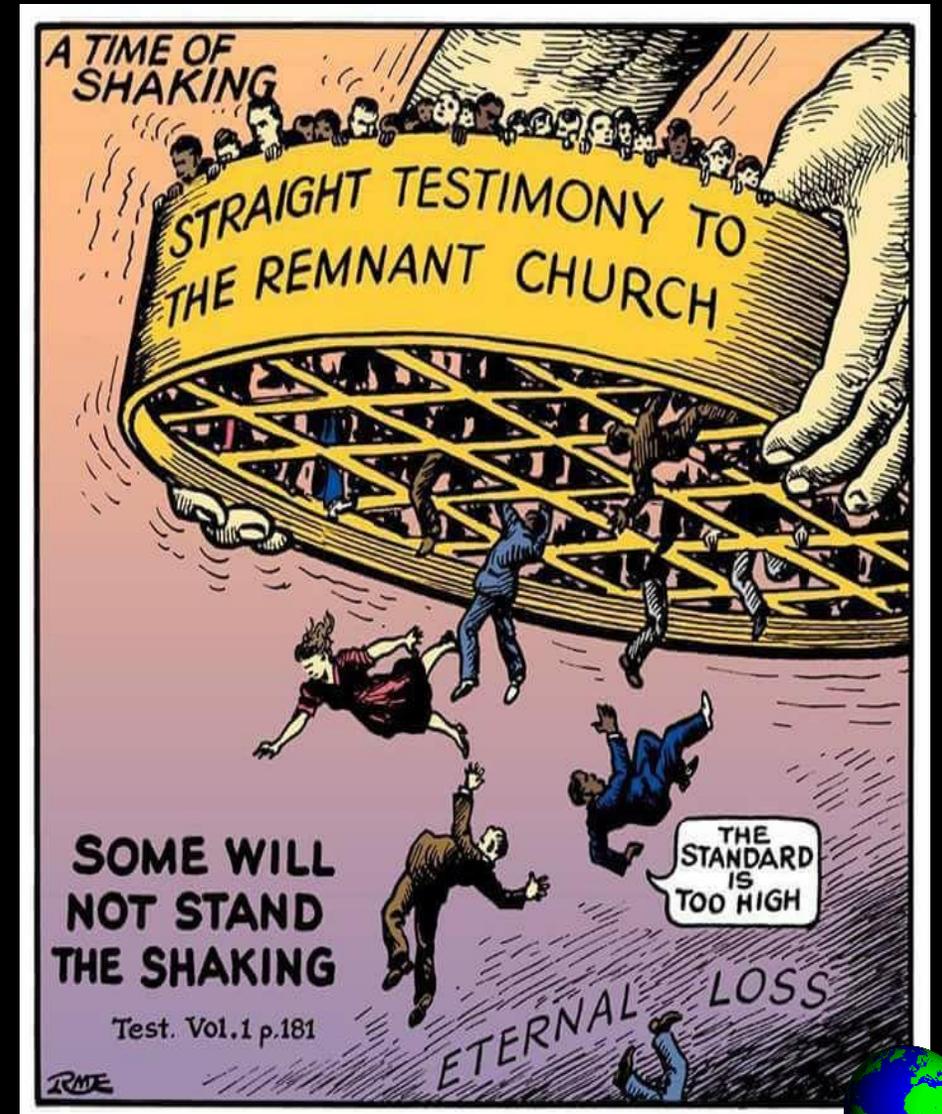
What does God ask His people to do in preparation for their final victory in this earth? [Joel 2:12-17](#)

In Ezekiel's vision what was placed on the foreheads of those who earnestly prayed to God with sighs and cries? [Ezekiel 9:4](#)

Note: [Ezekiel 9:1-6](#) describes the sealing and shaking of God's remnant church. Those who respond to God's call for prayer and revival receive the seal of God. Those who refuse God's call are shaken out (slain).

What does God give His people in response to their prayer? [Joel 2:21-28](#)

Note: This prophecy describes the work of God's Spirit during the early and latter rain. The early rain fell at Pentecost (see [Acts 2:16-21](#)). A similar event will happen when the Holy Spirit is poured out in the latter rain just prior to Christ's second coming.



The Gathering For Battle

Where does God gather the enemies of His people? [Joel 3:2](#)

Note: The word "Jehoshaphat" means Jehovah has judged or judges.

How does God describe the millions who are in the valley of Jehoshaphat? [Joel 3:14](#)

Note: The word "decision" means "threshing". It describes the destruction of the wicked in the valley of Jehoshaphat.

Where does Revelation describe the enemies of God's people being gathered to? [Revelation 16:16](#)

Note: The battle of Armageddon and the battle in the valley of Jehoshaphat describe the same last day conflict between God's people (spiritual Israel, the church) and her enemies.

What happens to the enemies of God's people who are gathered to Armageddon and the valley of Jehoshaphat? [Jeremiah 25:33](#)

Note: Gentiles refers to the non-spiritual Israelites. [Revelation 17:12-14; 19:19](#) describe this same war against Christ and His people. In [Revelation 16:14](#) they are described as being gathered for the battle of the great day of God Almighty.



God's People are Delivered

According to Joel where only is deliverance found? Joel 2:32

In the New Testament - Hebrews 12:22-23

How does Joel describe the condition of the wicked just prior to Christ's second coming? Joel 3:13

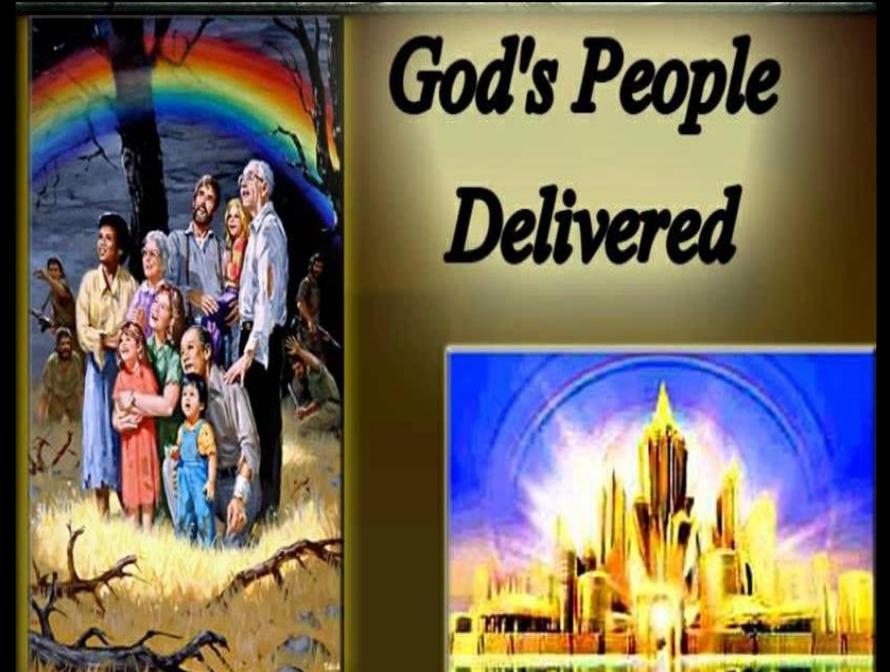
In the New Testament - Revelation 14:17-20

What events occur when God fights for His people in the valley of Jehoshaphat? Joel 2:1-2,10-11; 3:15-16.

In the New Testament - 1Thessalonians 4:16; Matthew 24:30-31; 1Corinthians 15:52; Revelation 16:10, 17-18; 6:14;

What appeal does God make to His people that they will be able to stand in the great day of His wrath when the wicked are destroyed at Christ's second coming? Joel 2:12-13

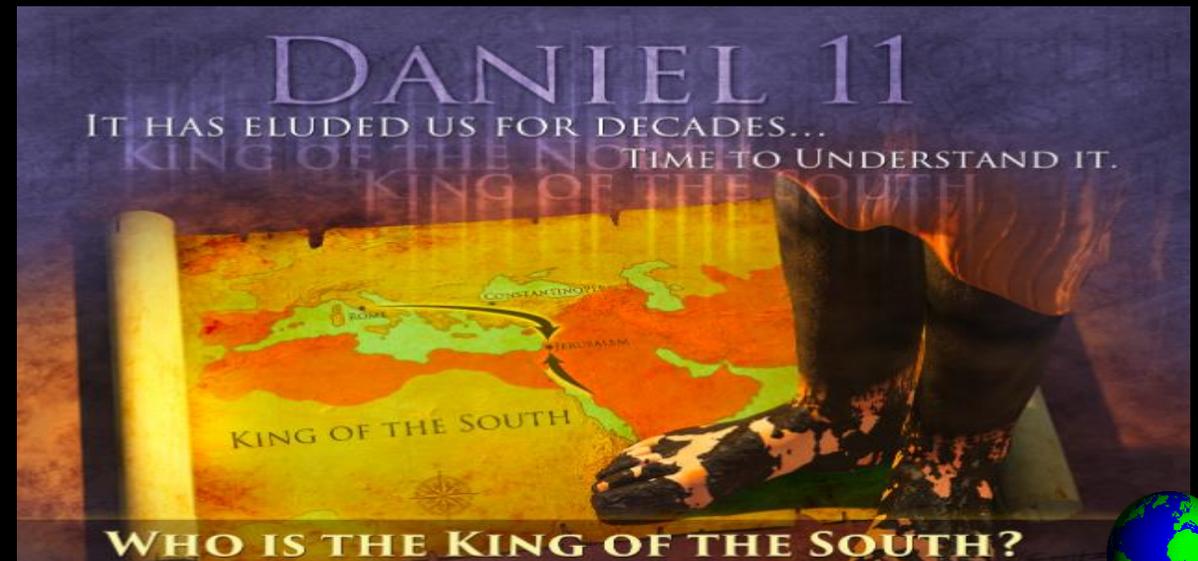
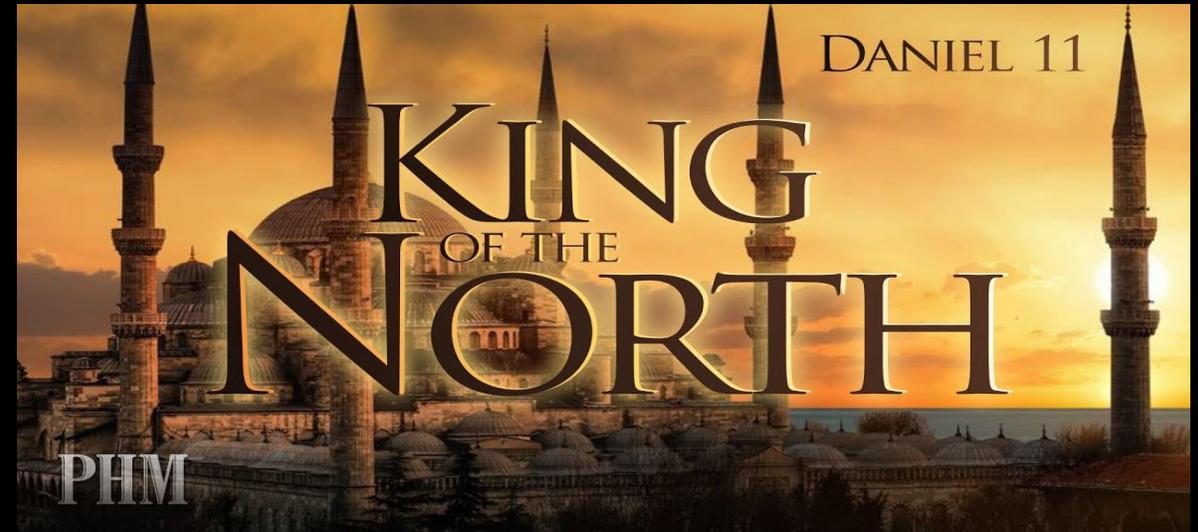
Note: Only those who have accepted Christ as their saviour and have by His grace allowed His Spirit to write His law upon their hearts will be saved from the great destruction that takes place in the valley of Jehoshaphat.



THE KING OF THE NORTH

Daniel chapter 11 and the "king of the North" has been interpreted in numerous ways during the past hundred years by both Adventists and non-Adventists. Today the popular dispensational view is to apply the king of the North to Russia. Daniel eleven's description of a last day conflict is applied to the last day battle with Israel in Palestine.

We will once again see that the last part of Daniel's prophecy in chapter 11 applies to the same little horn power described in Daniel chapter 7 and 8. We will see the principle of "repeat and enlarge" once again illustrated. We will also follow the Biblical principle of letting the Bible define its own terms such as North, East, king of the South, etc., which the teachers of dispensationalism fail to do.



Misunderstanding of the King of the North

We will once again see that the last section of **Daniel 11** describes the last great conflict between Christ and Satan, Christ's followers and Satan's followers. **We will see that God's last day remnant people are in the very midst of the conflict. We will see that Christ and His people are at the very centre of this prophecy, which follows the principle that all scripture and prophecy is "Christ centered".** The dispensational view of an un-Godly Russia attacking a modern nation of Israel who rejected Jesus the Messiah (still unbelieving) is certainly not Christ centered. **The dispensational view also does not prepare God's last day people to face the issues of this last day conflict.**



Daniel 11 Before and After AD 31

The first 30 verses on Daniel chapter 11 apply to events transpiring around the literal Old Testament nation of Israel before 34 AD. These verses give a detailed account of the nations of Egypt (the king of the south), Syria (the king of the north), Medo Persia, Greece and Rome. Since literal Israel in Palestine were God's people before 34 AD this application is consistent with the principles of interpretation.

The prophecy makes a transition to a New Testament church application in verse 31.

Hence we will focus our study today on verses 31 - 45 and Daniel 12:1. We see this same kind of transition in application from literal Old Testament Israel to spiritual New Testament Israel (the church) in Daniel chapters 2, 7 and 8. Daniel 7 and 8 clearly delineates the work of the last day antichrist or Papal power and attack on God's truth and church. The last part of Daniel 11 will continue to describe the work of the papacy and how it affects God's remnant church.

SUMMARY OF DANIEL 11

- VERSES 1 & 2 - Medo-Persia and its four kings.
- VERSES 3 & 4 - Mighty king - Alexander the Great / break up of Grecia
- VERSES 5-13 - Kingdoms of the North & South
- VERSE 14 - Pagan Rome introduced - the Robbers of thy people
- VERSES 16-24 - Pagan Rome conquers the northern kingdom
- VERSE 22 - Pagan Rome & Jesus - the Prince of the Covenant broken, crucified
- VERSES 25-30 - Pagan Rome - Battle between Octavius (Rome - KOTN) & Mark Antony (Egypt - KOTS)

*KOTN = King of the North
KOTS = King of the South

SUMMARY OF DANIEL 11

- VERSE 31 - From Pagan Rome (King of the North - KOTN) - to setting up of Papal Rome (KOTN)
- VERSES 31-35 - Papal Rome & the dark ages, 1260 yrs persecution
- VERSES 36-39 - Detailed description of Papal Rome - the new King of the North
- VERSE 40 - Papal Rome [KOTN] receives deadly wound in "the time of the end" from KOTS
- VERSE 40 - *Papal Rome attacks KOTS [Atheism] in "the time of the end" (i.e. 1798 onwards)
- VERSE 41 - Papal Rome enters the church, deceives many. 3 angels rescue Edom, Moab & Ammon
- VERSE 42 - Papal Rome overcomes Egypt, Atheism falls.
- VERSE 43 - Papal Rome has economic power - cannot buy or sell unless you have MOB
- VERSE 44 - Papal Rome infuriated by the tidings from the east & the north [3 Angels Message]
- VERSE 45 - Papal Rome attempts to destroy God's people yet he will come to his end....."

*KOTN = King of the North
KOTS = King of the South, Atheistic France



Application to the Roman Catholic Papal power

What did Daniel prophecy the papal power would do to the sanctuary and "daily sacrifice"? [Daniel 11:31](#).

Note: Polluting the sanctuary means to make something common that is sacred. The taking away of the "daily" referred to the papal effort to do away with the elements of the heavenly sanctuary such as Christ as our priest and sacrifice, the shew bread representing the Bible, etc. The papacy brought in a substitute for every aspect of the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary.

Paul also described the work of the antichrist power. What did he say the antichrist would do in relation to God's temple? [2Thessalonians 2:4](#)

Note: Paul clearly indicates there would be a last day power that would exalt himself against God and seek to establish himself in God's church (the temple) and direct worship according to his dictates.



The Time of the End - 1798

Daniel 11:32 - There were faithful followers of God who resisted the work of the papacy such as the Waldenses, Albigenses, Huguenots, etc.

Daniel 11:33 - This verse describes especially the 1260 year persecution of God's people by the papal power from 538 - 1798.

Daniel 11:34 - God rose up leaders for His people during this difficult time of persecution.

Daniel 11:35 - Persecution brought purification of character to those who remained true to God.

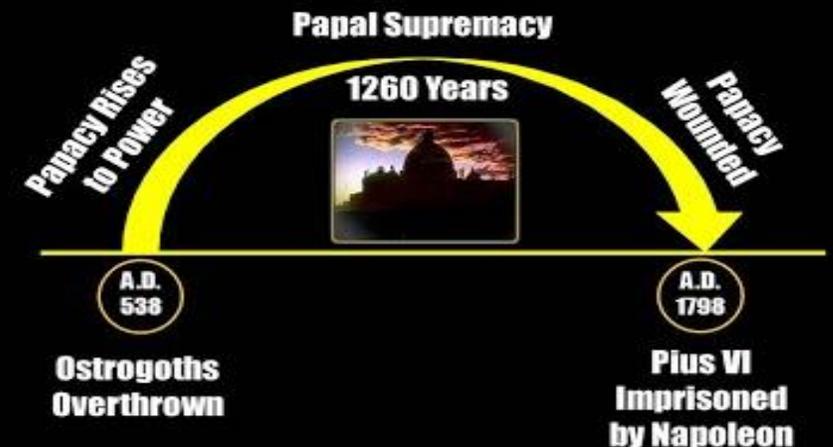
When would this time of persecution end?

In previous studies we learned that the 1260 year Papal Rome's persecution ended in 1798.

Hence 1798 marks the beginning of the "time of the end".



The 1260 Years of Papal Supremacy



Daniel 11:40 – is the Time of the End

Daniel 11:36-38 - The “god of forces” has two applications:

- (1) Papal Rome's alliance with civil powers and her efforts to get them to do her bidding.
- (2) Prayers to the saints and virgin Mary.. This verse also describes the costly ornamentation placed on images of Mary and saints.

What did Daniel predict this power would do to the land?

Daniel 11:39

Note: This has reference to Papal domination over temporal rulers and the Pope receiving revenue from them. Example: In 1493 Pope Alexander VI divided the New World between Spain and Portugal.

Daniel 11:40 - describes atheistic France, the king of the south, pushing at the king of the north, the papacy. This occurred in 1798 when Napoleon sent his General Berthier to take the pope prisoner.

Revelation 13:3 describes this event as a deadly wound being inflicted.



Lucifer wanted to be King of the North - God is the True King of the North

When Lucifer wanted to exalt his throne above God's throne and the angels where were they described as being located? [Isaiah 14:12-14](#)

- God is the true king of the north.

However, the Bible indicated Satan has tried to usurp His authority in this earth and is therefore the counterfeit king of the north.

Where does God describe Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, as being from? [Ezekiel 26:7](#)

Note: The Old Testament describes the king of literal Babylon as the king of the north. The New Testament uses the Babylonian imagery when describing the great antichrist power in Revelation.

Hence, the New Testament antichrist, papal power is the spiritual king of the north.



Tiding from the East – Sabbath (seal of God) **Tidings from the North – 2nd Coming of Jesus**

When the king of the north, the papacy, re-emerges to power and comes "against" the king of the south (**Atheism**) how does the Bible describe his growth in power? **Daniel 11:40-44**

Note: We learned that God's glory refers to His character. The work of the sealing angel described as coming from the "east" (**Revelation 7:3**) causes God's remnant people to reflect God's character. This occurs as they experience righteousness by faith in Christ. As part of this work God's law, which is a transcript of His character, is written in their hearts (**Hebrews 8:8, 10**) and they live His law out in their lives. This causes Satan's rage to be kindled against God's remnant people (**Revelation 12:17**). The first of the three angel's message calls us to give "glory" to God and worship Him as creator (Sabbath: Worship day).

Hence this sealing message, pictured as coming from the "east" troubles the papal power.



GOD'S SEAL
contains:

- 1. NAME:** *The Lord your God*
- 2. TITLE:** *Creator*
- 3. TERRITORY:** *Heaven & Earth*



True King of the North - God

From what direction did God describe His judgments on Judah as coming from? [Jeremiah 1:13-16; 4:6](#) – [North](#).

Where does Revelation describe the seven last plagues as coming from? [Revelation 15:6](#)

Note: God's throne is in the temple. Therefore, the seven last plagues, which are His judgments upon a sinful world, are described as coming from God's throne.

[Revelation 14:9-10; 18:4](#) What warning of judgment or punishment does God give to those who receive the mark of the beast?

Note: The three angels message of judgment upon spiritual Babylon is pictured as coming out of the "north".

What do these tidings out of the east and north cause the king of the north to do? [Daniel 11:44](#)

Note: [Revelation 13](#) describes this boycott as a time when no one can "buy or sell" except those who receive the mark of the beast.



Antichrist – Papacy claims to be God

Where does Daniel describe the antichrist as planting the tabernacles of his palace? [Daniel 11:45](#)

Note: The glorious holy mountain refers to God's people. This is the same events as described by Paul in [2 Thessalonians 2:4](#)

[Daniel 12:1](#) - Michael standing up refers to Christ completing the work of judgment in the heavenly sanctuary.

The last part of Daniel chapter eleven describes the work of the great antichrist power (the Papacy).

Just prior to the close of probation (the end of judgment) when Michael stands up, the loud cry will go forth in the powerful proclamation of the three angels messages under the latter rain, described as tidings out of the east and north.

When this occurs the papal power is enraged and persecution of God's remnant people begins with the little time of trouble and continues as the great time of trouble (Jacob's) after the judgment ends.



THE TEMPLE RESTORED

Based on Ezekiel's prophecy Christians have been predicting for many years that the modern Jewish nation, Israel, would rebuild the temple on it's ancient site in Jerusalem. Entire books have been written on the subject.

Four events have been pointed to as important last day signs of Christ's soon return by the dispensationalists:

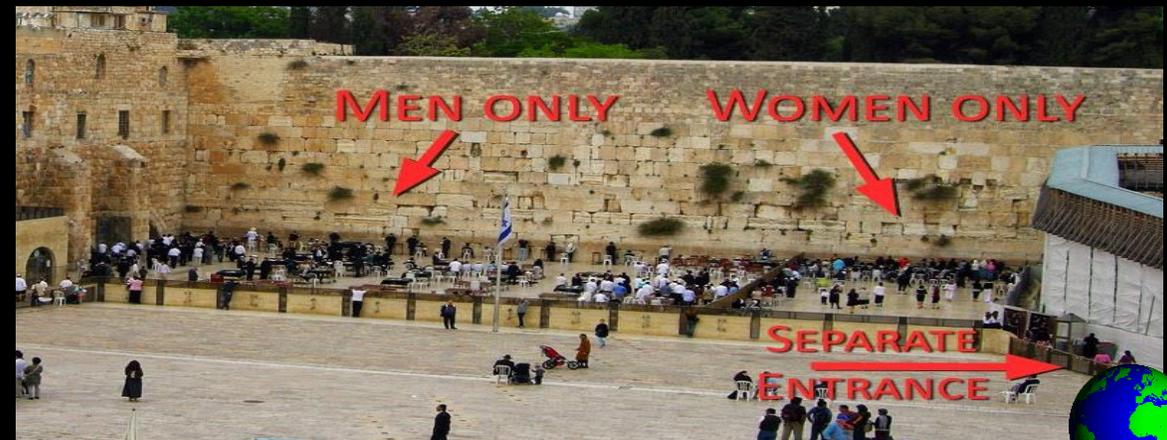
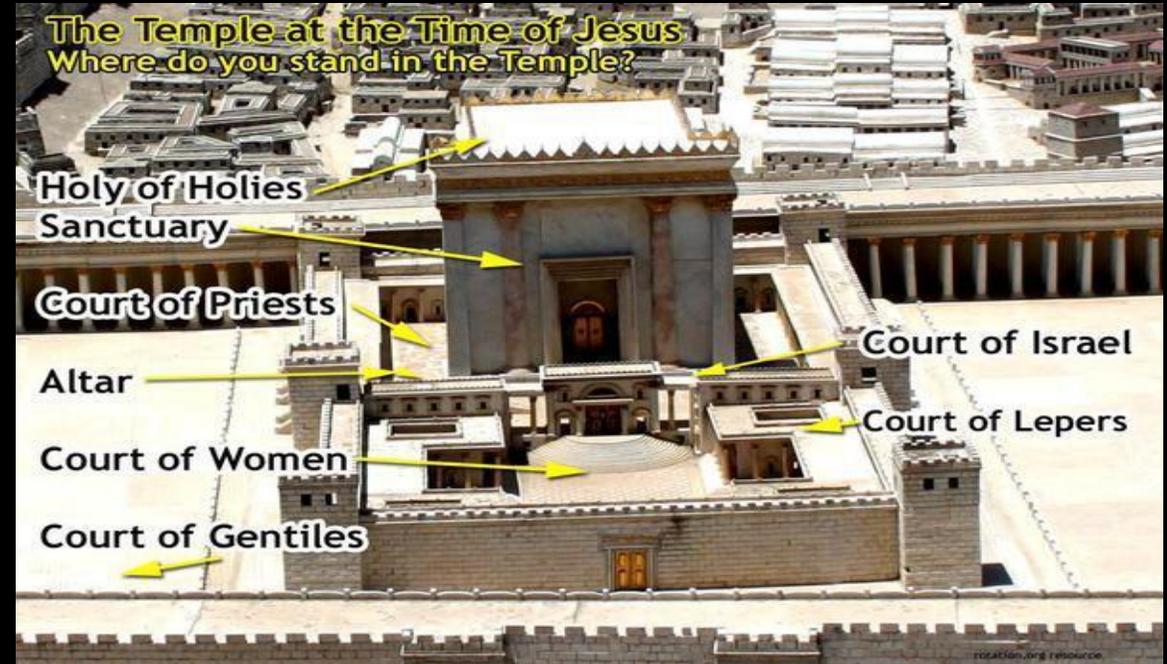
1st Israel was to return to Palestine and be re-established as a nation.

2nd Israel was to take possession of Jerusalem.

3rd the temple was to be rebuilt.

4th just prior to Christ's return is a war around Jerusalem with God intervening to deliver Israel from her enemies.

- First Two of the four have occurred.
- The other two will not as Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah. (Daniel 9:24-27)



Satan's great last day deception is called "Dispensationalism"

As we have seen, Satan has been developing a master deception of prophetic misinterpretation, which is preparing the world for his appearing as Christ in Jerusalem.

As a part of his plan a temple could very well be built.

It would only be a part of Satan's great last day deception called "dispensationalism", which has taken the minds of the vast majority of Christians today.

As with the other unfulfilled Old Testament prophecies we will see that this temple restoration prophecy in Ezekiel applies to spiritual Israel (the church) and not the modern nation of Israel in Palestine.



Literal Israel Rejected - Spiritual Israel Instituted

Matthew 21:43 - Israel would forfeit the right to the Old Testament promises and prophecies.

Matthew 23:37-38 - The city of Jerusalem and Israel will not continue as God's city and people.

Galatians 3:28-29 - The believers in Jesus Christ, the church, is the true Israel of God today and has inherited all the unfulfilled promises and prophecies originally given to the literal nation of Israel.



Spiritual Worldwide Application

1 Corinthians 3:16 - The church composed of believers in Jesus Christ is the New Testament temple of God.

1 Peter 2:5 - the New Testament temple or spiritual house of Israel.

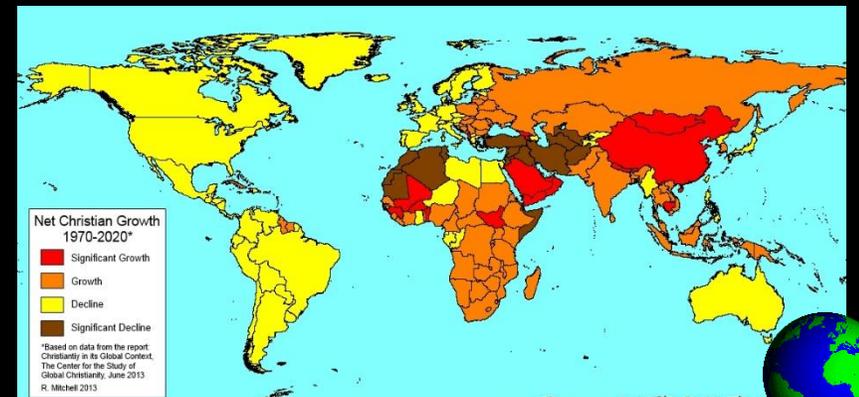
Ezekiel 40:3-5 & Revelation 11:1-2 - The measuring of the temple refers to the investigative judgment, which began in 1844. The investigative judgment involves the believers in Jesus Christ, spiritual Israel.

1 Peter 4:17 - The "house of God" or temple is where the judgment begins.

Ezekiel 47:1-9 - Ezekiel's prophecy pictures a river of water of life flowing out of God's temple, which brings life wherever it flows.

John 2:19-21 - Jesus was the embodiment of the temple. He was the temple of God living amongst men.

John 4:14 - Christ is the water of life, which brings eternal life to all who receive it.



Literal Worldwide in Glory Application

Where does the river of healing or life in Ezekiel's prophecy flow from? [Ezekiel 47:1](#)

Note: This river of life flows from the very presence of God, which is in the "house" or "temple" of God.

What similar description does John give in Revelation? [Revelation 22:1-2](#)

Note: John saw the river of life flowing from the throne of God in the New Jerusalem in the new earth. The tree of life grew on both sides of the river. The similar language with Ezekiel's prophecy is unmistakable. John is describing the literal worldwide in glory application of Ezekiel's prophecy.

What does John say about the temple in the New Jerusalem and new earth? [Revelation 21:22](#)

Note: Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's temple. (also see [John 2:21](#))



Summary

Ezekiel 36:24-27 describes a promised revival and reformation to take place in Israel following the Babylonian captivity. Here we find the New Covenant promise, which was partially fulfilled to literal Old Testament Israel. However, because of Israel's failure this promise will be fulfilled to New Testament spiritual Israel, the church.

In Ezekiel chapter 37 we read of the "valley of dry bones", which contains God's promise to restore Israel to Palestine. Again the gathering promises met a partial fulfilment in Old Testament Israel, but will find their final, complete fulfilment in New Testament spiritual Israel, the church.

Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 describe the great last day conflict between Israel and her enemies. The enemies of Israel attack her and God intervenes to deliver Israel. This prophecy was never fulfilled to Old Testament Israel. The last day war prophecies of Ezekiel and the other Old Testament prophets will find their fulfilment to spiritual Israel, the church in both a "Spiritual Worldwide" application during the time of trouble, and a "Literal Worldwide in Glory" application after the 1000 years of Revelation chapter 20.



Who lied to you about the laws?

But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, *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 31:33

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. *I will put My laws in their minds, and inscribe them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they will be My people.*

Hebrews 8:10



Conclusion

So, we see that the church bringing physical and spiritual healing to the world through the power of the Holy Spirit is the "Spiritual Worldwide" application of Ezekiel's temple prophecy. John's prophecy in Revelation describes the "Literal Worldwide in Glory" application. Christ is at the very heart of both these applications.

The popular dispensational application of Ezekiel's prophecy to the building of a literal temple in Palestine is not only a false interpretation, it is a Christless application. This Christless, false interpretation is a counterfeit inspired by Satan to take away from the great work of healing by Christ through His church and an effort to set up his final great deception centering around the modern nation of Israel.

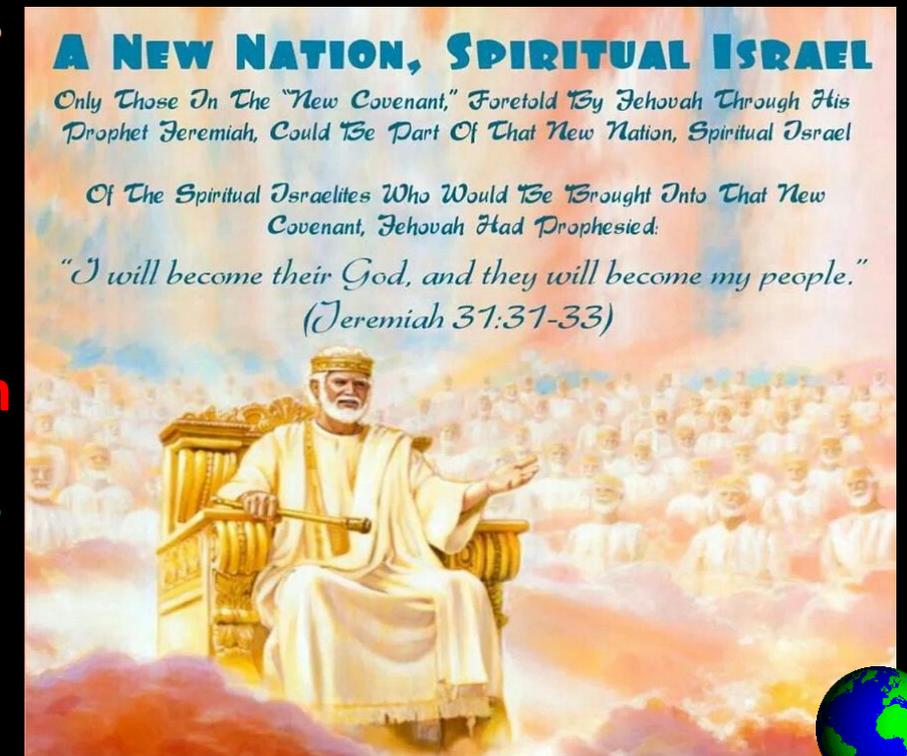


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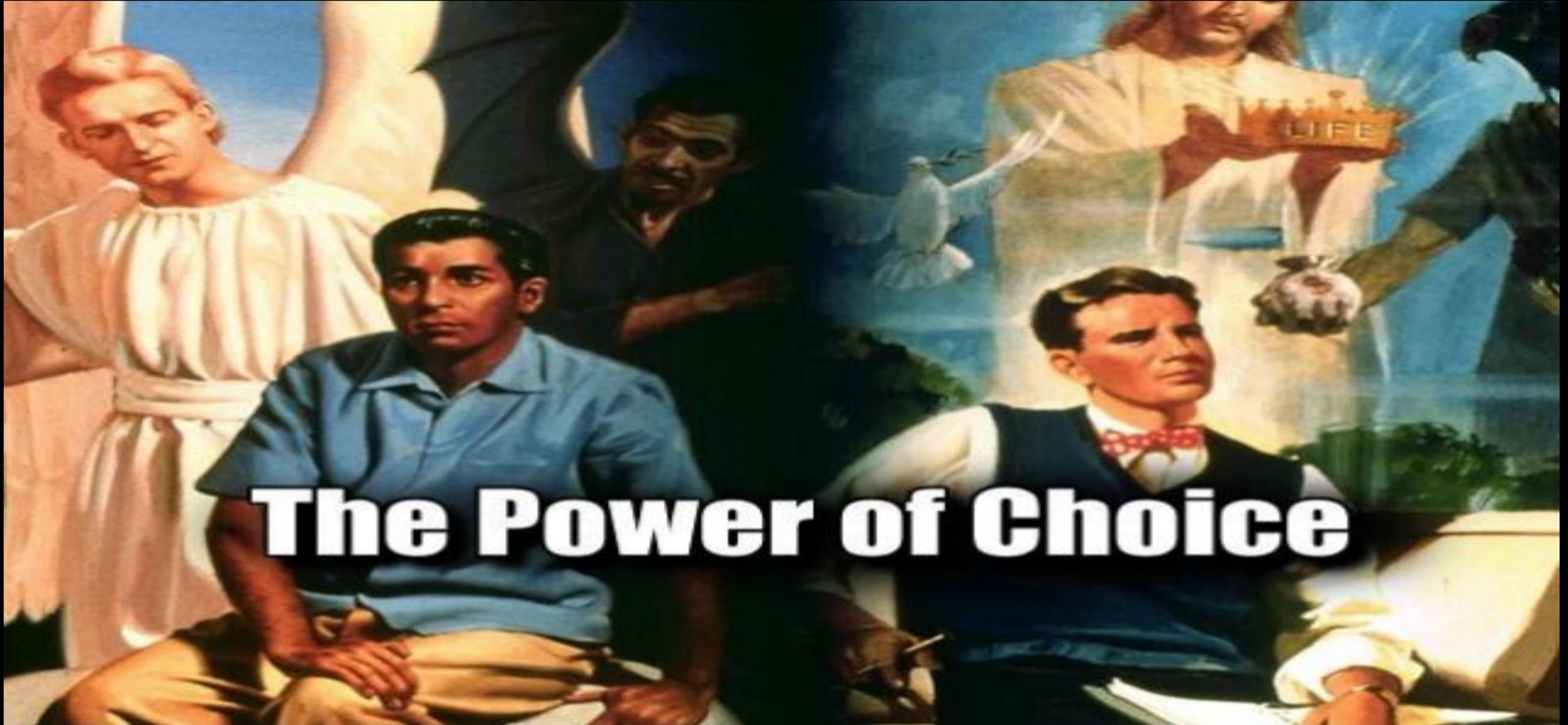
The vast majority of Christians are looking to the nation of Israel for the fulfilment of Old and New Testament prophecy. **Satan will see to it that their expectations are met.** However, sad to say, their misinterpretation will lead them to accept Satan's last masterful deception of impersonating Christ just prior to Christ's second advent.

History is repeating itself. The majority of professed believers in the true God were lead astray in Christ's day. They misinterpreted Old Testament prophecies and rejected their Messiah, Jesus Christ. As a result the vast majority of Israel in Christ's day were lost. **Satan is following the same method today.** He has led the vast majority of professed believers in God to misinterpret Old and New Testament prophecies, which will set them up to accept a counterfeit second coming of Christ (**Satan himself**). **The majority of professed believers will be lost because they choose to believe a lie and reject the truth.**

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." [2 Thessalonians. 2:11-12](#)

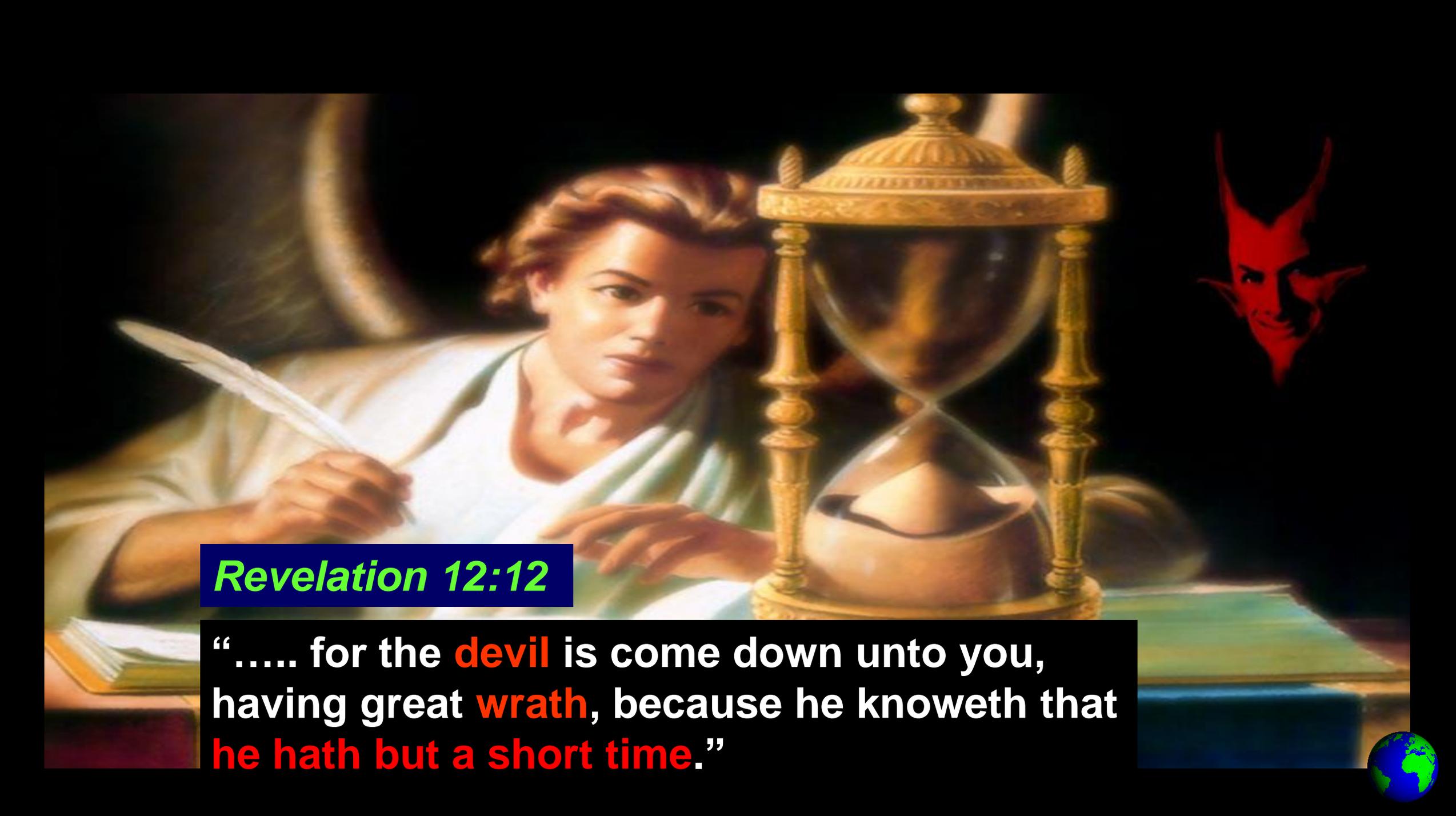


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set against a dark background with some light rays.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?