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Question:

Why do you suggest that the Jews are God's people? It's obvious to all Christians that the Jews were responsible for the death of our Savior Jesus Christ. It was they who plotted to kill Him. No Christian would deny that the Jews, or anyone else for that matter, can receive salvation, but salvation is only available through belief in the name of Jesus Christ. And why do you complicate things with reference to old prophecies when the path to heaven for a Christian is assured through Jesus Christ?

Response:

To use the words of Jesus Christ: "***You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God!***" The Lord Christ and all the Apostles and teachers of that time used the ***only*** Scriptures in existence – called the Old Testament! Jesus pointed out to His detractors that they didn't understand the Scriptures. Even though they were learned men, who could read and write, they didn't understand what they were reading. In fact, the ***true meaning*** of the Scriptures was ***hidden*** so that they wouldn't understand. The Scriptures can only be understood by those who have God's Holy Spirit and the recipient must be actively guided by God's Holy Spirit in all aspects of their lives. God doesn't give His Holy Spirit to the disobedient.

From earliest times, God stressed the need for obedience, and Eve was the first to flunk the test when she ***listened to the devil*** in the Garden of Eden. Adam then compounded the disobedience by listening to his wife Eve who had been beguiled by the devil. God held them both accountable, and they suffered the penalty for disobedience. Succeeding generations of people followed the same course, and finally God rained down death and destruction on all humanity – except for Noah and his family. In the interim between the Garden of Eden and the Great Flood, we read of the first murder committed – when Cain killed Abel.

Jesus actually made a reference to these things when He said this: **John 8:42-47** "Jesus said to them, ***"If God were your Father, you would love me,*** for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but He sent me. ⁴³ ***Why is my language not clear to you?*** Because you are ***unable*** to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ ***You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING,*** not holding to the truth, for there is ***no*** truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, ***FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES.*** ⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do ***not*** believe me! ⁴⁶ ***Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?*** If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ ***He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear*** is that you do ***not belong to God.***"

From the very beginning it was Satan the devil who introduced ***lies*** to corrupt the ***Holy Seed***, which was primarily Adam who was patterned after the Logos, even though Eve was patterned after Adam and created from his rib. God is a Father to those who are patterned after His only begotten Son Jesus. Quite apart from Adam who was created perfect, others must still be patterned after God's Son through, at the very least, being led by God's Holy Spirit and subject to, as Jesus was, ***to obedience to God's Law***. Hence Jesus' taunt to His detractors: ***Can you prove me guilty of sin? Sin is the transgression of God's Law (1John 3:4) – that is, lawlessness.*** No-one can be patterned after Jesus Christ if they live ***lawless*** lives, and God Himself gives the definition of sin. God doesn't want His subjects to obey Satan's laws or even his instructions! God wants them to obey ***His Laws!*** ***He who belongs to God hears what God says!***

In the lead-in to ***John 8:42-47***, Jesus pointed out several times that these people, who were questioning Him, were trying to kill Him: ***V37, V40***. They, of course, denied it. And what subsequently happened? They killed Him! So on the face of it, it appears as if certain Jews did kill Jesus. But was it really these scheming, plotting liars, ***who masqueraded as the religious elite of that day***, who killed Him?

Jesus gave very clear answers to all this. He knew He would be betrayed by one who was numbered among His own. He also knew who the architect of this murder would be, and right on schedule, Satan entered into Judas! ***John 13:21-27*** "After He had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, ***one of you is going to betray me.***" ²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them He meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to Him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask Him which one He means." ²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked Him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, He gave it to ***Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.*** ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, ***SATAN ENTERED INTO HIM.***"

And so the die was cast, and events moved swiftly after this. Satan took control as the ***murderer*** and ***liar*** that he is, and quickly moved his demon assistants into the religious elite to whip them into a frenzy, and to enact what was ***already planted in their minds*** – to kill the One who threatened their own supremacy among the people. These people loved money and power and clambered for honour among the common people. They were easy marks for Satan and his demons. In no time at all, Satan and his demons had complete control of the mob, and they became ***filled with madness*** as the KJV says in ***Luke 6:11***. Then they engaged professional liars to falsely accuse Jesus. Even then Satan's subtle cunning prevailed. He wanted this murder to be seen as a lawful execution – not to deceive God, which he knew to be impossible – but to deceive the people into believing that Jesus was an imposter, and not the Son of God.

There are plenty of people ***filled with madness*** today. We've just seen one murder 32 students and professors at Virginia Technical College. This terrorist murderer styled himself as '***Ismail Ax***', which is actually the name of a demon ruler, and this demon's

protégé was a Korean called Cho Seung-hui, a 23-year-old Virginia Tech student, who killed 32 people and himself in a shooting spree on the Blacksburg, Virginia, campus. **Ismail (Ishmael)** is actually the name of the father of the Arabs. You'll notice that all the trouble in the world today is **closely related to the Islamic hordes of the Middle East**. And you probably already realize that this Islamic madness is **not** confined to a few isolated terrorists, **but the whole of Islam whose father is the devil**. And the evidentiary facts are the monstrous **lies** these people tell, and their determination to **murder** everyone outside of their religion. They truly are a credit **to their father the devil!** Satan has trained them well! It should be obvious to all that Satan is marshalling his treacherous brood from antiquity to bring destruction on the Western nations, and anyone else that opposes his plans.

Satan's mindset has been active in his chosen brood since mankind was created – a point made by the Lord Christ Himself in **Matt 23:33-36** "You **snakes!** You **brood of vipers!** **How will you escape being condemned to hell?** ³⁴ Therefore I am sending you **prophets and wise men and teachers**. Some of them you will **kill and crucify**; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. ³⁵ **And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, FROM THE BLOOD OF RIGHTEOUS ABEL** to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶ I tell you the truth, **all this will come upon this generation**." No-one in their right mind would suggest that the Jewish people were responsible for **the blood of righteous Abel**. Abel's murder was the first committed on this earth, and this led the Lord Christ to say that **Satan was a murderer from the beginning**. His reference to them as **snakes and vipers** makes it clear who is to be **condemned to hell (tartarus)**. It's Satan and his demons who will be chained in hell for a thousand years. **The Lord Christ was specifically referring to Satan and his demons** – the whole **generation** of them **as well as their murderous brood** who are reserved for another **hell (hades)**. This whole generation comprises those who generated the first rebellion against God and were unceremoniously cast to earth in exile.

While they sit out their sentence in hell, they'll have some company. The dead bodies of their human brood will be cast in with them, and together with the stench and the maggots, and they'll have plenty of time to contemplate their demise.

Isa 14:9-24 "The **grave (sheol)** below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the **spirits of the departed** (more correctly: **departed spirits**, that is, **demons**) to greet you – all those who were **leaders in the world**; it makes them rise from their thrones – **all those who were kings over the nations**. ¹⁰ They will all respond, they will say to you, "You also have become weak, as we are; you have become like us." ¹¹ All your pomp has been brought down to the grave (sheol), along with the noise of your harps; **maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you**." It's not intended to be a pleasant place! The putrid stench of dead bodies and maggots will be a constant reminder of all the blood shed on earth. And who is this celebrity that is eagerly anticipated to join the **rulers of the heavenly realms** in their dungeon? It's the very one whom the

Lord Christ will REPLACE as the *Morning Star, Son of the Dawn* – **the Sun of Righteousness** as detailed in **Mal 4:2**.

Continuing in **V12** "How you have *fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!* ¹³ You said in your heart, "*I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.* ¹⁴ *I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH.*" ¹⁵ But you are brought down to *the grave, to the depths of the pit.* ¹⁶ Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "*Is this the man who SHOOK THE EARTH and made kingdoms tremble,* ¹⁷ *the man who MADE THE WORLD A DESERT, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?*" ¹⁸ All the kings of the nations lie in state, each in his own tomb. ¹⁹ But you are cast out of your tomb *like a rejected branch; YOU ARE COVERED WITH THE SLAIN, WITH THOSE PIERCED BY THE SWORD,* those who descend to the stones of the pit. *Like a corpse trampled underfoot,* ²⁰ *you will not join them in burial, for you have destroyed your land and killed your people.* The *offspring of the wicked* [*one*] will never be mentioned again."

This speaks of the arch-rebel of the universe, the very one who tried to take over God's rule and even claim God's throne. *He wanted to make himself like the Most High.* He wasn't satisfied with the honour and glory he had been given, he wanted more. So he staged a coup and drew to his side one third of all the angels, but was defeated and cast to earth. In the process of this revolt, he literally **SHOOK THE EARTH** and **TURNED IT INTO A DESERT**. For further information concerning this, see our article:

[Geology, Dinosaurs, Chaos – what really happened to the earth?](#)

When God says "the *offspring of the wicked* [*one*] will never be mentioned again," He intends that this will be so. He intends them to be rotting corpses thrown into Satan's habitat along with all the rulers of the heavenly realms.

Continuing **V21** "*Prepare a place to slaughter his sons for the sins of their forefathers;* they are *not* to rise to inherit the land and cover the earth with their cities. ²² "I will rise up against them," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will cut off from *Babylon her name and survivors, her offspring and descendants,*" declares the LORD. ²³ "I will turn her into a place for owls and into swampland; *I will sweep her with the broom of destruction,*" declares the LORD Almighty. ²⁴ The LORD Almighty has sworn, "*Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.*"

Didn't God always say that **Babylon** would be held accountable for all the horror committed in the world? Doesn't He even continue this theme in the Book of Revelation? **Babylon** was originally the seat of power of Satan; this was his place of habitation and this

is where he ruled the earth. When God speaks of **Babylon** of old, he is speaking of a great harlot because this is the city of the harlot of harlots. This city ruled over the kings of the earth anciently – and will again – and this city is the throne of Satan himself.

Oddly enough, Christianity today doesn't even bother to consult the very Scriptures that Christ used to determine the identity of Babylon in the Book of Revelation. Instead they came to their own conclusions independent of the Bible and named the Vatican as 'Babylon'. With this type of reasoning, it's little wonder they don't understand Bible prophecy!

There is a parable in the Book of Zechariah that speaks of this very thing: **Zech 5:5-11** "Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what this is that is appearing." ⁶ I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a measuring basket." And he added, "**This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land.**" ⁷ Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat **a woman!** ⁸ He said, "**This is wickedness,**" and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed the lead cover down over its mouth. ⁹ Then I looked up – and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth. ¹⁰ "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me. ¹¹ He replied, "**TO THE COUNTRY OF BABYLONIA to build a house for it.** When it is ready, **the basket will be set there in its place.**"

This basket is the iniquity of the whole world! Satan will be forced once again to take up residence in the **city of Babylon in the country of Babylonia**. This 'woman' is the harlot of harlots, the instigator of all wickedness on this earth. Though Satan has tried in vain to secure Jerusalem as his capital, the Jewish people have rebuffed his many attempts at conquest. Satan likes to live in magnificent splendor in a manner that befits his inflated view of himself. Hence we see the justice that will be meted out to him in his imprisonment with putrid corpses and maggots his constant companions. But Satan is not done yet! Babylon will once more be a glitzy, bejeweled habitation for Satan, and through Babylon the great harlot himself, will control all trade on earth through precious cargoes and **even the trading of slaves** (**Rev 18:13**).

A harlot of course is a woman who corrupts the right use of sexual intercourse in marriage and the blessing of giving birth to children. Satan has not given birth to righteous children, but his offspring have become the most violent people on earth. Today they presently reside in the **former territories of the Babylonian Empire**, and are rapidly spreading around the world.

The Jewish people today tenuously hold onto the Holy Land and the Holy City against overwhelming odds. They remain faithful to God and His Holy City Jerusalem, and have vowed never to give it up. On the other hand, we have evangelical Christians who have no ties to God's Holy City, and are narrowly focused on their crazed view that they have a clear passage to heaven when they die. What possible value are the Scriptures that Jesus and the Apostles used if this is so? If Jesus' message was so simplified, then the whole Bible could

be condensed to about two lines of text. Presumably, in such circumstances, God has wasted His time in preserving the Scriptures!

It's just as well that God ***never*** entrusted the Scriptures to evangelical Christianity! Had He done so, then the Scriptures would have been discarded, and even today, the Scriptures that the Lord Christ used are ***not*** considered to be the essential path to the establishment of God's Kingdom. No, God ***never*** entrusted the Scriptures to evangelical Christianity or any of Christianity! ***He entrusted His Word to the Jews!*** **Rom 3:1** "What advantage, then, is there in being a ***Jew***, or what value is there in circumcision? ² ***Much in every way! First of all, they have been ENTRUSTED WITH THE VERY WORDS OF GOD.***" Only the Jews could be entrusted with the preservation of the very words of God, and only the Jews are prepared to fight to the death for the preservation of God's Holy City Jerusalem. Most of the rest of the '***lost Tribes of Israel***' want to give it away to Satan's brood in order to have peace.

The Jewish people have long clung to the hope of the Scriptures, which they have preserved for millennia, that God will give them victory over the Satanic hordes that surround the Holy Land. ***And indeed God will!*** Only their faith in God has kept their aspirations alive when the rest of their brother tribes have abandoned all hope of victory. The Western world has adopted an ***appeasement*** approach, and had hoped to bribe these satanic creatures with the hope of peace and prosperity. If there has been a shift of emphasis by the Jewish people in recent years it's because of the audacious miscalculations of the Western sphere. Unwillingly to accept that peace is impossible with Muslim hordes, they've enforced compromise on the part of the Jewish people. It wasn't always this way! The Israelis fought furious battles and each time God gave them victory against overwhelming odds. But things changed rapidly when the Israelis began to listen to the myopic reasoning of weak, insipid nations. Today the Israelis are under increased threats of total annihilation as a result of weak, appeasement policies thrust upon them by incompetent administrations in the West. The West has been beguiled by Satan, and Israel has begun listening to them and acting accordingly.

In consequence of this, the Israelis now have a weak, insipid leader that seems to find common ground among the philosophies of their brother nations. Ehud Olmert seems to be in a drunken stupor, and seems incapable of determining even which way is up. I've never seen such a stumbling, bumbling incompetent in public life! He'd make a good evangelical Christian! These people seem to believe that being wishy-washy weak is a form of godliness. In contrast to this, God favours those who are ***strong and courageous***, and this will never be more important than in the coming holocaust that Christianity must face. Like the Lord Christ, they must be strong and courageous as they go as sheep to the slaughter – just as is prophesied! It was the weakness of evangelical Christianity that has contributed to the weak, appeasement policies of their secular leaders, and now they must face the consequences.

As far as having a ticket to heaven for doing nothing, it's worth noting that there will be some who will be gathered into 'heaven' to be housed under the Altar where the Lord Christ

administers to the Father as High Priest. These faithful people will ***not*** get there for doing nothing! These will be killed in martyrdom just as Jesus was! The Scriptures state this very clearly: **Rev 6:9-11** "When he opened the fifth seal, **I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and the Testimony they had maintained.** ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you **judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?**" ¹¹ Then each of them **was given a white robe,** and they were told to **wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.**" These people had been ***killed***, and were now alive and **living under the Altar** where they are **fed** (with ***manna*** – see **Rev 2:17**) and clothed with white robes. So you can take it at face value that there are no Christians in 'heaven' lounging around doing nothing – except those **who will be killed** in the coming martyrdom of the saints.

Christians should take Jesus' word for it that no man has ascended into heaven except the Son of Man who came from heaven and is in heaven today (**John 3:13**). And just to confirm this, at the time of Christ's death there were some saints resurrected ***bodily*** from their graves, and these walked around on earth and showed themselves to others. **Matt 27:51-53** "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. ⁵² **The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.** ⁵³ **They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.**" It was a miraculous event that showed the bodily resurrection process that Jesus experienced. These resurrected saints lived out the rest of their days and eventually died to await the latter resurrection. These will awaken in their lot along with Daniel for their allotted inheritance (**Dan 12:13**) together with all the servants of God of old.

1Thess 4:13-18 "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that **God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him** (***these are the ones mentioned in Rev 6:9-11***) ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that **we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord,** will certainly **not precede those who have fallen asleep.** ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, **and the dead in Christ will rise first.** ¹⁷ **After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words." In the next few verses, Paul speaks of that time, a time when destruction that will ensue: **1Thess 5:1-3** "Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "**Peace and safety,**" **destruction will come on them suddenly,** as labor pains on a pregnant woman, **and they will not escape.**"

Through carefully crafted fabrication, Christianity has attempted to apply this **destruction** to **others** rather than **themselves**. But they are unable to work around the clear message of **Rev 6:9-11**. As Paul says, those who are still alive will **certainly not precede** those who have died. What we can glean from all this is that there will be some who have held to the Word of God and maintained the Testimony of Jesus who will remain alive. These will meet the Lord Jesus in the air when He returns with the martyred saints. As Paul wrote, these will have their bodies changed in the twinkling of an eye, and will also be transformed to eternal life. But the martyrs will receive the greater reward. **These all died in faith (Heb 11:13) in the hope of a better resurrection (V35)**.

We're hearing a lot about martyrdom today. Satan's brood of offspring consider it the greatest honour to **die** for **Satan (allah the oak – see Strong's Concordance Hebrew ref no: 427 = allah)**. When people worship **Allah**, they are in reality **worshipping Satan the devil**. Almighty God considers it timely to let you know this!

As we've mentioned before, an oak tree produces fruit similar in shape and appearance to an olive. The olive tree is God's preferred tree because its fruit produces oil which is symbolic of God's Holy Spirit. The acorn produces no oil, and therefore cannot symbolize God's Holy Spirit. In fact, the oak tree symbolizes **Satan the devil**. Hence the name **Allah**, which means '**the oak tree**'. Foolishly, Satan adopted the name '**Allah**' as his preferred title among his brood of vipers. Satan specifically did this in defiance of God, but never foresaw that the outcome would be an **identification** of his **satanic brood from the Scriptures** by those who have God's Holy Spirit.

Satan takes great pride in sending his own brood into martyrdom for his own glory. As the god of this world, **Satan believes that it is fitting for his offspring to willingly give their lives on his behalf**. He is particularly joyful to see them slaughtering Christians and Jews and blowing them to pieces. It's beyond belief that some evangelical Christians are stating that Muslims worship the One True God! What sort of minds would concoct such lunatic reasoning?

The Almighty God openly admits to being a **jealous God (Ex 20:4-5)**; He takes a dim view of those who serve other gods, but He is particularly angry at those who **claim to serve Him**, but **would balk at laying down their lives for Him**. This is **not** Christ-like behaviour, and those who claim to follow Christ had better learn this lesson real fast!

Taking all this to its logical conclusion, why would God have any interest in anyone who won't obey Him? In fact, obedience to God's Law is merely a first step, and certainly **a required step**, but God requires more! He plans to create a whole new earth to be populated by those who emulate His only begotten Son Jesus and **who actually have the mind of the Lord Christ**. We've been through this many times over the years in the voluminous writings at our website, but in the interests of clarity, we'll touch on it again.

God intends to populate His Kingdom with those who are faithful to Him – just like His Son Jesus, and these people will share God's view on the need for law and order as

specified by God's eternal Law. **Dogs, liars, murderers and mystics** will have no place in God's Kingdom (**Rev 22:15**). A further reference to **dogs** can be found in Jesus' comments to a **Canaanite woman: Matt 15:26** "He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their **dogs**." In the next verse the Canaanite woman acknowledged that He was **referring to her**. What is more, Paul clarified the meaning of **dogs** in **Phil 3:1-2** "Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is **a safeguard for you.** ² **Watch out for those DOGS, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.**" Have you seen any of these **dogs** mutilating the flesh of Christians and Jews lately? With our own eyes we've seen these **dogs** blowing people to pieces, collapsing buildings and burning them alive. It wasn't just a few of these **dogs** who did this, **it was all of Islam!** All of Islam is determined to take over the Holy Land and to prevent the Kingdom of God from being established. They have openly stated that they intend to wipe the Israelis off the map, and as **dogs** they are baying for the blood of Israelis and the Western nations in general. From the **human** point-of-view, it would make sense for these creatures to live in peace and divest themselves of the madness that prevails over their minds, but we are **not** dealing with **human** elements, we are dealing with **dogs!** Voracious, evil creatures **whose father is the devil!**

So none of these will be in God's Kingdom, and neither will any others who have the same mindset! Jesus doesn't have this mindset, and this is evidenced by His comments to the Canaanite woman. All who would aspire to enter the Kingdom of God must have the **mind of Christ**. So how does the average Christian stack up to the **mind of Christ**? Have they recognized God's enemies as **dogs** – **as both Jesus and Paul did?** Or do they consider themselves to be too pure and holy to emulate Jesus? In doing so they subliminally accuse Jesus of being **'politically incorrect'**? Such people will soon realize that it is more important to please God than to be a man-pleaser. As for these dogs, such people will call them worse than this when they see these satanic hordes in full stride, and witness the carnage they inflict in your own neighbourhood. **And it's coming fast!**

Satan's hordes comprise all those who are **not** of the Tribes of Israel. He is lord and master to them all. They have Satan's mindset and he can switch them on and off like a tap. He can send his demons to rally them to mob-rule and riotous behaviour at will. He's presently positioning his hordes for the greatest coup of all time – **the complete destruction of the Western world** – which are predominantly the **'lost Tribes of Israel'**. You've seen their murderous resolve enacted in the Holy Land for many years, and you've seen the Jewish people defend it with their own blood. Evangelical Christians can learn a lot from the faithfulness of the Jewish people. Not only did God **entrust them with His very Words**, but He has also emphasized that **'salvation is from the Jews'**. **John 4:21-24** "Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, **a time is coming** when you will worship the Father **neither** on this mountain **nor** in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do **not** know; **we worship what we do know, FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE JEWS.** ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when **the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.** ²⁴ **God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in Truth."** **The**

time has now come for you to know this, and to understand what '***salvation***' means. **It literally means to be rescued from the hands of your enemies!** This is what the Kingdom of God is all about. God intends to ***rescue*** all the House of Israel and bring them back to the Holy Land as an inheritance forever.

As a matter of fact, John the Baptist was appointed to this very task as can be seen in the prophecies of His Levite father Zechariah ***under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit***: **Luke 1:67** "***His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:*** ⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, ***the God of Israel***, because he has come and has redeemed his people. ⁶⁹ ***He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David*** ⁷⁰ (***as he said through his holy prophets of long ago***), ⁷¹ ***SALVATION FROM OUR ENEMIES AND FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US*** – ⁷² to show mercy to our fathers and ***to remember His Holy Covenant***, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ ***TO RESCUE US FROM THE HAND OF OUR ENEMIES***, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ ***And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High***; for you will go on before the Lord ***to prepare the way for Him***, ⁷⁷ ***to give his people THE KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION*** through the ***forgiveness of their sins***, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which ***the Rising Sun will come to us from heaven*** ⁷⁹ to ***shine*** on those ***living in darkness*** and in ***the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.***" John was beheaded by ***a ruler of the heavenly realms*** – ***Herod*** – and never fulfilled these prophecies at the time, so they remain unfulfilled to this very day. But now they must be fulfilled, and God has appointed a man called '***Levi***' to do it (**Mal 2:4-7**). ***Levi***, like John is a ***messenger*** and a ***prophet of the Most High***, and it's he who will reestablish the ***House of God's servant David***, and set out to ***rescue the House of Israel from captivity, from among their enemies who hate them!***

So this is what '***salvation***' means and God wants you to know this. What God has said **through His Holy Spirit will stand!**

What is more, Jesus also stated that the Kingdom of God would arise ***among them*** – right in the Holy Land! **Luke 17:20-21** "Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The ***Kingdom of God*** does not come with your careful observation, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' ***because the kingdom of God is [among] you.***" (margin reference). Jesus was certainly ***not*** suggesting that the Kingdom of God was in '***the hearts of the Pharisees***' as some people like to suggest. The Pharisees were already '***plotting in their hearts***' to kill Jesus. Jesus was telling them that the Kingdom of God would arise right among them in the Holy Land! And these words were from the King of Kings Himself.

So, as always, Jesus was referencing Scripture. And where do we find this? It's found in the Book of Zechariah, and concerns the ***Sons of Jerusalem*** (***who have been taught by God***), and the Jewish people who will be recruited to join them in the ***slaughter of God's enemies*** – ***those who surround the Holy Land.***

Zech 12:1-6 "This is the word of the LORD **concerning Israel**. The LORD, ***who stretches out the heavens***, who ***lays the foundation of the earth***, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares: ² "***I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the SURROUNDING PEOPLES reeling***. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. ³ On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, ***I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations***. All who try to move it will injure themselves. ⁴ On that day I will strike ***every horse with panic and its rider with madness***," declares the LORD. "***I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah***, but I will blind all the ***horses of the nations*** (a reference to the four horsemen of the apocalypse) ⁵ Then the ***leaders of Judah*** will say in their hearts, '***The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.***' So the first charge against the ***surrounding nations*** will be mounted by the ***people of Jerusalem (Sons of Jerusalem)*** and the whole world will see how ***strong*** they are! They will ***send the surrounding nations reeling***; they will hammer them into the ground and leave death and destruction in their wake. And why? ***Because the Lord Almighty is their God***, and as God has said, '***Vengeance is His, He will repay!***' Like Moses, Joshua, David, and all the great men of God, they will go out as the '***armies of the Living God*** and will ***not*** turn back until they accomplish their mission.

And while all this is going on ***among*** the people of ***Judah***, what will their leaders do? On learning that the Sons of Jerusalem ***are strong because the LORD Almighty is their God***, the ***leaders of Judah*** will jump in to support them. **V6** "***On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will CONSUME right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.***"

Meanwhile, the rest of the Tribes of Israel, because of their bleeding-heart liberalism, will object and threaten Jerusalem and the Jews and call it an outrage. And this will be amid their own death throes and their destruction as nations. It's called the '***blame-game***' – someone else must be responsible for their demise.

God gave the mightiest power on earth today, which is America, the ability to wage war effectively – just as He did anciently for the House of Israel. God required the House of Israel to go in and utterly slaughter men, women and children of Satan's hordes. And things went well for them when they did! At no time did God suggest bringing peace to His enemies. So while the ***Sons of Jerusalem*** and ***Judah*** are ***consuming the nations that surround the Holy Land***, Satan's brood will be consuming the Western nations of Europe as well as America. Then their blame-game will appear decidedly weak and insipid! At that time, they'll have to look for real answers, and we can tell them in advance: ***They should have utterly destroyed God's enemies when they had the chance!*** Instead of '***winning their hearts and minds***' and attempting to bring them ***peace and prosperity***, they should have crushed them like ants and plundered them, taking over all their oil fields. Had they done so, the House of Israel would have preserved their lives and well-being as a nation.

But God knew in advance they wouldn't do it. For too long the looney-left have peddled their insipid doctrine of placation and weakness! They lack the guts to administer true justice, and now they must witness the fruits of their stupidity. I can tell you this, they will rue the day they ever peddled their '**political correctness**' doctrine, which was designed to favour Satan's brood. And so will most of Christianity rue the day they created their own fake façade, with all its wishy-washy weakness and lack of dedication to God's objective of establishing His Kingdom.

Men of courage and tenacity, and **whose God is the Great Creator God**, will take up the challenge to establish the Kingdom of God as a tiny mustard seed which will grow right among the Jews and continue to grow until all the territory **from the Nile River to the Euphrates River in Babylon** has been divested of the **dogs** that are Satan's offspring. **The nations of Islam will be sent reeling with horror and foreboding.**

The mightiest nation on earth today, the United States of America, will also **be sent reeling, BUT AT THE HAND OF THEIR ENEMIES – who are also God's enemies.** In the final centuries of Satan's six thousand year rule, God chose to empower the offspring of Joseph, and particularly Joseph's son **Ephraim**. He was prophesied to be the **greatest** of the nations of Israel, and to literally rule over all his brother tribes.

Ephraim was, in fact, given rule over ten tribes through Jeroboam in the days of Solomon's son Rehoboam. One might have thought that **Jeroboam the Ephraimite** would have been grateful to God and aspired to serve Him faithfully. Not Jeroboam! He feared that the ten tribes would hasten back to worship in Jerusalem as God required them to do, so he devised **his own religion, patterned after the surrounding nations – the dogs of Satan the devil.**

This is the account of Jeroboam's rule and the circumstances leading up to it: **1Kings 11:29-39** "About that time Jeroboam was going out of Jerusalem, and Ahijah the prophet of Shiloh met him on the way, wearing a new cloak. The two of them were alone out in the country, ³⁰ and Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into **twelve pieces.** ³¹ Then he said to Jeroboam, "**Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten tribes.** ³² **But for the sake of my servant David and the city of Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, he will have ONE TRIBE.** ³³ I will do this because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the **Sidonians**, Chemosh the god of the **Moabites**, and Molech the god of the **Ammonites**, and have **not walked in my ways, nor done what is right in my eyes, nor kept my statutes and laws as David, Solomon's father, did.** ³⁴ But I will **not** take the whole kingdom out of Solomon's hand; I have made him ruler all the days of his life **for the sake of David my servant, whom I chose and who observed my Commands and Statutes.** ³⁵ I will take the kingdom from his son's hands **and give you ten tribes.** ³⁶ I will give **one tribe** to his son so that **David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I chose to put my Name.** ³⁷ However, as for you, I will take you, and you will rule over all

that your heart desires; you will be **king over Israel**.³⁸ **If you do whatever I command you and walk in my ways and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my Statutes and Commands, as David my servant did, I will be with you.** I will **build you a DYNASTY as enduring as the one I built for David** and will give Israel to you.³⁹ I will **humble David's descendants** because of this, **BUT NOT FOREVER.**' "

So the **DYNASTY** of **Jeroboam the Ephraimite** was to **endure just like the one God built for David**. The **DYNASTY of David endured** right to the time of **Christ – the Son of David**. What is less known is that Jeroboam's dynasty continues to this very day. Jeroboam's ten tribes certainly went into slavery and exile around 722BC, but finally found freedom and their own lands far away from the Holy Land. Just as Joseph was prince over his brothers in Egypt, so was his son **Ephraim** to be magnitudes greater than any other of the ten Tribes of Israel. Only one nation stands as this monolith of greatness today, **and this is America**. So rulership has been given to **Ephraim** in fulfillment of the promise of **a lasting dynasty** which was to parallel the dynasty of David. The dynasty of David is set to reemerge with the second witness from the Tribe of Judah. Like the Levite witness, he will also witness the establishment of God's Kingdom. This witness is a Jew, from the line of David's dynasty.

In the final resolution of everything, and at the time when God's Kingdom is established, and **after** a huge rift develops between **Judah** and **Ephraim** (the U.S.), **they will be joined as one nation!** **Eze 37:15-28** "The word of the LORD came to me:¹⁶ "Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, '**Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.**' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, '**Ephraim's stick, belonging to Joseph and ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL associated with him.**'¹⁷ Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand.¹⁸ "When your countrymen ask you, 'Won't you tell us what you mean by this?'¹⁹ say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take **the stick of JOSEPH – which is in EPHRAIM'S hand – AND OF THE ISRAELITE TRIBES ASSOCIATED WITH HIM,** and **join it to Judah's stick,** making them a single stick of wood, **and they will become one in my hand.**'²⁰ Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on²¹ and say to them, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. **I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.**²² I will make them **one nation** in the land, **on the mountains of Israel.** There will be **one king over all of them** and they will **never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.**²³ They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding," and I will cleanse them. **They will be my people, and I will be their God.**²⁴ **MY SERVANT DAVID WILL BE KING OVER THEM,** and they will all have one shepherd. **They will follow my Laws and be careful to keep my Decrees.**²⁵ **They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived.** They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and **David my servant will be their prince forever.**²⁶ I will make a **covenant of peace** with them; it will be an **Everlasting Covenant.** I will establish them and increase their numbers, **and I will put my Sanctuary among them**

forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my Sanctuary is among them forever."

Then all the other nations will know that **God has made the House of Israel holy and His Sanctuary will be among them forever.** What is more, **God Himself will dwell there with them.** And **David will be king over the Israelites,** and **the Lord Christ will be King over all the earth.** The Lord Christ will be King over many kings, and will be called the King of Kings. There will be many kings and priests administering over the earth. What is more, the **Sceptre of kingship** will not depart from Judah: **Gen 49:10** "The scepter will **not** depart from **Judah,** nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs **and the obedience of the nations is His."**

Well, most people understand this perfectly well, and know that it refers to the Lord Christ, who will have the obedience of the nations. But what most people don't know and couldn't know – **especially Jew-haters** – is that **every ruler** in God's Kingdom will be from **JUDAH!** **Zech 10:4** "From **JUDAH** will come the **Cornerstone** (*the Lord Christ is the Chief Cornerstone*), from him the **tent peg** (*the support for securing the dwelling place*), from him the **battle bow** (*the means to make war against God's enemies*), **FROM HIM EVERY RULER."** With the establishment of God's Kingdom **EVERY RULER** will be from **JUDAH** and they will rule the nations with a rod of iron, and dash them to pieces like pottery just as God has said in **Rev 2:26-27**. Those who are **not Jews** and hope to enter God's Kingdom had better start emulating them now in dedication and obedience to God's Law. Even the Jews are **not** perfect in this, but at least they have a head-start on evangelical Christianity!

Did you know that God has extreme issues with those **who claim to be Jews and are not?** **Rev 2:8-10** "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty – yet you are rich! **I KNOW THE SLANDER OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE JEWS AND ARE NOT, BUT ARE A SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN.** ¹⁰ **Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.** I tell you, **THE DEVIL** will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. **Be faithful, even to the point of death,** and I will give you the **crown of life."**

It should be obvious to all today who these slanderous people are, and who their many sympathizers are. Who claims to worship the one True God, yet worship **THE DEVIL** (*Allah*), and who have substituted God's Law for Shariah law? Who claim Jerusalem and the Holy Land as their own, and have corrupted the Word of God by substituting Mohammed as their prophet with precedence over the Lord Christ? Who is it that claims that **Ishmael** – **not Isaac** – was offered by Abraham as the sacrifice, and who is it that wields influence over all the Christian nations, who grovel before them? Who is plotting the destruction of the whole House of Israel and have vowed to wipe the Israelis off the map? Who has waged war on Christians and Jews and continues to slaughter them in Muslim countries and wherever they find them? The answer is obvious, isn't it? Muslims even

emulate the Jews by not eating pig meat, yet they happily eat any other of the meat that God has forbidden, including **camels (Lev 11:4)**, which is a most desirable meat at the Hajj in Mecca, though most do **consume sheep**, which in itself has deep symbolic meaning.

So they are **not Jews** but **liars – just like their father the devil! Rev 3:7-10** "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of Him who is holy and true, **who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.** ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have **little strength**, yet you have kept my Word and have **not denied my Name.** ⁹ I will make those **WHO ARE OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, who CLAIM TO BE JEWS though they are not**, but are **LIARS** – I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, **I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon THE WHOLE WORLD to test those who live on the earth.**" The faithful people, **who really are Jews**, even if by being **grafted into the Olive Tree (as Paul puts it in Rom 11:16-18)**, will **not deny** the **Name of Jesus Christ**. There are even some today **who claim to be Jews** yet don't resemble them at all! These are the fringe of Christianity who actually deny the Name of Jesus Christ, preferring another name (Yeshua) in a foreign language. Like the Muslims, they like to emulate the Hebrew language. There is nothing wrong with the Hebrew language, and the Jews still use it today in Israel, but as a matter of interest, they have substituted the word for **oak tree (allah)** for '**allon**' in their modernized version of Hebrew so as **not to offend Islam**.

God foresaw this happening long ago, and believe it or not, the **official language** in the Kingdom of God will be **English!** So all the so-called '**sacred names**' are set to disappear from human vocabulary. This is what God has said: **Eze 3:1-12** "And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, **eat this scroll; then go and speak to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL.**" ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ Then he said to me, "Son of man, **eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.**" So I ate it, **and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.**" This is a reference to the **Scroll of Prophecy** and is mentioned several times throughout the Bible. There is the first instance where God gives the prophet the scroll to eat (**as written above**) and to go to the **whole House of Israel** and speak to them in his own language – **a language that both understand**. That language is **English!** God's true prophets will **not** be speaking in any other language – **not** now or forever in the future! **This is by the command of God!**

V4 "He then said to me: "Son of man, **GO NOW TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL** and speak my words to them. ⁵ You are **not being sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, BUT TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL** – ⁶ **not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand.** Surely if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. ⁷ But the **HOUSE OF ISRAEL is not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me**, for **THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL is hardened and obstinate.** ⁸ **But I will**

make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. ⁹ I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a **REBELLIOUS HOUSE." ¹⁰ And he said to me, "Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. ¹¹ **Go now to your countrymen in exile** and speak to them. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says,' whether they **listen or fail to listen.**" ¹² **Then the Spirit lifted me up,** and I heard behind me **a loud rumbling sound** – **May the GLORY of the LORD be praised in His DWELLING PLACE!**"**

There is another reference to this **SCROLL (V3)**, but this time it's referred to as a **FLYING SCROLL** in **Zech 4:11-5:4** "Then I asked the angel, "What are these **two olive trees** on the right and the left of the lampstand?" ¹² Again I asked him, "What are these **two olive branches** beside the two gold pipes that **pour out golden oil?**" ¹³ He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said. ¹⁴ So he said, "These are the **two** who are **anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.**" **Zech 5:1** "I looked again – and there before me was a **FLYING SCROLL!**" ² He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a **FLYING SCROLL**, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide." ³ And he said to me, "This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be **BANISHED**, and according to what it says on the other, everyone **who swears falsely** will be **BANISHED.**" ⁴ The LORD Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the **house of the thief** and the house of him **who swears falsely by my Name.** It will remain in his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones." This is a **FLYING SCROLL** that will travel through the air, and to be more specific, it will be unfurled against the bow of a **flying ship**. Two witnesses or prophets, called the **Olive Branches**, will be **BANISHING** those who are offensive to God from ever entering God's Holy Land. And what is written on this scroll will apply to their whole household and they will not only be **BANISHED** but **destroyed** forever. God lists two major faults to watch for: those **who swear falsely by His Name** in order to gain admission, and those who are **thieves** – ***who steal the bread of others for survival.*** These thieves will **not** look like Auschwitz inmates as they would be expected to be if coming from captivity and slavery and will draw attention to themselves by their appearance. As a matter of fact, the Jewish people used this formula for killing off the Capo collaborators after liberation in the Concentration camps of the holocaust. These were well-fed and in good shape and easy to spot, so they were killed on the spot. The whole purpose of the coming holocaust is to punish the House of Israel for their insolence and rebellion against God. Those who survive in good shape will **not** be those who are repentant! So that's what the **flying scroll** is all about!

Then there is a **third** mention of a **scroll**, a **little scroll**, spoken of in the **Book of Revelation**. ***This scroll is sweet in the mouth but bitter to the stomach.*** This scroll is delivered again by a mighty angel, and is **for the time when the seventh angel is about to sound seventh trumpet.**

Rev 10:5-11, 11:1-12 "Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. ⁶ And he swore by Him who lives for ever and ever, who

created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! ⁷ But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, JUST AS HE ANNOUNCED TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS." ⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me **once more:** "Go, take **THE SCROLL** that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." ⁹ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the **LITTLE SCROLL**. He said to me, "**Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.**" ¹⁰ I took the **LITTLE SCROLL** from the angel's hand and ate it. **It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.** ¹¹ Then I was told, "**You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.**"

This scroll is a time of bitterness and a time when the prophet comes under attack. A time when the whole world is hostile to the Kingdom of God and is seeking to kill God's two prophets from the Tribes of Levi and Judah! This very scroll was mentioned by David in the Psalms: **Ps 56:2-9** "My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride. ³ When I am afraid, I will trust in you. ⁴ **In God, whose Word I praise,** in God I trust; I will not be afraid. **What can mortal man do to me?** ⁵ **All day long they twist my words; they are always plotting to harm me.** ⁶ **They conspire, they lurk, they watch my steps, eager to take my life.** ⁷ **On no account let them escape;** in your anger, O God, **BRING DOWN THE NATIONS.** ⁸ **Record my lament;** list my tears **ON YOUR SCROLL** – **are they not in your record?** ⁹ **Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me.**"

So we are talking about the time frame between the Sixth and the Seventh Trumpet just as the angel prepares to sound it.

Continuing now in the next verse of the Book of Revelation: **Rev 11:1** "I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "**Go and measure the temple of God and the altar,** and count the worshipers there. ² But exclude the outer court; do **not** measure it, **because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the Holy City for 42 months.** ³ **And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.**" Now here's a situation! Gentiles are running amok in the Holy City after all the preliminary work has been done in securing the Holy Land. But prophecy must be fulfilled, and this insurgency comes about through rebellion when certain weaklings think they must '**reach out**' to the Gentiles in order to have peace and security. And so history will repeat itself. Daniel actually mentions these things in **Dan 7:12-14**. Because this is a very complex subject, we won't digress to cover it now, but we should make mention of **Dan 11:31-35** "**His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice.** Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. ³² With **flattery** he will corrupt **those who have violated the Covenant,** **BUT THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD WILL FIRMLY RESIST HIM.** ³³ **Those who are wise will instruct many,** though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. ³⁴ When they

fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are **not sincere** will join them. ³⁵ **Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.** ³⁶ "The king will do as he pleases. **He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods.** He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, **for what has been determined must take place.**"

Prior to this, we get some idea of why the nations are so angry. They refuse to acknowledge God or His servants the prophets, and as a result of taking so many hits from them, they will seek to destroy them through flattery and intrigue. So in the interim the **Two Olive Trees** must stand their ground and take the fight to the enemy. Only this time, their weapons will be **plague** and **famine** and they will call down **fire from the sky**. Continuing in **Rev 11:4-6** "These are the **two Olive Trees** and the **two Lampstands** that **stand before the Lord of the earth.** ⁵ **If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.** ⁶ **These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.** **Turning water into blood** is one of the plagues of Moses' day in Egypt. These two Olive Trees will **add** many more plagues to this – **and as often as they want!**

And herein lies the fiction of the present state of the House of Israel's method of warfare. It's called **limited engagement**. In the war in Vietnam, if the enemy dropped ten bombs, then the West would drop ten bombs – but never on civilians because of 'collateral damage'. Mustn't hurt the heathen! And of course, first strike or preemptive warfare is a no-no to the foolish House of Israel! Like lost sheep they don't know how to engage the enemy! Well, as we have seen from **Rev 11:4-6** that God's servants the prophets have completely different methodology, and what is more, **GOD FIRMLY BACKS THEM JUST AS HE DID MOSES!**

The heathen mean nothing to God, and He makes this point very clearly in **Isa 40:17** **"Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing."** As a point of interest, **Isa 40** is where John the Baptist began his preaching (**V3-5**). I hope the reader understands the significance of this.

So God's servants the prophets will pull no punches in regard to the heathen hordes, and especially those who have rebelled against God! This period, however, will last just 3½ years. And in fulfillment of what David wrote in **Psalms 56:4**, which we just quoted, **no mortal man** will harm the prophets. It's going to take someone more powerful and ruthless, and God plans to set up this ruthless creature to commit this very act. God wants to convict this creature of a crime at the upper levels of the scales of justice and make him pay the ultimate price for his many outrages. And his many accomplices will join him at his execution. This is **not a mortal man!** He's already spent many years in **the Abyss** (**Rev 9:11** where demons are held for judgment), and he'll be released to commit this very act!

Continuing in **Rev 11:7-12** "Now when they (God's two prophets) have **finished their Testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.**" So there will be a **last stand** and a **fight to the death!** God's prophets know they will lose this fight and be martyred, but they will **still firmly resist him** and refuse to give ground or retreat! To die in God's service is the greatest honour any servant of God could aspire to, and no servant of God fears death. **V8** "Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is **figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.**" This gives us a reasonably good idea of what will be going on in Jerusalem at that time. The reference to **Sodom and Egypt** is quite interesting and very appropriate. Obviously, the plagues of the two prophets account partially for the mention of Egypt and the fact that one of the witnesses is a Levite just like Moses. But the mention of Sodom has real significance. The Apostle Peter mentions **Sodom** in these terms: **2Pet 2:4-6** "**For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, PUTTING THEM INTO GLOOMY DUNGEONS TO BE HELD FOR JUDGMENT;** ⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, **but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness,** and seven others; ⁶ **if he condemned the cities of SODOM and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an EXAMPLE of what is going to happen to the ungodly..**" The ones being held for **judgment** are **THE ANGELS who were put in gloomy dungeons!** All the humans are dead! It's these **God-defying angels** or **demons** that are going to be made an **example** of, and this example is for all the ungodly. It just happens that one of these is **the beast that comes out of the Abyss** to kill God's prophets! God is identifying the very demon rulers of old, both in Egypt and Sodom.

Continuing in **Rev 11:9-11** "For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies **and refuse them burial.** ¹⁰ **The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them** and will **celebrate by sending each other gifts, BECAUSE THESE TWO PROPHETS HAD TORMENTED THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE EARTH.** ¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, **and terror struck those who saw them.** ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "**Come up here.**" **And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.**"

There are many things written in the Scriptures concerning these events but it would be impossible to go into them all now. The actual subject of this article concerns the Jews and the meaning of salvation. Rather than being the enemy of **true** Christianity, the Jews are in fact Christianity's best friend – **they just don't know it yet!** But the Jews have been through what Christianity must now suffer and have survived. So they know all about persecution and death **at the hands of their enemies.** Therefore the Jews are well qualified to rescue Christianity from the hands of the enemy. Once they are taught to be **strong**, and to **fear** God rather than men, they will be a mighty nation once more.

Still they have yet to learn that Jesus is their Christ, and they will repent deeply of denying this evidence, which their forebears were privy to. Their forebears knew and recorded the

many miracles and His miraculous resurrection from death. They were there when others were raised alive from the tombs and appeared to them. All of which would seem to make the rejection of Jesus Christ unforgivable, considering that God forgives ***nothing*** that is ***not*** repented of. So why did Jesus say, "***Father, forgive them for they don't know what they're doing***"? ***This is the very thrust of what we are saying.*** Those men who engaged in putting Jesus to death were ***demon-possessed, and they didn't know what they were doing.*** These men were beguiled by satanic forces and conducted themselves accordingly, and at the time were incapable of doing anything else! Take the example of Judas, who was possessed by Satan in the very presence of Jesus. Following this possession, he immediately charged out in the middle of the night to muster forces against Jesus. This was a man who was numbered with the Twelve, who had seen the many miracles, and like the others was convinced that Jesus was the Christ. But he had a serious character flaw – he was a greedy thief – and so became an easy mark for Satan! Judas didn't even have the presence of mind to protest or get a grip on himself. He turned on his heel and went out into the night.

Not all in the priesthood were like the murderous dupes of Satan the devil. In fact, a great number of them became ***obedient to the faith:*** ***Acts 6:7*** "***So the Word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIESTS became obedient to the faith.***" It was the ***Jewish people themselves*** who ***took the Gospel into the world,*** and this is why they were ***entrusted with the very Words of God.*** Without the efforts of the Jewish people Christianity would ***not*** have survived. God knew this, and so He chose His most loyal tribe for this vital purpose. And furthermore, ***the Jews were the only ones who were obedient to the Laws and Statutes that God gave to His servant Moses.*** So why would God choose anyone else? It didn't take long for Gentile Christianity to divest themselves of obedience to God's Law, and this is the way it is today! Haplessly, Christianity is following the edicts of the Gentiles in repudiating God's Law. There remains only a tiny minority of true Christians today who follow the ***Christianity founded by the Jews,*** and this speaks volumes ***against*** evangelical Christianity in all its forms! Not only do they worship a false Christ, but they also follow a false gospel. They depict Jesus as a cowardly weakling, and even portray Him as a long-haired sissy. They have yet to learn that Jesus is a Mighty Warrior, the Messiah, the King of Kings, and Lord of Hosts. In warfare He has no equal, and is the greatest General that will ever be! He will actually provoke a war with great hordes of people from the north and east of Jerusalem, and He Himself will go out to fight (***Zech 14:1-3***). This is the real Jesus, and the ***same Jesus*** that the disciples saw departing from the Mount of Olives as the angel pointed out: ***Acts 1:10-11*** "***They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This SAME JESUS, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.***"

As a matter of fact, the 14th chapter of Zechariah mentions this very thing: ***Zech 14:3-5*** "***Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations,*** as he fights in the day of battle. ⁴ ***On that day his feet will STAND ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES,*** east of

Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. ⁵ You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake ⁶ in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. **Then the LORD my God will come, AND ALL THE HOLY ONES WITH HIM.**"

So the gospel preached by evangelical Christianity has very little in common with reality. They neither know Jesus, nor do they understand His message. But they have certainly been very successful in deluding many people.

It's written that if the demons knew what they were doing they would ***not*** have put to death the Lord of Glory. **1Cor 2:6-8** "We do, however, speak **a message of wisdom among the mature, but *not* the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.** ⁷ No, we speak of **God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden** and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ **None of the RULERS OF THIS AGE understood it, for if they had, THEY would *not* have crucified the Lord of Glory.**"

So ***who*** does Paul say crucified Jesus? He says it was the **RULERS OF THIS AGE!** Paul refers to them again in **Eph 6:10-12** "Finally, be **strong** in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can **take your stand against the devil's schemes.** ¹² **for our struggle is NOT against FLESH AND BLOOD, but AGAINST THE RULERS, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS.**" This is a concept that many people simply refuse to understand. Satan has **many rulers** dominating the highest positions in human affairs, and their human hosts are able to manipulate virtually anyone or anything they choose, but with one exception! They are powerless against those who know their God and who therefore cannot be deceived.

Satan is cunning, crafty, suspicious and manipulative and powerful enough to get his own way in most instances. But he certainly doesn't have wisdom – he lost that long ago when he turned against God in rebellion. His light flamed out and today there is no light or truth in him.

It never ceases to amaze me how evangelical Christians are able to work '***ma heart***' or '***yo' heart***' into nearly every sentence. Strangely enough, they never quote God when He mentions **their hearts** in **Deut 5:29** "Oh, that **their hearts** would be inclined to **fear me** and **keep all my Commandments always**, so that it might go well with them and their children **forever!**" God even adds this in **Deut 8:20** "**To the Law and to the Testimony!** If they do ***not*** speak **according to this Word, they have no light of dawn.**" **No light of dawn – which means they are still living in darkness!** If there is any redeeming feature: at least they are not Muslims!

Mob rule and even '**peaceful**' demonstrations are a favourite place for demons to whip people into a frenzy of madness, and at times we see blood flow as people take issue with seemingly insane causes. In recent times we've seen armies of 'Christian' wood-ducks marching in the streets in support of Islamic causes. This became rampant at the time of '**Mohammed cartoons**' fiasco. These people went arm-in-arm with these Muslims in demonstrating against Western civilization. What these people don't know, because they're **deluded**, is that Islam considers them to be '**useful fools**'. Here's a quote from a respectable news source concerning the methods of Islam:

*"According to MSA, the correct position for Muslims in America involves their marching alongside neo-fascists and Stalinists, with the legions of "**useful fools**" who flock to **bogus** "peace" demonstrations. What is the real nature of the Muslim Students' Association of the U.S. and Canada (MSA)?"*

The real nature of the **Muslim Students Association (MSA)** is the same as **all** other Muslim groups: **to deceive people!** So what are Christians doing demonstrating with them – and against their own people and country? **They're doing exactly what Satan and the rulers of the heavenly realms want them to do!** They've become '**useful fools**' to the enemies of God!

Most people throughout their lives have some experience or knowledge of the supernatural, and hear of weird, unnatural things. There is a great diversity of opinion over what it all means or even the source of these strange things. The sanitized version offered by Christians of some of these strange happenings is often described as the 'lost souls' of the departed. People readily believe that haunted houses have ghosts or spirits of the departed; they seem to think that these are a spirit matrix of a former living human. They're not! **These are demons, not humans!** And these **demons** play all sorts of tricks on people. There are millions of demons on earth. Most live among Satan's brood and hold them captive through superstition and crazy, demented reasoning. Satan's brood is particularly susceptible. But so are many in the Western nations, whose minds are incapable of sound reasoning and who believe in mystic fables. These live on the extreme edge of any form of sanity, and are usually considered a bit weird. They can frequently be heard arguing with themselves. These are the whacked-out weirdos of society, which most people observe from time to time, and the type of people that mothers warn their children to stay away from.

But **not** all demons are the same, just as all human beings are **not** the same. Many demons are subtle, cunning, and manipulative. And those they target usually have cunningly disguised behavioural or emotional problems, but still have the ability to appeal virtuous just like '**angels of light**' as mentioned by Paul: **2Cor 11:14** "**And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.**" And this is not confined to false apostles and deceivers in the churches, but at the highest echelons of society. Look at how many Hollywood celebrities have become complete crackpots, and who call evil good, and good evil, yet always seem to claim the high moral ground.

But one defining example stands out from all others. President Ahmadinejad of Persia (Iran) is presently playing this for all its worth. He claims God is speaking to him when he pronounces death to all Israelis and stands ready to wipe them off the face of the map. He thinks when he speaks publicly he's bathed in some sort of green light, a sure sign, he believes, that God is with him. He presents himself as an angel of light, and carries out his masquerade with polished deception. He is ***not*** hosting a lowly, run-of-the-mill demon, but **a powerful, influential ruler of the heavenly realms**, and this ruler has a global ambition. And it's through this **ruler of the heavenly realms** that Satan's ambition will be fulfilled in the destruction and captivity of the House of Israel. It was decreed by God through His servants the prophets long ago, and as Jesus said, "***All the prophets prophesied until John [the Baptist]***" and he represented the Elijah who was to come. With the coming of **Levi** (who is **Elijah**), **ALL prophecy that has been recorded becomes REALITY! Prophecy** was written for the future, but **reality** is now! The House of Israel has been hard-headed and stubborn and was ***not*** prepared to listen to **prophecy**, now they must suffer the **reality!** And this is the way it was prophesied!

What about Christians today? Knowledge has been greatly increased, yet are they getting closer to the Truth? No, they're going in the other direction still believing myths and fables and a spurious doctrine. Would they recognize Jesus if He appeared again? Some would expect Him to have long hair like a girl. Others would expect Him to be pleading with the nations to be nice. I would just remind people that Jesus is the **Christ**, the **Promised Messiah**, and everyone would do well to understand the meaning of '**Messiah**'. The Christ today wields a mighty sword, and His exploits are detailed in a coming battle with the slaughter of millions of Muslims in the City of Mecca: **Isa 63:1-6** "Who is this coming from **Edom**, from Bozrah, **with His garments stained crimson?** Who is this, **robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength?** "It is I, **SPEAKING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, mighty to SAVE.**" ² "**Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress?**" ³ "I have trodden the **winepress** alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; **their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing.** ⁴ For the **Day of Vengeance** was in my heart, and the **year of my redemption** has come. ⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me. ⁶ **I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground.**" This is the **Mighty Christ**, the **Saviour**, the **Promised Messiah, mighty to SAVE**, and He takes the fight to the heart of His enemies, and attacks them in their own holy city Mecca in the territory of **Edom** – **whom God hates!**

The rulers of the heavenly realms fell on their own sword when they thought they could do as they please without retribution. But fierce retribution awaits them, culminating in a thousand-year prison sentence along with Satan the devil. This reality has not yet dawned on them, and they still believe that they can discredit God and destroy all His people. As the arch-rebel that he is, he's planning a coup. Not your ordinary run-of-the-mill coup, so common among his brood, **but a coup against God Himself.**

In the lead-up to this, John saw two distinct **SIGNS** appear in the heavens. **Rev 12:1-2** "A great and wondrous **SIGN** appeared in heaven: **a woman clothed with the sun**, with the **moon** under her feet and a **crown of twelve stars on her head**.² She was pregnant and cried out in pain **as she was about to give birth**." The **first SIGN** was of a woman, clothed with the **sun** (*the Sun of Righteousness*), with the **moon** (*the lesser light*) under her feet, and a crown of **12 stars** (*the sons of Israel/Jacob*) on her head. She was pregnant and was about to give birth. This was a **SIGN** rather than a **prophecy**, and the **prophecy** from which this **sign originated** was given by **Joseph** in the Book of Genesis: **Gen 37:9-11** "Then he (*Joseph*) had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, **and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me**."¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? **Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?**"¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, **but his father kept the matter in mind**." As it turned out, his brothers sold him into slavery out of jealous rage, and his Father and brothers actually did come and pay obeisance to him in fulfillment of the prophecy. It's important to note that **Joseph's mother (spoken of by Jacob)** was **Rachel**, and she **died in childbirth** with the birth of Benjamin.

I'm reluctant to attempt an explanation of all these things because the details are so vast they can't be condensed into abbreviated answers. But I'll make a feeble attempt to put it together so the reader can make some sense of it, and distinguish between **prophecy** and **signs**. In the interests of clarity, I'll include comments in **blue** with each of these prophecies.

Firstly, there is a **prophecy** about **Rachel** recorded in **Matt 2:14-19** "So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of **Herod**. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "**Out of Egypt I called my son**."¹⁶ When **Herod** realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.¹⁷ **Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:**¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, **RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN** and refusing to be comforted, **because they are no more**."

(There are several comments to make here. **Firstly**, Herod! **Herod was a ruler of the heavenly realms, a satanic tyrant** before whom Jesus **refused to speak**, thereby fulfilling what was written, **He remained silent and went as a lamb to the slaughter**. Conversely, Jesus **did** speak to Pontius Pilate, who consequently wanted to free him and washed his hands of the whole affair. Pilate was **not** in Satan's camp!

Secondly, we have the inclusion of what was written by **Hosea**: '**Out of Egypt I called my son**'. Matthew says this was fulfilled when Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with their baby and returned. In fact, Hosea was writing about **another** son of God, and his name was **Ephraim**, who was **Joseph's son, and the grandson of Rachel**. **Both sons** were

called out of Egypt; the earlier one by **Moses** with many miracles. **Thirdly, Jeremiah prophesied of Rachel**, where there was great mourning and **Rachel was weeping for her children**. We should remember that Rachel had two children: **Joseph and Benjamin**, and she **died in childbirth** delivering Benjamin. Joseph's son Ephraim went on to become the greatest of all the Tribes of Israel, and was actually given ten Tribes by God! We'll get to this shortly.)

Concerning Hosea's prophecy '**Out of Egypt I called my son**' (quoted by Apostle Matthew the Levite), we find this is a reference to Ephraim: **Hos 11:1-6** "When **Israel** was a child, I loved him, and **OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON**.² But the more I called **Israel**, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals (**Baal** or **Beelzebub** is **Satan the devil** – **Matt 12:24-28**) and they burned incense to images.³ It was I who taught **EPHRAIM** to walk, taking **them** by the arms; but **they** did not realize it was I who healed them.⁴ I led **them** with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from **their** neck and bent down to feed **them**. (God speaks in the **plural** in reference to **Ephraim**, because He is referring to the **whole Tribe of them**).⁵ "Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?⁶ Swords will flash in their cities, will destroy the bars of their gates and put an end to their plans."

(Comments: You'll notice that Matthew shows this prophecy was yet **unfulfilled** at the time of Christ, **until Joseph and Mary fulfilled it**. It was **not** fulfilled when Ephraim led the northern Ten Tribes into captivity in 721BC, though it was partially fulfilled. The complete fulfillment will result when **Ephraim** and the **Ten Tribes associated with him** return to the Promised Land and settle in peace. This is further explained by the prophecy of **Rachel weeping for her children**.)

This is what Jeremiah wrote about Rachel: **Jer 31:15-22** "This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, **RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN** and refusing to be comforted, **because her children are no more**."¹⁶ This is what the LORD says: "Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the LORD. "**They will return from the LAND OF THE ENEMY**."¹⁷ So there is hope for your future," declares the LORD. "**Your children will return to their own land**."¹⁸ I have surely heard **EPHRAIM'S** moaning: "You **disciplined** me like **an unruly calf**, and I have been disciplined. Restore me, and I will return, because you are the LORD my God."¹⁹ **After I strayed, I repented; after I came to understand, I beat my breast**. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore **the disgrace of my youth**."²⁰ "**IS NOT EPHRAIM MY DEAR SON, the child in whom I delight?** Though I **often speak against him**, I still remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD.²¹ "Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take. **Return, O Virgin Israel**, return to your towns."²² How long will you wander, **O unfaithful daughter? The LORD will create a new thing on earth** – a **WOMAN** will **surround [or protect] a man**." That **man** is **God's dear son Ephraim!** We've come full-circle on the '**woman**' mentioned here. It's the same '**woman**' mentioned in **Rev**

12:1 and fulfills Joseph's ancient prophecy concerning the sun, moon and 12 stars. Importantly, it's **now** a **sign** because it is currently being fulfilled.

So let's try to fill a few more gaps in the understanding of all this. In this passage of Jeremiah, God is speaking of **Ephraim** the son of Joseph, and refers to him as His **son**, in fact, His **dear son**! This shows great affection. God also refers to **Ephraim** as '**Return O Virgin Israel!**' This is in reference to them **returning to God, and their deep repentance and beating of their breast in humiliation and contrition**. By **returning to God** they will be able to **return** from **the land of their enemy**. And this is when they will receive the title of '**Virgin Israel**'. They'll once again be pure in God's eyes, having been disciplined and having lost so many of their children.

This chapter (**twelve**) of the Book of Revelation continues with **another sign**, and this time the **sign** identifies **the enemy** with the **seven heads and ten horns**. The Book of Revelation is heavy with symbolic language and many of the signs given will only be apparent when they are fulfilled. God does, however, reveal His secrets to His servants the prophets in advance. It's an enormous red dragon, and he has seven heads of government. These seven heads are rulers, which is indicated by the crowns on their heads. These are **rulers of the heavenly realms** and are **not** flesh and blood! They are spirit beings and have been around for a long, long time. They've been deployed by Satan the devil to rally his troops – whole nations of them – against the House of Israel – both Christians and Jews. So we see the age-old conflict emerging once again in the following passage with references to the birth of Christ in the cradle of Judah. It brings to mind the slaughter of male children by one of these rulers of the heavenly realms to prevent the birth of Christ. **Rev 12:3-6** "Then **another sign** appeared in heaven: **an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.** ⁴ **His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.** The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. ⁵ **She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.** And her child was **snatched up to God and to His throne.** ⁶ **The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days."**

This passage represents a brief history of events beginning with the devil's original rebellion against God and his successful defection from God along with one third of all the angels. It recounts Satan's attempts to kill the heir of the Kingdom of God in the days of Herod; the One who would rule all the nations with an iron scepter. Well Satan and his heads did eventually kill the Heir of the Kingdom, but to their utter dismay, He was resurrected and **snatched up to God's Throne**. The followers of the Lord Christ were forced to go into hiding as **Satan's rulers** were activated to round them up and kill them. You'll recall that they actually recruited Saul of Tarsus for this grim mission until his eyes were opened to see reality while on the road to Damascus. Paul knew, however, that his former conduct would require his death in martyrdom, and Paul did indeed die in martyrdom just as he predicted.

I shouldn't need to remind anyone that those who hurt Christ's '*little ones*' will pay a horrific price! Here is Christ's reminder of this: **Matt 18:5-6** "And whoever welcomes a *little child* like this in my Name welcomes me. ⁶ But if anyone causes one of these *little ones* who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." The dice have already been cast on some of these wretched creatures who '*masquerade as angels of light*' but are filled with satanic impulses. Such people are well practiced in deception, and think that as long as they fool other humans they have fooled God. I would invite the reader to read the whole passage from **V5-18** to get an idea of how serious this offence is. Such people don't *fear* God, they fear only being exposed by men, and it's a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.

The importance of God's Kingdom is reflected in the many parables that Jesus taught, and the time of the establishment of God's Kingdom is to be very important for the conduct of Christianity when exposed to the forces of evil that will try to prevent it. The Lord Christ has tried to teach in advance the sort of conduct that will be required for all who would gain entry. It will be a horrific period for the saints. It will be a time of slaughter, mayhem and betrayals. As Jude pointed out, there will be deceitful *shepherds* among you who will be *looking after only themselves* (**Jude 1:12**), and they will be like *wild waves of the sea* – to use Jude's description. Jude was warning of what to expect. These evil creatures are *controllers* who masquerade as shepherds of God's flock, who slavishly crave for recognition and respect – but they don't have God's Holy Spirit: **Jude 1:19** "*These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.*" It seems they are always present in some form or another. The Church members must be faithful to one another nevertheless, and *learn to distinguish between good and evil* (**Heb 5:14**).

God intends to hold all His servants to account, whether in the Church or in the Kingdom. And this is reflected in Jesus' parable of the unjust servant: **Matt 18:21** "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the *Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.* ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him *ten thousand talents* was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ *The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.* ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him *a hundred denarii.* He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, '*Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.*' ³⁰ *But he refused.* Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ *Shouldn't you have had*

mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers **TO BE TORTURED**, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ **"This is how my Heavenly Father WILL TREAT EACH OF YOU unless you forgive your brother from your heart."**

So brotherly love and compassion will rank very highly in the coming holocaust of ***all the saints***. The common bond will be in protection of each other, and from time to time, giving up one's life to protect others – the most noble of all qualities: **John 15:12-13** "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ **Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.** ¹⁴ **You are my friends IF you do what I command.**" Are you, the reader, prepared to do as the Lord Christ commanded? Well, the day is coming when you will find out, and if you do, **then you will be the friend of Christ!** All true Christians today will have to make this choice, and in so doing, will provide the inspiration for many '***little ones***' who will follow your example of obedience and faithfulness. This is the type of person God requires for His Kingdom! He wants those who are prepared to emulate the faithful obedience of His Son Jesus. Satan has his 'martyrs' who die and receive no reward. God is different! God has promised His martyrs great rewards, and God will deliver!

At that time, you will learn to **fear God** more than anything man can do to you. With death and destruction all around, life will be cheap – just as it was in places like Auschwitz as any Jew will tell you. With the vast increase in knowledge that is evident today, no-one has any excuse for not sensing the dangers that are fast approaching. The television media, the bloggers, the online news sources are all trumpeting the rampant escalation of dangers all around the world, and Islam is at the forefront of it all. These same people who have been troublesome since antiquity, and who earned God's displeasure long ago, are now making their move to wipe out Christians and Jews and the whole House of Israel. What is more, they will go to any lengths to prevent the Kingdom of God from being established. Not surprisingly, the Kingdom of God will be established with **force** this world has never seen and this force will be in the hands of men **whose God is the Almighty God (Zech 12:4-6)**. And these mighty men will be allied with the Jews (**V6**), but not before the Jews realize how much they need their help.

One might ask (especially if they are besotted by political correctness) if this is fair to use such overwhelming and unequal force against anyone. Well there is going to be a display of this against Satan and his rulers and this gets us back to the next verse in **Revelation 12**. Satan and his rulers are in the planning stages of attacking God Himself in an attempt to destroy His dwelling-place. In their madness they have imagined that if they destroy the Glory Mothership they will bring God Almighty crashing to the earth.

Rev 12:7-9 "And there was **war in heaven**. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, **and they lost their place in heaven.** ⁹ **The great dragon was hurled down** – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. **He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.**"

From time to time God hosts Satan and the rulers of the heavenly realms and allows them to mouth their many grievances. In large part, these grievances involve God's servants and faithful and obedient followers. But no doubt, he also accuses of the Tribes of Israel of all sorts of things including aggressive behaviour against his brood – falsely I might add! And it's certain that the Jews come in for a real serve also as custodians of God's Holy Land.

Well, with the war that is about to take place in heaven, Satan and his demon rulers will be barred from ever entering God's heavenly Dwelling-place again. So in perfect justice, instead of Satan displacing God from His dwelling-place, Satan and his brood will be hurled to the earth where they will remain in prison for a thousand years. But before their prison term begins, Satan will be granted **a short time** to rally his troops in retaliation against all of God's people. **And retaliate he will!**

So it's not surprising that God would retaliate against Satan's brood just as Satan has done with God's people. And neither is it surprising that God would use supernatural weapons of unimaginable power to clear the Holy Land of Satan's vermin breeders. God never promised a fair fight, and Satan certainly never offered one. He's been a murderous liar from the beginning, and this is the calling card of all of his followers. From the very beginning God has described the inauguration of His Kingdom as being like a tiny mustard seed that will grow into a large tree. What good would an insignificant mustard seed be without **the Power and might and authority of the Lord Christ?** Well this is how the Kingdom will begin – with the Power and authority of the Lord Christ – and that is when **salvation** begins! **Rev 12:10-12** "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the **SALVATION** and the **POWER** and **the Kingdom of our God**, and **the authority of his Christ**. For the **accuser** of our **brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.** ¹¹ They **overcame** him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by **the WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY**; they did **not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.** ¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! **But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.**"

Long term readers will know of a Scripture we have quoted often, concerning the **Testimony of Jesus**, which is mentioned in the above verse. We usually quote only the last part, but now here it is in full: **Rev 19:9-10** "Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the **wedding supper of the Lamb!**' "And he added, "**These are the true words of God.**" **At this I fell at his feet to worship him.** But he said to me, "**Do not do it! I AM A FELLOW SERVANT WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR BROTHERS who hold to the TESTIMONY OF JESUS. Worship God! FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.**" Did you notice this passage relates to the **wedding of the Lamb?** This event is yet to occur, and it will comprise a specific number of people from the **Tribes of Israel** – with a double-portion to Joseph. These numbers (12,000 from each of the Tribes, 144,000 in all) will be derived through the crucible of war and defeat, captivity and slavery. This will be a time when the House of Israel will learn a lesson they will never forget, a time when they will

abhor themselves for their evil denunciation of the Great Creator God. But God will have mercy on them after they have beaten their breast in remorse and repentance.

At this time, those **who are fellow-servants with the mightiest angels**, and **who exercise the power of God and His Christ**, will set out to bring **salvation** to the House of Israel and **rescue them from the hands of their enemies**.

We should note that the 12,000 from each Tribe of Israel makes an important omission, and this is the Tribe of Dan. These are the treacherous descendants of the Vikings who settled predominantly in Ireland. Quite apart from centuries of harassing the other Tribes, the Tribe of Dan has recently been funding and assisting Satan's Islamic brood – the Palestinians! For years they supplied Yasser Arafat with plastic explosives to kill Jews. Since antiquity, the Tribe of Dan has had a penchant for choosing evil over good. Anyway, it's not my decision – it's God's! Even at the time of the writing of the Book of Revelation, God made a decision to omit them from the Bride of Christ, and I couldn't agree with God more! It was always the Danites that favoured paganism more than the other Tribes and frequently led the way into this outrage. There's **not** a lot to commend the Danites in the Bible. Samson was a good example, but they certainly never emulated him.

So God made the substitution, and gave a double portion to Joseph. **Ephraim** is the most important of the **two Tribes of Joseph**, yet in the allotment, both Joseph and Manasseh is mentioned, but not Ephraim. The reason is that Ephraim stands in the place of one of the great prophets of God – his father Joseph – even though Ephraim was never a prophet. But Ephraim has been great, perhaps even greater than Joseph was at the height of his power in Egypt. God doesn't have much to say about Manasseh, but He speaks in glowing terms of Ephraim. God loves him and nurtures him, and calls him His son. There was always something that stood out with Ephraim above his brothers, and God observed these qualities. In a thoroughly evil world, Ephraim has stood out as a beacon of hope for anyone who would follow his ways. Ephraim was willing to share his wealth and influence and empower other nations to prosperity and happiness. And even more incredibly, Ephraim never sought anything in return.

Ephraim today is the United States of America in prophecy. As we learned earlier, **all the House of Israel is associated with Ephraim**. America is a mixed bag of the whole lot of the Tribes of Israel. Can anyone prove that every president and congressman is from the Tribe of Ephraim? Obviously no! And there is no evidence that they are. But the qualities of Ephraim are firmly implanted into the whole nation. The legacy of the '**Prince among his brothers**' has come to the fore to create a righteous nation by worldly standards – just as God foretold.

Only Ephraim has stood his ground against the terror of the Islamic hordes and adopted the leadership role, and even against considerable opposition from the weaker Tribes associated with him. The tough Texan-style of George W. Bush would indicate that God has indeed used a man from the Tribe of Ephraim in these final days, and well do I remember the cliff-hanger days of the first election. Knowing the decisions that would have to be

made during his presidency, I favoured the Texan over the weaker and insipid Al Gore. But then I hate slimy, deceitful weaklings! My feelings about John Kerry were the same in the second election.

But the presidency of George W. Bush was never going to be enough to hold off the forces of evil, not because America lacks the **power**; they lack the **will**! Unfortunately, the glory days of the Alamo are over, and weaklings have the ear of the people. How different things might have been!

Recently I was asked a question concerning Jesus teachings about loving one's enemies. In fact, it's a question that often comes up. Jesus was speaking about those who spitefully use you. We shouldn't be seeking revenge from our own brother Israelites. And let's be perfectly frank. Jesus came only to the lost sheep of Israel, and His purpose was to teach them to be perfect before God in everything they do.

In the Book of James, the writer addresses this very theme. In fact the Book is addressed: **James 1:1** "To the **Twelve Tribes of Israel** scattered among the [**heathen**] nations". Now is not the time to be going into a whole tome about the Book of James even though it's certainly worthy of such detailed explanation. But importantly, the Twelve Tribes of Israel were supposed to be a brotherhood of like-minded people. This was intended from the time when the 12 brothers were born to Jacob. God required loyalty and obedience to Himself, and loyalty among the brothers. Obviously, the brothers were not ready for this, and they became jealous of Joseph who was born to Rachel and Jacob. They hated him because both God and Jacob loved him more than the others. There was **the coat of many colours (a richly ornamented robe)** that infuriated them, but what infuriated them most were the dreams that he had under inspiration from God, and especially the one that suggested that they would all come and bow down to him! And of course, this dream came true, but there was worse to come. God visits the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation, and these generations found themselves in slavery.

There is a pattern in God's ways where those who persecute His servants (as Joseph was) He brings terrible retribution against the offenders. What Joseph's brothers couldn't understand was the fact that when God chooses a servant to be the pattern of righteousness, the rest **must listen to him**. And as a matter of interest, these were Moses **exact words** when he predicted that God would raise up a prophet just like himself: **Deut 18:15** "The LORD your God will raise up for you a **prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.**"

But at the crucial time in the lead-up to these events, Ephraim and Judah will feature prominently in this world's affairs. **Ephraim** is described as having the **House of Israel – all ten tribes – associated with him (V16)**. And this raises another point. God gave Jeroboam the Ephraimite **ten tribes**, and left just **one tribe** to Judah. What about the **other** tribe that makes up the **12 Tribes of Israel**? Well, God never gave this Tribe to any one! **He kept it as His own!** And He makes this very clear in **Num 8:13-17** "Have the Levites stand in front of Aaron and his sons and then present them as a wave offering to the

LORD. ¹⁴ **In this way you are to set the Levites apart from the other Israelites, AND THE LEVITES WILL BE MINE.** ¹⁵ "After you have **purified the Levites and presented them as a wave offering,** they are to come to do their work at the Tent of Meeting. ¹⁶ **They are the Israelites who are to be GIVEN WHOLLY TO ME. I have taken them as my own IN PLACE OF THE FIRSTBORN,** the first male offspring from every Israelite woman. ¹⁷ Every firstborn male in Israel, whether man or animal, is mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set them apart for myself."

The **Levites are God's** and they are **given wholly to Him.** They **replace** the firstborn of every Israelite woman. The Levites are those who are **presented as a wave offering – wholly dedicated to God.** Why should this surprise anyone? God chose Moses and Aaron, who were Levites, and Moses was chosen from birth, and miraculously rescued from a basket in the Nile River. Over 1400 years later, God chose another Levite to be His messenger for that time. He was John the Baptist. God chose him **as His very own,** and he was actually related to God's Son Jesus, which shows an important ancestral bonding. The Levites remained with Judah at the time of Jeroboam's ascension to the throne of the northern Ten Tribes, but were never given to Solomon or his son Rehoboam. They remained God's own Tribe and this continues to this day!

God is presently purifying the Levites to prepare them for their mission as God's own Tribe. God's own Tribe will be God's own army, and will be entrusted with devastating weaponry – the weapons of God – the type of weapons that rain **fire from heaven and consume the enemy,** leaving them as ashes on the ground. These are the same weapons that reduced Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes – never to be found again. The nations are boiling over with hatred for the West, and actively devising schemes to utterly wipe them out. What they failed to factor in is the enormous power of God and the invincibility of His own Tribe to wreak havoc on them.

So of course God is going to call to duty His very own Tribe! What other Tribe would He call upon? Certainly **not Ephraim and the ten Tribes associated with him** – they've already failed the most basic test in recognizing the enemy and dealing with them. Though, to be fair, President Bush did take the fight to the enemy but was beguiled by the political correctness of the looney-left, and sought the wrong outcome. He killed as many of these wild beasts as he could before the politically-correct rhetoric gained traction. Now the cry-baby Democrats are trying to decide whether they're **for** the war on terror or **against** it. They can't even decide if they're **for** the '**armies of the Living God** or **against** them. They wanted to cut off funding of the war, but they feared a backlash from the people. The Democrats have become stooges of Satan the devil, and their House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has taken it even further. She openly collaborated with the enemy in Syria, and she did so in the company of a Muslim colleague of the Democrat Party. Can the Democrats get any crazier? Unfortunately, yes they can!

God demands that the 'lost tribes of Israel' recognize Satan's brood for what they are, and to learn the lessons of history. Satan has been stirring up trouble for all the Tribes of Israel since they were born. God has made it very clear who will live in the Holy Land as one

unified Tribe, and with whom He will dwell, and this is the House of Israel – **all Twelve Tribes**. All other nations will **not** have this privilege, though they will be welcome to come and keep God's festivals year by year (**Zech 14:16-17**). And as long as they do they will have peace. You couldn't possibly envision this happening in the present political climate!

Before this can happen there is going to be a long drawn out battle for supremacy, and God will win this battle. What is more, the earth's population will take a dramatic turn in reduction to a point where there will be few men left: **Isa 24:3-6** "**The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The LORD has spoken this word.** ⁴ **The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish.** ⁵ **The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the Laws, violated the Statutes and broken the Everlasting Covenant.** ⁶ **Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left.**"

Except for the servants of God, the rest of the world has very little to look forward to. Only those who desire to see God's Kingdom established will have any peace. It's a curious thing that so many so-called Christians have jumped on the bandwagon of '**global warming**'. This has become their prophecy as they prattle on about the '**dire consequences**' of this. What it does show is how easily people are beguiled by satanic propaganda. They don't believe God, but they willingly believe a dope like Al Gore! Al Gore is a lying fool and an egotistical maniac. If anything, there has been a reduction in global temperatures, but even this is a periodic occurrence. And the process has gone on for thousands of years. If 'global warming' was to be a significant threat in the endtime because of **the activity of the Western nations (which seems to be the thrust of the whole scam)** then God would have mentioned it. But God's Word is completely silent on any such suggestion. Those who feign Christianity have begun to use it as their whipping boy – as if there is not enough in Bible prophecy to occupy their limited minds! What Christians are doing in making these foolish claims is they are empowering the doomsday prophets like Al Gore and others, to overshadow God's Message. Don't fear what people like these have to say, instead, **fear God!** He's the One who will determine your fate and the fate of all the inhabitants of the earth. And it will have nothing to do with the plant-growth accelerator – carbon dioxide! I heard a great sound-bite the other day. This stupid man, who claimed to be a 'scientist' said this: '**Concerning global warming, that argument is now well advanced**. So it's **not science** but an **argument**, and he claims their side is winning the argument. He pointed out that they are winning because the media has taken up their cause.

But of course, there has to be false prophets in this end-time of human events. It's been widely predicted in the Bible. Failing to have any sort of vision about what is happening in the world, these false prophets are clinging to the coat tails of prognosticators like Al Gore and his silly book, and others who have their hearts set on **a tide of money** that will flow from their lunatic claims, and are modeling the '**global warming fantasy** as '**science**', while other opportunists are claiming it as Bible prophecy. Not only have they failed to find anything in the Bible to substantiate their claims, they've also failed to provide any

evidence of it happening, and have merely believed the lies being fed them through media coverage and other greedy parasites.

Such people really are firmly implanted in this world and all that it has to offer: **1John 2:15-19** "Do **not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world**, the love of the Father is **not** in him. ¹⁶ **For everything in the world** – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and **the boasting of what he has and does-**comes **not** from the Father **but from the world**. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, **but the man who does the will of God lives forever.**"

Its one thing to teach a false doctrine, but it's even more serious to refute and contradict God's Word in doing so. And what a time they choose for doing so. John was the Apostle to whom the Book of Revelation was delivered, and this Book of prophecy is gut-wrenching in its revelations. John foreshadowed some of this with this continuing commentary: **V18-19** "Dear children, **this is the last hour**; and as you have heard that the **antichrist** is coming, **EVEN NOW MANY ANTICHRISTS HAVE COME**. This is how we know it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For **if** they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that **none of them belonged to us.**"

So what does it take to be an **antichrist**? Jesus famously spoke these words: "**He who is not with me is against me**": **Matt 12:30-32** "**He who is not with me is against me**, and he who **does not gather with me scatters**. ³¹ And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, **but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven**. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks **against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age OR IN THE AGE TO COME.**"

The **age to come** is now!

John was writing to the Church in his reference in **1John 2:19**. He was warning them that many would turn away from the Truth and start believing fables and nonsense, and this is how he characterized the **many antichrists** that had come. Worse than this, many would start to believe that Jesus didn't come at the appointed time in accordance with their own perceptions, and so they turned from the faith that was once delivered. The preachers and missionaries did a good job in the good times, but when adversity approached, as it did in the days of the Apostle John, many turned their backs and no longer believed. Such people had no depth of faith or character, and once they embarked on their course of disbelief, they made it their life's work to turn away others with their **antichrist** rhetoric.

When John wrote to the dying embers of the surviving Church of God at that time, he was warning them to beware of antichrists, those who had once enjoyed the fellowship of God's true and obedient Church. **V20-21** "**But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.** ²¹ I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because **no lie comes from the Truth.** ²² **Who is**

the liar? It is the man who **denies** that Jesus is **THE CHRIST**. Such a man is the **antichrist** – he denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever **acknowledges the Son** has the Father also." As we've pointed out so many times in the past, the true nature of the **Mighty Christ** is unknown to most of Christianity today. What is more, neither do they understand that **this same Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament**, the very One who accompanied Moses and the Israelites throughout their journeys: **1Cor 10:1-5** "For I do **not** want you to be **ignorant of the fact**, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; **for they drank from the Spiritual Rock that accompanied them, AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST**. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert."

And why doesn't Christianity understand this? Jesus will not hand over the Kingdom to God the Father until He has put down and destroyed all dominion, authority and power. Jesus will continue to exclusively deal with humanity as He has done since the days of Adam and Eve until the present time, and until He hands over the Kingdom to the Father. **1Cor 15:24-28** "**Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.** ²⁵ **For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.** ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is Death. ²⁷ For He "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under Him, it is clear that this does **not** include **God Himself, WHO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER CHRIST**. ²⁸ When He has done this, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all."

It's very clear that the Mighty Christ will fight, just as His servants will! In fact, Jesus told Pilate that His Kingdom was not of that age, but if it were **then would His servants stand up and fight** (**John 18:38**). You'll also notice that Jesus armed His servants with two swords in order that the prophecy '**He was numbered with transgressors**' would be fulfilled. **Luke 22:37-38** "**It is written: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors';** and I tell you that **this must be fulfilled in me**. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment." ³⁸ The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied." Though, as it turned out, that was neither the time nor the place for taking the Kingdom by force, and that time was yet in the future. At that time, which is now, His servants will indeed take the Kingdom by force, and the world will consider them to be transgressors.

And where is it written that the Lord Christ will be numbered with transgressors? It's found in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, and in fact, this chapter details everything that we have been saying. On the eve of His arrest and murder, the Lord Christ said that everything that is written about Him had to be fulfilled. But first He had to give up His life in order to bear the iniquities of those who would be called: **Isa 53:11** "After the **suffering of His soul**, He will **see the light of life** and be satisfied; by His **knowledge** my Righteous Servant

will **justify many**, and **He will bear their iniquities**." And this is what happened on that Wednesday Passover, nearly 2,000 years ago. He went as a Lamb to the slaughter, was killed and resurrected to see the light of life once more.

And the chapter continues: **V12** "Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and **He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death**, and was **NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS**. For **He bore the sin of many**, and made **intercession for the transgressors**." We've made it very plain over the years that **the spoils to be divided** are the spoils of **dispossessed nations** who are presently walking on Holy Ground – **the Promised Land**.

In the next verse we come to the reference to the **barren woman** who never bore a child. This woman failed to give birth to a righteous and Godly nation **in accordance with God's standards**. Nevertheless, by the standards of this world there is no nation that is greater or more righteous than Ephraim, the United States of America, and through Ephraim, the Bride of Christ will emerge. This is the whole purpose of the woman spoken of in prophecy: to become suitable as a bride! God was a husband to the House of Israel throughout much of their existence, but in times of severe disobedience God issued a bill of divorce. **Isa 54:1** "Sing, O **barren woman**, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because **more** are the **children of the desolate woman (the children of Israel)** than of **HER who has a husband**," says the LORD." Not only does Joseph get a double portion in the Bride of Christ, but the powerful Ephraim also commands all ten of the 'lost' Tribes of Israel. So it's a no-brainer that Ephraim has more children of Israel than **HER who has a husband**.

So this leaves two Tribes unaccounted for in the Bride of Christ, yet who still receive their portion, and in fact, they are the Firstfruits. The reference to **HER who has a husband** are the **Tribe of Levi (God's own Tribe)** and the **Tribe of Judah** who remained faithful to Him and His Holy City Jerusalem. Collectively these are the **House of David** who are the embryo of the Bride of Christ, and it's these who will deliver the House of Israel from the hand of their enemy.

Remember the earlier reference to Judah: **Zech 10:4** "**From Judah will come the Cornerstone, from him the tent-peg, from him the battle-bow, from him every ruler**. Together they will be like **mighty men** trampling the muddy streets in battle. **Because the LORD is with them, they will fight and overthrow the horsemen**." The reference to the horsemen is the fulfillment of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, whom we have identified many times as the nations that surround the Holy Land, and who were God's enemies anciently. Notice the reference to the **tent-peg** in this preceding verse. God gives the explanation in the next verse of Isaiah: **Isa 54:2-3** "**Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide**, do not hold back; **lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes**. ³ **For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities**." If there is one nation on earth that God can truly trust, it's Judah! Little Israel has suffered many things and came close to total annihilation in the last holocaust, yet they remained

faithful to God and His Holy City. Not only did they return en masse, but they have fought tenaciously to hold it against overwhelming odds.

God offers them comfort just as He did in the chapter of Isaiah where Elijah (as John the Baptist) began his ministry: **Isa 40:1-2** "**Comfort, comfort MY PEOPLE**, says your God. ² **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.** ³ **A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."** It's very clear whom God is calling '**MY PEOPLE**' and who will be allied with those who have been **taught by God**. Together they will **dispossess nations** and **settle the desolate cities** with **refugees from the Tribes of Israel**.

Isa 54:4-5 "Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of **your widowhood** (*the time when God was no longer their husband*). ⁵ **For your Maker is your husband – the LORD Almighty is his Name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth."**

Why should anyone be surprised that God would again call Judah back to duty? They have suffered for their sins far more than any other people, yet they always remained faithful to God's Holy City Jerusalem and even wept for the memory of her. Has Christianity been this faithful? Where are all the Christian nations today when Jerusalem is under attack from the treacherous hordes that surround the Holy Land? Sure there was a time during the Crusades when Christianity had some form of enlightenment, but this has been relegated to ancient history and never repeated. Though to be fair, Major Allenby did storm Jerusalem and recapture it using the Australian Tenth Light Horse in the First World War, and paved the way for the establishment of the Jewish nation of Israel. But even after the nation of Israel was partitioned and ratified by the global powers in 1947, the Israelis have been left to fight alone for the past sixty years. The other Tribes of Israel were quite willing to go to the aid of Kuwait, Somalia, Kosovo, Lebanon – **all Islamic nations**, but turned a blind eye to the plight of the Israelis. Whenever the Israelis are threatened, they must fight alone! Whenever the Muslim hordes attacked the Israelis, the nations were silent **until** the Israelis got the upper hand in the fighting. Then there was a wild stampede to the UN Security Council to stop the fighting. Oddly enough, there was never any concessions demanded of the Islamic swine who started these wars; every concession was demanded of the Israelis! The Israelis were forced to give back the land taken in conquest! So you get an idea of why God is so willing to **divide the spoils of war among His servants**! The retribution **against** these Islamic hordes will be fierce!

In the case of Kosovo, the NATO nations accused a Christian people (*the Serbs*) of genocide of Muslims and unleashed their unmitigated fury on them. Yet in the same period, they have been remarkably silent on the genocidal slaughter of Christians in such places as Rwanda and Darfur by murderous hordes of Muslims! Didn't God warn of learning the ways of the heathen? Yet here we have the heathen being favoured over

Christians! Those who have this type of mentality will find it to be a long and tortuous route to the Kingdom of God.

So God's first choice of a nation to join those who have been taught by Him are the Jews. **Isa 54:6-7** "The LORD will call you back as if you were **a WIFE deserted and distressed in spirit** – a **WIFE** who married young, only to be rejected," says your God. ⁷ "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion **I will bring you back.** ⁸ In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with **everlasting kindness** I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer."

To further reinforce the time-setting here, we have reference to **the days of Noah**. The Lord Christ mentioned this very thing while on the Mount of Olives with His disciples. **Matt 24:37-39** "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ **and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.**"

Isa 54:9-10 "To me this is **like the days of Noah**, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn **not** to be angry with you, **never to rebuke you again.** ¹⁰ Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my Covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you." So this is God's reassurance to the Jewish people, and more particularly, the **House of David** which gave birth to the man-child Jesus, who was the **Son of David**. In complete contrast, the **lost Ten Tribes of Israel** will know nothing until the flood comes and sweeps them away. They will remain blind to reality.

In the next verse, God addresses the City of Jerusalem and also her sons, who will be known as **The Sons of Jerusalem**. As Jesus pointed out in **John 6:45** "It is **written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.'** Everyone who **listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to me.**"

We've spoken many times of where this is written in the Prophets, and it just so happens that it's in the same chapter of Isaiah that we have been progressively explaining here, and it all links to the same '**armed transgressors**' earlier spoken of by the Christ. **Isa 54:11-15** "**O afflicted City**, lashed by storms and **not comforted**, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. ¹² I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. ¹³ **All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace.** ¹⁴ In **righteousness** you will be **established**: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. **Terror** will be **far removed**; it will **not** come near you. ¹⁵ If anyone does attack you, it will **not** be my doing; **whoever attacks you will surrender to you.**"

In the present political climate in Israel, **terror** is certainly **not far removed**, and in fact, it's virtually a daily occurrence! So what is to change this, and get the Israelis reactivated?

V16-17 "See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; ¹⁷ **no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,**" declares the LORD."

Haven't we always said that the Sons of Jerusalem will wreak havoc among God's enemies – the Islamic hordes of old? These evil creatures will be dispossessed and their cities given to others, namely the remnant of the '***lost Tribes of Israel***' as they emerge from the holocaust. And why the Sons of Jerusalem? Because they've been taught by God! Would God entrust anything to those who **refuse** to be taught by Him? That's what got Christianity in trouble in the first place, they refused to listen to their Creator God, and consequently found themselves to be worthless for any purpose relating to the Kingdom of God.

We know that historically, Christians suffered many things back in those early days, and killing Christians became a national sport in the arenas of pagans. This continued until Emperor Constantine put an end to it at his empire base in Turkey. Afterwards, Christianity became the official religion, though a radically divided one.

But Jesus spoke of that age and the **age to come** and even the **end** of the **age to come!** (**Matt 24:3**). He also spoke of this **end** of **this age to come** as being the most horrific period in human history – a time which must be cut short **or no human beings would survive.** **Matt 24:21-22** "For then there will be great distress, **unequaled from the beginning of the world until now** – and **never** to be **equaled again.** ²² If those days had **not** been cut short, **no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.** ²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ **For false Christs and false prophets** will appear and perform great signs and miracles to **deceive even the ELECT** – **if that were possible.** ²⁵ **See, I have told you ahead of time.**"

When the Son of God speaks in these terms, the human mind is almost incapable of envisaging it. With the greatest human population of all time on earth, we are confronted with a death toll of unimaginable proportions. For those who **think** they're the '***elect***', be aware that there is no safe haven for you, and you will be subjected to the same type of deception, and for that matter, the same type of death and destruction that is coming on this earth. Don't be listening to rumours that the Christ has suddenly appeared somewhere to **save** you, because this is what the **false Christians** will have you believe. At that time, you truly will understand the real meaning of what **being saved** means.

The **elect** are those who **obeyed** God, **believed** God and **feared** God rather than man. These are the ones who held fast to the faith, **who recognized God's enemies as their own.** While Christianity in general was touting their sanctimonious doctrine of rewards for doing nothing, others were actively engaged in preparing the Kingdom of God for the return of the Mighty One – the Lord Christ! The elect know that the Kingdom of God is not

some mystical thing in one's heart, but a very real Kingdom in the specified place as detailed in the Bible. And this is where the Kingdom of God will appear, tiny at first, but rapidly gaining territory right across the nations that surround both the Holy Land and Jerusalem.

Observers will see many things in the coming days and years that will shatter formerly-held delusions, and they will be appalled that Jesus is ***not*** the weakling they have portrayed for so many years down through the ages. In fact, what Jesus Christ is, is disputed by many Christians today. This is largely because they don't understand what ***being saved*** means. We covered it earlier, but it means being saved from the ***hands of the enemy*** – those who hate Christians and Christian nations. But even more vehemently, they hate the Jews who are presently holding the Holy Land against invasion.

Today, even the media are afraid to confront these vile, Islamic beasts! The average Christian is not aware of the threats being voiced by satanic forces around the world. Many of them have become dupes for Satan and his forces of evil. Some of them even align themselves with radical Muslims in bogus 'peace' demonstrations. Here's a sampling of some of these radical news releases:

According to MSA, the correct position for Muslims in America involves their marching alongside neofascists and Stalinists, with the legions of "***useful fools***" who flock to ***bogus "peace"*** demonstrations. What is the real nature of the Muslim Students' Association of the U.S. and Canada (MSA)?

And another:

Hamas Parliament Speaker Calls on Allah to Kill Jews and Americans. Jerusalem (CNSNews.com) - The acting speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Sheikh Ahmad Bahr of the Hamas faction, called on Allah to kill the Jews and Americans "***down to the very last one***" during a sermon broadcast two weeks ago on Sudan television. "***America and Israel will be annihilated***, Allah willing. I guarantee you that the power of belief and faith is greater than the power of America and Israel," Bahr said, according to a translation provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute. "***They are cowards, who are eager for life, while we are eager for death for the sake of Allah***," Bahr continued. "That is why America's nose was rubbed in the mud in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Somalia, and everywhere." Bahr exalted the virtues of the Palestinian woman who sends her son off to die as a "martyr." "Oh Allah, ***vanquish the Jews and their supporters***. Oh Allah, ***vanquish the Americans and their supporters***. Oh Allah, count their numbers, ***and kill them all, down to the very last one...defeat the Jews and the Americans, and bring us victory over them***," Bahr said.

It's hard to believe that any Christian could not be alerted to the threat now posed by Islam. Christians everywhere should realize that there is a global incursion taking place, and the West has been all too accommodating of their satanic declarations. All over the world

Islamic terrorist acts are occurring daily, and Satan and his rulers are bending whole nations to their will. They're preparing vast hordes of their brood for the final push and reticent nations are beginning to feel the full effect of their fury. Any nation that attempts to crack down on Islam suffers the consequences, regardless of who they are. The conditioning process is well-advanced!

Meanwhile, we're hearing the ***diversion calls*** of the uninformed, sprouting '***an imminent danger of global proportions***'. And what is this mythical threat that transcends the present Islamic threat? You guessed it! It's '***global warming***'! What weak, garrulous and gullible people these are! Talk about rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic; these stupid people really are pathetic! Forget all about the myth of '***global warming***' – it's the greatest hoax of the 21st century! Instead, keep your focus on the real global danger that is spreading insidiously all around the world like the plague.

And why do the Scriptures state that Satan has deceived the whole world? The reason is that the whole world is attuned to his deception, and willingly falls headlong for his propaganda. Perhaps some still remember the Y2K bug that was supposed to wreak havoc in the Western World at the close of the 20th century. What a crock that was! It was supposed to threaten the whole civilized world and billions of dollars were spent to address the problem, but those who did nothing suffered no consequences anyway. It was perhaps the maddest example of mass hysteria in living memory. Even some religious prognosticators got into the act, and tried to link it to Bible prophecy, which gives a fair idea of their mindset and attitude to God's Word!

All Bible prophecy points to these ***last days*** in which we live, either by example or by fulfillment. In the last six years we have seen a major escalation of terrorism from Satan's brood. Prior to 9/11 it all seemed so distant and unrelated to our own well-being. Sure the Jewish State of Israel was constantly under siege, but even this seemed unrelated to the Christian ideals under which the West was founded. As long as this satanic scourge was confined to the Middle East, life went on and the good times continued to roll. Entertainment became the guiding principle of lifestyle, and whole corporations emerged for the proliferation of lifestyle issues and gadgetry in all its forms. Electronic gadgetry flooded the market place, together with promises of even more outstanding access to all sorts of leisure and entertainment. In the minds of some, utopia had been exceeded, but it wasn't enough, and so exploring the beyond became the next project as the dizzying heights of the electronic age clouded out reality. Suddenly, God's Word and His Name were no longer welcome in society or officialdom. The prevailing view was '***Who needs God?***' Progressively the most vocal groups were heralding themselves as the enlightened ones who had seen through the 'dark-age myths' of believing in the Creator God. Consequently their minds became darkened, and professing themselves to be wise they became fools – just as the Apostle Paul predicted in **Rom 1:21-22**.

Exactly as was predicted! While their minds have become darkened, they can't begin to envisage the real darkness that lies just beyond. In prophetic terms, the Bible speaks of a long, dark night, but one which will end with the dawning of a new day (**2Pet 1:19**). And

that dawning will not be as one might expect. It will require years of fighting to rid the earth of Satan's brood and to free the hostages. And those hostages will be the ***remnant*** of the House of Israel – the diminutive numbers that will survive the coming holocaust. Gone will be all their electronic lifestyle embellishments, gone will be their desire for entertainment, and gone will be everything except their desire for survival. The very One whom they desired to dismiss as the Creator God is going to make His presence known to ungrateful nations that became emboldened to the point that they no longer gave credit to Him for their affluence. They wanted total independence to do as they please, and in their minds, the logical first step was to dispense with their Creator God.

Just a short digression! About seventy years ago, a certain ***shepherd***, who was ***prophesied to appear*** (**Zech 11:15-17**), and ultimately became a worthless shepherd, appeared on the scene. Though ***not*** a prophet, he dabbled in prophecy. Unfortunately, it was ***not*** Bible Prophecy, but a concoction of all sorts of rather childish predictions. None of which came true! But he did make some progress in identifying the Tribes of Israel today, howbeit, through plagiarism. He did, however, revive the true Church of God in the manner prescribed by God; a Church that observed God's Law and obeyed the observance of God's Holy Days. Out of all the Christian churches on earth who consistently refuse to obey God, the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) knew that they were God's Church because they fulfilled God's requirements for obedience. For seventy years this Church of God remained the faithful revival of the faith that was once delivered. God blessed them and guided them and was with them. But they were not yet perfect, and they were not without fault.

The leaders of the WCG took it upon themselves to prophesy, and to speculate on the meaning of the Scriptures in regard to prophecy. They began to plagiarize the prophecies of those whom they knew were ***not*** the true Church of God. Their starting point for this false prophecy was to plagiarize the teachings of Ellen G. White of the Seventh Day Adventist church. In the early 1800's she wrote a rambling and incoherent thesis concerning the beast and Babylon. And these, she insisted, were the Vatican and the Pope. The WCG acknowledged that Ellen G. White was demon-possessed, ***which she was***, but still adhered to this spurious doctrine and happily plagiarized it for their own use. The leaders of the WCG seemed quite happy to believe that God works through demons.

But there was yet another serious fault with the Worldwide Church of God! They appointed teachers (overseers) through a hierarchical system that God detests – and Jesus certainly attests to this (**Matt 20:25-28**). And those who gravitated to these 'anointed' positions were the greedy, power-hungry parasites that many are very familiar with in a corporate setting. Such people want control over everyone, and they crave honour and respect of the highest order. Eventually, the whole hierarchical structure collapsed, and most of these 'ministers' found themselves out of a job. Never did they ***learn to distinguish good from evil*** (**Heb 5:14**).

Today the Church of God consists of a few thousand scattered members that have no connection to the former hierarchical structure that was put in place to hold the flock in subjection. Yet they still have a service to perform for God, and they had better be willing to

follow the Lord Christ in death fearlessly, knowing that God is able to raise them from the dead. In so doing, they will set an example of obedience for the whole House of Israel.

You may not realize it, but there was no other option for God to establish the Kingdom of God except through the House of Israel. Only the House of Israel had been developed in such a way that they could comply with all of God's requirements for populating the Kingdom. To add to the complexity of this, the House of Israel was only faithful to God under extreme conditions of hardship throughout antiquity, ***and God knows this***. Today the House of Israel has prosperity unparalleled in the history of the world. There is no reason for anyone to doubt God's existence today because of the vast increase in knowledge that has served to illustrate the great complexity of life that we see everyday. But true to prophetic expectations, they have gone the other way, with about half the House of Israel actively campaigning to divest of any knowledge of a Creator God.

So what is the importance of Ephraim, the United States of America, today? It's clear that God has great expectations for them, and even plans to welcome them back to their ancestral lands. So what is it about Ephraim today that God loves? ***Consider for a moment all the nations of the earth!*** Which of these exceeds America in generosity, compassion and decency? Which nation is always the first to render assistance in time of trouble? Which is the first nation to go to the aid of other nations when confronted by an aggressive nation? Whose power and technology has most benefited other poorer nations? And whose foreign aid benefits the most people throughout the world? And lastly, which nation gives so generously, and never seeks anything in return? In spite of all the evil rhetoric, which is constantly being hurled at America, no nation comes close to fulfilling all these criteria. Ephraim is the best that the world has to offer, ***and there is none like him***. As a matter of fact, this was God's comment about His servant Job (**Job 1:8**). Job and Ephraim have a lot in common, but we won't go into that now.

But even Ephraim doesn't fulfill God's requirements for a virtuous nation. They have yet to learn to distinguish between good and evil, and this is very important now that God's Kingdom is about to be established. Unlike the Jews, they've long since forgotten all about obedience to God's Laws and have substituted their own. They have plenty of their own holidays, but they don't observe God's Holy Days – as the Jews do!

They have other peculiarities as well. They don't put to death murderers, adulterers and homosexuals as God commands, and to compound this error, they like to imply that God is wrong in this requirement and that they know better. Well, God plans to cleanse them of their errors, and set them on a straight path, and has even made provision for a highway to be built for them to return to their ancestral lands from captivity after their humiliation.

Just to put things into perspective, Europe is the present home of many Israelites of the '***lost Ten Tribes***', and they don't get much mention in the Scriptures. It's Ephraim that God concentrates on, and the Tribes associated with him in America. Remember that the Europeans abandoned the Jews in their time of need during the Second World War, and

this will factor into their horrific fate that is presently descending on them like a storm from the south.

God's son Ephraim has some learning to do, and in the fullness of time they will play a major part in the mopping-up process of the nations surrounding the Holy Land. **Zech 10:6-12** "I will **strengthen** the **House of Judah**, and **SAVE** the **House of Joseph**. I will **restore** them because I have compassion on them. **They will be as though I had not rejected them**, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them. ⁷ The **Ephraimites** will **become like mighty men**, and their hearts will be glad as with wine. Their children will see it and be joyful; their hearts will rejoice in the LORD. ⁸ I will signal for them and **gather them in**. Surely I will **redeem** them; they will be **as numerous as before**. ⁹ Though I scatter them among the peoples, **yet in distant lands they will remember me**. They and their children will survive, **and they will return**. ¹⁰ I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to Gilead and Lebanon, and there will not be room enough for them. ¹¹ They will pass through the sea of trouble; the surging sea will be subdued and all the depths of the Nile will dry up. Assyria's pride will be brought down and Egypt's scepter will pass away. ¹² I will **strengthen** them in the LORD and in **His Name they will walk**," declares the LORD."

So what actually happens in the lead-up to this? Well it all begins with something very familiar to many Christians. This was enacted during the Lord Christ's first appearance, and it's set to be repeated: **Zech 9:9** "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, **your King comes to you**, Righteous and having **salvation**, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ **I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken**. He will proclaim peace to the nations [*of Israel*]. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River [*Euphrates* – see margin] to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you [Ephraim], **because of the Blood of my Covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit**. ¹² Return to your fortress, **O prisoners of hope**; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. ¹³ **I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword**."

Remember what we learned about being '***numbered with transgressors***' and how Christ ordered His servants to get some swords in order to fulfill the Scriptures? And remember how it was associated with the Sons of Zion or Jerusalem? Well, here we see the ***Sons of Jerusalem*** suiting up for battle with the **sons of Greece**. This is not quite what has been taught in relation to prophecy by the many false prophets, is it?

V14 "Then the LORD will appear over them; **His arrow will flash like lightning**. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; **He will march in the storms of the south**, ¹⁵ **and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones**. They will drink and roar as with wine; **they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar**." There is much that could be said in explanation of this last sentence, but we won't go into it now. **V16** "The LORD their God

will **SAVE them** (*the lost sheep of Israel*) on that day **as the flock of his people**. They will sparkle in His Land like jewels in a crown. ¹⁷ How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women."

And just to conclude with a couple of verses in the next chapter, we find that the '**lost sheep of Israel are oppressed for lack of a shepherd**: **Zech 10:2-3** "The idols speak deceit, **diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain**. Therefore the people **wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd**. ³ "My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will **punish the leaders; for the LORD Almighty will care for his flock, THE HOUSE OF JUDAH, and make them like a proud horse in battle**."

If you were in God's position and had to make a decision on who to use as a battle horse, who would you choose? *Ephraim* or *Judah*? Well, here God plainly tells us! **It's Judah!**

God has some big issues with the '**lost sheep of Israel**', namely **Ephraim**, and He castigates **both the shepherds and the leaders**. As a nation, they've lost the ability to effectively make war. Long ago, God set the parameters of warfare, and made it clear that when the '**armies of the Living God**' were sent to war, **there were to be no survivors among the enemy**.

Presently, Judah is listening to the nonsense taught by the '**lost sheep of Israel who don't know their God**'. They've been beguiled to believe that God's enemies are worth sparing even though it contradicts everything that God has taught the House of Israel down through the ages. **The heathen nations are worthless and less than nothing in God's eyes** (**Isa 40:17**). And anyone who doesn't understand this is **not** fit for God's Kingdom.

As a matter of interest, when God ordered Joshua to go in and take the Holy Land by force, He instructed him to be **strong and courageous, not once, but four times** (**Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18**). So what did God mean, and what does He expect of Judah today? He makes it very clear: **Zech 12:4-14** "On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the LORD. "**I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations**. ⁵ **Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM ARE STRONG, BECAUSE THE LORD ALMIGHTY IS THEIR GOD.'** ⁶ "On that day I will make the **leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. THEY WILL CONSUME RIGHT AND LEFT ALL THE SURROUNDING PEOPLES, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place**." In that day, there will be none of the sissy type of fighting we see today, where collateral damage is the big no-no! Collateral damage will be the order of the day, and will be carried out with great dispatch. None of this weak, wishy-washy way of doing things; once the enemy is identified, they'll be wiped out to the last man, woman or child. Why would anyone want God's enemies to breed up again? Well, God made it very plain long ago that He doesn't, and He makes the rules!

V7 "The LORD will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the **House of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants** may *not* be **greater than that of Judah**. ⁸ **On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the House of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them.** ⁹ **On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem."** So which of the nations that surround the Holy Land have *not* attacked Jerusalem? I know of none, so they are all fair game, and they will all suffer the same fate. With Judah consuming them ***like a blazing torch among sheaves***, their future looks grim!

At that time the **House of Judah will be joined with the Sons of Jerusalem** to form the **House of David** – the very one that gave birth to the man-child Jesus, ***who is the Root and Offspring of David*** (**Rev 22:16**). When God says He will ***strengthen the House of Judah and make them like a battle horse***, it will be after much soul-searching concerning their first rejection of their Lord and Saviour. **V10** ***And I will pour out on the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication.*** They will look on me, ***the One they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.*** ¹¹ On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great, like the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² ***The land will mourn,*** each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the House of David and their wives, the clan of the House of Nathan and their wives, ¹³ the clan of the House of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives, ¹⁴ and all the rest of the clans and their wives." So it will be quite an event when the Jewish people realize they have been rejecting their Messiah for so long.

It's unlikely that mainstream Christianity will have similar feelings of remorse for the shameful way they have depicted the Mighty Christ! For too long they have believed they were already '***saved***' and yet the battle hasn't yet started. ***Salvation is from the Jews*** (**John 4:22**), just as Jesus said, and now Christians can know what it means. Perhaps at some future time they might even mourn like the Jews and start appreciating the meaning of the Messiah and all that He stands for.

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