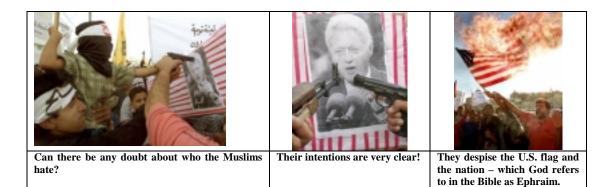
## The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Who's to blame? Chapter 2

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If the 22 nation Arab League had any concerns for the Palestinians, perhaps their one billion dollar contribution might have been better spent on raising their living standards. Instead, they have earmarked \$200 million for weapons, and a further \$800 million to build the world's largest mosque on the Temple Mount. The welfare of the Palestinians is of no concern to them. It's true that an additional amount is being raised for the Palestinians through a levy of a day's wages from all Arabs, but this amount will probably fund the reward system – a \$3,000 reward to any who die as martyrs.

Raising the standards of living for the Palestinians would defeat the overall purpose intended by the other Arab nations. They want them to be considered the downtrodden, poor victims of Zionist aggression. This is a workable strategy that has been used in other countries, and very successfully.

For instance, in Ethiopia, a few remote tribes are kept in deprived conditions, starving and dying, for organized media photo shoots. In the background, and out of sight are the armies, bristling with sophisticated weaponry, and well-fed, while the world sees only the starving few that have been organized for photo shoots. Powerful images are displayed all around the world, and aid agencies milk it for all it's worth.

The same strategy is employed for Palestinians! Every effort is made to project them as the downtrodden underdogs. The 'dog' part of the description is very appropriate! These mindless dogs don't realize how they are being manipulated. Their mindless activities in the latter months of 2000 have brought them to the brink of starvation. With rioting and sniper bullets they have tried to keep the Israelis out of Gaza and the West Bank, yet by their actions they have prevented the marketing of their own produce. Much of their produce is marketed in Israel, and much of it rotted because it couldn't be delivered. Who are the greatest fools? And what would it take to stop the violence? All they have to do is to stop throwing stones and Molotov cocktails, then the Israelis would have no reason to counter their attacks! A simple solution – but not one that expresses the intent of the Palestinians. Their intent is to continually cause trouble, and this is the way it always was.

Another solution would be for the Arabs to give the Palestinians some worthless land to live on (it's no good giving them good land, because after they've lived there for a while it becomes worthless anyway. They build nothing and they do nothing; they prefer to steal what others have built). With a slice

of worthless Arab land, the Palestinians could fulfill their destiny as professional mendicants, and start mopping up food aid from international organizations. To combat boredom they could even throw stones at each other.

Of course the Arab world has no concern for the welfare of the Palestinians. If they did, they would have used the \$1 billion dollar slush fund for raising their living standards. Instead, they have earmarked it to create provocative acts against the Israelis. A sure sign that they are raising the ante. In addition to this, they have called for <u>a worldwide Islamic jihad against all American and Israeli interests</u>.

In 1948 when the U.N. ordered the partition of the Holy Land into a homeland for the Israelis and the Arabs (Gaza and the West Bank being allocated to the Arabs), Islam rose up to utterly destroy Israel. To ensure an unrestricted bloodbath, the Palestinians slipped over the border into neighbouring countries. They were assured it would only take two weeks to slaughter the Israelis, then they could return to collect the spoils of war. But mindless Muslims can never get anything right. They completely underestimated the resolve of the Israelis to fight and failed to even get a foothold in the land. Two weeks passed, then two years, and then twenty years, and still many of the treacherous Palestinians were sitting in camps in neighbouring countries. The second and third waves (1956 and 1967) came and went, and still the self-exiled Palestinians could not return.

They decided to happily wait until every Israeli, man, woman and child, was slaughtered and they could get their hands on the valuable infrastructure – housing and lands that had been developed since 1918. When they fled the land, they were assured that all the Israelis would be slaughtered in two weeks. Although the Israelis paid a heavy price for defending the land, the big losers were the murderous Palestinians. Today they feign innocence as the underdogs. Many of them still live like pigs in Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon.

Back in the 1970's, Jordan deeply regretted the mistake of giving them temporary refugee status. Armed militants arose among them and called themselves the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization). This terrorist organization became a festering wound to Jordan with the same type of trouble being inflicted on Jordan as is happening today in Israel. After the murder of his grandfather King Abdullah by the Palestinians, the young King Hussein sought to make peace and restore order. No less than 22 agreements were signed over a period of a few years, and every time the PLO immediately violated the agreement.

King Abdullah was assassinated by the Palestinians because he complimented the Israelis in his memoirs. He spoke of the amazing transformation of the desert places and described them as a paradise, which contrasted greatly with the continuing squalor in which the Palestinians chose to live. It's worth noting that many of these Palestinian murderers were guests in the State of Jordan at the time of the assassination. Against all logic, King Hussein tried to make peace with them, and to encourage them to live in peace. It was considered a statesman-like move to offer them a peace agreement, but a total of 22 failed peace agreements brought an end to all patience. Finally, King Hussein declared that enough was enough, and turned his armies on them. The slaughter began, and he drove the rest into Lebanon, where they again regrouped, and received support from Syria.

Since then, Lebanon has almost ceased to be an independent nation. Totally dominated by Syria and the PLO (and the Hezbollah terrorist group – which is the Syrian wing supporting the PLO), the Lebanese are today pleading for their rights as an independent nation to be restored.

Now a rational observer would conclude that peace agreements are worthless when dealing with Palestinians. History has proven them to be treacherous liars. And what do we find today? We find the western world trying to establish peace accords with these same people. These people are incapable of keeping <u>any</u> agreement, let alone one that prescribes peace. Today, we are seeing the results of the talkfests that have continued throughout the Clinton Administration. The U.S. administration has arrogantly assumed that their powers of persuasion for peace, and their political system of democracy which embraces the notion that all men are of a common brotherhood, will eventually persuade all men to live in peace.

What a laugh! History, it seems, has taught them nothing! Already, the practice of throwing money at everyone who opposes them has left the U.S. in a very vulnerable position with multi-trillions of dollars of debt, and a massive exposure to foreign calls on their currency. The grey hairs on Ephraim (the U.S.) are starting to show. Hosea 7:9 "Foreigners sap his strength, but he does not realize it. His hair is sprinkled with grey, but he does not notice. Israel's (Ephraim – V8) arrogance testifies against him, but despite all this he does not return to the LORD his God or search for Him." And still foreigners continue to sap his strength. They have not returned to God or sought to fulfill the charter given them by God. They

have not protected the Holy Land or honoured the sacred things of God. Rather, they have sought reconciliation with the age-old enemies of God. Every detestable nation has been granted celebrity status, regardless of the severity of their terrorist activities, and the mindless talkfests drone on, and on, and on.

Traditionally, when embassies are closed down and diplomats are withdrawn, it's a prelude to a declaration of war. The situation has changed it seems, now when a U.S. embassy is bombed or burned down and the diplomats are withdrawn, the U.S. immediately begins making excuses and attempts to mollify the situation with declarations that it's only a small terrorist group that is responsible. They don't hold the foreign government responsible, or for that matter, the people, even though the people are usually out in the streets burning U.S. flags and declaring their hatred for Americans.

With tensions building up all over the world, and Islam is infiltrating into every nation on earth and openly declaring the destruction of America and the Israelis, the mindless talks of peace continue. What will it take to shake the mightiest power on earth out of their lethargy? Perhaps it would be a good time to stop listening to the siren song of mainstream Christianity who long ago abandoned any concern for the sacred things of God – including His Laws! Their sickening 'peace at any cost' has warped the judgment of successive governments who are convinced that negotiation is possible with sataric forces.

The prevailing views of Christianity so-called is to take care of themselves and feign a sickening 'love' that is all pervasive, while pretending to be unspotted by the world. In reality, they are immersed up to their eyeballs in supporting every subversive organization as long as they don't directly affect them. It's very easy to speak of much love when others are being slaughtered. And when it happens, they consider it to be God's problem – not theirs.

How different they are to the great men and women of the Bible. All of these recognized that God had a purpose in mind. They never doubted God's right to do as He pleases, and nor did they doubt His power to bring a swift end to all of humanity as he did in the days of Noah. They did however recognize that God was doing things through His human agents using human power, and men like Moses and David understood that they would have to fight for God. Recall that David spoke of the Philistines defying <u>the armies of the Living God</u> (1Sam 17:26).

Has God changed His mind? Has He now concluded that Christ and the angels will do all the fighting while Christians are given a free ride to paradise? God has plainly said that Christ will fight (Zech 14:4), but He has also said that Judah will fight right alongside of Him, and Judah will collect the spoils of war (V14). So what has changed since the days of Moses and David? Christianity has declared they won't fight, and God agrees! They won't fight! They must go as sheep to the slaughter! They must emulate the Mighty Saviour, and just as He went like a lamb to the slaughter, so must they.

So are they justified in feigning innocence while seeing the destruction of the Holy things of God go unpunished? No, they are doubly guilty! What is more, most refuse to accept the Scriptures that Christ used; they have rejected it and totally disagree with it, because they don't believe they have any obligations to God either way. They refuse to obey Him, and they refuse to even attempt to understand the purpose outlined in the writings of the Scriptures referred to today as the Old Testament.

Consider the Jews today who, over centuries of hardship have continued their <u>hard service</u> (Isa 40:2) to fulfill all that God has spoken. Their love of the Holy Land that God promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is undiminished, and their love of the Temple Mount where God will dwell forever (Eze 43:7) is equally undiminished. And among whom will God dwell forever? Notice the Scripture: Eze 43:7 "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among <u>the Israelites</u> forever." Oddly enough the Palestinians are not mentioned! Neither are the rest of the Muslims!

So why does Islam think they have any claim to the Holy Mount? The truth is they *know* they don't! For over a thousand years they've been trying to set themselves up as the rightful heirs to the Holy Land, and have even corrupted the Scriptures to appear as Jews. This deception was well entrenched even in the days of Christ. When Christ encountered a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, she said this to Him: John 4:12 "Are you greater than *our father Jacob*, who *gave us* the well and drank from it himself, as did also *his sons* and his flocks and herds?" When it came to Jacob's well, they mysteriously claim Jacob as their *father*, and say Jacob *gave* it to them.

Of course, it could be argued that since Esau was Jacob's twin brother, and since some of those who occupy the Holy Land are half-breeds of the Esau-Ishmael line, they have a right to call Jacob their father. The vast majority of Esau's line dwells in Saudi Arabia today and hate the descendants of Jacob. **They are certainly <u>not</u> descendants of Jacob!** The Godly line split with Jacob and his brother Esau, and

they became completely separate nations. The best the Edomites could claim is that Jacob was their uncle – <u>he certainly wasn't their father</u>.

And God has something to say against these very people: Mal 1:2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you ask, 'How have you loved us?' "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" the LORD says. "<u>Yet I</u> loved Jacob, but Esau I hated, and I have turned his mountains into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals."

The woman at the well claimed Jacob was their father. Christ's disciples knew that this woman was of the breed that had no part of their inheritance, but they didn't question Christ's judgment in this matter (John 4:27). To them, it seemed strange to them that Christ would have anything to do with her. The disciples had been with Christ long enough to know that He had come <u>only</u> to the 'lost sheep of Israel', a point He made in Matt 15:24. On this occasion, a Canaanite woman had come to Him for healing of her daughter. This is the account: Matt 15:22 "A Canaanite woman from the vicinity came to Him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demonpossession." Jesus did not answer a word. So the disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away because she keeps crying after us." This woman was becoming quite a pest, and it was starting to annoy the disciples. Then Christ answered. V24 "He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before Him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <u>He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs</u>." This woman understood that she had no rights or inheritance by bloodline – she was not of the Tribes of Israel! And just remember that these words were uttered by the Mightiest Being under the Great Heavenly Father, and if you really want to know, they were the Father's words (John 14:24).

This woman was nothing if not persistent. She continued to plead: **V27** "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour." So the woman's persistence paid off!

Christ was careful in His instruction always. He said this in **Matt 7:21** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, <u>but only he that does the will of my Father</u>." And isn't it the Father's Words that are rejected today by those who constantly say 'Lord, Lord' and yet reject any of the words that Christ spoke in which they disagree?

There were some subtle differences in the way Christ dealt with the Samaritan woman. She was drawing water from Jacob's well when He asked her for a drink. John 4:9 "The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)." The bracketed comment seems to indicate that John knew that Jews don't associate with Samaritans. Jesus then implied she was a bit of a harlot: V16 "Go and call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

Well at least she uttered something that was true. Up to this point, she had followed in the tradition of the lying parasites that continually want to live in the Promised Land. The truth she told was to confirm that she was a harlot! It seems strange that this event receives such lengthy discourse in the Scriptures. Here was a Samaritan woman who was a harlot and a lying deceiver who claimed Jacob as her father. Then she says this: **V19** "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but **you Jews** claim that the place where **we** must worship is in Jerusalem." Another of this woman's lies. The Jews wouldn't associate with them, and certainly never suggested they should worship alongside them in Jerusalem. Today, these same people who want to highjack Jerusalem and the Temple Mount as their capital, still claim the same thing. Did Christ confirm that these jackals should worship in Jerusalem? *No, He didn't!* **V21** "Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father *neither* on this mountain *nor* in Jerusalem. You <u>Samaritans</u> worship what you do <u>not know</u>; we worship what we do know, for salvation is of the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship Him in <u>Spirit and in Truth</u>."

Whew! After this little encounter, the lying Samaritan harlot must have felt a little punch-drunk. Her lies and deceptions had not scored a point! What is more, she now knew that she could *not* worship in Jerusalem because only <u>true worshippers</u> could worship there, and only in <u>Spirit and Truth</u>.

So had Christ had a good day in attacking this lone woman? No! All that He said had little to do with this woman. This was a parable about *another* lying Samaritan harlot, one that formerly lived in Samaria, and deserted God and the Holy City, and worshipped other gods. In fury, God drove them from the land and was no longer a **husband** to them. Throughout many prophecies God refers to the Lost Tribes of Israel as **Samaria**, and frequently refers to her as a harlot. Christ was actually speaking a parable! In fact, everything He said to everyone other than His disciples was a parable: **Matt 13:34** "Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables; **He did not say anything to them without using a parable**. So was fulfilled what was **spoken through the prophet**: "I will open my mouth in parables, **I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world**."" David was the prophet who was quoted here. Christ made certain that true worshippers would review what the Prophet David said. The quote is found in **Psalm 49:4** and **78:2**. There are some interesting endtime prophecies in **Psalm 49** – and **Psalm 50** for that matter. **Psalm 78:2** is even more explicit! This Psalm identifies to whom Christ came – <u>the lost sheep of Israel</u>, and **Ephraim** is named (**V9**). These Psalms would be an important Bible study all on their own. Perhaps true believers will take up the challenge.

There are some true worshippers who will worship the Father in Jerusalem. They will be called the 'Sons of Jerusalem'. These will not cave into any demands by Samaria or by any of the other degenerates who now occupy the Holy Land. No peace deals, no worthless pieces of paper, no reconciliations with those who have no rights to worship the Father in Jerusalem. But they will make an offer to these parasites, which they can't refuse! That offer will be, "Get out of town – *or else!*"

At that time, the true worshippers will know that Judah's hard service is done. They will have received double for all their sins. Then they will be called to a new service to the Father, and they too, will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. God describes that time: Zech 12:4 "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 the **horses** of the nations. Then the **leaders of Judah** will say in their hearts, "The **people of Jerusalem** are strong, because the LORD Almighty (the Father) is their God."" Yes, the **leaders** of **Judah** (the tiny nation of Israel) are going to see some things that will make them conclude that the Sons of Jerusalem are strong, and they will know that the Almighty Father is their God. They will do as Christ instructed them to do – to worship the Father!

The **horses** and **riders** referred to here are the age-old enemies of God with the ancient City of Babylon as the center of all their activities – just as God has always said. Christianity should have believed God! They might have saved themselves a lot of heartache. But no! They think they know better than God! But the good news is that they will believe God – eventually!

The leaders of Judah, in fact, all of Judah, will have to come to the realization that they are not Levites. The Levites are the priesthood tribe, and the only tribe of the twelve that God ever took as His own (Num 8:16). But then, they are very familiar with Moses who was the appointed leader who lead them out of Egypt, and Moses was a Levite. Long after Moses, God speaks again of a Levite – a real Levite, and one who knows he's a Levite. The Book of the Messenger (Malachi) speaks in great detail of this Levite, the one whom God calls 'Levi' (Mal 2:4-5).

Presently, Judah is thoroughly confused. Against all God's advice, they have chosen to negotiate with lying Muslims. **It seems the whole world is now deceived**. They believe the lies of these slavering beasts and go mad themselves. Against all logic and rationale the western world continues to pander to them, and it seems, believes their every word. How strange that they believe the father of the Muslims, that is, Satan the devil, but they won't *believe* the Heavenly Father!

Abraham <u>believed</u> God and it was credited to him as righteousness. Because he believed God, God told him that he would give him all the land that were formerly occupied by Canaanites and Amorites. **History is about to be repeated**. What is more, through the seed of Abraham, all nations will be blessed.

Wars will continue to the end. Every nation is preparing for war! Well, it seems that everyone is talking about peace – when there is no peace! They speak of peace while preparing for war.

But did you know that God Himself is preparing for war? He speaks of a time of His wrath against all nations. And He even refers to the nations by name where His wrath will start: Jer 25:15 "This is what the LORD, <u>the God of Israel</u>, said to me, "Take from my hand <u>this cup filled with the wine of my</u> <u>wrath</u> and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. When they drink it, they will stagger and go mad <u>because of the sword I will send among them</u>." We have come to the point in prophecy where we must cling to every word of God and seek instruction from it. The cup of the LORD represents the New Covenant in the blood of His Son – a point made by the Christ Himself (Matt 26:28, Luke 22:20). The New Covenant is the Covenant that God will make with the House of Israel, because <u>the LORD is the</u>

**God of Israel!** He is <u>not</u> the God of those He <u>never</u> chose as His own. All others have the devil as their father. And the cup they will drink from is not the Cup of the New Covenant, but the cup of God's wrath. God is making this distinction! Contrary to the strongly held views of mainstream Christianity, God is not offering salvation to Satan's hordes, but only to the Tribes of Israel, who themselves, will eventually drink from the Cup of the New Covenant, and will receive God's Holy Spirit – and have God's Law written on their hearts and minds. The position of the rest of the world is tenuous indeed. Some of these will swap horses and begin to honour the Heavenly Father and worship Him in Spirit and in truth. To do this, they must be grafted into the tree and become true Israelites.

God will, at a future time, gather those who worship the Almighty Father from every nation, people, language and tribe. This will result from the two-pronged provision that God has made for a conclusion of six thousand years of human suffering under the rulership of Satan the devil.

God foresaw the time when Satan will lose his privileged position, and will no longer have access to the Royal Throne of God. When he is cast out, he will turn with great fury on the nations of the earth. All the resources at his disposal will be thrown into battle. God has forewarned us with these words: **Rev 12:12** "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." It's difficult to understand the message of the Churches who teach such radiant outcomes in their doctrine. They would have you believe that your service to God is merely lip-service, and that God requires nothing else of you.

And let's not kid ourselves that the fanciful notions of Christianity today have any resemblance to what God is planning. They are totally and thoroughly deceived. They side with the enemies of God and are willing to sacrifice the City of God that bears His Name in the interests of peace. The leaders of Judah have been listening to the pathetic madness that emanates from those who have highjacked the Name of His Son and called themselves Christian. There is nothing Christ-like about them. Do they really know what the title 'Christ' means? No, they don't! It means many things. It means Messiah, Saviour, Mighty King and Mighty Ruler, but it also means Mighty Commander, Righteous Judge. This Mighty Commander will crush all opposition, and the blood will flow as if one were treading grapes. The time will come when blood will flow to the depth of a horse's bridle in one location (**Rev 14:20**).

Of primary concern at this present time are the disgusting things that are being done in the Holy City, and the lack of determination of the present trustees to honour the things of God. The kingdom is about to be torn from their hands and given to others who will bear fruit (Matt 21:43).

God is determined to bring destruction on many nations. They are about to learn that God doesn't speak in vain. What He says He means, and what He has determined to do – He will do! Those who promote their own brand of righteousness and insult God in so doing, will suffer terribly. The prescribed six millennial days are about to expire and usher in the Seventh Day. This is God's Day – the Day He spoke of, and foresaw in the Garden of Eden. He left us a constant reminder in the seven-day weekly cycle. The Day is dawning, and all that God has said – He will do!

In the same chapter of Jeremiah, He says this: Jer 25:28-32 "But if they refuse to take the Cup from your hand and drink, tell them, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: You must drink it! <u>See, I am about to bring disaster on the City that bears my Name, and will you indeed go unpunished?</u> You will *not* go unpunished, for <u>I am calling down a sword upon all who live on earth</u>, declares the LORD Almighty'. Now prophesy these words against them and say to them: 'The LORD will roar from on high; He will lift His voice from His holy dwelling and roar against His land. He will shout <u>like those who tread the grapes</u>, shout against all who live on the earth. The tumult will resound to <u>the ends of the earth</u>, for the LORD will bring <u>charges</u> against the nations; He will bring <u>judgment</u> on <u>all mankind</u> and put the wicked to the sword,'' declares the LORD. This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Look! Disaster is spreading from nation to nation; <u>a mighty storm is rising from the ends of the earth</u>."

And for those who think God's justice is not acceptable, you will soon change your mind! Notice what God adds: V33 "At that time, <u>the slain of the LORD</u> will be everywhere – from one end of the earth to the other. They will <u>not</u> be mourned or gathered up or buried, but will be <u>like refuse</u> lying on the ground."

All those who value the seed of Satan over those whom God called out of all the families of the earth (Amos 3:1-2), won't have time to mourn anyone. God is not pleased with these treacherous people. They are Judases who lead the flock to the slaughter with their lies, and they are being lead to number among '<u>the slain of the LORD</u>' instead of being the slain of the devil – as Christ Himself was! Now their treachery is about to receive its just recompense. And God has spelt it out clearly: V34 "Weep and wail,

**you shepherds**; roll in the dust, **you leaders of the flock**. For your time to be slaughtered has come; you will fall and be shattered **like fine pottery**. The Shepherds will have **nowhere to flee**, the leaders of the flock **no place to escape**." This hasn't stopped them from promising a place of safety – a place to escape! But still they claim the liberty to contradict God! **V36** "Hear the cry of **the shepherds**, the wailing of **the leaders of the flock**, for the LORD is destroying their pasture. The peaceful meadows will be laid waste because of the fierce anger of the LORD. Like a **LION** He will leave His lair, and their land will become desolate **because of the sword of the oppressor** and because of the LORD'S fierce anger."

The Bible tells us then the Sacrificial Lamb becomes the LION! And that LION is from the Tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5), the very Tribe that Christianity speaks so disparagingly against. The Mighty LION of the Tribe of Judah will leave His lair when He reveals the meaning of the seven seals. You may think that other prophets revealed the meaning of these seals many years ago. Certainly the Churches of God attempted to, and gave the most stupid renditions imaginable. They were meaningless and could have been applied to any time in history. A great deal could be said about their pathetic attempts to prove themselves to be prophets, and particularly their ideas about the meaning of these seals. Most importantly, throughout all those years of mind-numbing arrogance, the LION of the Tribe of Judah did not arise as He said He would – but *only* at the time of the *opening* of the Seals. Obviously, the foolish shepherds never understood the meaning of the Seals. But now they can because they have been revealed, but the timing of when the Churches accept it is entirely up to them. God has literally given them the choice of life or death. If they choose life, then they must become like the LION of the Tribe of Judah, and adopt all the aspirations of this Tribe and its Champion – the Mighty Christ. Or they can emulate their Saviour by going as sheep to the slaughter. Either way the choice is life - eternal life. Or they can choose death. If they seek to save their life they will lose it - forever! And this choice means death! Christ too, had a choice to make. He chose to die and be raised to life - eternal life!

The Heavenly Father has appointed His Tribe – the Tribe of Levi – to present His Truth and to teach it, just as He did in the time of Moses. As in the days of John the Baptist, Levi will again prepare the way for the Mighty Christ (Mal 3:1). Judah will again join the Levites and become a mighty fighting force, and will fight beside the Mighty Christ Himself, and Judah will collect the spoils of war (Zech 14:14). You might recall that Christians *must* become Jews!

But Judah is not out of the woods yet! Presently, they are bringing great offense against the God of Heaven. They have allowed the Islamic scum to swarm over the Temple Mount and desecrate it. They have chosen to negotiate peace with them – against God's express instructions! They have despised the Holy Land given them by God and refused to fight for it (as they have in the past). They didn't recognize the time of Christ's first coming, and now they are violating his intentions at His second coming. Instead of preparing the way for Him (a responsibility that will be fulfilled by the Levites – Mal 3:1 – and with force!), they have chosen to negotiate with these enemies of God. The Kingdom of God must be taken by force, and God is now preparing those who will do just that!

What would the Mighty Christ do? He tells us! Christ has specific methods that must be adopted in His interests and the interests of the Holy City. He has said He will fight against the nations that violate Jerusalem (Zech 14:3) and this describes a decisive battle. Should those who are stewards of the Holy Place be less decisive in regard to God's interests?

Well now, back in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Jeremiah again, God makes his intentions known. Those who think they can negotiate peace with God's enemies will soon lose the right to dwell in His Holy Land. Jer 25:17 "So I took the Cup from the LORD'S hand and made all the nations to whom He sent me drink it: Jerusalem and the towns of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a ruin and an object of horror and scorn and cursing, as they are today; Pharaoh king of Egypt, his attendants, his officials and all his people, and all the foreign people there; all the kings of Uz; all the kings of the Philistines (those of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the people left at Ashdod); Edom, Moab and Ammon; all the kings of Tyre and Sidon; the kings of the coastlands across the sea; Dedan, Tema, Buz and all who are in distant places; all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the foreign people who live in the desert; all the kings of Zimri, Elam and Media; and all the kings of the north, near and far, one after the other – all the kingdoms on the face of the earth. After all of them the king of Sheshach (cryptogram for Babylon – see margin) will drink it too."

As a point of interest, the original Hebrew rendered 'all those who are in distant lands' as those 'who clip the hair by their foreheads' – a practice of the Indonesian Islamic militants as a symbol of their militancy. So there's some treatment reserved for them too when they drink the Cup of God's wrath! Indonesia happens to be the most populous Muslim nation on earth. It's also worth noting that many of the private armies of the drug barons in South-East Asia and South America seem to have a propensity to 'clip the hair of their foreheads' as a sign of their militancy.

The Mauzzim (see **Dan 11:38** and check margin in KJV) is a god of fortresses – of war and death. Those who like to determine the meaning of words could examine 'mausoleum' and 'museum' and their relationship to 'death'. One of the big players soon to hit the world stage is **Death** himself (**Rev 6:8**). He has reigned before, and will reign again. He is one of Satan's favourite Generals. Utterly ruthless, he has no concern for any lesser beings, even those of his own kind.

You probably know that Satan has great authority (**Rev 13:2**). He uses this authority as an absolute tyrant. Even the rulers of the heavenly realms are cowered by him – and he rules over them. He is unpredictable and ruthless. Most people have not even begun to understand the structure of these rulers of the heavenly realms. If you observe some of the human despots that have arisen, you will begin to see the nature of Satan and his demon rulers. They too live on this earth.

There are vast swarms of them ready to sweep across borders and bring astounding death and destruction to the Tribes of Israel. They are already programmed to do the will of their father the devil. You've seen them in action all around the world in recent times and in ever-increasing numbers. Look at the madness in their faces – the demented mask of Satan the devil! You should have listened to God and searched His Word with all your hearts. The 'times of the Gentiles' has come and you will be caught up in it. You wanted to learn the 'culture' and ways of the Gentiles, now you will have it coming out of your ears and plastered on your foreheads. You've been more concerned about Gentiles than about God's people Israel. The governments of the House of Israel have been busy making true Israelites second-class citizens in their own land by adopting a policy of 'affirmitive action' in favour of Gentiles, which means the most undeserving are given rights not available to others. It seemed harmless enough at the time, but its effects are about to have full-blown repercussions.

Perhaps you should rush out and buy some favour. Most of you have been worthless and dishonest stewards, now is the time to win back some ground. But you'll have to figure out for yourselves how to do this. You may believe you have won some favour by carefully orchestrating words and doctrines based on presumed rights and privileges as 'once-saved, always-saved' Christians, but you would be wrong!! Your thoughts and aspirations would be well below those of Almighty God.

God speaks of King David being a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). And God didn't suddenly change His mind after Christ's first appearance. Christ confirmed again and again that He was the Son of David. So what kind of a man was David? First of all, God saw in David a man who would do everything that He wanted him to (same verse). David appeared on the scene at the time when the Philistines were harassing the House of Israel. His first act was to kill their leader – Goliath. David's rule began and continued while the leader (Saul) of the House of Israel still reigned. David's army had the appearance of a gang of rebels to all those loyal to Saul. It's interesting to note that the Son of David (Christ) also wanted to be viewed in the same light. Just before His betrayal, He ordered His men to get some swords. They found two, and He said it was enough. This is the account: Luke 22:36 "He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloke and buy one. 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 <u>about me</u> is reaching its fulfillment." The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," He replied."

It was written by Isaiah, and Christ ensured He fulfilled it. Christ and His tiny band of men had to appear as rebels – or transgressors – against the worldly 'wisdom' of those of His time. To some, it would appear to go against all that Christ stood for, yet it was written about Him, and Christ confirmed it. As the Son of David, Christ had to appear like David – as a potential warrior. The Jews at the time believed and expected a man to arise like David, who would lead them to a sweeping victory over their oppressors. Even the disciples believed it would happen in their time (Luke 24:21). It never happened at that time, because the times had not reached their fulfillment.

Isaiah detailed these things as a prelude to a time of greatness, when the Christ would arise with mighty power and restore David's Kingdom (or 'fallen tents' as some versions describe it). Yet the leaders of Judah failed to understand Isaiah's prophetic message. Unlike His brother Satan, Jesus had to be prepared to give up all, including His life, as a demonstration of His love and obedience to His Father – something that Satan is not prepared to do! Satan's guilt is such that he knows that God would not raise him from the dead. Jesus, on the other hand, knew that God would raise Him from the dead. He had been obedient to His Heavenly Father and had never sinned against Him – even in the smallest point. In addition

to this, He had gone to great lengths to fulfill all that the Father had said in His regard. The Father's will has precedence over all else, and Jesus firmly upheld His will.

Isaiah recorded God's will in regard to the One who would become the Mighty Christ: Isa 53:10 "It was the LORD'S will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life a guilt offering, He will see <u>His offspring</u> and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand. <u>After</u> the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by <u>His knowledge</u> my righteous servant will justify many, and He will <u>bear their iniquities</u>. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and <u>He will divide the spoils with the strong</u> (see <u>Zech 14:14</u>), because He poured out His life unto death, <u>and was numbered with the transgressors</u>. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

If Christ is to **bear their iniquities**, then you would think the first order of business would be to stop the iniquities, but Christianity it seems does not see it this way. They seem to think they can do as they please.

So what happens <u>after</u> Christ has suffered and borne the sins of many? Isaiah explains that He will divide the spoils of war with the strong. And once again, it will be Judah that will be <u>the strong</u> or the mighty force that will fight beside Christ. But not before they recognize that the people (sons) of Jerusalem are strong and align themselves with them. They will recognize that God is with them! Notice these words: Zech 12:2 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding nations reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. On that day I will strike every <u>horse</u> with panic and its <u>rider</u> 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. Then the <u>leaders</u> of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The <u>people of Jerusalem</u> are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God."

You might observe that the leaders of Judah are not strong presently. Instead, they have had Prime Minister Barak sucking up to the Palestinian terrorists, and prepared to make peace with them at any price. Now he is seeking a mandate to continue his pathetic overtures to them by calling a general election. But a flicker of strength still continues in the tiny nation of Israel. Bibi Netanyahu is preparing to bring a modicum of sanity back to the Jewish people. (As a point of interest to true believers, Bibi Netanyahu is the spitting image of this writer's grandfather. Grandfather Dunlevi was a true Levite, and one can assume that Bibi is too). The pathetic liberalization of the Israelis has been largely influenced by the Democrat leadership of the U.S. President Clinton couldn't earn his Nobel peace prize from his efforts in the Middle East, so, as a last-ditch stand, he is concentrating his efforts on Ireland in the hope of making peace there. Clinton has yet to learn that lasting peace cannot be achieved by signing a piece of paper, regardless of the terms and conditions.

The only thing the offspring of Satan the devil understands is force! The Mighty Christ knows that, and He is prepared to gather all nations against the Holy Land and deal with them with force that the world has never seen to this present time.

Recall that the nations are like a drop in the bucket to God and are less than worthless. What possible purpose could they serve in the scheme of things as Christ begins to put down all rebellion? This is what God says: Isa 40:15 "Surely the nations are like a drop in the bucket..." V17 "Before Him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by Him as worthless and less than nothing." Christianity has chosen not to believe this, but they are deluding themselves if they believe otherwise! Most of humanity has their reward in this life only (Ps 17:14). Can corrupt and evil nations be allied with God? God says 'no!' Psalm 94:20 "Can a corrupt throne be allied with you – one that brings misery by its decrees? They band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the Rock in whom I take refuge. He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness; the LORD our God will destroy them." And also Psalm 21:8 "Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes. At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In His wrath the LORD will swallow them up, and His fire will consume them. You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from mankind."

For some unknown reason, Christianity doesn't seem to understand that God has enemies! Yet He says He does! It's His purpose to eradicate them from the earth. When His Day dawns, why would He want them to live? All they do is plot and scheme <u>to kill the innocent</u>, and this has been going on for six thousand years! The good news is that this is all about to change. God speaks of vengeance and confirms that He will repay!

As the satanic hordes of Satan the devil sweep across the earth reigning down destruction on all before them, killing the innocent in a willful rampage of destruction – take heart! God is preparing for war!

The initial strikes will be made by the Sons of Jerusalem – the keepers of the sacred things of God – God's own tribe. But when the leaders of Judah see that God is with them, they too, will become strong. In fact, the whole world will see it, and they will see one man put a thousand to flight (Joshua 23:10). This is also mentioned in the Song of Moses (Deut 32:30) and note that the Song of Moses is also mentioned in **Rev 15:3**. In the latter days, the Song of Moses will be sung, including this verse: Deut 32:30 "How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless the LORD had given them up? For their rock is not like <u>our Rock</u>, as even our enemies concede." The fake rock of Satan the devil is no match for the Rock of God and His people!

Zechariah had more to say concerning these things. He recorded this: Zech 12:6 "On that day I will make the <u>leaders of Judah</u> 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 in her place." Judah will need to be reeducated in the ways of the Sons of Jerusalem, and will emulate them. V7 "The LORD will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honour of <u>the House of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants</u> may not be greater than that of <u>Judah</u>. On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest of them will be like David, and <u>the House of David will be like God</u>, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. On that day I will set out to destroy all nations that attack Jerusalem."

There are two groups spoken of here. The first is the House of David who are the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the other group is Judah. Judah will receive equal billing when they acknowledge that the people of Jerusalem are strong, and that God is with them. The House of David is also mentioned in **Rev 12:1, 5, 13**, as the woman who gave birth to Christ – Christ Himself confirmed He was the Son of David. Obviously, the House of David is of the line of Judah but with one great exception! The House of David would not exist except a Levite had anointed David as king. It was God's intention that the Levites prepare the way. And just to make the point, God numbers the Levites among the House of David: Zech 12:10 "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." **V12** "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 David** and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives, and all the rest of the clans and their wives."

From the time of Moses, it was God's intentions to send a Levite for the purpose of rescuing His people Israel. After Moses sliced off the Egyptian's head for mistreating one of his people, Moses had to flee. Forty years later, God called him back to rescue His people. Though some might not like to believe it, Christ was just like Moses, and Moses prophesied of Him: **Deut 18:15** "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet <u>like me</u> from among your own brothers. <u>You must listen to Him</u>." Luke confirmed this was a prophecy about Christ in Acts 3:22, 7:37. This is the prophet that they <u>must</u> listen to.

The Levite prophet Samuel played an integral role in the establishment of the House of David as Luke mentioned in Acts 3:24. Samuel prepared the way for the establishment of this house. So did John the Baptist. John's father, Zechariah, prophesied concerning this when he was asked what this child would be: Luke 1:66 "Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him." Zechariah was a Levite priest, and was filled with the Holy Spirit when he answered this question: V67 "His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and redeemed His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the House of His servant David (as He said through His holy prophets long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us - to show mercy to our fathers. and to remember His holy covenant, the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. And you, my son, will be a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the Rising Sun will come to us from heaven to shine on all those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel."

Obviously, there was a need to raise up a **horn of salvation** in the **House of David** to bring **salvation from the enemy** – those who **hate** us – and even to **rescue** from the **hand of the enemy**. You will notice that nothing is mentioned about being saved or rescued from God – **but from the enemy!** Mainstream Christianity seems to continually trumpet that they are saved. **Saved from what?** Do they mean they are saved from any obligation to be obedient to God? The perception seems to be that they are saved from God's wrath for reasons known only to themselves. And on what do they base their assumptions? Perhaps you should ask them. In the diminutive world of their foggy minds, I don't think you would get a satisfactory answer! Certainly not one based upon Scriptural knowledge.

In the same chapter where God says the nations are worthless and less than nothing (Isa 40:17), the prophet of the Most High, John the Baptist began his ministry. This is confirmed in Luke 3:4-6, and is a direct quote from Isa 40:3-5. It is written in V5 "And the glory of the LORD will be revealed and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." It's fairly obvious that all mankind together has not yet seen this! In fact, the vast majority of all mankind couldn't care less about the things of God, and mainstream Christianity is not far behind them. It would be difficult indeed to find any church that is actively preaching anything approaching reality.

Christ was a prophet like Moses, and He too envisaged a Kingdom on earth with human beings living in peace and safety just as John's father Zechariah foretold. Christ spoke of horrific events, not just in the Book of Revelation, which goes into great detail, but also during His earthly ministry. He spoke these words: Matt 24:21 "For then there will be great distress, <u>unequalled from the beginning of the world until now</u> – and <u>never to be equaled again</u>. If those days [were] not cut short, <u>no-one would survive</u>, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

Those who teach the Mickey Mouse version of the 'gospel' would have you believe they have the ticket out of here. Everyone who is not a part of their group is in heaps of trouble. But in the dinky world of their imaginations God is going to spare them because they have memorized lots of flowery phrases, which they speak in medieval English. Not quite the perceptions of the writings of the Book of Revelation, is it? Nor do their perceptions parallel the writings of the Law and the Prophets, which Christ said would not pass until all is fulfilled. So has the Book of Revelation been fulfilled – which incidentally was written sixty years after Christ's departure from earth!

So there is something radically wrong with the 'gospel' Christianity is presently preaching. Everyone is competing for the righteousness stakes, and most are narrowly focused on the 'principles of this world', which are based on human commands and teachings (Col 2:20-22). What a web of deceit has been woven by those who hold to the principles of the world. They actively promote the way of Balaam by encouraging sexual immorality (Rev 2:14), they use 'political correctness' to corrupt the teachings of God, and through all this, they demand that God acknowledge their 'righteousness'. Many of the churches have joined the stampede to be the first to admit practicing homosexuals to their ranks. Have they already forgotten what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah? Are they now competing with God for the 'righteousness' stakes by recruiting degenerates? The principles of this world, which Paul warned against, are now present today in full-blown proportions.

The most spiritually inept seem to be at the forefront of regulating God's instructions – chiefly by ignoring them altogether. They strain to impact their listeners with miniscule instructions about childrearing, marriage and divorce, do's and don'ts for Sabbath observance, their own versions of prophecy that offer a safe haven for their followers, and of course, the big item – church governance and lording it over other members considered to be inferior, and amid all this, totally ignore the reasons for six thousand years of suffering and the need for a righteous Kingdom to be established on earth. The big-ticket item is church governance. It's been one of the most successful of the principles of the world for promoting the most spiritually-inept to positions of power in order to lord it over others. Such people have a mental disease called 'luciferitis' and they have a overwhelming desire to be like Lucifer (Eze 28:17), but at the same time have a desire to appear Christ-like. But they have great difficulty ferreting around Christ's words in this regard. This is what He said: Matt 20:25 "Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must first be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." They've grown so adept at lording it over others and seeking recognition that they truly believe that the Apostle Paul overruled Christ and set them as demigods over others.

The Apostle John spoke of the principles of this world and warned not to become involved: **1John 1:15** "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does <u>the will of God</u> lives forever." Those who immerse themselves in the principles of this world are useless and worthless to God – and the Father's love is not in him. Those who think they are something when they are nothing are deluding themselves – but they are *not* deluding the Father!

With the enemies of God now encircling the world and taking up their positions for a strategic assault on the House of Israel, Christianity is groping in darkness trying to understand the basic principles of God. Yet they are fully aware of the basic principles of this world, and fanatically uphold them.

The tiny Tribe of Judah, living in the State of Israel, are at the forefront of dealing with the enemies of God. But they are currently operating out of secular interests and are closely aligned with the principles established by this world. At times they have operated with Godly intent, and God has given them stunning victories against overwhelming odds, but not quite of the proportions where one man puts a thousand to flight, or two men put ten thousand to flight. As Moses and Joshua pointed out, it was not the power of the man but the mighty Power of God. It would seem to be futile in this day and age to be speaking of such things if they were never to happen. Most of Christianity are convinced that there is no need for violence in any form today even though the futility of peace treaties is so evident. Most will learn the hard way that there is no point in negotiating with the enemies of God, and even more so as the Great Day of the LORD approaches. The enemies of God have an agenda, and that agenda is the total destruction of all the Tribes of Israel. And this determination has never been as evident as it is today.

For millennia Satan's brood has been bumping along the bottom in the area of prosperity. What little prosperity they now enjoy has been largely the result of technology advances and foreign aid developed and given by the Tribes of Israel. But history has shown that foreign aid is poorly implemented outside the Tribes of Israel. And while their standards of living have been enhanced, the specter of repayment of loans continues to be an impediment. There is a growing lobbying trend to forgive the debts of third world countries and to make the descendants of Israel pay. It's not enough that these nations have been blessed through the seed of Abraham, now they want to rob the Tribes of Israel by defaulting on their loans.

Is this important? Well it is to Satan the devil. He's keen to reduce the debt among his subject nations and enable them to re-arm for war. For years he has been testing the strength of his warriors and preparing them to wreak havoc and destruction on all the Tribes of Israel, and the Tribe of Ephraim in particular. He hopes to lure the armies of Israel into a trap and destroy them. A preemptive strike against a huge army with the resultant loses would shatter the resolve of Ephraim's military to wage war.

Ephraim is the Tribe that God appointed to rule over his brothers in this endtime. It's no secret that when Ephraim speaks, men tremble. He is exalted in Israel (Hos 13:1). He is the dominant tribe with many warriors (Hos 10:13), and he is thoroughly deceived (same verse). He relies on his own strength and has forgotten that it was God who made him great (Hos 11:3).

God speaks of the day of retribution for Ephraim. Hos 5:2 "I know all about <u>Ephraim</u>; Israel is not hidden from me. <u>Ephraim</u>, you have now turned to prostitution; Israel is corrupt. Their deeds do not permit them to return to God. A spirit of prostitution is in their heart; they do not acknowledge the LORD. Israel's arrogance testifies against them; the Israelites, <u>even Ephraim</u>, stumble in their sin; <u>Judah also</u> <u>stumbles with them</u>." In the whole Book of Hosea Ephraim is indicted for his sins and his refusal to acknowledge his Creator.

Even the Apostle Paul foresaw this. He understood what the prophet had said. He spoke of it in these terms: **2Thess 2:6** "And now you know what is holding <u>him</u> (the Beast or man of lawlessness) back, so that he may be revealed <u>at the proper time</u>. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the <u>one</u> (Ephraim) who now holds it back will continue to do so till <u>he</u> (Ephraim) is taken out of the way. And then the <u>lawless one</u> (the beast) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy with the splendor of His coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason **God sends them <u>a powerful delusion</u>** so that they will believe the lie, and so that all will be <u>condemned</u> who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness." The one who holds back the lawless one is he that God calls His son – <u>Ephraim</u> (Jer 31:20). And Ephraim must be taken out of the way before the lawless one, the beast, is revealed. Then this satanic beast will have free rein to do as he pleases, and no-one to stop him.

The Eternal God has left us in no doubt about what to expect when the fading shadows of the past six thousand years comes to an end. But still it will be many years before Christ returns in Glory with all His saints. These must first be killed, and they must wait until all their brothers are killed also (**Rev 6:9**). In this final martyrdom of the saints, they will be received into Glory and will live under the altar until their glorious return to earth with the all-conquering Christ.

In the meantime, there is much prophecy to be fulfilled; there are nations to be conquered and destruction and ruin to be wreaked in all the earth. The whole House of Israel must go into captivity once more, **from where they will be rescued** – just as the prophets foretold long ago. During this period the Holy Mountain of God will be restored and the promised Temple will be built, and all the Holy Land will be restored with houses and infrastructure to welcome back the Tribes of Israel to their promised inheritance.

And the Kingdom of God will fill the whole earth.

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