## The Bride of Satan

## **Chapter 3**

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Almighty God has spoken of a period just before the return of the Ruler – the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Like His Almighty Father, He too, is a God of vengeance; and when He says 'I will repay' He truly means it! When His worthless brother Satan attempts another coup against His Father's Throne and authority, He will repel him and cast him back to earth forever. Then He will take decisive action against his brood – those who spawned the religion of Islam and presently live on the land where the Mighty Mountain of God once stood.

Isa 34:1 "Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all that comes out of it! The LORD is angry with all nations; His wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them, He will give them over to slaughter. Their slain will be thrown out, their dead bodies will send up a stench; the mountains will be soaked with their blood. All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky roll up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig-tree. My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed. The sword of the LORD is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat – the blood of lambs and goats, fat from the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in Edom. The wild oxen will fall with them, the **bull calves** and the **great bulls**. Their land will be drenched with their blood, and the dust will be soaked with their fat. For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause. Edom's streams will be turned into pitch, her dust will be burning sulphur, her land will become blazing pitch! It will not be quenched night or day, its smoke will rise forever. From generation to generation it will lie desolate; no-one will ever pass through it again. The desert owl and the screech owl will possess it; the great owl and the raven will nest there. God will stretch out over Edom the measuring-line of chaos and the plumb-line of desolation. Her nobles will have nothing there to call a kingdom, all her princes will vanish away. Thorns will overrun her citadels, nettles and brambles her strongholds. She will become a haunt for jackals, a home for owls." Note the words My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens'.

God has made it clear what He will do to the land that spawned the disgusting religion of Islam. From the boundaries of Edom the teachings of the false prophet Mohammad has spread throughout the world. And soon this wicked land and its people will suffer the wrath of Almighty God Himself. God has not threatened in vain! What He has said He will do! What is more, the Mighty Commander of Armies will go out alone to accomplish this. And who is this Mighty Commander of Armies? Joshua met Him just as they crossed the Jordan to inherit the Holy Land: Josh 5:13 "Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in His hand. Joshua went up to Him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," He replied, "but as the Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell face down to the ground in reverence, and asked Him, "What message does my Lord have for His servant?" The Commander of the LORD'S Army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so." This is the same Mighty Being who spoke to Moses at the time of the burning bush. This is the very Being whose presence makes the ground holy. Joshua was aware of this because he was Moses' first lieutenant, and was well-aware of all aspects of Moses' ministry.

You'll recall that only Joshua and Caleb reported favourably on the land they were sent to spy out – some forty-five years before. Both said that the <u>Armies of the Living God</u> were well able to go in and possess the Promised Land. God loved Joshua for his faithfulness and obedience. But what of Caleb? He also received very special blessings and a great inheritance: <u>Josh 14:6</u> "Now the men of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and <u>Caleb</u> son of Jephunneh the Kennizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said

to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought back a report according to my convictions, but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly. So on that day, Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.' Now then, just as the LORD promised, He has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time He said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard that the Anakites were there, and their cities large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as He said." The Anakites, of course, were giants, and were greatly feared – but not by Caleb!

All this serves to make a clear distinction between the Mighty Christ as He is today, and the falsity of the teachings of mainstream Christianity. They want you to believe that all that happened prior to Christ's death and resurrection was meaningless and irrelevant for our time. They even teach everyone to forget the Law of Moses, the servant of God, and to focus on worthless platitudes. It doesn't faze them at all that God says to remember it! (Mal 4:4). Even the worthless shepherd (Zech 11:17) taught that the Law of Moses was added as a punishment for disobedience, and taught that the Law of Moses related to sacrifices - all of which, he said, have been done away. There are many sacrifices still in the pipeline, and will continue forever. And the sacrifices of bulls and goats will take on a whole new meaning when the Mighty Christ brandishes His Mighty Sword. The first to cop it will be Edom, the heartland of the evil nation. Mecca will become a dunghill that can never be rebuilt. At that time, God will choose Jerusalem, and Satan will choose Babylon. From Babylon, Satan and his henchmen will wield great power over the earth. New York will no longer be the hub of the World Trade Center, but Babylon will be! All commerce will be approved and done through this city, and the greedy nations of the earth will trade with her in all manner of goods and services, including slaves (Rev 18:10-13). How happy Satan must be with himself to have destroyed the World Trade Center when his overall goal is to establish the City of Babylon for this very purpose.

God has said He will destroy the very place where Satan's bride was born. God intends for all the nations of the earth to understand the origins of Satan's most evil brood. 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. "Yet I loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his mountains into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals. Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins." But this is what the LORD Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. You will see it with your own eves and say, 'Great is the LORD – even beyond the borders of Israel!""

Every time Satan stages a coup, he finds that he has done exactly what God expected him to. Satan understands virtually nothing in relation to prophecy. In fact, he understands almost nothing about human conduct except that human beings are easily beguiled to do whatever he requires of them. Satan is the consummate master of worthless deep secrets. And how human beings love deep secrets! Especially Satan's! One man has spent 40 years trying to convince everyone he is Zerubbabel – or so he claims! You'd think after 40 years he would have said something of value relating to prophecy if he were Zerubbabel. Instead he speaks in circular riddles – just like Satan – because he understands nothing. He claims Jesus Christ was a fraud, but actually quotes Him to back up his meandering nonsense! Satan's brood comes in all guises, but the one thing that typifies them all is that they don't understand prophecy, but they do understand all of Satan's so-called deep secrets (Rev 2:24). This same mad 'Zerubbabel' appears to believe that he is Herbert Armstrong's successor and he also claims that Ted Armstrong is Joshua (Zech 3:1) because of his sexual dalliances. If sin is mentioned to most people, they straightaway think of sex, as if the Seventh Commandment outranks all other Commandments, including the First Commandment, or even the second or third, and of course, the Fourth also.

But let's revisit Isa 8:20 "To the Law and the Testimony! Is they do not speak according to this Word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look towards the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness." These wimpish creatures become outraged when God doesn't perform according to their expectations. They demand that God recognize them as some great one, and if He doesn't then they

turn with invective and vitriol and accuse His Son of being a fraud! Such lying frauds know they have no **light of dawn** (see **2Pet 1:19-20**), but they hope that others will think they have! They are quick to defend themselves and their questionable reputations, but never do they defend God's reputation. Yet the madness of such people runs even deeper than this. Mad 'Zerubbabel' who thinks Jesus Christ was a fraud, now believes that a man, who is guilty of sexual dalliances, and who claims to be a Christian, is the prophesied Joshua. If, according to this madman 'Zerubbabel', the only qualification for being 'Joshua' is his sexual misconduct, then tens of millions of other people would also qualify. The real Zerubbabel is a man of God, not a raving lunatic that understands nothing about anything. Whenever anyone begins to think he is some great one, the lack of the Spirit of God betrays him to all those who truly have this Spirit.

So what is it that this lunatic doesn't understand? This is the reference that so few people understand: Zech 3:1 "Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" The first thing to note is that all this is happening on earth. The Mighty Lord of Armies has roused Himself from His Holy dwelling and warns all mankind (Zech 2:13). His "sword has drunk its fill in the heavens" (Isa 34:5). The war in heaven is concluded at this time (Rev 12:7) and Satan will have been hurled down (V8), and Satan is the accuser of the brothers (V10). Now is Joshua drenched in sins or do these verses speak of a single sin? Zech 3:3 "Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Does a change of clothes make one righteous? And in case there is any confusion: 'Fine linen stands for the <u>righteous acts of the saints</u>' (Rev 19:8) – it doesn't make them righteous – it symbolizes their righteousness! Then, as we read on, we have further clarification, which relates to what the angel said to Joshua in Rev 19:10 "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."

And the angel goes on speaking to Joshua in Zech 3:4 "...Then he said to Joshua, "See I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." Then Zechariah speaks: V5 "Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by. The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: "If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these STANDING HERE." V1 tells us who was STANDING there. In this vision, there were also men SEATED: V8 "Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates SEATED before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. See the Stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one Stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will remove the SIN OF THIS LAND in a single day. In that day each of you will invite his neighbour to sit under his vine and fig-tree," declares the LORD Almighty." Isa 34:4 describes the starry host that will fall to be like withered leaves from the vine and like shriveled figs from the fig-tree. Under the true vine and the true fig-tree, people will rejoice in peace.

And what happens *before* this? There is a sacrifice in Bozrah and a slaughter in Edom (see **Isa 34:6** again), which was extensively covered in Chapter Two. And then there is Joshua's sin! Whatever it is, Satan is standing there accusing him before the angel of the LORD, yet the LORD rebukes Satan twice, and then vindicates Joshua. Whatever it is, it leaves him covered with filth (most likely the blood of God's enemies), but this sin is not clearly defined in the Bible. **If it was, does anyone think that a man of God would deliberately commit it?** Obviously, Satan's accusation has some validity, because God says Joshua is *a firebrand snatched from the fire*. Now God describes the **Sons of Jerusalem** as being strong and like *firebrands* in the face of the enemy (and Judah will emulate the Levites – **Zech 12:6**). God Himself describes Joshua as *a firebrand snatched from the fire*. A possible scenario could be that impulsive Joshua will launch a preemptive strike against the Satanic brood in Jerusalem, in order to take advantage of the chaos in Edom. And it might seem the right thing to do at the time. Since the Mighty Christ plans to **clear the whole of Judah in one day of His enemies** (and prophecy must be fulfilled), Joshua would be out-of-line to try to do it by himself. Joshua and his brothers may find themselves surrounded by the enemies of God, and these satanic Moslems may well try to burn them out of their refuge. Another clue is that God will put a wall of fire around Jerusalem *after this* to keep His enemies out.

But why speculate? Prophecy will be fulfilled, but Joshua will never rebel against God and act contrary to instructions. I don't know what Satan's accusation is all about, and neither does anyone else!

No-one in their right mind would want to fulfill prophecy by sinning against God. And of course, what is sin to Satan is not necessarily sin to God. Satan is a liar and a murderer, but still thinks he is more righteous than God and the perfect replacement for his Father. Satan believes that anyone who honours and obeys the Father is guilty of sin according to Satan's own stupid rules. Today we have the madness of those who claim to be Christian hurling abuse *at others who obey God*. They fanatically resent those who obey the Fourth Commandment for instance. They can't point to any Scripture that says 'you must not observe the Sabbath' but still use Satan's stratagem to claim it's done away. They hate everything the Father has taught. Yet the Mighty One, the Christ, whom they claim to serve, always loved God's instructions, and taught only the Father's Words (John 14:24 and many other Scriptures). Even those who obey the Ten Commandments are still unprofitable servants (Luke 17:10) – until they begin to serve God in a whole-hearted way. This will require them to put aside all the fables they've been taught, and begin to understand that God's Ways are entirely different to their own (Isa 55:8-9).

After six thousand years of satanic rule, God has foreshadowed a Seventh Day – a millennial Sabbath when everything would be subject to righteous rule. And how will this be accomplished? If those who refuse to obey God, yet still claim to be Christians, have not reached the plateau of 'unprofitable servants,' where do the nations that hate God stand? The 'pretend' Christians, who hate God's Laws and refuse to obey them, would have you believe that their slimy platitudes are going to win-over the nations. Now how could this be profitable to God? Does corrupting God's Word make them righteous?

Kings and Priests will be given rule, and in order to rule they must have subjects. And how will they rule? Will they sit around pleading with the nations to behave themselves? Christ tells us plainly:

Rev 2:26 "To him that overcomes and does my Will to the end, I will give him authority over the nations – he will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery – just as I have received authority from my Father." And what must they overcome? If we go back two verses, we find that Satan's so-called deep secrets are a part of the equation – and a very important part! Satan has deceived the whole world. Christianity has fallen over themselves currying favour with him. They sweep aside everything that God has said in favour of supporting Satan's nations and weakening God's holy nations – the House of Israel. And this type of faulty reasoning has reached the highest levels of government.

Surely everyone can see who the enemy nations are! It's **not** just **terrorists** – <u>it's ISLAM!!</u> What type of smoke and mirrors delusion does it take to not recognize this? Surely it's obvious that all Islam hates America and Israel! Don't be beguiled by those who put on a mask of deception and claim to be America's friend. All the rulers and leaders of Islam are disgusting liars and seek only the destruction of the whole House of Israel. They worship their father the devil – Allah the oak (**Allah** - **Str. 427**). The oak produces a fruit called an acorn, which is dry, but resembles the olive in appearance. While this may seem like useless trivia, it's a measure of the stupidity of Satan in counterfeiting the things that God holds dear. The olive produces the oil that symbolizes God's Holy Spirit – the acorn produces none. How could any Christian claim that 'Allah' is the same God who was worshiped by Christ and the fathers.

Satan began his delusions long ago when he launched his 'so-called deep secrets' to convince everyone that the Roman Catholic Church was the evil nation – and how quickly Christianity believed it. We have *lying* Church leaders supporting Islam because they 'know' that the real baddy is the Vatican. The strong delusion is now complete. Are these Church leaders really liars? Or are they just deceived. The truth is they are *both*. They are *lying deceivers!* Can we be sure? Paul didn't mince words when he described them: 2Thess 2:11 "For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the Truth but have delighted in wickedness." If they believe the lie and teach it, then they are lying deceivers. And how they delight in wickedness! They hurl abuse at the Truth of God and delight in teaching Satan's deep, dark secrets. They've interpreted the Scriptures from their own minds and sought to implicate the Catholic Church in their madness. They know they have used their own private interpretations in claiming to know who Babylon is. They have no conscience about contradicting God. They 'know' that God was wrong when He kept speaking of Babylon when He really meant Rome. God was apparently deceiving everyone, but these little smarties caught Him out. At least, this is what they think!

No, God hasn't deceived them, but Satan has! Satan has wrung them out and hung them out to dry. They should have believed God and challenged Satan's lies, but instead they chose to believe them. And now they've been sent <u>strong delusion</u> to <u>believe the lie</u>. They delighted in their wickedness, and ruminated like beasts on the 'mysteries' of Satan's deceptions, and now they have been given what they deserve – <u>strong delusion to believe the lie</u>. And this amounts to a death sentence and they will be

**condemned!** Is God fair? Well, He certainly gave everyone fair warning! It was in their power to believe Him or to believe their lying teachers. The choice was theirs. Those who don't believe God are not His servants, and those who trivialize His teachings can never be His people. Is this too difficult to understand?

And who sends these <u>lying deceivers</u> the <u>strong delusion to believe the lie?</u> <u>It's God!</u> They don't want to believe Him, so let them now believe Satan their father. They've aligned themselves with Satan so now let them serve him. They didn't want to serve a merciful God, now let them serve the most ruthless of all murderers and liars. It's a fitting recompense for those who make themselves the enemy of God.

The God of the Universe, the One who never changes, has said that These people honour Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me' (Isa 29:13, Mark 7:6). Isaiah was speaking of the same people that conjure up their lies in the name of prophecy and who speak like drunkards. Isa 29:9 "Be stunned and amazed, blind yourselves and be sightless; be drunk, but not from wine, stagger, but not from beer. The LORD has brought over you a deep sleep; He has sealed your eyes (the prophets); He has covered your heads (the seers). For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll." And this says it all! God's whole vision is like nothing to them - as if they were just words sealed in a scroll unopened! And since they can't understand them, they assume that no-one else can either. Concerning the sealed scroll, only one Being in the Universe besides the Father is worthy to open it – this is the Lamb of God (Rev 5:6). V9 "And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every Tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a Kingdom and priests to serve God, and they will reign on the earth." So only Christ was worthy to open the seals. Does this mean that only Christ knows the meaning of the scroll? Or has God made provision for some to have the very Mind and Spirit of Christ to reveal what must shortly come to pass? In order to know and understand the Testimony of Jesus, you must have the Spirit of Prophecy because both are the same thing (Rev 19:10). This is the Spirit of Christ, which God has sent in Christ's Name. It's called the Spirit of Truth or the Counsellor (John 14:15). Without this Spirit of Christ, no-one can understand prophecy. And for all those who think they have understood it, consider the 'prophecy' you have been teaching. Does it accord with what God has said?

Most people are so far up the oak tree that you couldn't shake them down with a bulldozer. They get smug satisfaction with their wicked offerings of 'prophecy' and are also delighted when they succeed in drawing others into the madness of their delusions. Like savage animals they challenge everything God has said in order to preserve their own reputations. Jude 1:10 "Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they don't understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals - these are the very things that destroy them." V12 "These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm - shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted - twice dead. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever." As long as they speak abusively against whatever they don't understand, they are as good as dead - not once but twice and forever. God has no obligation to such people whatsoever! God says His people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge: Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the Law of your God, I also will ignore your children." Well whose fault is that? God says you will find Him when you search with all your heart - wholeheartedly! Did you search with all your heart? Did you find Him? I can tell you this: most people have found only their father Satan the devil, and they've happily believed his lying propaganda. They've joined the rest of the world in their deception.

God is fair. He has given you a choice. It's entirely up to you. But don't expect rewards for being an *unreasoning animal*. Even an animal can be taught obedience. For example, how many people would want a dog that always bit the hand that fed him. Such a dog would soon earn a bullet through the head! Most people are happy to be obedient to man's law – perhaps some only through fear of the penalty – but **God's Law** is another matter. They absolutely refuse to obey the Laws spoken by, and written by, the very finger of God. They fear the penalty of man's law, but have no fear of God. In a sardonic way this is quite funny. The penalty for not remembering the Sabbath Day and keeping it holy – is death! Under man's law, the death penalty has been abolished for all lawbreakers regardless of the offence in most Israelite countries. God has certainly not abolished the death penalty and the penalty for breaking His

Laws still stands. Yet it's the penalty for man's law that is feared, not God's. And when the Scripture refers to 'twice-dead' it's referring to the second death, which will be the most painful.

But there are some who fear God far more than mankind. These people honour and revere God's Name and stand in awe of Him (Mal 3:16-18). To these people, the nations are like grass (Isa 40:6), which will wither and fade away under the mighty blast of the breath of God. Would God's true people challenge Him for doing this? They applaud Him for it, because they know that God's Way is right. In God's Kingdom there is no place for Satan's evil brood. Presently, God is calling people out of the morass of Satan's evil domain. Those who respond to God's call will leave Satan's harlot bride and align with God's people Israel. Perhaps they haven't felt that blast of God's breath yet – but they will! V23 "He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than He blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff." When God instructs His servants to cry out that all men are grass (Isa 40:6-7), they know exactly what God is speaking about – and they agree wholeheartedly! If you take the time to check, you will find that Isa 40 was the message of John the Baptist and the Elijah that is to come (see Isa 40:3 and Luke 3:4).

God has foreshadowed the calling of people from every nation and language. God gleans where He has not sown. This is not something new. God has demonstrated this with the ethnic mix of His son Ephraim. People from every ethnic background have become Americans. Though not all! Many of them want all the advantages but none of the responsibilities. And because *Ephraim* is like a silly <u>dove</u> – <u>easily deceived and senseless</u> (Hos 7:11), and who loves to speak of peace when there is no peace, Satan's infiltration with his evil brood has a field-day with them. They invent all types of self-righteous hyperbole to weaken America's resolve to exact justice. Richard Gere, Barbara Lee, and many others are perfect examples of this. These are crazy degenerates who are steeped in Satan's deep secrets. You would have to plumb the depths of madness to understand their twisted reasoning. Gere certainly deserved to be booed off stage. At another time and in a different place both would be stoned to death! God does not condone the apologetics of evil-doers. God's description of Ephraim as <u>a dove</u>, which is <u>easily deceived and senseless</u> is multi-faceted. It should be pointed out that America is a decent and righteous nation and exhibits desirable and generous characteristics. They make the mistake of believing that their righteous and generous contributions for the welfare of other nations are appreciated. Ephraim has deceived itself into believing that other nations want peace – and they are ever-so-willing to be <u>the dove</u>.

In the tiny nation of Israel they have descriptions for the two major factions – doves and hawks. The doves want peace at any price and are willing to give away the Holy Land to achieve it. It never seems to occur to them that if all Islam is so worried about the welfare of the Palestinians, why don't they give them some Arab land? The Arab League could slice Egypt in half and give the Palestinians plenty of land. And what could Egypt do about it? You only have to lean on Egypt and it falls over. Their leaders are weak and worthless and totally evil. And as a bonus, they could have Libya too.

Many of the oldies may still remember June, 1967, and the six-day war. This was when Satan's bride arrayed herself against the tiny State of Israel for destruction. Egypt was there, so was Jordan, Syria, and Iraq. Inconspicuously, the Soviet Union lurked in the background, providing arms and advice to the Arabs – particularly Egypt. In this war, the Israelis stood alone without any external support. Oddly enough, the whole world was willing to stand by and watch the Israelis slaughtered. But God wasn't! He gave the victory to the Israelis – the Tribe of Judah. The whole world was shell-shocked that little Israel had gained air supremacy within hours of the start of the war. Immediately, world leaders scurried around to stop the war and enact a cease fire. They would have been less inclined to do this if the Muslims had gained the edge. Even at that time, God was giving fair warning about whose side He was on.

God makes no secret of the fact that He has concealed His Truth so no-one would understand. He also speaks of a time when *the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as He announced to His servants the prophets*' (Rev 10:7). And here we see that the <u>mystery of God</u> is something that will be *accomplished and completed*. From whom was He concealing His Truth? Certainly not from His true disciples! He said it was given for them to understand but not to others. It's these 'others' who cannot understand. Yet He stressed that those who seek will find – provided they seek with all their hearts. God hates half-hearted people! He says He would spew such people out of His mouth (Rev 3:16). God loves whole-hearted people – men like Joshua and Caleb!

God loved David because David rose up early with his LORD on his mind. He pondered God's Law all day long. He stood in awe of the Great Creator and pondered His Way continually. David was a *type* of the *Son of Man* who would later be called <u>The Son of David</u>. And <u>the Son of David</u> – <u>the</u>

<u>Christ</u> – was not ashamed to be called the <u>Son of David</u>. At a later time, the Christ claimed to be <u>the</u> <u>Root</u> from which David sprang, and also the <u>Seed or offspring of David</u> (Rev 22:16). You would think that such a man as David would be greatly honoured among Christianity – but no! They seem to find every opportunity to magnify his faults.

It's interesting that Jesus plainly states that the message was given to the prophet John <u>for the Churches</u>. And <u>Jesus sent His angel</u> for this purpose: Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent <u>MY ANGEL to give you this Testimony for the Churches</u>. <u>I am the Root and Offspring of David</u> and <u>the bright Morning Star</u>." Yes, the message is for <u>the Churches</u> because they have an important job to do. We can learn a lot from this verse, and also from the next. In V17 we find <u>the Spirit and the Bride</u> saying to the Churches 'Come'. But not just the Spirit and the Bride, but all those who hear this message and respond will also say 'Come' (same verse). Those who are truly thirsty for the Word of God will heed the call and will come, and they will drink from the River of Life. But those who keep adding their lying interpretations to this Book need not apply (V18-19). There is no place for them!

But what of Jesus' angel whom He sends to deliver this message to John? In Chapter Two of this article, we touched on Isa 63:1-6 which details the fulfillment of God's hatred of Esau (also confirmed in Mal 1:2-3). Isaiah continued to speak of these things and then continues in Isa 63:7 "I will tell you of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us - yes, the many good things He has done for the House of Israel, according to His compassion and many kindnesses. He said, "Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me"; and so He became their Saviour." So here we see the LORD is the Saviour of the House of Israel, just as the angel of the Lord confirmed to Mary: Luke 1:31 "You will be with child and will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord will give him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the House of Jacob (Israel) forever; His Kingdom will never end." So Jesus truly did come only to the House of Jacob (all 12 Tribes) – and they will be His subjects forever. And He was their Saviour. Again and again He saved them from defeat and destruction. He is still their Saviour, and He will again save the House of Israel. Isaiah continues: V9 "In all their distress, He too was distressed, and the ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE saved them. In His love and mercy He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old." Christianity has attempted to blot out the importance of God's people Israel in favour of a doctrine of their own imagination, which seems to omit all mention of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Yet Isaiah issues an ominous warning of disaster: **V10** "Yet they *rebelled* and *grieved His Holy Spirit*. So He turned and became their enemy and He Himself fought against them." Regardless of the political expediency for doing so, the House of Israel is making God very angry when they continue to speak of Islam as a righteous and peaceful religion! Have they learned nothing from history? The Crusaders of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> century knew they were vermin who should be destroyed. Isn't it obvious that all terrorists are Moslems? Whenever a terro



Islam calls America the 'terrorists', yet it seems that America won't believe that Islam is the root of all terrorism. Islam even refers to their terrorists are 'freedom fighters' and denies any wrongdoing!



Pakistani demonstration. The poster says, 'America – Don't mistake to attack Afghanistan'. When so-called friends like the Pakistanis hate America, how much consideration can be expected from enemies?

terrorists are Moslems? Whenever a terrorist is arrested or identified, you know in advance that he will have an Islamic name.



Pakistani poster says: 'America will be broken to pieces for aggression against Afghanistan'. Some friends!

We now know that there is a vast network of terrorists all around the world – and all of it is fueled by Islam! Islam openly admits that they hate America and the Israelis. With so-called 'friends' like this, who needs enemies? Demonstrations are being conducted in every Islamic country against America – and of course the Israelis – so how can anyone consider Islam to be friendly?

The whole House of Israel is beginning to believe a monstrous lie. The very people (Edom or Esau) that spawned the disgusting religion of Islam are going to be destroyed by God's own hand. God is very angry, and He is getting

increasingly angry at the madness of the House of Israel for supporting His enemies. So now the Americans and the Israelis are becoming the enemies of God and He Himself will fight against them – just as He has said! But it runs far deeper than this. When Islam destroyed the World Trade Center Towers it should have been obvious who the enemy is! For years the U.S. has been currying favour with known terrorists. Yasser Arafat is a terrorist and a murderer, yet they honoured him and raised him to statesman rank. How could any right-thinking individual negotiate with such a slimy, lying beast as Arafat? President Bush has refused to meet with him (Nov 11, 2001) because of the ongoing terrorists acts by Arafat's organizations, yet he still speaks of creating a Palestinian State for Arafat. What sort of hypocrisy is this?

The Israelis are expected to be tolerant and compromising in all negotiations with the Palestinians, and to concede their land to provide a Palestinian state, yet the Americans have unleashed their fury against the perpetrators of the terrorist acts against their own country (and rightly so!), but how does this differ from the rights of the Israelis to do the same thing? *What sort of hypocrisy is this?* 

The Americans have rounded up hundreds of suspected terrorists in their own country, but they object when the Israelis do the same thing. What sort of hypocrisy is this?

It seems the same lying hypocrisy of Islam is making inroads into the thinking of the western world. The duality of such thinking will become more and more ominous! This duality of thinking is designed to assuage the sensibilities of Islam, and is a recipe for disaster.

Few people realize that Job was a prophet (James 5:10-11). Even fewer people realize that Job gives us a message for this endtime. After all his disasters, his 'friends' come to console him. And who were his 'friends'? They were the forebears of the Arabs and were the *Temenites* who live in Saudi Arabia today – the home of Islam! Ishmael and Esau occupied this land anciently and are still there today, even though they have spread to some of the other Middle-East states.

Job's big mistake was to believe that God had brought all these terrors on him, when, in fact, it was Satan! He acknowledged in his own mind that God had punished him, but was at a loss to know why. His Arab 'friends' were quick to accuse him, and insinuated that he was a hypocrite who cleverly hid all his dark secrets. God confirmed that Job was His servant, and he stood out from all others because he was a righteous, decent and just man. God ranks **Job** with **Noah and Daniel** in **Eze 14:14, 20**.

All the prophets were pointing to a tumultuous endtime upheaval of cascading events, which would eventually lead to a Kingdom being established forever. Job, being a prophet, also spoke of these things in the Book bearing his name. There is also some classic humour! We find the account of one of Job's <u>Temanite</u> 'friends' (Job 4:10). This man recounted an experience he had during a nightmare. Job 4:12-13 "A word was secretly brought to me, my ears caught a whisper of it. Amid <u>disquieting dreams</u> in the night, when deep sleep falls on men, <u>fear and trembling seized me</u> and <u>made all my bone shake</u>. A spirit glided past my face, and <u>the hair on my body stood on end</u>. It stopped, but I could not tell what it was. A form stood before my eyes, and I heard a hushed voice: 'Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker? If God places no trust in His servants, if he charges his angels with error, how much more those who live in houses of clay, whose foundations are in the dust, who are crushed more readily than a moth! Between dawn and dusk they are broken to pieces;



Moslems love to worship the image of a man. Saddam and Osama are the current favourites because of their hatred for America and Israel.

unnoticed, they perish forever. Are not the cords of their tent pulled up, so that they die without wisdom?" This was some nightmare this Temanite Arab had! His hair stood on end and he was wracked with fear and trembling, which made his bones shake. It was the words spoken to him that thoroughly unhinged him – and especially the words 'they perish forever'! Even today, the Temanite Arabs, in fact, the whole of Islam, believes that killing the people of God is virtuous, and that Allah rewards dying as an Islamic martyr with immediate transport to heaven. Instead, they've been told that they are crushed more readily than a moth, and they perish forever! What is more, they die without wisdom! One needs only to look at the crazed face of a Moslem to see they have no wisdom!

Did this Arab's encounter with the messenger from God have any relevance for our time? Paul believed it did! He quoted this Arab (Job 5:13) in 1Cor 3:19 "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.""

So what was Paul speaking of? He tells us quite plainly! As a servant of God, he says this: **V9** "For <u>WE are God's fellow-workers</u>; <u>YOU are God's field, God's building.</u>" He then goes on to speak

of a <u>foundation</u> that is laid – and that <u>foundation</u> is <u>the Mighty Christ!</u> The Mighty Commander of Armies – the very One who makes war in righteousness! Then he speaks of <u>the Day</u> that is spoken of by all the prophets – <u>THE DAY</u> that dawns and brings the light: <u>V12</u> "If any man builds on this <u>foundation</u> using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown <u>for what it is</u>, because <u>THE DAY will bring it to light</u>. It will be <u>revealed by fire</u>, and <u>the fire will test the quality of each man's work</u>. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be <u>saved</u>, <u>but only as one escaping through the flames</u>." Paul didn't mince words! When all the costly superstructure of Christian works have been swept away, only the foundation will remain, and as Paul stated, that <u>foundation</u> is the <u>Promised Messiah</u>. He speaks of salvation – of being physically saved (the only salvation there is until the rewards are actually handed out) and this salvation will only be achieved for those who can <u>pass through the flames</u>. With all the costly buildings that have been built in the name of Christianity destroyed, the real building will be revealed – and as Paul states, the people are <u>God's building</u>. And these people are not out of the woods <u>until they can pass through the fire</u>.

What does it all mean? Surely salvation is some form of ethereal thought process that has so convinced all of Christianity of their assured 'trip to heaven', isn't it? Surely no-one is to be tested by passing through the flames! Paul must be wrong! Perhaps your local pastor down the street knows more than Paul! The big difference is that Paul spoke with authority from God's Word, the local pastor only dreams that he is **God's fellow-worker**, and that dream is about to be transformed into a nightmare!

Paul knew that THE DAY would dawn at a later time, and THIS DAY would bring severe testing. Paul spoke authoritively of a time when people would have to pass through the flames, and so did Isaiah: Isa 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Paul knew these verses applied to the Day that would bring the light of dawn. He knew that without a strong foundation to build on, people would not survive, or rather, not be saved. If faith is not tried in the fire, then it is worthless. Concerning these things, God, through the prophet, makes a strong point a few verses back in Isa 42:23 "Which of you will listen to this or pay close attention IN TIME TO COME? Who handed Jacob over to become loot, and Israel to be plundered? Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned? For they would not follow His Ways; they did not obey His Law. So He poured out on them His burning anger, the violence of war. It enveloped them in flames, yet they did not understand; it consumed them, but they did not take it to heart."

As an aside, it's quite funny to see crazed 'environmentalists' saving the trees and crapping on about clean air and protecting the environment. They're presently bilking the governments of the western world for billions of dollars in their crusade. By saving the trees and the spotted owl, they would have you believe that they are delivering utopia to future generations. These fools haven't got half a brain between the lot of them. As for clean air, New Yorkers recently experienced a severe dearth of it. Smoke, dust and ash engulfed the whole city. Paul knew that when the conflagration reached its fullest extent, Christians would be saved by walking through the fire. He knew because God has said it will be so! And when it happens, flowery phrases and self-righteous banter will not cut it. It will require total faith and total obedience to Almighty God to save you from the flames. But not only Paul, but Peter also spoke of the same things: 2Pet 3:7 "By the same Word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly men." Peter goes on to say that the Day he is speaking of is the seventh thousand-year day, and that the earth and everything in it will be laid bare, and then poses the question: V11 "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?" Peter was actually writing to confirm what Paul had said (2Pet 3:15-16). Apparently some Christians needed confirmation. They had already begun to imagine that salvation was some form of airyfairy transformation just as people today do. Most people prefer the feel-good sermons of their local preacher every Sunday. Even though Peter confirmed that the Day of Judgment was the seventh millennial Day, these people refuse to commemorate it by keeping the weekly Sabbath in accordance with the Fourth Commandment. Such people are so far removed from faithful obedience to God that they have no hope of passing through the flames.

The Prophet Isaiah recorded much more concerning these things in the same chapters (42 & 43). The false 'Jesus' that is preached about today is a far cry from reality! Isa 42:13 "The LORD will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior He will stir up His zeal; with a shout He will raise the battle cry and will triumph over His enemies." And isn't this what Paul said in 1Cor 15:24-25? How can the 'Jesus' that is preached today be reconciled with this Mighty Warrior? All of Christianity today has missed the point entirely because they don't understand what the titles 'Messiah' and 'Christ' mean. The

Apostles had believed that the Christ was to redeem Israel at that time (**Luke 24:21**) and at least two of them were primed and ready to go (**Luke 22:37-38**). On Jesus' instructions they had acquired two swords. But Jesus' sudden death had left them floundering. Had the script gone horribly wrong? Of course, Jesus' appeared to them many times in the forty days after His resurrection, and reassured them of many things. What is more, He gave them the ability to understand the Scriptures (**Luke 24:45**). It should be mentioned that the Apostles and Prophets are a little different from the living temple – the Church! The Apostles and Prophets are God's **fellow-servants** through whom He communicates.

We have just been through nearly two thousand years of virtual silence, where everyone did what he thought was right in his own eyes. And God confirms that He has been silent for a long time: Isa 42:14 "For a long time I have kept silent. I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. I will lav waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up their pools. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth." And didn't God commission John the Baptist concerning making the rough places smooth and leveling mountains and hills? (Isa 40:3, Luke 3:4-5). And wasn't John's commission to prepare the way for the Christ? And hasn't Christianity lived in virtual darkness during this long period? Some are now starting to see the Light even though through a smoky looking-glass. But they are not about to allow their superstructure to collapse around them, and they certainly don't want to see their foundations laid bare. But they have a plan – it's not God's Plan – but a plan nevertheless. Yet God is one step ahead of them and taunts them as the blind and deaf, which they are! V18 "Hear, you deaf; look, vou blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to Me, blind like the servant of the LORD? You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing."

Yes, the blind and deaf hear and see nothing! Yet it's the servant of the LORD, His messenger - the one committed to Him - who is supposedly blind in their eyes! The blind and the deaf would love to kill the messenger of the LORD - they spit their hate-filled venom as if God is going to respond favourably towards them against His own servant. Who is God's servant - the one committed to Him? He's the messenger of God (Mal 2:7), the messenger who prepares the Way for the Mighty Warrior <u>Himself</u> (Mal 3:1). Those who see God's messenger as the enemy are about to come face to face with the real enemies of God. These are the most ruthless of degenerates – the bride of Satan the devil – and they are a law to themselves (Hab 1:6-7). Those who don't like God's Law will soon find themselves under another law - the law of degenerate Islam! Isaiah mentioned in the very next verse (Isa 42:21) just how important God's Law is to Him: V21 "It pleased the LORD for the sake of His righteousness to make His Law great and glorious." But Christianity wants none of it. They want God's great and glorious Law to be relegated to the scrapheap. So now they can have all the lawlessness they want, and it will be administered by the very hands that hate them. You already know from the mouths of the bride of Satan that the Americans and the Israelis are the most hated of all people. There is nothing America or Israel could possibly do to curry favour with them. Islam is the most treacherous, evil religion on earth, and their father is the devil himself.

God has said, "For a long time I have kept silent", and this from the very chapters quoted by Paul in connection to Christians walking through the fire and not being burnt. Paul knew the Day would dawn when Christianity would be severely tested. Christianity has built their cathedrals, their meeting-halls, and their expensive administration buildings. Certain men, who loved the approbation of men, gravitated to positions of power and leadership. Ambitious for power, they constantly steered their course for the highest office attainable. They hogged the limelight and were always seen with the right people. They were not prophets, but it didn't hurt at all for others to think they were. You have to wonder about such people when they describe themselves as the servants of God. But you may have noticed that God has been silent for a long time. Now God is about to become noticeably noisy when He arises to make His intentions known. But first, as is God's custom, He sends prophets to warn.

God has kept silent because He has already provided an instruction manual. These are the Scriptures used by Christ, and the only Scriptures that existed at that time – called the Old Testament today. It's the Old Testament that Christianity steers well clear of today because its teachings don't favour the image they are trying to project. After Christ's departure, the Apostles and teachers used these Scriptures to point God's people in the right direction. They knew of the blessings for obedience and the penalties for disobedience, and this is what they taught. And didn't Jesus Christ say that if you search you would find?

Contrary to the prevailing teachings today among Christianity, the Scriptures that Christ used have important instructions for both Christianity and the House of Israel.

Christianity has taken on some bizarre forms. One group who meet in what they call 'The Potter's House' assembles to 'jump for Jesus'. They jump in the air and shout incoherent nonsense. Every now and then, one or two fall flat on their backs, howling like dogs and foaming at the mouth. Everyone else seems convinced that this is the Spirit of God! Where in the entire Bible is it suggested that the Spirit of God would transform anyone into a lunatic? Is the Kingdom of God to comprise of lunatics? Such people may imagine that God takes pleasure from them staging a clown show – but He most certainly doesn't!

There have been enough kingdoms on this earth that have ranged from the bizarre to the monstrous. God has rejected them all. God is setting up a Kingdom that will last forever. Jerusalem will be the headquarters of that Kingdom, and this is where God will live among men (Rev 21:3). Only the faithful and obedient will enter that City! Rev 22:15 "Outside are dogs, those who practice the magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolators and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."

There is a lot of falsehood on the earth today – even in the Churches of God. Because they don't love the Truth but rather love falsehood, God has given them over to reprobate minds to do the things that are detestable. It's interesting that Paul was speaking of rampant sexual promiscuity – and homosexuality in particular – when he said this: Rom 1:28 "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to <u>RETAIN</u> the knowledge of God (obviously speaking of the Churches!), He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done." It's interesting today that the Worldwide Church of God is rife with homosexuality, and they even have homosexuals acting as their spokesmen. Paul goes on to describe these evil creatures: V29 "They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, Godhaters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they dishonour their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's Righteous Decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only do these very things but also approve of them that practice them."

Phew! Paul left nothing out in his contempt for such people. It was perfectly obvious to him that these people are God-haters, so why should he have any affinity whatsoever for them. Later, in his second letter to Timothy, he ripped into them again, and this time he made it very clear that he was speaking concerning the last days. 2Tim 3:1 "But mark this: There will be terrible times in THE LAST DAYS. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM." We certainly should have nothing to do with them! These people have forsaken their first love (Rev 2:4). As Paul said, they didn't think it worthwhile to RETAIN the knowledge of God (Rom 1:28). Obviously, Paul is speaking of those who once had the knowledge of God that leads to life. It's always curious to see these filthy dreamers sounding off and demanding that no-one judge them. Read Paul's words again! Is this the sort of judgment they object to? How could you HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM if you can't identify them for what they are? Paul went even further when he said they deserve death, and then castigated those who approve of their practices.

We in this Levite Brotherhood love our women in the purest manner. It is unthinkable for it to be any other way. They are worthy of all the honours of any man. And doesn't common manners and chivalry demand such noble conduct? It should however, be mentioned, that it's perfectly acceptable to court women of equal faith. Speaking of the Church again, Paul made some strident comments concerning those who <u>approve of the practices</u> he mentioned: <u>2Tim 3:6</u> "They are the ones who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are baded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but <u>never able to acknowledge the truth</u>." And again a reminder that he is speaking of <u>the terrible times in the last days!</u> He continues: <u>V8</u> "Just as Jannes and Jambres <u>opposed Moses</u>, so also these men <u>oppose the Truth</u> – <u>men of depraved minds</u>, who, as far as the faith is concerned, <u>ARE REJECTED</u>. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, <u>their folly will be clear to everyone</u>."

As for the men in the Churches, Paul's advice is to be strong, resolute, and obedient to the faith. Satan has long known that his most powerful weapon against God's people is sexuality. He knows that by introducing sexual promiscuity to a nation or a church he can corrupt them. Even among his own bride, he has induced them to commit suicide attacks on the false hope they will go to heaven and have as many

women as they like, and insane Moslems react in typical fashion and crazed fanaticism to achieve these ends.

As for the <u>men of depraved minds</u> in the Churches, those who <u>oppose the Truth</u>, Paul has made it clear they will be <u>rejected</u>. As Jude put it – twice dead! <u>The Truth</u>, as God has stated it, is all around them. The House of Israel is face to face with Satan's brood, and while they may say the enemy is not Islam, every rational-thinking person knows full well that it is! Many Americans have refused to fly on a plane that has a Moslem on board. And who can blame them after the September 11 tragedy? They know the enemy is Islam even if it is not officially admitted.

But what of the Churches? There is one mad Irishman, who thinks he's an apostle, and he's telling his followers that this worldwide terrorism is merely a smoke-screen to divert people's attention from Europe. He has continued the lie that the House of Israel is really the beast power (and without a shred of Biblical evidence to back it up). It clearly shows this slimy individual for what he is – a lying, mumbling, bumbling fool! This is the man who claims that the words 'kingdom' and 'government' can be used interchangeably in Bible prophecy. He makes the claim that he heads up God's government on earth. Apparently, his followers are supposed to make the connection that he really is the head of God's government (Kingdom?) on earth. And he threatens those who don't make the connection will not go to his place of safety – which he has been trying to organize with the Jordanian government. About the only good advice you would get from this man is – don't get arrested for being drunk outside a girls school late at night. This he knows – now! As Paul said, "Their folly will be clear to everyone"!

Presently, the door of prophecy is wide open to all those who refuse to oppose the Truth. Those who oppose the Truth are as good as dead! As Paul indicated, they have already been rejected! Their reprobate minds show they have no Godly enlightenment. The doctrine they teach is utterly pathetic and has no support in the Scriptures. And what do these rebels hope for? Almighty God has decreed that all the House of Israel and the Churches will go into captivity – except for those who are killed beforehand. From there they will be rescued as in the days of Moses. This is what God has said: Isa 66:19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations - to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant lands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your <u>brothers</u>, from all nations, to my Holy Mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD – on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as THE <u>ISRAELITES</u> bring their <u>grain offerings</u>, to the <u>Temple of the LORD</u> in <u>ceremonially clean vessels</u>. And I will select some of them also to be **priests and LEVITES**," says the LORD. "As the **new heavens** and the new earth endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure." After they have been offered to the LORD, some will be selected to be LEVITES. And these grain offerings must be made in **ceremonially clean vessels**, that is, *purified* vessels. It's the <u>first fruits</u> - <u>the</u> Levites – that must sanctify the vessels for THE ISRAELITES when they make their offerings. The first <u>fruits</u> relate to the *first grain of the harvest* - the wave sheaf, which is offered to God. Nothing has changed in this regard since the days of Moses. For this sake of those who are not aware of it, this is what God has said: Num 8:15 "After you have purified THE LEVITES (see also Mal 3:2-3), and presented them as a wave offering, they are to come and do the work at the Tent of Meeting. They are the Israelites who are given wholly to me. I have taken them as my own in place of the firstborn, the first male offspring of every Israelite woman. 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. And I have taken THE LEVITES in place of all the firstborn sons in Israel."

None should doubt what **Isa 66** is speaking of. God has prefaced this future rescue with these words: **Isa 66:15** "See, the LORD is coming with fire, and **His chariots are like a whirlwind**; He will bring down His anger with fury, and His rebuke with **flames of fire**. For with **fire and sword** the LORD will **execute judgment upon all men**, and **many will be those slain by the LORD**." According to the prevailing madness in Christian churches today, God is furious with those who obey Him. According to these dreamers, God is going to reign down his fury in judgment on all those who honour His Commandments. God says it pleased Him to make **His Law is great and glorious** (**Isa 42:21**), but those who hate God and his Laws, also hate those who honour them.

God has devised a test for the lawless! And this test is mentioned in the Ten Commandments: **Ex 20:4** "You shall not make for yourself an [image] in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of

those who hate me, but showing love to the thousands who love me and keep my Commandments." How many does God mention would love Him and keep His Commandments? Was it billions, or even millions? No, it is just thousands. Now this poses a real dilemma for those who believe that those who show contempt for God's Commandments are the righteous ones. Clearly, it's the contemptuous that number in the billions!

And the test? Here it is in **Rev 14:8** "A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink of the maddening wine of her adulteries." A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast or his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath." V11 "And the smoke of their torment rises forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast or his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name. This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's Commandments are the ones who are faithful to Jesus!

Forewarned is forearmed – is this what you think? If God just happens to be right and things don't pan out as you expect, you can always do a back-flip and try to save your butt. If the saints, who obey God's Commandments and remain faithful to Jesus, must *endure* to the end, where does this leave those who *refuse* faithful obedience to Jesus and the Commandments? And the final outcome? Here it is: **Rev** 15:2 "And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb."

And what does the patient endurance of the saints involve? We know they keep the Commandments of God and remain faithful to Jesus, which is something that most of Christianity cannot claim, but what must they endure? Again, God tells us very plainly: Rev 20:4 "I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those beheaded because of their Testimony for Jesus and because of the Word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years." So they come to life at the beginning of the millennial day – the Day of the LORD. These people willingly gave up their lives for the Testimony of Jesus, and followed Him in His death. Like others who have gone before them, they refused deliverance (Heb 11:35), counting it all joy to be worthy to suffer in the same manner as their Beloved Christ.

And God speaks of these faithful people again in **Rev 6:9** "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. 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?" 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."

At the very start of the seven thousand year period, the Father and His Son planned to recreate themselves. They made Adam in their very image and likeness. Adam was the very personification of the Faithful Son of God; so much so, that Christ was later referred to as the <a href="spiritual Adam">spiritual Adam</a> (1Cor 15:45). Adam was the <a href="son of God">son of God</a> (Luke 3:38), the earthy son, but God's Son Jesus was the Spirit body who became a man and appeared in the flesh. For almost a thousand years (930 years to be exact), Adam was a <a href="pattern of the One to come">pattern of the One to come</a>, and Paul confirms this (1Cor 5:14). Adam was a very righteous man, though not a perfect one. Yet Paul emphasizes that it was Eve who was deceived – not Adam (1Tim 2:14).

In the Book of Jude we find that Enoch is described as the *seventh* from Adam (Jude 1:14). In fact, in genealogy terms, he was the *eighth*, but Cain does not figure in the linage. When Abel was killed by Cain, Adam had another son called Seth, and it was Seth who was produced in the image and likeness of Adam (Gen 5:3). And it's through this linage that the holy seed is figured.

In the Garden of Eden, a conversation took place where two seeds were spoken of – a Godly line and a satanic line, and God Himself put enmity or hatred between the two. The hatred is evident in the line that Satan has used for his final assault against *the holy line of seed* – <u>the whole House of Israel</u>. Satan knows that he has the numerical odds over God's people Israel. Moses confirmed <u>the divisions of mankind</u>: <u>Deut 32:8</u> "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when <u>He divided all mankind</u>, He set up the boundaries for the peoples <u>according to the number of the sons of Israel</u>. For the <u>LORD'S portion is His people</u>, <u>Jacob His allotted inheritance</u>." Just one-twelfth of mankind is <u>the</u>

<u>LORD'S portion</u> – the rest are Satan's allotment. No one should doubt Satan's resolve to destroy the whole House of Israel – **God's portion**. Satan has generated hatred for them among all his own nations.

And Deut 32:8 is taken from the Song of Moses, which was delivered to the whole assembly of Israel by Moses. It's the rest of the Song of Moses that has much portent for our time. We know this because of God's Words in Rev 15:2 "And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing by the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the SONG OF MOSES the servant of God and the Song of the Lamb." Most people don't like the Song of Moses because it doesn't fit their image and perceptions of God. While they ramble on about the beast and his image, and attempt to paint Europe or America as the beast (with absolutely no evidence or Scriptural support!), they can't imagine why God would link the Song of Moses to the Saints victory over the beast and his image! Well, it's all made very clear when those who are victorious over the beast and his image, sing the Song of Moses and play on the harps that God Himself gives them. Why would God suddenly resurrect the Song of Moses from antiquity if it had no relevance?

We now have mindless goons claiming all sorts of radical things. One madman, who claims to be some great one, has now decided that the U.S. is establishing God's Kingdom on earth and will be victorious. At least this appears to be what he is saying when you filter out all the incoherent nonsense he utters. Others say that Israelite nations of Europe are the beast, and they are about to arise, plunder themselves, and take themselves captive, and emerge victorious over themselves. In their crazed minds, **God's portion** is **the beast** – **which they claim is Europe**. They say ten European nations will combine to achieve their objectives of enslaving themselves. This is some parody, isn't it? The rest of mankind – **Satan's portion** – is apparently innocent.

Apart from the stupidity of their claims, there are gaping holes in their theories. Most of it is based on the teachings of a certain worthless shepherd who conjured up the idea that the Germans were the ancient Assyrians. All this emanated from his own mind – not from the Bible! Even Josephus, in the first century, knew that **the Germans were the Germans** – **not Assyrians!** And so did Herod the Great (**Josephus Antiq. Bk.17, 8:198**). So did Titus who conquered Jerusalem (**Josephus – Wars Bk.6, 6:331**). It seems that Armstrong managed to bag a lot of people with his incoherent nonsense! He never allowed historical facts to override his theories. He also proved his resilience. When all his so-called prophecies failed, he bounced back as if nothing happened, and proceeded to roll out another load of tripe. Many of those who hate him still hold to many of his teachings – particularly anything that can't be proven from the



Islam is forever searching for a living prophet whose image they can worship. Here the Palestinians honour Bin Laden as their great hope. Bin Laden's hatred for America qualifies him for this honour in their eyes. This rally occurred just after the Sept. 11

Bible. And let me state clearly that I am <u>not</u> one of those who hate him! I just happen to agree with God that he was a *foolish* and worthless shepherd – but a shepherd never-the-less, and the man that God called for His Purpose. Herbert Armstrong could not have been any other way. Prophecy had to be fulfilled.

Well the <u>Song of Moses</u>, <u>which will be sung on</u> <u>God's instructions in just a few years time</u>, will have enormous relevance for the occasion. The song speaks of Jeshurun (the upright one, that is, Israel), and Ephraim in particular – who is prince over his brothers. <u>Deut 32:15</u> "Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, he became

heavy and sleek.



Al-Arian's shingle adorns the walls of the University in

He abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Saviour. They made him jealous with their foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols. They sacrificed to demons, which are not God—gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your father did not fear. You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth." Is some of this beginning to ring true? Have you

noticed how relevant this will be when it's sung in the near future?

Israel has made a serious mistake in honouring **the god of fortresses** (as Daniel put it). Islam makes a big deal out of not



President Bush celebrates the end of Ramadan with Moslem terrorists. The man just right of center is Al-Arian, a lecturer in a Florida University. He is a known terrorist-cell leader, and has just been sacked by the University. This is not the sort of conduct the President should be engaged in!

worshipping idols, yet they worship the image of a man. And their choice of images is always a man who is cruel and evil, and filled with hatred for the U.S. and Israel. You will see plenty of these images in their street rallies. To the everlasting shame of the President of the United States of America, he has just attended the closing feast of Ramadan (December, 2001). When the leader of the House of Israel begins to abandon the God who made them, and rejects the Rock his Saviour, and turns to honour foreign gods, the whole nation is in trouble!

And bear in mind that it's an <u>image of a man</u> that all will be required to worship. This demand will be accompanied by all sorts of lying wonders and miracles. And remember also that it's those who are <u>victorious over the beast and his image</u> that will be given harps and will sing <u>the Song of Moses</u>.

Then God responds to this type of conduct in the Song of Moses: V19 "The LORD saw this <u>and rejected them</u> because He was angered <u>by His sons and daughters</u>. "I will <u>hide my face from them</u>," He said, "and see what <u>their end will be</u>; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful. They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding. For <u>a fire has been kindled</u> in my wrath, one that burns to the realm of death below. It will devour <u>the earth</u> and <u>its harvests</u> and <u>set on fire the foundations of the mountains</u>."

Those who have the honour of singing the <u>Song of Moses</u> will understand these things clearly. And didn't Jesus speak of <u>a fire that would be kindled</u>? <u>Luke 12:49</u> "<u>I have come to bring fire on the earth</u>, and <u>how I wish it were already kindled!</u> But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring *peace on earth*? <u>No, I tell you, but division</u>." God has said He is a <u>jealous God</u> (Ex 20:5) so don't look for peace when you side with God's enemies.

Satan is set to install his prophet – referred to in the Bible as 'the false prophet'. Presently, Islam's prophet is Mohammed – a dead man! Islam wants a live prophet, and Satan plans to oblige them. This prophet will be the adversary of God's prophet, and like God's prophet who prepares the way for his Master, the false prophet will prepare the way for his master – the prophesied beast. This beast will be the adversary of the Mighty Christ Himself. Christ's Father is the Almighty God of heaven, the beast's father is Satan the devil.

It's almost ironic that the two lines of descent from Abraham are at war with each other. The 12 Tribes of Israel are at war with the 12 Tribes of Ishmael. What is even more ironic is the foolish reasoning of the Churches, which believe that it's Christian nations that are destined to become the beast nations – as if there are no other *obvious* candidates today! The evidence is screaming from their mountain fortresses as they proclaim their hatred for all the House of Israel. How often have your seen "Death to the Americans" and "Death to the Israelis"? One mad protagonist has claimed that religion has nothing to do with the beast, and that Islam is innocent. Religion has nothing to do with it? Apparently, this man has never read the Bible! But then he contradicts himself, and says religion has everything to do with it, but the wicked religion is Christianity – not Islam! It serves to reveal just how mad these people are!

Immediately after September 11, President Bush started speaking of <u>a crusade</u>. Everyone knows the Crusades were against Islam! But his advisors reined him in, preferring not to inflame Islam and its nations. Instead, the U.S. sought 'lovers' (as the Bible puts it) to assist them in their cause. In short, they attempted to befriend their enemies, and not just their enemies, but the enemies of Almighty God! And now, as Bible prophecy barrels down towards its final climactic fulfillment, we see the very Churches whom God called to a very special mission fanatically trying to cloud Bible prophecy in favour of their own rantings. And to the Churches: It would serve you well to rid yourself of the teachings of some of the spurious booklets that have so deluded you! The booklets in question are those which have uttered lies in God's Name. As for the authors of those spurious books, God is about to wipe them from the face of the



A lion is a ferocious adversary and is totally fearless. When the Mighty Christ arises to shake the earth, who will not fear? (Amos 3-7-8)

earth! Do these people really expect to escape unscathed? The day they set themselves up as *teachers* was the day they chose to be <u>judged more strictly</u> (James 3:1).

It's absolutely outrageous that those who know nothing about anything habitually criticize God's Word and openly refute it. They respond contemptuously to everything God has said. They project their pussycat theories, but don't realize that it's a Lion that they're trying to tame. God says He will go out like a lion and tear them to pieces! At that time, Jesus Christ will be the <u>Lion of the Tribe of Judah</u>! (Rev 5:5). And God tells us when the Lion will roar (Amos 3:7-8).

Christianity has been called upon to do an important job, but they have not done it <u>as the</u> <u>Craftsman at God's side</u> (Pro 8:30) – the One whose name they bear!

In the days of Solomon's son Rehoboam, the House of Israel was divided into two separate nations – the southern kingdom of Judah, and the northern kingdom of Ephraim. Ephraim became prince over all his brothers. Long ago, God chose the Children of Israel (Jacob) to be His children – the only people on the face of the earth He chose (Amos 3:1-2). How quickly people forget what God has said.

Living among God's people, Ephraim the prince, are people of many ethnic backgrounds. Those who choose to live as an Israelite enjoy the stature of being classed as an Israelite in God's eyes. Those who speak against God's people Israel are the enemy of God. These are clear-cut divisions. And didn't Christ say that He had <u>not</u> come to bring *peace* – but <u>division</u>? (Luke 12:51).

Satan is attempting to build a bridge between Islam and Christianity, and mainstream Christianity seems to be responding. He's found some allies among mainstream Christianity, who seem to bend over backwards to accommodate him. Yet they face dilemmas. They sought to honour Yassar Arafat by insisting that he be allowed to attend Christmas mass in Bethlehem (Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001), and blamed the Israeli government for forbidding him to do so. Yet at the same time, the Christian clerics are foaming with rage because the Palestinians are building a mosque right on the boundary of the Bethlehem Cathedral.



The Christian clergy decided to reserve a place for Arafa at the Christmas Mass. The sign says 'Reserved for His Eminence, Yasser Arafat, President of the State of Palestine'. On an advisory note, Arafat is not President of any state, but then the crawling clergy would already know this.



Construction site conference is under way to decide how close the excavation can be to the boundary wall of St. Catherine's Cathedral in Bethlehem (seen here in the background)..



Preliminary excavation work is completed. Surveyors and site engineers are about to decide if it's safe to excavate here. The construction plans for the mosque won't be ready for another two months. The bricklayers start work tomorrow.

This, they claim, is the Israelis fault because they approved the permit for construction when they received no objections from any other parties. To be sure, there is fault on both sides. The Israelis should never have approved the development, and it's worth noting that the Palestinians want to build on a Christian site and not somewhere else in the West Bank or Gaza. They want total egress to all parts of the tiny State of Israel, but they

don't want any Israelis on their land and react with terrorism to stop the Israelis doing the same thing.

Arafat wants the right to attend the Mass at the Bethlehem Cathedral, but he went berserk when Ariel Sharon walked on the Temple Mount (which is under the control of the Israelis, even though Jews are not allowed to walk there without a permit). Jews are only permitted to worship at the Wailing Wall.

Palestinians want the right to live and work in Israeli territory, but howl with rage at Israelis living in the West Bank or Gaza. But then, who ever met a Moslem that wasn't a blatant hypocrite? Down through the ages Satan has made every effort to divide and conquer the House of Israel.



St. Catherine's Cathedral in Bethlehem. Arafat is hoping the new mosque will look something like this. The Palestinian bricklayers have said they will do their best, but with only a rough pencil sketch on the back of a pizza box to go by, it won't be easy.

The clergy line up to kiss Arafat through his headdress because of severe halitosis. The Greek Orthodox Primate takes his turn. One of the clergy asked Arafat if he'd left some fish-bait in his pocket.

He has augmented military confrontations among them all. He hates the House of Israel

with a vengeance. His favourite weapons are lying deceit and lying accusations. Satan has chosen his bride well. Islam is evil, unstable and treacherous. Those who try to negotiate with them soon find themselves trying to rationalize with animals.

Satan's way is not to unify but to divide and conquer. Throughout the Islamic nations of the world, Satan has been active in persecuting Christians. The slaughter of Christians has become endemic in the last few years. Yet he has a different strategy in the Holy Land. Here he has sought to alienate Christianity from Judaism, and to turn them against each other. This strategy was put in place five years ago when Arafat first started attending Christmas Mass in the Bethlehem Cathedral. It seemed innocuous at the time, but even then, the Christian clergy could see the possibility of filling their pews with Moslems and this wouldn't hurt the collection-plate receipts. They even had visions of bridging the gap between their two religions. In the view of the clergy, the possibility of adding the world's one and a half billion Moslems to the fold would be worth any form of compromise.

They could nickname the Almighty God of Heaven as 'Allah' and even encourage their own flock to bow down every day to Mecca, the birthplace of the Islamic prophet Mohammad. In their minds, the possibilities are endless.

The venue chosen for this incursion into Christianity just happened to be Bethlehem the birthplace of a Great Prophet – a True and Faithful Prophet and Servant of Almighty God. This is the Prophet that serves Almighty God at the Altar in heaven, of which the altar designed by Moses was merely an exact copy.

Of course there is no evidence that St. Catherines Cathedral is built on or near the site of the manger in which the Christ was born, but for all practical purposes, the illusion is intact. Since Satan is soon to field his own living prophet – <u>a</u> FALSE prophet, what better venue could be chosen? Satan's ploy is to encourage his appointee to introduce <u>the BEAST</u>, and to cause everyone to worship him. <u>The BEAST</u> will be a persuasive, master strategist, and will deceive the whole world. He will appear as a unifying agent and will make peaceful



The clergy were so accommodating that they even allowed Arafat's picture to adorn the entrance to the 'manger' site. What possible relationship could Arafat have with Christ or His birthplace? Whatever it is, it's still locked in the degenerate minds of the clergy, and it's unlikely that an explanation will be given any time soon.

overtures to the western world and encourage compromise in the pursuit of unification. All those who come to his corner will be rewarded, those who don't will face destruction.

The West Bank and Gaza are Israeli territory, which was taken by force in the theatre of war, a war where the Israelis were outnumbered in manpower and weaponry by a three-to-one ratio, but by the grace of God emerged victorious. The big difference between the Americans and the Israelis is, the Israelis didn't seek 'lovers' among their enemies to achieve their objectives. They took them all on and trusted in God for the outcome. God delivered their enemies into their hands, and the Islamic nations were decisively crushed like ants. The State of Israel became the super-power of the region.

Satan learned long ago that the House of Israel is too strong for him, because the Almighty God is their God – even though they don't acknowledge Him as such. But God is faithful to His promises. Satan's only real option is to corrupt them and to turn them against their God, and bring Almighty God's wrath against them. Satan has one great advantage: he knows the House of Israel is easily deceived, and the Americans in particular (Hos 7:11). He is able to manipulate them, and while he doesn't have the force to defeat them, he has the ability to deceive them. He has managed to stack the media with left-wing, loony liberals, who are ever vigilant to find fault with foreign policy, and in fact, all government policy that upholds common decency.

Emerging from the shadows of destruction are some great men. Not least of which is President George W. Bush. Satan was shell-shocked at the ferocity of the Bush administration against him. He had



Low-life Moslems cannot understand the character of men like Mayor Guiliani. Here a Saudi prince offers a check for ten million dollars then proceeds to insult America and the Israelis. But he underestimated Rudy Guiliani who threw it back in his face and frog-marched him out of there.

hoped for another limp-wristed weakling like Al Gore to carry the day. All his best endeavours to steal the Presidential election failed, but he still hoped for success after the election through his appointed media agents. But the outrage of the people was too great after Sept. 11, and the media had to offer support or face ruin. CNN and others have tried to claw back ground, but even with their radical views being promoted through the efforts of Rula Amin and Gerald Kessel, it's been futile. Their ratings continue to slip. Rula Amin and Gerald Kessel are CNN's reporters in the Middle East. Their every uttered word is in support of the enemies of God and against the House of Israel. They seem to equate collateral damage caused by tactical response as worse than Islamic suicide bombings targeted to kill

unsuspecting men, women and children! And CNN continually tries to inflame the world with talk about collateral damage rather than justice against evil-doers. They seem to be writing the chapter on subtle subversion. They nearly always add a rider that a suicide bombing is in response to Israeli aggression. It seems that only Fox News have their act together, and their ratings have soared accordingly. We all know

that the Islamic press worldwide is generating hatred for Americans and Israelis, and it seems with great success. There was plenty of rejoicing in the streets of Islamic nations at the deaths of thousands of Americans in the suicide bombings of Sept. 11. But don't expect to see too much condemnation by CNN against the Islamic scum who did this!

There have been some great men arise to the occasion following these terrorist acts. While the U.S. is making 'lovers overtures' to the Saudi Arabians, one Saudi prince arrived in New York to donate ten million dollars to Mayor Guiliani in support of reparations for the disaster.

The check was graciously received until the prince tried to blame the Israelis and American policy as the root cause of the disaster. Rudy Guiliani virtually threw the check back in his face. This crawling Moslem maggot was quickly bundled out of there. You'll notice that none of these Moslems ever use their wealth to feed their own starving people. Instead, it's the Americans who are the greatest providers of food and emergency aid to these undeserving people.

Satan doesn't care about his own people; they're forced to eke out a living by whatever means are available to them. In this, there is great contrast between



The Holyland is surrounded by hostile Islamic nations, all of which seek the destruction of the Israelis and the confiscation of their land. But Almighty God has some surprises for this evil, Islamic brood. They'll rue the day they ever set a toe over the border of the Land that God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants forever. Believe God!

the Great God of Heaven, and Satan, the god of this world's masses. The contrast is evident in God's words in the Book of Hosea: Hos 11:3 "It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. 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." Although Ephraim doesn't realize it or



years. And despite America's best efforts to liberate them from tyranny, they plan to continue the export of this illegal drug to America's children. Opium is the number one cash crop in Afehanistan.

acknowledge it (except with occasional lip-service), their wealth and prosperity is the result of God's bountiful blessings and loving-kindness. Ephraim seems determined to feed God's enemies while they openly prepare for war against him. And the war is against God and His appointed nations – the only nations He chose of all the families of the earth (Amos 3:1-2). And the war is set to intensify beyond the boundaries of earth, and against the very Throne of God (Rev 12:7). This is the time when Satan will be cast to earth and marooned. He'll be defeated and cast down, and he'll be filled with fury. The heavens will rejoice to see him go, but all those who dwell on earth – watch out! (V12). You've seen nothing yet!

The stage is set! God's mighty son Ephraim has been sent into battle to deliver a deadly blow. The greater the blow the better it

will be for future events. It would be a whole lot better for Ephraim to forget all about collateral damage and do as God instructed the ancient Israelites. None of Satan's brood is worthy of life – not now, not ever! God reinforced His views in the days of the Flood when He wiped them all out. This is a lesson that so many bleeding-heart liberals and clergymen cannot understand. If you are against God's judgments, then either get over it, or face certain death – forever!

In the past, nations have bumped along the bottom, declaring war, manipulating other nations, plundering and slaughtering, with changing fortunes on every side. All sought to seize opportunities to enhance their lifestyles at the expense of others. None more so than Islam. Islam is an **empire of lies and murder**. They build nothing and produce nothing. They prefer to seize what others have built. God has described them thus: **Hab 1:6** "I am raising up **the Babylonians**, that ruthless and impetuous people, who

sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling-places not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people, they are a law unto themselves and promote their own honour." They want to seize what others have built. The State of krael is the perfect example. Israel has become a fertile green valley of development and productivity. In complete contrast, the Moslem nations that surround them live like pigs – like people always under the curse of God. God cursed them because He hated them, and particularly the Edomites and the Temanites, who occupy the land from where Islam was spawned.

Why is it so hard to remember that God sends rain on both the just and the unjust? He also withholds rain when He so chooses. Does anyone doubt that He has withheld rain from the Afghans? They've had a drought for years. All their trees, grapevines, orchards and crops are dead, and reduced to dust and ash. About the only crop they can now grow is opium, and this is exported as illegal trade to America. These people are under the curse of God. Why should they get any consideration from God's people Israel? Why does the western world imagine they should circumvent God's judgment of them?

We recently saw a staged photo-shoot, where reporters were shown an opium crop being plowed into the ground. The owner stood there with a big smile on his face, which would not have happened if he hadn't been adequately compensated for the crop. It was yet another deceptive ploy by <u>Islam</u> – <u>the empire</u> <u>of liars</u> – to delude people into believing they had suddenly developed some virtue. It was yet another example of how easily deceived and senseless the western world is.

The trouble with the western world, and Christianity in particular is, they don't know what God's virtue is! They've forgotten the definition of righteousness, and supplanted it with an airy-fairy rendition of what parallels eastern religious superstition. They stage all sorts of religious get-togethers and go through every form of bizarre ritual in the hope the God will be deceived into believing they are worshipping Him. Of course they can't produce any evidence from the Bible that this is the way the Church is supposed to function! Their sole objective is to proselyte as many people as possible and to accommodate the views of everyone. God's views are not even considered.

Remember the account of the Gentile woman that pleaded with Christ for healing, vet He refused to even speak to her. His disciples urged Him to get rid of her because she kept wailing after them. In the view of many so-called Christians, this was a most unchristian thing to do. 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 demon-possession." Jesus did not answer her a word. So His disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before Him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." It's important to realize that Christ didn't answer her a word at the beginning because she was <u>not</u> of <u>the lost sheep of</u> Israel. He stressed that it is not right to take the bread of the children (of Israel), and toss it to their dogs. The woman then acknowledged that she was one of those 'dogs', but pleaded for the scraps of the children's bread under the table. We can confirm this: all dogs must become real Israelites before they get any consideration in God's Kingdom. And you heard it first from the Christ Himself! And be assured, anyone who wants to be friends with the world automatically become the enemies of God. God is a jealous God, and those who serve Him must love the things He loves and despise the things that He hates and detests.

But all those who want to keep up their parody of distortion will get what they deserve. Christ has confirmed that He came only to the <u>lost sheep of Israel</u>, just as the angel said to Mary (<u>Luke 1:32-33</u>), that is, the <u>House of Jacob</u> – <u>all 12 sons</u> – <u>all 12 Tribes of Israel!</u>

The whole world is now in free-fall with trouble on every side. Presently, the American people have one great advantage; God is fighting for them against their enemies, but more importantly, against God's enemies. Long ago, God planned a mighty onslaught against Satan's bride – a devastating and deadly blow – one from which they would not recover easily. But they will recover, because one of the most evil of all those spirits in the heavenly realms will seize the reins of power. Islam will promote their prophet – a live man, not a dead one, and he will use lying miracles to introduce the beast and pave the way before him.

In the short term, Islam is no match for the mighty Ephraim – the chief among his brothers. For a little while, they will die like the <u>dogs</u> they are! It would be helpful if mighty Ephraim would forget all about collateral damage, and concentrate on doing their job properly. Treacherous Islamic <u>dogs</u> always put women and children in the frontline to shield themselves in order to prevent attacks. God knew of Satan's subtle treachery long ago, and in the days of the ancient Israelites, the armies of the Living God were required to slaughter men, women and children, and also the animals. Don't make the mistake of judging

God's motives – <u>He knows precisely what He is doing!</u> <u>Human beings don't!</u> They don't know the way to peace – but God does! And you don't make peace with slavering animals – the <u>dogs</u> of Islam. If you have any preconceived ideas about what God should or should not be, then get over it, or prepare to bury your dead.

Almighty God has told you in advance what to expect. You need only to read the Book of Revelation to understand that what Christianity is currently teaching is not in accordance with God's *certain objectives*. All the prophets confirmed what would happen in our days with the arrival of the seventh millennial day, and Christ confirmed what they recorded in the Book of Revelation, which was delivered to John.

Satan had a strategy in place as he anticipated the war in Afghanistan. His plan was to engage the American alliance in guerilla warfare. He planned to entice them to place their troops on the ground so he could destroy them all in one fell swoop. But he didn't anticipate the enormous air-power of the U.S. He couldn't envision such devastating power of the air, and the eventual supremacy that developed. Paul describes Satan as **the prince of the power of the air**, and Satan is fully convinced that no son of God will challenge that power. But he lost round one. He did, however, manage to use the power of the air to destroy the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, and also his nemesis – the Pentagon Building. He'd hoped for even more success in his crusade against America, but the ferocity of America's reaction left him unable to fulfill any more attacks. But he is the prince of the power of the air, and it seems that he used this power to supernaturally knock two engines off an aircraft, as well as the tail section, all within seconds, and in sight of the packed U.N. General Assembly. If he had succeeded in his objectives, dozens of world leaders would have died and plunged the whole world into total turmoil.

Of course, Satan is not permitted to do such things using supernatural force, but in desperation he decided to do it anyway, and hoped he would get away with it. It's now clear to everyone, that whoever controls the air controls the battle. This was the strategy of General Tommy Franks and it was the strategy that worked. Since Satan has used the power of the air to inflict great damage to the nation that he hates, and since, it seems, that he has been able to get away with using his power of the air to a limited degree, his course is clear in his own mind. When he loses a major battle against God in heaven (and when God's sword has drunk its fill in the heavens), he will be cast to earth in fury. All bets will be off, and no restraint will be shown. Then Satan will really flex his muscles to show that he is indeed the prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2, KJV), or ruler of the kingdom of the air (NIV).

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As an aside, please don't write to me about Herbert Armstrong's theory concerning the prince of the power of the air (radio waves, supernatural communication on Satan's wavelength, blah, blah, blah!) I'm not interested in those sort of foolish theories. In the twilight of his years, Herbert Armstrong was wrong about many things. His early years weren't too flush with truth either. Herbert did, however, provide some important pathways for all those who earnestly and wholeheartedly wanted to study God's Word and to determine for themselves what God has said. God very accurately described Herbert Armstrong as a foolish shepherd, and later, as a worthless shepherd. Yet he is the shepherd that God appointed for this endtime (Zech 11:15-17). For all those who get a little testy about this and try to deny it, perhaps they could provide the name of the man they think the parable is speaking of. Or perhaps they believe that it's a prophecy that was never fulfilled. It provides a dilemma for some people, who know he was blind in the right eye, and had the name **Arm-strong**, when the *parable* speaks of his arm becoming withered and weak. Their dilemma is, that although they hate him, they can't admit that he is the shepherd God called for the occasion. For instance, they can't bear the thought that Armstrong kept the Sabbath and the Holy Days when they refuse to do so themselves. Then there are those who blindly follow everything he taught, and they have become blind in both eyes – figuratively speaking. The 'prophecy' they teach is utterly pathetic, and reflects nothing of what God has said. They know very well that there are vast sections of the Bible that makes no sense to them at all.

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Most people know what the Book of Revelation has to say about the beast and the false prophet. Satan's false prophet will prophesy accurately because Satan will be instructing him on what he plans to do. At Satan's behest, planes will be knocked out of the sky, and Satan alone will have supremacy of the air.

All those who *believe* God will *know* there are invisible forces on this earth. Christ's encounter with the Gentile woman is proof that demons occupy some people; even this woman knew that a demon was in her daughter. So did Jesus! During His time on earth, He cast out many demons. Paul was very

forthright in his description: Eph 6:11 "Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." The devil is forever scheming, and his main objective is the destruction of the whole House of Israel. V12 "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 the heavenly realms." No, it's not the flesh and blood proponent, but those who control them. These rulers of the heavenly realm are not flesh and blood, but spirit-beings that, usually, cannot be seen. Satan controls them, and they do as he commands – or else! Satan is an absolute tyrant, and he knows how to deal with those who oppose him. He locks them away in solitary confinement in chains, and they are held captive at his pleasure. The big problem is that Satan is like a wild animal, and has no characteristics of forgiveness, so his spiritual forces fear him more than God. Many of them are very mournful creatures, and they know they have no future. But they are very real! And very dangerous!

God gave Satan dominion over the earth for a period of six millennial days, but the Seventh Day belongs to God. Christianity must have suspected that things would be wholly different at the start of God's Holy Day – the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD (Mal 4:5). Satan now knows that time is running out for him. As one of the sons of God, who rebelled against his Father, he is facing a prison sentence of a thousand years. And he is going to be locked up and chained! There is going to be some major changes to the authorative structure of world government. God is presently preparing His new sons, and all His sons will be taught by God Himself (John 6:45, Isa 54:13). Isaiah reveals who God is speaking of, and this is recorded in V17 "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." God also speaks of vindication in Ps 24:3-10 "Who may ascend the Hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His Holy Place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the LORD and VINDICATION from God his Saviour. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE" Yes, the LORD is MIGHTY IN BATTLE because He is a Mighty Warrior! His sons too, are mighty warriors, and no weapon forged against them will prevail. And what is the heritage of the <u>servants of the LORD</u>? This <u>heritage</u> from the <u>ancient doors</u> enables them to <u>stand in God's Holy</u> Place, a right only given to the Levites. And who are the Levites? The answer is: all those who remember the Law of Moses and believe what God's servant Moses taught them. Those who do will truly sing the Song of Moses (Rev 15:2-3). It just happens that the Levites were the Temple singers, and it's the Levites that will set all the Psalms to music.

And let's not forget that these people will also sing the <u>Song of the Lamb</u> (same verse). Part of the <u>Song of the Lamb</u> is found in <u>Rev 15:3-4</u>, but the first half of the <u>Song of the Lamb</u> is found in <u>Rev 5:9-14</u>. The <u>Song of the Lamb</u> begins with <u>the opening of the seven seals</u>. The <u>Song of Moses</u> and the <u>Song of the Lamb</u> will memorialize the events that occur from this time on. The <u>Song of the Lamb</u> will be sung as a <u>new song</u>, and will be sung first by those who surround God's throne. This is the time when the Lamb will arise as the <u>Lion of the Tribe of Judah</u>, the <u>Root of David</u> (V5), and the invincible <u>Mighty Warrior</u> whose sword will also drink its fill on earth!

In the Book of Hebrews, we find a reference to those purchased by Christ through His faithful sacrifice to God (Heb 10:19). These also can have the confidence to enter God's Most Holy Place. And in V25 the writer speaks of THE DAY approaching and begins to deliver a severe warning: V26 "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the Truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of a raging fire that will consume the enemies of God Anyone who rejected the Law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as unholy the BLOOD OF THE COVENANT that sanctified Him, and who has insulted the Spirit of Grace? For we know Him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God." Yes, it was the BLOOD OF THE COVENANT – the old Covenant – that sanctified Christ. All those who treat the Blood of the Covenant as unholy, which many people do today, are going to be severely punished, and they will die without mercy! There are just too many people who shrink back from the message that God has given us! They are so bellicose about their own perceived righteousness, that they can't perceive of God bringing peace to the earth with anything but empty words. They don't see

their Saviour as the Christ - <u>The Mighty Messiah</u> - who wages war in righteousness. This simply doesn't fit their image.

Even Moses saw Christ's Day and was glad: **Heb 11:24** "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace <u>for the sake of Christ</u> as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was *looking ahead to his reward*." Moses anticipated the future arrival of Christ and the rewards that He would bring, and this is what he focused on.

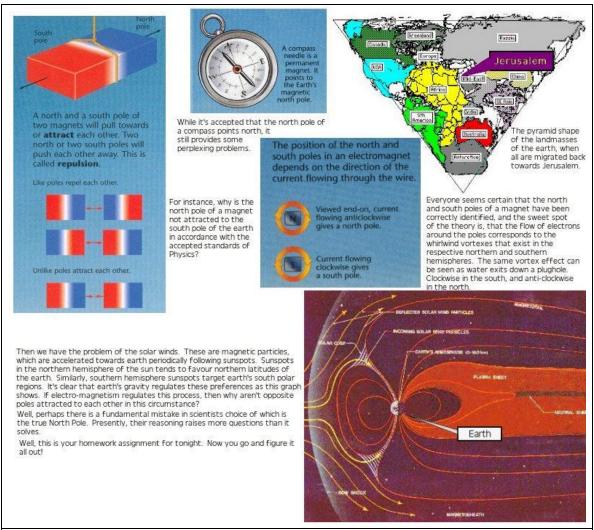
The early Christians were similarly minded. They knew that focusing on the fleshpots of bountiful living was a great diversion from the important issues. We find this reminder: Heb 10:32 "Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be greatly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what is promised. For in just a little while, 'He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." Christ is coming very soon because the Day has arrived. Soon there will be no more delay. And what a coincidence that 'my righteous one will live by faith' is quoted from Hab 2:3-4. And 'He who is coming will come and will not delay' is also taken from the Book of Habakkuk: Hab 2:2-3 "Then the LORD replied, "Write down the **REVELATION** and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the **REVELATION** awaits an appointed time; it speaks of **THE END** and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it [margin: He] will certainly come and will not delay." The question the LORD replied to was when the ruler of Babylon and all the Babylonians would be destroyed. Habakkuk was informed that the Babylonians would face ruin and destruction at **THE END**. And **He who comes and will not delay** will thresh the nations: Hab 3:12 "In wrath you strode through the earth and in anger you threshed the nations. You came to deliver your people, to save your anointed one. You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, you stripped him from head to foot. With your own spear you pierced his head when his warriors stormed out to scatter us, gloating as though about to devour the wretched who were in hiding."

This is speaking of the Mighty One whose splendor is <u>like the sunrise</u>: <u>Hab 3:4</u> "His splendour is <u>like the sunrise</u>, rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden. Plague went before Him, pestilence followed His steps. <u>He stood</u>, and <u>shook the earth</u>; He looked and <u>made the nations tremble</u>. The ANCIENT MOUNTAINS COLLAPSED. HIS WAYS ARE ETERNAL."

The Book of Hebrews speaks of a 'righteous one' who must not shrink back, because if he does, God would not be pleased with him. It is not speaking of Christ, because God said of His Son, 'This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' At the time, Jesus was standing with John the Baptist. It goes without saying that Jesus never shrunk back, but fulfilled all his duties flawlessly. But no servant of God should ever shrink back, but they must stand firm and hold their ground.

When the *final* king of Babylon arises in the endtime, and after he has done astounding damage, he'll be stripped from head to foot and cast alive into a burning fire. God knows all about this future king, because although he appears as a man, the real ruler is not flesh and blood, but one of the rulers of the heavenly realms. God knows him well! As for the human being in whom he dwells, he will be Satan's appointee. The man himself is of little consequence; he will merely be a glove-puppet in the hands of this ruthless ruler. The Bible speaks of two vicious killers who will arise, both of which are rulers of the heavenly realms, and are not human. They will live in human hosts and are called 'Death' and 'Grave' in the Book of Revelation (Rev 6:8).

Jesus is described as the <u>Bread of life</u>, and also the <u>Word of God</u>. He plans to establish the Kingdom of God and hand it over to the Father. He likens the knowledge of the Kingdom of God to leaven (Levin) that <u>a woman</u> places in a large amount of flour in order to make bread. The Levin spreads through the whole lump and expands it to complete the perfect loaf. <u>For a long time</u>, <u>God has been silent</u>, and He revealed through the prophets that this would be the case. Christianity has been given every opportunity to devise every possible variation of beliefs during this period. Hence, we find a vast array of differing beliefs. But scratch the surface of any one of these churches, and you will find radically different behaviour to that which they try to project. In short, they lack any form of sincerity. To them it's just a game, and the object of this game is to entice as many proselytes as possible. Almighty God is a Great



Which, then, is true north? Science teaches that the Arctic Circle is true north, but is it? The north pole of a magnet points to the earth's north pole. True north is the apex of the pyramidal shape, and the two sides of the pyramid ascend to the apex. Satan ascended to sit on God's Throne in the sides of the north or the sacred mountain (Isa 14:13) Well, the question is soon to be answered when every island (and continent) speeds away from its present location (Rev 6:14, 16:20), and the earth begins to take shape like the Great Seal (Job 38:14).

King, and He is not impressed with the meandering nonsense of the churches who don't acknowledge Him as such.

This Great King is going to send His Son to restore everything, including the landmass of the earth to what it once was. The landmass of the earth will symbolize God's great power. To achieve this, the earth will be violently shaken, mountains will crumble and valleys will be filled. The continents will all be brought back towards Jerusalem – the center of the earth. Take the time to look at a globe of the earth sometime, and see what shape emerges when all the continents and islands are compacted towards Jerusalem. John the Baptist began his message by speaking of this very thing (Isa 40:4-5, Luke 3:5-6).

Christ will <u>restore everything</u> when <u>the time comes</u>: Acts 3:21 "He must <u>remain</u> in heaven <u>until</u> the time comes to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets. For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything He tells you. Anyone who does not listen to Him will be completely cut off from among His people. Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are <u>heirs</u> of <u>the prophets</u> and <u>of the Covenant God made with your fathers</u>." The righteous shepherd, Peter, was telling them clearly hat they are <u>heirs</u> of <u>the prophets</u>, and of <u>the Covenant God made with their fathers</u>. Why then do people imagine that this <u>Covenant</u> has been done away? Where do they get their crazy ideas? And if <u>anyone</u> hopes to be <u>heirs</u> of <u>the prophets</u>, then they need to be learning what <u>the prophets</u> taught – and not the crazy lunacy that is currently being taught. Where do these people get the idea that the Scriptures are open to their own private interpretation? This is

precisely what the righteous shepherd Peter spoke against: **2Pet 1:19** "And you have **the word of the prophets made more certain**, and you will do well to **pay attention to it**, as to a light shining in a dark place, **until the Day dawns** and the **Morning Star** arises in your hearts. **Above all**, you must understand that **no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation**. For prophecy **never** had its origin in the **will of man**, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

At the very outset God declared what He had in mind when He recreated the earth and put mankind upon it. At that time, there were two factions existing among God's created beings. Those who were faithful, and those who had rebelled. He intended to show that there were great rewards for faithful obedience and grave penalties for disobedience. Prior to the creation of mankind in the very image and likeness of God, the whole world had become corrupted with all the creatures taking on the bloodthirsty characteristic of their overseer. The natural instincts of the animals had changed to become predators. This overseer, supposedly the lightbringer, became a tyrant and favoured the strong dominating the weak. He saw himself as a great warrior, and one who was a worthy leader over all the creation.

In Almighty God's absence, he ascended the Holy Mountain and sat upon God's throne, declaring himself rightful ruler and master of all. One third of all the angel-class beings favoured him and declared their allegiance. But there was a Mighty Warrior who didn't! This was the Faithful Craftsman that was always at God's side (Pro 8:30). He delighted in all that God created and stood in awe and wonder of Him. Like His worthless brother, He too, was created, but He honoured His Father and upheld every word that He said. Satan came to see his Father *periodically*, but the Faithful Son was always at His side. The very act of anyone sitting on the Father's throne was unthinkable to the Faithful Son, and He arrived at the very time when the 'lightbringer' was about to declare his coronation. In fury, He entered the throne room, seized the interloper - His own brother - dragged him from the throne and hurled him from the Holy Mountain. This Faithful Son declared that He would rather die forever than see His Father dishonoured. Such was the love He had for His Father. It was no small thing that the Craftsman had to challenge the most glorious of all God's creation - the one in whom was built perfection - the lightbringer. The lightbringer was indeed glorious until imperfections were found in his character. As a result of his rebellion against his Father, the glory and the light were removed from him, and he became the loathsome beast, which typified him. At a later time, God would seat the Craftsman beside Himself on the very throne that Satan so desired. The Craftsman would be the New Lightbringer - the Sun of Righteousness (Mal

It's worth noting the description of this former lightbringer: Eze 28:12-17 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were a model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. You settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the Holy Mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the Mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings."

Tyre was the lightbringer's headquarters at the base of the Holy Mountain of God – which extended up above the clouds. He was the ruler of Tyre – the senior ruler of the heavenly realms – and he ruled over other kings. In other words, he was the 'king of kings'. The Garden of Eden was in the land of Shinar or Babylon.

An interesting point is that Satan was adorned with <u>a number of precious stones on the day he</u> <u>was created</u>. Much later, Moses was instructed to make the Essene or Breastplate and adorn it with precious stones – one stone for each of the Tribes of Israel. The Essene or Breastplate was worn by the Levitical priesthood. It also contained the <u>Urim and Thummin</u> – the means by which they determined God's Will on any matter. And God's instructions on this were specific: Ex 28:15 "Fashion a Breastplate for making decisions – the work of a skilled craftsman." The Breastplate was a symbol of great authority – the authority authorized by God Himself. Like the stones that adorned the former lightbringer, the stones of the Breastplate were set in gold, and each stone was engraved with the name of one of the Tribes of Israel. These were mounted according to the <u>order of birth</u> of the <u>12 sons of Israel</u>.

There was also another sacred adornment to be placed on Aaron's turban. It was a gold plate engraved with the words **HOLY TO THE LORD**'. This is described as the <u>Sacred Diadem</u>. Ex 28:36 "Make <u>a plate of pure gold</u> and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD." It will be on <u>Aaron's forehead</u> (V38). In the next chapter (29) it's mentioned again: V6 "Put the turban on his head and attach the <u>Sacred Diadem</u> to the turban." See also <u>Zech 14:20</u> for 'Holy to the LORD'.

In all this, we see that God was supplanting Satan from rulership over His people Israel. Satan is a ruler and he rules over other rulers – those of the heavenly realms. From time to time, these rulers try to circumvent Satan's objectives and even war against each other. By no means does Satan have a stable, universal government. And while he is a greedy, self-serving tyrant, he doesn't always get his own way. Intelligent beings, who are able to rationalize for themselves, are prone to decide for themselves what is expedient and what is not. This is true even of those over whom he rules.

In the days of King Ahab of the northern Tribes of Israel, an assembly was convened in the Throne Room of Almighty God. Micaiah the prophet describes it: 1Kings 22:19 "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His Throne with all the host of heaven standing around Him on His right and on His left." (It doesn't take much imagination to understand which group was standing on the left!) Continuing: V20 "And the LORD said, "Who will lure Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?' One said this, and another that. Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will lure him.' 'By what means?' the LORD asked. "I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets," he said. "You will succeed in luring him," said the LORD. "Go and do it." So one of the lying spirits on God's left decided that his advantage would be served by deceiving his own false prophets who were ever-so-willing to prophesy acceptable things to King Ahab. Ahab was determined to drive out the Arameans from the Israelite lands across the Jordan. The evil spirit felt it wouldn't hurt a bit to have the Arameans crush the Israelites in battle, and to entice them, he would convince Ahab that he would win. Ahab's four hundred false prophets were convinced that he would win the battle through the efforts of the lying spirit. The lying spirit was a little reticent to kill Ahab because he had been so successful in corrupting Israel through his detestable and ungodly ways (1Kings 21:25). So he convinced Ahab to go into battle in disguise, and for the righteous king Jehoshaphat of Judah to appear like the King of Israel. Then, through the king of Aram, his thirty-two charioteer commanders were told: V31 "Do not fight with anyone small or great, except the King of Israel." Of course, the charioteer commanders took the instruction literally, and when it became obvious that King Jehoshaphat was not the king of Israel, they left off the chase. In the meantime, a stray arrow pierced between the armour of King Ahab and he died. And dogs licked up his blood just as the prophet had said (1Kings 21:19). So the lying spirit's script went awry. Sure, the Arameans had the victory just as God confirmed they would, but it was their agent, King Ahab, who was killed and not King Jehoshaphat, and to their chagrin, the prophet's words were fulfilled and the dogs licked up his blood (1Kings 22:38).

Ahab's 400 prophets (1Kings 22:6) were the next generation after Elijah had destroyed the former 450 false prophets of Baal (1Kings 18:19, 40). Elijah had proven beyond all doubt which god was God Almighty, and he also proved who God's true prophet was, and he also proved who were the offspring of Baalzebub, the prince of darkness. So this next generation of prophets knew very well that they were neither prophets nor servants of the Almighty God. And just as Islam has a central objective – to destroy the House of Israel – so do the spirits who assemble on God's left at these periodical assemblies in God's Throne room. Soon, of course, they will have no right of assembly. If you think it strange that the bitter enemies of God should have egress to the Sacred Assemblies, then you would have some difficulty also with the U.N. General Assemblies where the representatives of sworn enemy nations assemble to debate their foes. And all this in the present financial capital of the world, New York, and in the land of God's son Ephraim (Jer 31:20).

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Satan's first rebellious act against his Father had led to great conflict with battlelines drawn, but the end result was the total destruction of life one earth with everything erased. Rulership of the earth was to be the prize that Satan sought, but now it lay in ruins. Now he had nothing to rule over, with only the ugliness of rebellion and destruction all around. The coup had failed. Now there was a dilemma! What to do with those who rebelled! At the very least, the worthless son should receive a prison term, and this was set at 1,000 years, but God chose to suspend this sentence for a period, because He had a Plan in mind. God has a system of Law in place that provides rewards for righteousness, and curses for disobedience. Satan's prison sentence would be fitting recompense, but what of a reward for His Faithful Son who had

avowed that rebellion would never arise again? The very One who had struck the blow in His Father's defence? He would surely be rewarded! This Faithful Son would never be eclipsed by any being in the entire universe; He would be First Lord of all that exists, and He would surely sit on His Father's Throne. God declared at that time that His Faithful Son would have many sons and daughters, and these sons and daughters would have the very mind and Spirit of His Son. But first they must know both good and evil so they can make the right choices. And their very first choice was their desire to know both good and evil by eating the forbidden fruit.

The Great Plan of God was adopted, and Adam received the Seed. God had reproduced His Faithful Son in a man. The Plan called for His Faithful Son to also become a man much later, and He would later be called the *last Adam*. Paul explained it this way: 1Cor 15:45 "So it is written: "The <u>first man Adam</u> became a living being"; the <u>last Adam</u>, a life-giving Spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As with the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the Man from Heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the <u>likeness of the earthly man</u>, so shall we bear the <u>likeness of the Man from Heaven</u>." What Paul was saying is, that while we have the appearance of the first Adam, we must adopt the spiritual attributes of the second – the very mind of Christ. Those who do will resolve in their own minds to do as Christ did. Jesus did many miracles, but the one thing He is most remembered for is His faithful obedience to His Father when He gave up His life that His offspring might live – forever! The true offspring of Christ know they don't get a free ride, but they must bear the likeness of the Man from Heaven. And we know what Jesus was like! He gave up His life that others may live, and after that, <u>ascended to sit beside the Father on His Throne</u>.

The prophets spoke of this: **Isa 53:10** "Yet 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 His offspring** and **prolong His days**, and the **Will of the LORD** will prosper in His hand. 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. 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**." The **LORD'S Will** is reflected in **His Great Plan**, and this **Great Plan** calls for His Faithful Son to be reproduced, and **He saw His offspring** who lived on after His departure, and in this **His days were prolonged on earth**. So Christ has **true offspring** who are **prepared** to **pour out their lives unto death** – just as He did!

And the phrase 'He will divide the spoils with the strong' has a very special meaning. For this to happen, there must be an enemy from whom the spoils will be taken and then divided. So well in advance, God has told us that the enemy is Satan and his offspring! As for the strong, God has also told us who these are. These are the sons of Jerusalem who are taught by God (John 6:45) and these are further identified in the next chapter of Isaiah (Isa 54:11-13). Having established His sons, God will then call the Tribe of Judah (Christ's own Tribe) to battle, and these will join the Sons of Jerusalem just as God has said in 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 is their God." The horses of the nations and their riders are clearly identified in the Bible, and the Book of Revelation confirms this (Rev 6:1-8). These are the four horses and riders that covet God's Holy Land – the Land He promised to His friend Abraham. And when Judah recognizes that the Sons of Jerusalem are strong – and they will be very strong! – then they too, will become strong against these horses and riders.

And who will collect the spoils of war? Zech 14:1 "A Day of the LORD is coming when [the] plunder will be divided among you." V15 "On that Day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other. Judah too, will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected – great quantities of gold and silver and clothing." Once again God confirms that it's the surrounding nations that will be destroyed and plundered. These are the offspring and bride of Satan the devil! And it should be clear to all which nations surround the Holy Land!

It's the weak and the faint-hearted that cannot envisage that Christ and His offspring would fight. The Mighty Warrior King Himself will fight **(V3)** and He will put down all rebellion. The earliest Christians understood this and rejoiced to understand the fulfillment of God's Great Plan: 1Cor 15:24 "Then the end will come, when He hands over the Kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all

dominion, authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet." The Faithful Son will deliver the Kingdom to His Father – but in the meantime, He must reign until all is accomplished – just as He announced through His servants the prophets. And when will Christ accomplish this? Rev 10:7 "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." Now we know exactly when the Faithful Son's mission will be accomplished. And God confirms it! V15 "The second angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord AND of His Christ and He (the Father) will reign for ever and ever." This is when the Kingdom will be handed over to the LORD God Almighty – the Father! And of course, His Faithful Son – the Mighty Christ – will be seated with Him on that Throne – forever!

And now we see what was accomplished: V16 "And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for REWARDING YOUR SERVANTS THE PROPHETS AND your SAINTS and those who reverence your Name, both small and great – and for destroying those who destroy the earth." Yes, the earth was destroyed, and the Spirit of God brooded over the waters anciently. Once again, the evil ones have arisen to do the same thing, but this time it is they who will be destroyed.

And the <u>rewards for the prophets</u>? Which prophets are they? We receive vital information in **Rev 19:10** "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 <u>you and with your brothers</u> who <u>hold</u> to the <u>Testimony of Jesus</u>. Worship God! For the <u>Testimony of Jesus</u> IS the <u>Spirit of Prophecy</u>." And just to assuage the madness that emanates from some people when this Scripture is quoted, we find further reference in <u>Rev 22:8</u> "I, John, <u>am the one who heard and saw these things</u>. And when I had <u>heard and seen them</u>, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a <u>fellow-servant with you</u> and <u>with your BROTHERS THE PROPHETS</u> and of all who keep the Words of this Book. Worship God!" <u>His BROTHERS THE PROPHETS</u> never <u>heard and saw these things</u>, only he did, but they are <u>still prophets</u>, because they recognized God's Truth and <u>hold</u> to it.

And what of the twenty-four elders seated on their thrones before God? They fall down and worship God – but only after they have relinquished and <u>surrendered their crowns</u>: Rev 4:10 "The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the Throne (the Father), and worships Him that lives for ever and ever. <u>They lay their crowns before the Throne</u> and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your Will they were created and have their being." They willingly lay down their crowns in favour of those who are the very image and offspring of God's Faithful Son. This is what God planned from the beginning, and this is what will be accomplished. Right at the outset the <u>first Adam</u> was told <u>to replenish and subdue the earth</u> (Gen 1:28), and isn't this what the <u>last Adam</u> came to do?

It's very clear that Christ *must reign* <u>until</u> He has <u>put all enemies under His feet</u>. *Then* He will hand the Kingdom over to God the Father. The last trumpet is when this is accomplished and when the Father receives the Kingdom. The Father also confirms that He will live among men: Rev 21:2 "And I heard a loud voice saying, "Now the <u>dwelling of God is with men</u>, and <u>He will live with them</u>. They will be His people, and <u>God Himself will be with them</u> and be <u>their God</u>." So it's also very clear that many battles will be fought long before the handover of the Kingdom. Almighty God has appointed men to <u>prepare the Way</u> for the Mighty Christ, and the Kingdom will be established as a tiny mustard seed. This is the Kingdom that will be handed to Christ when He <u>begins to reign</u>, and this Kingdom will grow into a mighty tree to fill the earth. It's going to take some time before all the enemies of God are put down, and the rulers of the heavenly realms are crushed. And this must be accomplished before the Kingdom is handed over to the Father.

Even Satan knows that men will do almost anything to save their own lives (Job 2:4), but he is also aware that he has no power to move against a servant of God without God's permission (V6). For this reason he had to go to very elaborate lengths to kill Jesus Christ, and to blame others. But Jesus did nothing to save His life; instead He went as a lamb to the slaughter. The best efforts of Satan's henchmen to force Jesus to say something with which they could incriminate Him failed when He refused to answer. So they resorted to lving accusations – the trademark of Satan's offspring.

Satan hated Job because He was a servant of Almighty God – a point made by God when He said, "Have you considered my <u>servant</u> Job?" God referred to him as a righteous and upright man. Satan

usually wandered around the earth, and occasionally visited His Father along with God's other created sons (Job 1:6-7). But already Satan was known as the accuser (same verse – see margin), and so he began to accuse Job. Lying accusations are Satan's trademark; it's what he does best. This is also true of his offspring. And now it's come down to an out-and-out contest between the bride of Satan and the Bride of Christ. God began preparations long ago for this eventuality. He raised up His son Ephraim (Jer 31:20), and equipped him to be the mightiest power on earth. When Ephraim speaks, men tremble because he is exalted in Israel (Hos 13:1). In the past, the Bride of Satan didn't fear Ephraim because they believed he was weak and wouldn't respond to their terrorism. And this was largely true - for a while. Weak men, who had no perception of justice, ensured this was so. These same weak men scaled down America's military might to half what it had been in the gulf war. They embarked on a campaign of speaking of peace and believed they had the means to achieve it. They couldn't have been more wrong! The media concentrated on their leader's sexual peccadilloes, and failed to notice what was happening in the world. They would have done well to ignore his sexual prevarications and to concentrate on the direction he was leading them. The media refuse to condemn the disgusting, homosexual behaviour in California, but feel they are morally equipped to peer into the bedroom of their President. People who are drenched in evil themselves should not be adopting the trademark of Satan the devil. They should first accuse themselves.

Job was a righteous man, and on the occasions of his adult children getting involved in partying, Job offered prayers and sacrifices in case they were sinning against God (Job 1:5). He wasn't sure what they were up to, but he preferred not to peer into their bedrooms, nor to listen in on their conversations. When Satan was given permission to move against God's servant Job, he chose to destroy the children's house with the power of the air. The wind came hurtling out of nowhere and flattened the house and killed all Job's children. Satan's first act though, was to bring marauding Sabeans to rustle all his donkeys and oxen and to kill his servants. He also brought fire down on his livestock and pastures and killed his servants in the process. But all this wasn't enough. He was determined to bring utter destruction to Job. So he organized three bands of Chaldeans (the Babylonians) to steal his trading ships of the desert – his camels – and cut down all his servants. All this because of Satan's penchant for accusing God's servants. And then he waited, and waited, hoping to see Job turn against God. It never happened! Satan was firmly convinced that the only reason anyone would serve God is for the material advantage to be gained (Job 1:11). While this is true of his own brood, it is not true of a faithful servant of God. Even Satan's brood, the Babylonians, were induced by the hope of reward to steal all Job's camels. Plundering things that don't belong to them is the most natural thing in the world to Satan's forces – a point made by God in Hab 1:6. God also invites his servants to heap on Satan's forces ridicule and scorn: Hab 2:6 "Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, "Woe to him that piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on? Will not your debtors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their victim. Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder vou. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them."

Some months later, Satan arrived at God's Throne again. After Satan's usual insolence of stating that he had been wandering through the earth, God asked him a question: **Job 2:3** "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no-one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who **fears God** and **shuns evil**. And he still maintains his [Godly] integrity, **though you incited me against him** to ruin him **without any reason**." Just remember that God didn't ruin Job – it was Satan! He plotted every act and carried it out. He had extracted God's consent to allow him to do it.

But there is to be some marked changes shortly. Satan will be emboldened to make a move against His Father and attempt a coup. It will be a futile move and he will be soundly beaten and cast back to earth (Rev 12:7). This will herald the start of a long, lengthy campaign to destroy all his enemies, the people of God. First and foremost, the people of God are the whole House of Israel. Let's make no mistake about this! These 12 Tribes are the only people God ever called his own. Nestled among these are a second group, largely Israelites also, those who obey God's Commandments and hold to the Testimony of Jesus (V17). These are the offspring of a 'woman'. The woman, of course, is the Bride of Christ – the 12 Tribes of Israel. But not yet! The Levites are first called to duty to prepare the Way for Christ, then Judah will join them, and eventually all the Tribes. This is the way God planned it, and this is the way it will be. The woman will be the faithful Bride of Christ from her inception. She will bring Judah into the fold, and then go after the lost sheep of Israel to rescue them. Presently, Judah and Israel are riding high and dealing with the enemies of God, but not in a wholehearted manner. They lack the wholehearted qualities of the great men of the Bible, like Abraham, Moses, Joshua and Caleb, David and others. They

constantly test the political climate before they act. Surely they should be consulting their Maker – not the enemies of God.

Long ago, Christ said not to look for the Kingdom arriving from heaven, or anywhere else. He said the Kingdom was among them. He was speaking to the Jews in the Holy Land. This is where the Kingdom will arise. Jesus was not only confirming His Kingship, but also identifying the location of God's Kingdom. And true enough, Jesus set the perfect example of how the Kingdom would be established. He and the twelve were a shining example of how the Kingdom would emerge. There were also 120 others, and while these were less robust in their dedication (at one stage they deserted Christ over something He said), they came back later. Through these 12 and the tenfold disciples, Christ's message spread throughout the earth.

**But this was** <u>not </u>the **Kingdom!** Christ made this very plain in His final answer to Pilate: **John 18:36** "My <u>Kingdom</u> is <u>not</u> of this world [Greek: **aion**, meaning <u>age</u>, period or timeframe). If it were, <u>then would my servants fight</u> to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my <u>Kingdom</u> is from **another** place [<u>age</u> or period]." There are many Christian sects that believe that Christ established the Kingdom of God during His time on earth. They seem to be suggesting that Christ is now reigning on earth. **If this were the case**, then it could only be said that He has not done a very good job! Does Jerusalem presently represent the <u>City of a Great King</u>? God's true servants have not yet begun to fight – but they will! And then you will know that God is establishing His Kingdom on earth! But all students of the Bible should know when Christ will begin His reign; the Bible plainly tells us in **Rev 12:10**. This is when Satan (the accuser) is hurled down (<u>same verse</u>). This is when the angels on God's right will rejoice to see the last of him in their midst, but then God adds an ominous warning to the inhabitants of the earth (**V12**).

It's clear that Satan's plans are going terribly wrong. He has grossly underestimated God's mighty son Ephraim. He hadn't anticipated a real 'Texas ranger' becoming President of the United States. There is an old story that has quite a bit of significance. A town in the Mid-west was experiencing riotous behaviour that couldn't be contained by the sheriff, so the mayor sent for the Texas Rangers. When the train pulled into the station, the mayor rushed down to greet the battalion of Texas Rangers. To his horror and dismay, only one Texas Ranger stepped off the train. He asked 'How come there is only one of you?' The Texas Ranger replied, 'Well, there's only one riot, ain't thar?' The mayor soon found out that only one man was needed! And he was the right man for the job!

Almighty God let it be known to His servants the prophets that a 'Texas ranger' would be President of the United States, despite the harrowing experience the nation suffered as the results of the election unfolded. He would be a simple, humble and compassionate man, but one who would find himself burdened with the 'political correctness' of his opponents.

There is a marked contrast between President Bush and his predecessor. Three times President Clinton was offered Osama Bin Laden's head on a plate by Sudan, but each time he refused for fear of offending Islam. And so the lesson was learned the hard way – and in a very tragic way, and finally America prepared for war! And the war is *against Islam* – regardless of how it's couched officially. Today, Clinton's spin-doctors are desperately trying to claim that he had no knowledge of these offers of surrendering Bin Laden. Clinton doesn't want to go down in history as the one who precipitated, by inaction, the terrorist strikes against America. The evidence, however, is too strong to refute. Those who become immersed in 'political correctness' will soon find they are at odds with God.

While President Clinton was busy weaving his spell of 'political correctness' in all its forms, Satan's forces were hard at work preparing for the destruction of the whole House of Israel. It seems that the tenets of 'political correctness' only apply to the House of Israel, and only those with white skin. Everyone else is immuned and protected by the doctrine of 'affirmative action' – the satanic lie that Satan's brood must take precedence over God's holy people – the 12 Tribes of Israel. Satan's wine of adulteration is rapidly gaining ground among all those who don't consider God's Law to be great and glorious.

There really was no excuse for President Clinton's inaction. He'd seen the characteristics of Islam in Saddam Hussein. He witnessed Desert Storm, and clearly knew that this is the only way to deal with Islamic parasites. But he had a completely different agenda. He wasn't interested in waging war and eradicating these people, he was only interested in talking 'peace'. In this, the record shows he was a complete failure! All he did, with these peaceful overtures, was to drum up war among the adversary.

The hopes of the Iraqi people were dashed when Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait failed so dismally. They had pinned their hopes on the slaughter of the Kuwaitis, and the plunder of all their goods

and possessions. The greed oozed from the pores of their skin as they anticipated the spoils of war, but this soon turned to feigned innocence after 'Desert Storm'. Just when utopia was within their grasp, they were forced to face the reality that they are really greedy animals who must live like animals unless.... unless they could draw on the sympathy vote from the stupid Western media. Predictably, the Western media has hammered the 'plight' of the Iraqi people, and blamed U.S. sanctions. They argue that the Iraqi people are innocent. But are they really? It seems they will be anything but innocent when whole shiploads of plunder arrive on their shores (Rev 18:9-14) – plundered from the nations of Israel.

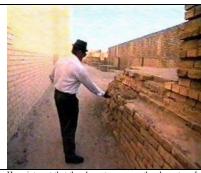
The same dictator, Saddam Hussein, who had promised them vast amounts of plundered goods



Artist's impression of ancient Babylon. The great ziggurat featured in the center is the one destroyed by Alexander the Great, who planned to rebuild it, but died before it could be done.



The curator of the building site shows how the ancien bricks have become a feature in the new building.

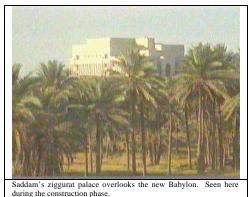


He points out that they hope to preserve the character of the building by ensuring that as much as possible remains of the ancient center of power of world conquest.

and wealth at the expense of the Kuwaitis, now impoverishes them in order to support his extravagant lifestyle, and his penchant for war.

His pet project is the rebuilding of Babylon, which is being built directly over the top of the existing ruins of the ancient city of Babylon. Adjacent to the newly built city of Babylon is Saddam's new palace. The enormous new palace, built to overlook the new Babylon, is a multi-storied building in the shape of a ziggurat – something mid-way between a pyramid and the Tower of Babel. This palace is now complete.

It should surprise no-one that Satan still remembers the Mighty Mountain that ascended above the clouds, and from where he staged his coup before being hurled to the ground. Sure enough, it resembled a ziggarat or pyramid. And ever since then he has instructed his offspring to simulate it in their religious fervor and besmirch its memory by offering human sacrifices on it. None more so than the tribal Indians of South America. Far from the House of Israel, and totally isolated from the world, Satan had a field day with his offspring in the South Americas. They built him glorious cities and ziggurats and offered human sacrifices by the millions. They were the perfect example of Satan's ideals. No form of cruelty was spared the victims. impunity.



Absolute heartless monsters reigned with



Everyone is required to celebrate Saddam's birthday on pain of death. Saddam considers his birthday to be so important, that he builds a new palace every year to



The festivities begin with some rousing songs of hatred against the U.S. and Israel.



A member of Saddam's elite guard stands in the background. He's trained in songwriting and summary executions and torture. His favourite musical instrument is the Kalashnikov.

The Mighty Mountain is gone – it was totally destroyed in the destruction of Satan's reptilean world. *Just a small visible portion remains in the Holy Land*. And this will remain at the heart of the New Temple forever. Satan attempted to secure this remnant by building a Mosque over it. He is about to lose it forever!

Saddam Hussein is the perfect example of Satan's



The men psyche themselves up for the grand finale. Exhibiting false bravado, they pretend to smile while preparing for the big event, which is a favourite of Saddam. Muslims are generally impervious to pain, provided it's the pain of others.



And finally, the men face each other and kick each other in the groin as a test of manhood. It brings tears to the eyes of many. The last one left standing is the loser, so every effort is made to be the first to be emasculated by his opponents foot.

rebellion against God and His people. He exhibits all the fanatical behaviour and stupidity of Satan himself. On the occasion of his birthday, he gave specific instructions on how the celebrations should proceed:

Well, so much for the feeble attempt at levity. But sometimes it's difficult not to heap ridicule and scorn on the stupidity of Moslems. The House of Israel is not yet ready to heap scorn on the Moslems; they're too busy upholding their feigned *political correctness*' with foolish slogans like *Islam is a peaceful religion*' when they know very well that it is not! When the King of Kings establishes Jerusalem, His arch-enemy will establish Babylon. Babylon will become the world trade center just as God has said (Rev 18:11). As a world trade center dealing in looted cargoes of goods, it will quickly become the hub of world commerce. The richest nations of the earth will be their plunder, and every manner of goods will be traded including slaves.

From Babylon, the earth's energy reserves will be administered. Already, fifty percent of America's energy needs are provided by Islamic nations. It wouldn't take too many disasters for all their energy needs to be dependent on them.

The King of Babylon will come to a swift end, and that king is Satan the devil. It's true that Satan will cede his power, throne and great authority to a man (Rev 13:2-3), but he will be hovering close by and literally riding this beast. This is the beast that invades and conquers Babylon and seizes her kingdom and sets up his own power base there. The Scriptures speak of this *fall of Babylon* in Rev 14:8, and the appearance of the beast in all his power (V9). From Babylon the beast will seize world rulership. But, as the Scriptures say, he will come to his end.

Isaiah also spoke of these ruler's demise: Isa 24:21 "In that day the LORD will <u>punish the powers of the heavens above</u> and the <u>kings of the earth below</u>. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; <u>they will shut up in prison</u> and be <u>punished after many days</u>. The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will <u>reign on Mount Zion</u> and in <u>Jerusalem, and before its elders</u>, gloriously." We read this in Isa 24:3 "The earth will be completely <u>laid waste</u> and <u>totally plundered</u>." Remember Peter's comments about *the earth being laid waste and the inhabitants burned up* (2Pet 3:10-11). He totally agreed with the prophets, and warned that everything God has said would come true – exactly as He has said. Isaiah gives the reasons for this great conflagration: V4 "The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have *disobeyed* the <u>LAWS</u>, *violated* the <u>STATUTES</u> and *broken* the <u>EVERLASTING COVENANT</u>." Did God have any expectation that Satan's brood would have any regard for God's Laws, Statutes, and the Everlasting Covenant? Not at all! God knew they would follow their father the devil, and suffer the <u>curse</u> of their actions. And God adds this: V6 "Therefore a <u>curse</u> consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore *the earth's inhabitants are burned up*, <u>and very few are left</u>."

When God says He 'will punish the <u>powers in the heavens</u> above and the <u>kings on the earth below</u>', He is referring to those who rule over the human population. And everything that God has said zeros in on the City of Babylon. This was true in the beginning, and it will be true at the end! God planned it this way, and <u>His Great Plan</u> will be accomplished just as He revealed to His servants, <u>the prophets</u>. Now we hear many statements of God's Plan from the clergy, and its always described as the 'Plan for salvation', and this is usually followed by a dinky description of worthless banter and insane rhetoric,

which tends to make God look completely foolish. They tend to paint Jesus as a deeply compassionate man (which is good and right), but they forget this same Jesus will return in the same manner as He departed, but this time He will be like a Mighty Lion set on the destruction of the enemies of God. And God's Great Plan has no similarities to the message delivered by the clergy. The whole world has been deceived by the rulers of the heavenly realms – and the clergy, in particular, have been deceived – because they never believed God! And where does this leave the Churches of God who believed anything they were taught without ever checking to see what God had to say. They KNEW there was no Scriptural basis for most of what they were taught, at least in relation to prophecy. Well, they have a lot of repenting to do!

God makes plain His Purpose! First He begins by speaking of the King of Babylon and his destruction (Isa 14:3-4). Then He speaks of the Abyss where all the rulers of the heavenly realms will be locked up together to be punished after many days. And the same one who is called the 'morning star, son of the dawn' (V12) will be locked up with them (V9-10, see also Rev 20:1-2). The kings or rulers of the heavenly realms will be put to death after many days, but Satan will not join them in burial (V19). He has a thousand-year sentence to serve. God says this: V20 "The offspring of the [Wicked one] will never be mentioned again. 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. 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." So this is what God planned right from the beginning. Can we be sure? Well, God tells us exactly what His Plan is all about: V26 "This is THE PLAN DETERMINED FOR THE WHOLE WORLD; this is the hand stretched over all nations. For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart Him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?" This is God's Great Plan and no-one can prevent it. All of Islam and their new emerging city of Babylon will be destroyed from the face of the earth, but not before everyone has drunk from the wine of her adulterous teachings.

The Bible contains great detail of <u>God's Great Plan</u>. Just a small portion of it is covered in this present series of articles. And the central part of God's Great Plan is God's Son – the Mighty Christ. One of the great mysteries of this age is the denial that Jesus is the Christ – the Mighty Warrior, the powerful Commander of Armies. The prophet John spoke of the antichrist coming – those who oppose the true identity of the Invincible Christ: <u>1John 2:22</u> "Who is <u>the liar</u>? It is the man who *denies* that <u>Jesus is the CHRIST</u>. Such a man is <u>the antichrist</u> – he *denies* the <u>Father and the Son</u>." While Islam is presently breathing fire and brimstone, Christianity is teaching that Jesus is too weak to do anything about it. Well, this same Jesus will return in like manner as He was seen going, but this time, with the baptism of death behind Him, He will come with devastating power. One of His first acts will be to crush the evil land of Edom, which spawned the evil religion of Islam, and He will return from the slaughter with His clothes drenched in their blood.

God has kept his son Ephraim (U.S) safe and isolated from the rest of the world so they could grow sleek and strong. In these circumstances they were able to prosper and become the only super-power on earth. No nation on the face of the earth has ever received the blessings that God bestowed upon them. And despite Satan's best efforts to subvert them, God always provided the right leader at the right time.

Satan too, has been busy! He's been preparing a vast horde on Ephraim's very borders, a horde that are ever-willing to do the will of their father. Satan has tested them and proved their worthiness to bring slaughter and destruction to America's shores. While they presently appear innocuous, they have the minds of vicious animals. They are completely receptive to Satan's ways and are steeped in satanic superstitions and utter cruelty. And the centerpiece of their long existence in the area is none other than the ziggurat!

THE ZIGGURAT – The symbol of Satan's hatred for God the Father!



There was no shortage of ziggurats among Satan's brood in South America. Some were less ostentatious than others, but all served the same purpose. Notice all the ziggurats in the foreground and stretching into the distance.



How many hapless victims screamed in agony on this ziggurat? Probably thousands or even tens of thousands. For the victim, the journey up the steps was the time to abandon all hope.



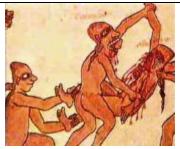
Satan's bloodlust has no bounds. From an artists impression: the central feature of an Aztec city was the sacrificial area at its center and the ziggurats.



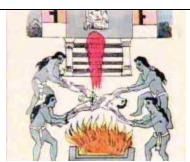
High on the ziggurat the satanic priest serves his master the devil with another sacrifice. The victim's heart is removed and held aloft while still beating.



There was lots of enthusiasm and plenty of helpers in these bloodthirsty rituals. Those who only had their hearts torn out were the lucky ones. It was a relatively quick death compared to the fate of others.



Biting off noses was always a great crowd pleaser among these degenerate savages. Frequently victims were first handed over to tribal women for their version of torture. It is said that the women were extremely adept at torture, and the man always had a few bits missing when delivered back.



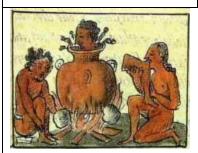
Skinning alive was another popular pastime. First the subcutaneous fat was softened in the fire to make the skin easier to remove. Then the entire skin covering was removed like a blanket.



While the skinned victim was still writhing in agony, spectators would take turns of wearing his skin (flesh side out) and tormenting him to the great amusement of the



The Spanish conquistadors were horrified at the cruelty of these people. So they decided the only fitting punishment for these rulers was an eye for eye and a tooth for a tooth. These rulers were skinned alive in front of the whole tribe. These rulers were considered to be gods so their ignominious fate did not go unnoticed by their subjects.



Human sacrifices also provided a steady supply of meat to these cannibals. Some of Cortez' men were captured and became the banquet for these cannibals.



They dismembered the edible parts from the bodies of their victims as soon as they were captured – dead or alive. The victim in the foreground is alive and being restrained while the butchers go to work.



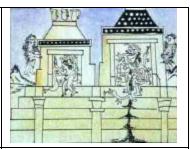
The Mayans of Mexico even had their own depictions of the dragon devouring human beings. Note also the twoheaded snake.



A well preserved ziggurat, now a tourist attraction. But the memory of why it was built, and its purpose, can never be erased regardless of the tourist hype.



This xiggurat was not built to go unused. This was a major site for human sacrifice and every form of bestial torture and inhuman behaviour. Tens of thousands of terrified victims met their deaths here at the hands of creatures totally devoid of any form of decency.



Human blood flows like a river down the steps in this ancient drawing. Many of these drawings depict demon-like creatures.



Sun worship among the Incas. An early  $19^{\rm ft}$  century illustration of Cuzco's Sun Temple.

Credit: Life Among the Incas - published by Readers Digest, 1994.



An illustration of the 'virgins of the sun

An illustration of the 'virgins of the sun god' by Poma de Ayala in 1543. Poma was from the city of Ayala in northern Spain. Credit: Life Among the Incas – Readers Digest, 1994.



Most of these drawings were retrieved and preserved by the Spanish nobleman, Poma de Ayala, seen here speaking to an Aztec chieftan. It seems that Poma left a little seed of his own behind; Ayala has become fairly common as a surname in the region. Even among these people there are some wild olive branches. Credit: Life Among the Incas – Readers Digest, 1994.

God has made it clear that the whole world is deceived by Satan. Again and again, God reaffirms that the only people He ever chose on earth are the 12 Tribes of Israel (Amos 3:1-2, Deut 7:6, Deut 14:2, 2Sam 7:23). All the rest are controlled by the arch-rebel of the universe, and all of them have been

prepared for his service. Apart from his human drones, Satan has a vast army of creatures who are not human, and like him, resemble animals. They can enter into humans and control them and force them to do their bidding. It's called demon-possession.

Satan plans to rally his dragon-worshipping offspring – the Chinese – for the great showdown. The Bible describes this: Rev 16:12 "The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great River Euphrates, and its waters dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Then I saw three evil spirits that **looked like frogs**; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are [demon spirits] performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them for the battle on the Great Day of God Almighty." (If you look at a map, you will soon see which nations reside 'east of the Euphrates River). Here we have a description of these demon spirits, and they look like frogs. Usually these creatures cannot be seen by human beings, but increasingly, they are becoming visible in many parts of the world. Once these creatures enter the physical human realm, then they become vulnerable to death in the same way that Jesus was. Jesus was the Son of God, yet His enemies were able to kill Him. Satan doesn't care if a few get killed, as long as they serve the purpose for which he sent them.



A 'frog'demon. From a series of photos taken on the nights of 9/10 October, 1993 by Filiberto Caponi. This creature was seen by many people. Credit: Filiberto Caponi – published (2000) in 'Unearthly Disclosures' by Timothy Good.

It's all a part of Satan's ploy to get everyone to believe that the 'aliens have landed'. He wants everyone to believe that when they see unusual vehicles in the air, these will be enemy aliens. There are many things that human beings can't see because they exist outside of the physical human realm. We have an example of this in the days of Elisha. Anciently, the land of Babylon was at war with Israel, and on one occasion, they surrounded the city where Elisha was: 2Kings 6:15 "When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." On this occasion these fiery chariots are described as God's chariots of war that oppose Babylon's chariots. These chariots of fire are the same as the one that picked up Elijah and took him to the Land of Judah, from where he wrote a letter to King Jehoram, some twenty years later, predicting his death and the invasion of the Philistines and the Arabs (2Chron 21:12-20). Habakkuk speaks of the Christ's many victorious chariots and the weaponry of Christ (Hab 3:8-12). Why would anyone doubt? Yet, if you don't believe God then you will never understand His Great Plan, and you will never be His servant. As God has pointed out through Elisha's account, unless God opens one's eyes, they will not be able to see even the obvious.

There are unseen things that human beings could not imagine. Jesus and His disciples cast out many demons from their human host, but there are still millions of them throughout the world. In addition to this, there are many more in the Abyss. In many ways these are the most evil and vicious of them all. You may recall that one group of demons begged Jesus repeatedly *not to send them to the Abyss* (Luke 8:31).

This same type of creature and the Abyss are mentioned in the Book of Revelation. This passage of Scripture speaks of the release of vast hordes of creatures that are shut up in the Abyss, and are about to be released by an angel who had fallen from the sky to the earth. Their ruler is the angel of the Abyss, whose name is 'Destroyer'. This horde of demonic creatures are specially prepared for the job that have been trained to do, and this job is to torment all those on earth who <u>don't</u> have the <u>Seal of God on their foreheads</u>. Satan will greatly expand his present strategy to induce fear and superstition among his own brood, and to force them to respond to his demands. At this point, he doesn't want to kill them because they are vital to his final assault against the City of God and the Mighty Christ. By this time, most of Satan's options will have been decimated, and he will be virtually clutching at straws. After five months of this living torment, the inhabitants of the earth will be sufficiently softened up to do his will. Their hopes and dreams will be completely shattered, and they will seek death but they won't find it.

Satan's master stroke will be to make his demons appear as 'aliens from another planet'. They will be regaled as weird-looking militia, and will fly like hordes of locusts. They will have stings in their tails that inflict great agony, **but cannot kill**. The inhabitants of the earth will hear them coming and be powerless to stop their attack.

There have been many fanciful interpretations of the following passage of Scripture, not the least of which was that taught by the Worldwide Church of God under Herbert Armstrong. Their private interpretations convinced their followers that these 'locusts' were the Germans. Apparently, they believed that the Germans are all locked up in the Abyss, and that a demon will come and release them. Yet these 'locusts' or 'Germans' are not going to kill anyone – only torment them with the stings in their tails; and what is more, they will *not* be able to attack the <u>true servants of God</u> who have the <u>Seal of God</u> (Rev 7:3, 9:4).

By their fanciful nonsense, the Churches of God were able to convince their followers that the Abyss is not a real place, and certainly not the place where their 'locusts', the 'Germans', would arise. As for the demons that are released from the Abyss, they will be visible, and their description is given. They are not human, and neither are they insects.

**Rev 9:1** "The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that <a href="had fallen from the sky to the earth">had fallen from the sky to the earth</a>. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like the scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth, or any plant or tree, but only those people who did <a href="not time">not</a> power to kill them, but <a href="only to torture them for five months">not</a> And the agony they suffered was like the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will <a href="long-to-die">long to die</a>, but <a href="death-will elude">death will elude</a>

<u>them</u>. The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair looked like women's hair, and their teeth were like lion's teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to *torment* people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon." These names mean 'Destroyer'.

Because human beings are not attuned to God's way of thinking they have not understood some of the most basic issues of what God has revealed in the Scriptures. Even Christianity for generations has focused only on minor picky little issues. Wherever possible they have managed to simply everything God has said to produce useless jargon and worthless platitudes. All they succeed in doing is to make God look foolish in everyone's eyes. The thrust of what they teach is, that if anyone follows them, and makes all the right noises, and conduct themselves like foolish infants, then the Great Creator God – the Super Intelligence of the Universe – will be impressed and give them a first class ticket to heaven for doing nothing. And everyone who refuses to act like a complete idiot, as they do, will be sent straight to hell.

Well, nobody needs to be reminded of how stupid some Christians behave. Even their meaningless prayers seem to be designed along the lines of what might be expected of a four-year old child. You've seen the television evangelists and you know this to be true. They seem oblivious to the fact that they are addressing the Great God of the Universe and not some young child who doesn't expect you to say anything intelligent. Try speaking to your President or Prime Minister in this fashion and see what sort of response you get!

To this very day the Churches of God have made no effort to understand the enormous planning that has gone into the past six thousand years. No prophet has arisen from among them in these latter days, and none of them have ever understood prophecy. This should be obvious from their pathetic offerings. Not only can they not agree on anything, but neither can they prove from the Bible what they teach.

Satan made a strategic mistake when he attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He had hoped that his stooges in the media – the left-wing loonies – would rapidly gain ground in his defense and begin speaking of America's 'aggressive foreign policy', condemning racial prejudice against Moslems, and encouraging the type of talkfests made popular by President Clinton and Al Gore that results in negotiation with the enemies. Sure the media campaign got started, with various ones suggesting sending in the police to arrest Bin Laden, but this quickly died when the anger of the American people was gauged by the resulting backlash to their ratings. Quite suddenly, they were forced to exhibit a degree of patriotism – something that was generally alien to them. Satan went to his second tier of subversives in the universities across America and recruited the empty-headed youth who understand nothing of life, but he still failed to gain any form of momentum. Even the 'holier-than-thou' clerics were forced to reevaluate their positions, and for once in their lives, supported the logic of America's war on terrorists. That one day on Sept. 11 knocked the self-righteous stuffing right out of them. Their main concern was with writing sermons that would not seriously violate the pathetic teachings of their previous sermons. Not an easy thing to do considering the worthless trash they've been teaching for years.

It really is laughable that some among mainstream Christianity and the Churches of God have chosen to accuse the Vatican and the European Tribes of Israel of being the beast. As if there are no other likely candidates that reflects in much greater ways the characteristics of Satan the devil. While most Bible students would admit that the Roman Catholic Church does virtually nothing that is Scripturally based, neither does this church begin to approach the satanic madness of the Aztecs and the Mayans – or for that matter, the dragon-worshipping Chinese and the rest of the Asian brood, or the remnant of the ancient Carthagians in northern Africa, or Islam today. In their eyes, no other religion on earth is as bad as mainstream Christianity.

Islam is ever so willing to sacrifice innocent human lives on the orders of their father the devil. Islam is Satan's chosen bride; he has appointed them to bring about the destruction of the Bride of Christ. With the control of the oil reserves, coupled with the wine of Satan's adulterated reasoning, they are the perfect candidates for Satan's purpose. They don't drink wine because Satan is the wine of their delusions, and this is a sensitive issue with Satan. His Brother, the Christ, used wine to represent His Blood, and His bloodline – all those who would faithfully follow Him in His death. Satan is adamant that none of his brood should drink wine in any form, and in some places, has appointed the death penalty for any offenders.

Babylon is to be the showpiece of Satan's aspirations; the city that all his brood can identify with. Anciently, the ziggurat was the central feature of this city. Saddam's new palace, with its ziggurat

appearance, is Satan's way of making the call to his brood. He wants them to respond to their ancient roots, and arise to fulfill the charter of him, their father the devil.

Perhaps now, some are beginning to see the reasons why God set a Great Plan in motion that will culminate with the **total destruction of Babylon and all her harlot daughters** – all those whom Satan has prepared in advance for the final assault against the people of God.

There'll be a few breeders left in the backblocks of the far corners of the pyramid earth. Like their dragon-worshipping ancestors, the Chinese, they will breed like flies, and await the arrival of their master. At the end of one thousand years, he will arrive on the scene – as a man! – just like his Famous Brother, but he will *lack* all the characteristics of the Son of God. This dragon-son will go to his death and never be resurrected. His death is forever!