

# OUTER DARKNESS:

## THE WORLD AFTER RAPTURE

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Thousands of randomly spaced, interwoven **prophecies** written by more than 40 prophets, kings, and disciples, over thousands of years is a **marvel** beyond comprehension. Their writings are a bonded world of wonders that the simple mind of man could not have originated and can never fully **understand**. And what makes it so amazing is that in most cases, the writers did not **understand** their own prophecies ...and yet they are intermingled verifications of each other. This short booklet does not answer all prophetic mysteries. It is only a glimpse of the **"time of the end"** (Dan.12:4,9). However, it is a **solid** Biblical **foundation** for extended studies. May I borrow the words of John, ***If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true*** (John 5:31-32).

As you proceed, it will appear that some verses have been taken out of context. However, **not so!** If it applied to earlier mankind, it applies to us today. And it must be understood that many Biblically recorded events are **prophetic** of **end-time** events. **Knowledge of past Biblical events affords us a vivid vision of our future. Examples of past events that prophecy future events: the Garden of Eden is prophetic of the 1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth, the tree of knowledge, the temptations of Satan, the annihilation of evil mankind, the asking of Abraham to sacrifice His only son, the provision of a "Lamb" for Abraham's sacrifice, the destruction of Sodom, the damnation of the rich man, the resurrection of Lazarus, the great catch of fish on the other side of the boat, the rebuking of evil in the temple, the destruction of temple stones, the words of Jesus "thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven", the instant salvation of the repentant thief on the cross, the bystander who helped Jesus carry His cross, the denial of Jesus to save one's physical life, the appearance of Jesus that carnal man cannot touch, the "proof" of Jesus to Thomas, the conversion of Saul, ...** in addition to reality at the time they happened, all these things and a thousand more are prophecies of our future.

Prophecies are not isolated: they are interwoven and overlapping. The "bits" must be put together to see the "whole". A **vision** of the "whole" helps us **understand** the "bits". In this booklet, for ease of understanding, verses and **verse fragments** will be inserted into related **precepts** so that the **"whole"** can be **understood. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little** (Is.28:10). Latter **precepts** will support earlier **precepts**. **Repetition** of Bible verses is essential to support the old, and to introduce new **precepts**.

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## **SOULS VS. BODIES – LIVING VS. DEAD**

The terms **soul** and **spirit** are interchangeable and are used to identify the **"fruit"** of God's **garden**. The **body** of a man is temporary **housing** (2 Cor.5:1) for his **soul**. Mankind is a union of **both body and soul**. The most defining words that confirm a dual entity comes from Jesus Himself ***...fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell*** (Mat.10:28).

God's instructions to the **man and woman** He **created on the sixth day** was to... ***Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the Earth*** (Gen.1:28) – with human **bodies**. God uses human **bodies** to house the **fruit of His harvests**: He implants a **soul/spirit** into the human fetus very soon after its conception. The **soul** grows and matures along with the newly conceived fetus. Our **Maker** is **spirit**: He made our **soul**, our **spirit**, in His **spiritual image** with intent to have it exist **eternally** with Him. He is the **Spiritual Father** of man's **spirit**. Our carnal **bodies** do not look like His **Spirit. Flesh dies and returns to dust** (Heb.9:27).

**Souls** are the consciousness of man's dual existence; they control the voluntary movements of our carnal **bodies**. It is our **soul**, **not our flesh**, that differentiates **good from evil**. Animals are without **souls**, they are guided by instinct alone: they sense no right or wrong. Our **souls** are on **trial** to see if they are worthy of existing **eternally** with our **Creator**. The **good and bad works** of our **souls** (not our bodies) are **recorded in Lamb's Book of Life** (Rev.20:12). To assess our **worth** for **eternal life**, **our Father (His Son) will judge the good works** of our **souls** against the **bad works** (2 Cor.5:10).

Distinguishing between the **“living” souls** and the **“dead” souls** of a **“living body”** is a **very important** but **confusing** matter. To understand the **life and death** of a **soul**, we must first grasp that the existence of a **soul** cannot be measured by carnal standards. However, for mankind's limited understanding, the existence and/or non-existence of a **soul** is Biblically paralleled to human carnality. **Souls** have the capacity to **live forever**; however, our **Maker** reserves the right to decide (**judge**) which soul is going to **live forever** (Gen.3:22). **Jesus is the Son of God** (John 3:16) and His Father has rendered all **judgment to His Son** (Luke 5:22).

If a **soul** has been **washed clean of its sins by the sacrifice of His Son**, then that **soul** is identified as being **alive**. In the words of Jesus Himself... **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this** (John 11:26). Because **flesh** dies and **returns to dust**, we must conclude that Jesus is referring to **living souls** when He declares that they...**will never die**. In fact, prior to the **judgment** of **souls**, **accepting the sacrifice of Jesus to pay for one's sins** is the **“only”** way to become **spiritually alive**.

On the other hand, **“dead” souls** are **souls** that **have not** been **cleansed** by the **blood of Jesus**. In such a case **“dead”** does **not imply termination of existence, it implies a need for judgment**. The word **“dead”** (when used in isolation) is in reference to **souls** that are **burdened with unforgiven sins**. As long as the **sins** of a **soul** are **not forgiven**, that **soul** remains **“dead”** ...and to be considered for eternal life it needs to be **judged**. A **“living” soul** does **not** require **judgment**.

Today, before Rapture, those who **walk in the light of Jesus** are **forgiven of their sins** because He **sacrificed His life to pay for their sins. For the wages of sin is death...**(Ro.6:23). If the **sins** of a **soul** have **“not”** been **paid for by the sacrifice of Jesus** then that **soul** is **spiritually “dead”**..., **it walketh in darkness** (John 8:12). And it will remain **“dead”** until it is **resurrected** for **judgment** (John 5:29).

The **“dead”** are identified by Paul as those who, after having been taught who Jesus is and what He did for them counted it **foolishness...** **For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that perish...** (I Cor.1:18). The **sacrifice** of Jesus has **not paid for the sins** of the **foolish**, therefore, they are **“dead”**. And to be considered for **eternal** existence with God in Heaven, they require **judgment by His Son**.

Later in this book, we will identify those who **have not had** an opportunity to hear the **gospel of Jesus** as the **unknowning**. **More on this later.**

Today, millions upon millions of **“dead” souls** occupy **living bodies**. These **souls** know of, but have **rejected** Jesus. However, because their **bodies** are still **alive**, they still have a chance to be **made spiritually alive...**, all they need do is **accept Jesus** and ask Him to allow **His sacrifice to pay for their sins. If we confess our sins** (to Him), **he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness** (I John 1:19). In such a case the **soul** will be – **made “alive” - spiritually reborn – born again** (John 3:3,7).

Allow me to rephrase this in man's courtroom jargon: **souls** are created in a **“dead”** state of existence. And they will remain **“dead”** until its **debts** (its fallacies, its **sins**) have been **paid for**, or **pardoned by the judge...**, or have been **judged** to be irrelevant and/or **outweighed** by the **good works** of the **defendant**.

Jesus parabolically identified **“dead” souls** who occupy **living bodies** with these words **...let the dead bury the dead** (Mat.8:22). Because **dead bodies** cannot **bury** other **dead bodies**, it must be concluded that Jesus was referring to **living bodies** who are occupied by **“dead” souls**. In such a case, **living bodies** who house **“dead” souls** can bury **dead bodies**.

Before the **sacrifice** of Jesus became available to man, man's **souls** were **made-alive** by **believing, trusting**, and **complying** to the **will of God ...and it counted unto him (them) for Righteousness** (Gen.15:6, I Sam.26:33, Job 33:26). Consider the words of Jesus... **But as touching the resurrection of the “dead”, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the “dead”, but of the living** (Mat.22:31-33). The **souls** mentioned here were **made-alive** by **believing and trusting** in the **Father** even before the **sacrifice of His Son** gave **life** to His **followers**. And, if I might add, Jesus was not referring to **living flesh**, He was referring to **living souls**.

Now let's discuss **resurrections**. **Resurrections** apply to **ONLY “dead” souls**. **Resurrections do not** apply to **living souls**. Today, because they have been **made spiritually-alive by the blood of Jesus**, the **souls** of sincere Christians will **never die**. Therefore, they do not need to be **resurrected**. Mortal **bodies** die but **living souls...** **pass from death into life**. **Living souls** will **not** be **condemned** (Ro.8:1).

Concealed within the words of Jesus to the **thief on the cross** is the best example of a **soul** that was **made-alive** by Jesus and **did not die** when its **body** died. **And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou (soul) be with me in paradise** (Luke 23:43). The **flesh** of the thief died that day, but his **soul** went straight to **paradise** with Jesus. The **soul** of that **thief** does not await **resurrection**.

Now that we understand the **“dead”**, should those of us who remain **alive** in the flesh pray for the **“dead” souls** of our departed loved ones? The Bible does not teach that God hears prayers for the **“dead”** of deceased flesh, however, it

does not teach that He rejects them either. Therefore, I would say, yes! I would encourage prayers for **“dead” souls** because they have **not yet** been **resurrected and judged**: **their fate has not yet been determined**. Pray without ceasing. We serve a **loving and forgiving God** and **He hears the pleas of those that love Him...** **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much** (James 5:16).

## A “SUMMER” AND A “WINTER” HARVEST

In the Middle East there is a **former and a latter rain** that provides **two growing seasons**. And the two **growing seasons** provide a **harvest** in both the **summer** and the **winter**. Concerning the propagation of **souls**, Jesus is the **“true vine”** that produces **good fruit**. He taught that... **I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman** (John 15:1). With **two harvests** in mind, consider the words of James... **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit (souls) of the Earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives (both) the early and latter rain** (James 5:7). Clearly, the **husbandman** has plans for both a **summer** and a **winter harvest**. Today, before Rapture, we live in the **growing season** of **summer**.

After the **good fruit** of each **growing season** has been **harvested**, the worthless **vines** are **hewed down and cast into the fire** (Mat.7:19, Rev.14:18-19). Jesus used the term **“flight”** in reference to **escaping** the fiery destruction of worthless residue that follow each **growing season ...pray ye that your flight** (escape) **be not in the winter** (Mark 13:18). His words covertly advise the **fruit** of **summer** not to miss the **summer flight** ...because those who miss the **summer flight** will have to **face** the **wrath of Satan** (Rev.12:12) ...which will be the **greatest tribulations that have ever been or ever will be again** (Mat.24:21). Micah summed it up thusly... **Woe is me! for I am** (left behind) **as when they have gathered the summer fruit** (Micah 7:1). Symbolically speaking..., “Booking a **flight** in the **winter** of **growing seasons**, will be 1000 times **more dreadful** than getting a **ticket** for the **summer flight**.”

But why should someone dread **waiting** for the **winter flight**? Why not **eat drink and be merry**, then after Jesus **proves** who He is by **His SIGN** (Mat.12:39, 24:30), then **repent**, be **good**, and take the **winter flight**. That would **not** be wise because, one way or the other, those who **wait** for the **winter flight** **cannot** escape **wrath**. If one **waits** for the **winter flight** he will have to face the **wrath of Satan**. If he then submits to Satan to avoid Satan’s **wrath** (Rev.12:12), then he will have to face the **wrath of God** (Rev.16:1-2). One way or another, the **fruit of winter** will have to face the **greatest tribulations that have ever been or ever will be** (Mat.24:21). Thusly, the advice of Jesus **...pray that your flight be not in the winter**.

On the other hand, there will be **no wrath** for those who take the **summer flight**. **He hath not appointed His ELECT to wrath** (I Thes.5:9). With these things in mind..., you don’t want to miss the **summer flight**; get your **tickets early**; Jesus has already **paid** your fare, just pick up your ticket.

## IDENTIFYING THE “EARTH” AND THE “SEA” OF PROPHECY

The lineage of **Adam thru Noah, thru Abraham, thru Israel, to Jesus** are a very **special and much loved people unto the Lord** (Deut.7:5, Gen.5:1-32, Ch.10&11, and Mat.1:1-16). **Judah was His sanctuary and Israel is His dominion** (Ps.114:2). When the lineage of **Adam to Jesus** is referred to in **prophecy**, they are identified as the **“earth”**. Example: **Cain** did not have to leave this planet when God **cast him from the “earth”**, he was ousted from the lineage of **Adam** (Gen.4:14). The words of Cain to God; **Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth** (Cain did not have to leave this planet) **and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me** (Gen.4:14). This verse tells us that the **“earth”** is the **face of God** (His chosen people) and that the **seed** of Cain would be **barred** from the **“His chosen lineage”**. And it tells us that other people (Gentiles) lived on this planet at the time of Cain’s expulsion from the **seed** of Adam, the **earth**.

Please understand that the **“chosen”** lineage of Adam are those whom God **chose** to reach out to the rest of mankind. It does not mean that He doesn’t love the rest of mankind.

Who were the people that Cain was so afraid of... they were descendants of the **man and woman** whom God **made on the sixth day** (Gen.1:27): they are the **“sea”** of prophecy. Cain married one of their descendants and was never mentioned again as being a **seed** of **Adam**; he had indeed been **cast from the earth**. In fact, **Adam** had no **seed** until the birth of **Seth**. **And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she (Eve), hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew** (Gen.4:25). Her words verify that Cain was **no longer** her **seed**. The **seed** of the **earth** (from which Cain was exiled) continued through Seth. Seth would begin the **appointed seed** of the **“earth”** by which God would reach out to the **“sea”**. His lineage it Biblically traced all the way to Jesus.

On the other hand, the **“sea”** as used in **end-time prophecy**, is metaphoric of the **people, nations, and tongues (Gentiles)** who are **descendants** of the **man and woman** whom God **created (as a couple) of the sixth day**. Consider that God made them **before He rested on the seventh day**; they did **not** live in the **Garden of Eden** with **Adam** whom



He made after *He rested*. At the *time of the end*, the *four angels of hurt* are told to ...*Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads* (Rev.7:2-3). The *earth*, the *sea*, and the *trees* are groupings of people who will be *cast into outer darkness*. The word "*sealed*" is used to describe the "*protection*" of God from "*hurt*" (Rev.7:3). And because His *servants* are going to be *sealed* (protected), from *hurt*, we know that God will have *servants* on Earth during the time of "*hurt*" which will be the era of *great tribulation*. (More on this later).

It is Biblically evident that some of the descendants of the *man and woman God created on the sixth day* lived in the city of *Nod on the east of Eden* (Gen.4:16). They were the people that Cain was *afraid might kill him* (Gen.4:14). However, after *God marked Cain* for his *safety* (Gen.4:15), *Cain went out from the presence of the Lord (His face, the earth), and dwelt in the land of Nod*. Cain lived with the descendants of the *man and woman God created on the sixth day. And Cain knew his wife* (a woman of Nod – a Gentile) *who conceived and bare Enoch* (Gen.4:16:17, a son for Cain by which his lineage would flourish. At this point, the Bible abandons the lineage of the "*sea*" and follows the lineage of the *earth*, the *much-loved special people of God* (Deut.7:5, Gen.5:1-32, Ch.10&11, and Mat.1:1-16).

Two supplementary points: Because God chose to *protect* Cain with His *mark*, assures us that He is a forgiving and compassionate God. And because His *mark* was recognized and honored by the people of *Nod*, we may conclude that the people of *Nod* knew of, and respected, the God of *Adam*.

The precept of the "*earth*" and "*sea*" of prophecy is an extensive study in itself. If requested (by email or through Facebook) I will send my studies on this subject. But for now, please accept this concept as we encounter prophecies concerning "*the end*" that reference the "*earth*" and the "*sea*".

## JUDAH

*Judah was God's sanctuary* (Ps.114:2). *Judah* was to be the *salt*, the *savour* (Mat.5:13), the intermediate by which God had purposed to flavor (reach out to) all of mankind. However, Judah failed miserably in what God expected of her. Jesus related to Judah that... *Ye are the salt of the earth* (Adam's lineage): *but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of (Gentile) men* (Mat.5:23). Judah was intended by God to reach out to the *sea*. However, the *salt lost its savour*. Even though they were 'supposedly' *worshipping the God of Adam and Abraham*, the hierarchy of Judah began *teaching and following* their "made-up" *rituals and commandments* (Mat.15:9): they created their own laws and traditions. The *salt that lost its savor* was indeed *cast into the street* and has been *treaded upon by mankind*. No people on this planet has been *tread upon - degraded and devastated* - as has the descendants of Judah. Consider their rebellion against Rome, and "Pogroms", and the "Holocaust".

The great majority of all *prophecies and teachings* in our Bible reference Judah because the great majority its writers are of the House of Judah. And because Judah was intended by God to be *savour* for all of mankind, we must understand that God's teachings and prophecies that relate to Judah are intended for all of mankind. Judah is the *mirror* by which all of mankind must see themselves and what God expects of them. Judah depicts mankind's consequences for *failing God*, and the *rewards for those who love and follow Him*.

## THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

The following concept of the "*Bride*" is going to be different than most traditional teachings of modern Christianity. However, the alignment of verses and precepts cannot be denied.

The *Bride of the Lamb* is a "carefully" *CHOSEN few* (Mat.22:14) who have been *selected* by both *the Father and the Lamb* (Rev.14:4). His *bride* are ...*they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb* (Rev.14:4). Please note that the above verses are in *past tense*: this means that a great majority (if not all) of the *Bride* has already been *CHOSEN*; they *liveth* and are *already in Heaven*. The *firstfruits of the Father and the Lamb* are *virgins* in that there is *no guile in their mouths* (Rev.14:5). They have not tarnished their virtue by submitting to the impulses and desires of their carnality. They will number *144,000* (Rev.7:4, 14:1,3): *they are few* (Mat.22:14).

His *Bride* is likened unto ...*the hasty fruit before the summer* (the "*firstfruit*" of the harvest); *which when he* (the Husbandman) *that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up* (Is.28:4). This means that the *CHOSEN 144,000* will be gathered *before* the bulk of *summer fruit has ripened* (Rev.18:4). Consider the words of Paul... *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made-alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the FIRSTFRUIT* (His *Bride*), *afterward they* (His *guests*) *that are Christ's at his coming* (I Cor.15:22-23):

Christians will be the *fruit of summer* who will be *gathered* (raptured) by *Son of Man* at *His coming*. He *CALLED* (invited them to His wedding) and they *who know His voice* have responded to His invitation (John 10:27): those

who are **CALLED** will provide ***guest for His wedding***. The ***wedding will not*** take place until ***after*** the ***guests have been gathered***. The ***summer harvest*** of His ***guests*** is very close, ***keep your lights burning for the approaching Bridegroom*** (Mat.25:3-8).

Because the gathering of ***summer fruit*** (Rapture) is so near, it must be considered that ***most*** (if not all) of the ***"firstfruit" (His Bride)*** has already ***ripened, gathered, and eaten up***. The ***CHOSEN Bride of the Lamb*** does not lie ***dormant in the grave***. They do not await ***resurrection***. They are already ***in Heaven*** (Rev.13:26) and are today preparing themselves as a ***Bride adorns herself for her husband*** (Rev.21:2).

## IDENTIFYING THE 144,000

His ***Bride*** is identified (Rev.21:2, 9-27) as the ***"spiritual" gates, walls, doors, and foundation of New Jerusalem*** (Rev.21:9-14). They will be ***the cornerstones*** of His ***holy city***. ***One of the angels came unto John and said.... Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife*** (Rev.21:9). ***And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the "holy" Jerusalem*** (not bricks and stones), ***descending out of heaven from God*** (Rev.21:10). ***And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel*** (Rev.21:12). ***And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand (12x12,000=144,000) of "all" the tribes of the children of Israel*** (Rev.7:4). ***Twelve thousand (12,000)*** will be ***CHOSEN*** from each of the ***twelve tribes*** (Rev.7:4-8). In other words, the ***"holy city", new Jerusalem*** (Rev.21:2) will be the ***fruit, the produce, the lineage of the twelve sons of Israel***.

The Bible identifies a tiny few of the ***CHOSEN*** by name. Many of them appeared to ***prophets*** long ***after*** their physical deaths ...***Enoch*** (Gen.5:24), ***Elijah*** (2 Kings 2:11), ***Moses and Elias*** (Mat.17:3), ***Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*** (Mat.8:11). The Bible identifies them as ***"saints"***. ***After his resurrection their graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many*** (Mat.27:53-54). Hear again the words of our Lord... ***I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living*** (Mat.22:32). For verification they ***arose*** in bodies that could be touched and seen. Good (and bad) spirits can indeed possess bodies.

***After*** the ***Bride*** was identified to John (Rev.4-8), the ***CALLED guests*** were also pointed out to Him (v.9). ***After this (after having been shown the Bride) I beheld (another wonder), and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands*** (Rev.7:9). The angel identified them to John as ...***they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*** (Rev.7:10). ***White robes*** tell us that they will be ***properly clothed for the wedding***. ***Standing before the Lamb*** tells us that were saved by the ***sacrificial Lamb of God***. They are ***not*** Old Testament ***saints***. And..., because ***white robes*** are the ***proper garment for guests at His wedding*** (Mat.22:11-13), we know that they are ***friends of the Bridegroom who will stand before Him (with Him) at His wedding*** (John 3:29). They will be His ***"best man"***. They will be His ***CALLED*** (invited) ***guests ....a great multitude that no man can number*** (Rev.7:9): ***they will be many***.

From the onset it appears that none of the ***Bride*** will be ***CHOSEN*** from the ***great multitude*** of Christians. However, this is not true. In fact, a very ***great majority*** of the ***144,000*** will be ***CHOSEN*** from the among Christians. But..., how can that be if ***all 144,000*** of them are identified as descendants of the ***twelve tribes of Israel*** (Rev.7:5-8)? ***All will be made clear in the next chapter***.

## THE LOST HOUSE OF ISRAEL

God sent His Son into this world ***to seek and to save the lost house Israel*** (Mat.10:6, 15:24). Jesus commanded His ***twelve disciples***, saying, ***Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*** (Mat.10:5-6). His words are very clear... ***I am not sent (by my Father) but unto the "lost" sheep of the house of Israel*** (Mat.15:24). ***For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost*** (Luke 19:10). By His own words we know that Jesus was sent specifically to locate (***seek***) and ***save*** the ***lost descendants of the House of Israel***. And, as we shall shortly verify, ***He did not fail in what His Father sent Him to do***.

About ***975 years BC***, before the birth of Jesus, the ***"whole house" of Israel*** (all ***twelve*** tribes) split into ***two*** separate ***houses, the House of Judah and the House of Israel***. The ***House of Judah*** consisted of ***Judah, Benjamin, and a related portion of Levites***. The other ***nine tribes***, and a portion of ***Levites***, made up the ***House of Israel***. Each ***house*** ***anointed*** themselves ***king*** and are identified in the Bible as the ***Southern Kingdom*** (the ***House of Judah***) and the ***Northern Kingdom*** (the ***House of Israel***). The two ***kingdoms*** even had brief skirmishes with each other (1 Kings 12:21). The ***Kingdom of Judah*** is identified by the Psalmist as ***God's sanctuary***, and the ***Kingdom of Israel as His dominion*** (Ps.114:2).

The people of today 20<sup>th</sup> Century, who named their nation Israel, are not descendants of the **House of Israel**; they are descendants of the **House of Judah**. They are **Judeans, Jews**. Although at the time of Jesus, **the Kingdom of Judah** was under Roman rule, they were still identifiable (**not lost**) as a people because their bloodline was still pure, they had not intermingled genetically into the Gentile world ...and they were still identified as a **Kingdom**. Even to Hitler's henchmen (reference the **Holocaust of WWII**), Judeans were easily identified because of their "pure" genealogy and religious rituals. On the other hand, in the year of **722 BC** the **House of Israel** became **unidentifiable, lost** to the world ...and **lost to God**. **Finding and saving the lost House of Israel** (Luke 19:10) was the task God allotted to His Son.

After their split, the **northern kingdom** (the **House of Israel**) had 19 kings in a span of about 200 years. And because of inner turmoil, most of their kings died violent deaths at the hands of assassins. Eventually, they **transgressed** horrendously against the God Abraham and went **whoring after the gods...** (I Chron.5:25). Their behavior sorely provoked **the wrath** (II Chron.28:13) of **God**, who then **stirred up the Assyrian Empire** (772 BC - Jer.50:17, Ezek.11:17, Zech.7:14) to make war against them. Then, without God on their side, the **House of Israel** (the **Northern Kingdom**) was utterly thrashed by the Assyrian Empire; the **House of Israel** was scattered into the Gentile world.

A goodly portion of the dismantled **House of Israel** was carried off by the Assyrians into remote locations of their empire: **Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the "sea"** (Is.11:11); additionally, **Halah, Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan** (I Chron.5:26). Israel's men of war who had not been killed in battle were executed on the spot. Most young males were either killed or neutered and used for slavery. Women that had known men, and those with child, were killed. Desirable young women that had never known a man was taken home by Assyrian warriors. **(This assessment of Israel's fate is alleged from the norm of war at that time, and in most locations of the world – see, Numbers, Ch.31).**

Those of the House of Israel who were fortunate enough to escape the Assyrian sword fled into the Gentile world. To be accepted into the strange lands into which they fled (Ps.44), the scattered remnant of the **House of Israel** discontinued God's **sabbath's**. Eventually they intermingled **genetically** and **spiritually** with the **peoples and tongues of the Gentile nations** into which they fled. The **House of Israel** (not the Kingdom of Judah) became genetically **lost** to the world and **spiritually lost** to God.

Because the **House of Israel** was so thoroughly **thrashed and scattered**, a re-unification of the **"whole" House of Israel** became impossible for man. Speaking to Ezekiel, God described the **divided twelve tribes of Israel** as a **bed of dried bones** (Ezek.37:11): the **"whole"** had become ...a **stick divided** (Ezek.37:16-17). Today, they are **still divided** but God has guaranteed their re-unification... **Then he said unto me, son of man these bones are the "whole" house (both kingdoms) of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones (our genetic heritage) is dried, and our hope (of re-unification) is lost: we are cut off (separated) for our part (from our brothers). Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand (the lineage) of Ephraim and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick (lineage) of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel** (this will happen for the 1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth); **and one king (God's Son) shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all** (Ezek.37:11-21).

Then, to fulfill His promise, **God sent His Son to find the lost sheep of House of Israel**. The angel **Gabriel** told Luke that **...many of the children of Israel shall he (His Son) turn to the Lord their God** (Luke 1:16). Jesus taught that... **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me** (John 10:27). This means that the **lost sheep of Israel** that Jesus came to **seek and to save will hear His voice and follow Him**. Now we must ask ourselves, who are they who have **heard the voice of Jesus and have followed Him**? The answer..., Christians have **heard His voice and are following Him**. And because they are **sheep** that **hear His voice and trust in His teachings**, I know that a very great portion of today's Christians are the **genetically intermingled** descendants of the **House of Israel**. They are **called (Christians) by His name** (James 2:7). These facts make it conceivable that all **144,000** of the **Bride** will indeed be descendants of Israel. And, if we dare to proportionately assess them by number..., the number of **FIRSTFRUIT** that will be **CHOSEN** from the previously **"lost" House of Israel (Christians)** will be **126,000**. But of course, no one can know their number.

**Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together** (re-united), **and appoint themselves one head** (a King, their Bridegroom), **and they shall come up out of the land** (into which they have been scattered): **for great shall be the day of Jezreel – the day of restoration** (Ho.1:11). **The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, and the voice of them (His guests, His best man) that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts...** (Jer.33:11). The **day of Jezreel** will be an overwhelming **day of restoration and joy** for the **whole house of Israel**.

And as a result of the **shepherd's** command for them to go **into all the world...**, the number of His **sheep** has grown exponentially: they have become a **numberless multitude**. **The Son did not fail in what His Father sent Him to do.**



## THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF DANIEL'S PEOPLE

This chapter will explore the message that the angel Gabriel related to Daniel concerning reconciliatory punishment of His Jewish people. Again, it is not intended to answer all mysteries, but it is a base by which more extensive studies can be made. Without comprehensive study, some of the terms and interpretations won't make sense. Please consider that they are mere introductions and will be expounded as we relate their affiliation with the *time of the end*.

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*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy* (Dan.9:24).

The first thing that must be understood is that Judah's *seventy weeks of reconciliatory punishment* are intermittently spaced punishment periods that will total **70 weeks**; they are not a continuous time frame. And because Judean *weeks* of yesteryear were measured in *years* (Gen.29:18-30), their randomly spaced punishment eras will total **490 years**. And, they are *sealed* in that Judah cannot see them coming.

To begin, we must identify the terms used by Gabriel. The "*people*" of Daniel is the *House of Judah, only*. The *holy city* is the *Bride of Christ*, inclusive of all *twelve tribes of Israel* (see: Rev.21:2,10,12). *Sealing up the vision and prophecy* is to *deny understanding* and *perception* until the *time of the end*, a time when man's *knowledge* has greatly *increased* and he is extensively traveling – *to and fro* (Dan.12:4,9). Today, we are there, Judah's *punishments* are becoming identifiable because our *knowledge* has greatly increased.

Jesus is *everlasting Righteousness*, and He is the *Most Holy*. And the only way to *make an end of sins* is to *be reconciled to Him*. And to be *reconciled*, Judah must first accept that **Jesus is the Son of their God**. However, to *believe in Jesus*, Judah requires proof; a *SIGN* (Mat.12:38); she will get her *proof* when Jesus places *His SIGN in the clouds of Heaven* (Mat. 24:30). *His SIGN* will make believers of *Daniel's people*, and they will in this manner *...bring in everlasting Righteousness*. Her conversion and loyalty to Jesus will *make and end of her sins* and prepare her to *overcome the fires of great tribulations*.

After Judah has been *refined in the fires of great tribulation*, in addition to *singing the song of Moses the servant of God*, she will also be singing *...the song of the Lamb* (Rev.15:3). *Singing the song of the Lamb* confirms Judah's *anointment of Jesus* to be her *Most Holy...*, and her anointment will make an *end of her sins*. The *people of Daniel* (Judah) will then, again, become the sanctuary of God (Ps.114:2). Judah will joyfully proclaim that...*the Lord* (Jesus) *is my God* (Zech.13:19).

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*Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times* (Dan.9:25).

This verse confirms the fact that Judah's punishments will be in *time* segments. And to understand the *time-frames* involved, we must accept that the term (name) *Jerusalem* is symbolic of, and in reference to the *"whole" house of Israel*: all *twelve tribes* (Ezek.37:11, Lev.10:6). This verse tells us that there will be a total of **69 weeks** from the time Ezekiel is made aware of God's *command to restore and build Jerusalem* (Ezek.37:11-21) – which in essence is the *commencement of Judah's punishments* – until she is converted to *Messiah the Prince* by *His SIGN in the clouds of Heaven*. This verse also tells us that there will be a *one-week reconciliation* segment after her conversion.

The *"restoration"* and *"building"* of *Jerusalem* is not a physical repair of bricks and stones. The *restoration* implies to the *"re-unification"* of their *"divided" tribes* (Ezek.37:16-22): they will again be as *one stick, one nation* in the *hands of God* (Ezek.37:19,22). The *building* of (New) *Jerusalem* can only happen by Judah's *conversion to, and faith in Messiah the Prince*. And as that happens, the *restored "old" Jerusalem* will be a *"New" Jerusalem* (Rev.21:2,10,12). The *built again streets and walls* of the *restored* city will display *the names of all twelve tribes of the children of Israel* (Rev.21:12, 21-29): all **12 names** assure us that they have indeed been re-united. Their *restoration* to God will be in the *troubled times* (the *70<sup>th</sup> week* of Judah) that Jesus identified as *great tribulation*.

*Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week of punishment* will be an era of **2520 days**: a time of *great tribulations – troubles - so great as has never been or ever will be again* (Mat.24:21) *...and except those days are shortened, no flesh shall be left alive ...but for the elects sake, those days shall be shortened* (Mat.24:22).

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***And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined (Dan.9:26).***

As we proceed, keep in mind that the **vision and prophecy** concerning **Daniel's people** was **sealed** from Judah **until the time of the end** (Dan.12:4,9). She could not have known of the overwhelming horrors to come. This verse tells us that **sixty-two weeks** of Judah's **reconciliatory punishments** was completed before **"Messiah was cut off"** - before His **sacrificial crucifixion**. The words **"but not for Himself"** tells us that His **sacrificial death** was made for **others** – **not for Himself**. **Jesus was sinless**. And because this prophecy is particularly in reference to Judah's **punishment**, and because Jesus had done no wrong, the added expression **...but not for himself**, might be covertly implying to Daniel that His Judean **people** would be instrumental in initiating the **crucifixion** of an innocent man.

Now let us examine the math: **sixty-two weeks before cutting off Messiah** plus **one week after** Judah's conversion to Him (Rapture) equals **63 weeks**. This means that **seven weeks** of Judah's **70 weeks of punishment** will occur in the era that can be identified as the **Christian era** of **Messiah**. The Christian era of **Messiah** began with His **sacrifice** and will continue until He **returns in the clouds of Heaven to gather those who have become sinless by His Sacrifice**. The **seven-week** segment of Judah's **punishment** with her **instrumental role** in the **crucifixion of Messiah** and will **conclude** when Judah is converted to **Messiah** by His **SIGN**.

This verse is telling us that, as prophesied, there will be a **flood** of Jewish deaths in the **seven-week Christian era**. **Judah was God's "sanctuary"** (Ps.114:2). The **sanctuary** (Judah) was literally **destroyed** with a **flood** of deaths by Titus, a **"prince"** (the mentor) of the **Roman legions** that **came** (was sent by Rome) to quell the Jewish rebellion. Titus **destroyed both the city** of Jerusalem **and the sanctuary** (the Judean people). The **city** was thoroughly burned and **destroyed**. And there was no quartering for God's **sanctuary**: civilians were killed without mercy. There was a **flood** of **1,100,000** Judean deaths in the **city** and another **100,000** in **Galilee**.

Concerning a nation and its people, the term, **"stone"**, as is often used in prophecy, is the **foundation** of that nation, its strength, its heritage, its pride, its beliefs, traditions, and accomplishments. The **stones** of the Jewish **temple** were the foundation of Judean religious practices, laws, and pride. The **stones** of their **temple** represent their haughty and errant relationship to the God of their ancestors. Now when Jesus went into the **Judean temple ...some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he** (Jesus) **said, As for these things which ye behold** (revere), **the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down** (Luke 21:5-6). Of course, Jesus was prophesying that Judah would **destroy** His human body and that He would **raise it up in three days**. However, the **prince** that came thoroughly destroyed the physical **temple** and looted its treasures.

The **desolations** of **souls** is the termination **souls**, no farther opportunity for **life** (more on this later). The **desolations** that occurred during the rebellion were deserters and defecting Jews who **denied** the God of Abraham to save their physical lives. Some of them even put on Roman armament to fight their own kinsmen. And there was extreme in-fighting among Jews.

And we cannot overlook other **floods** of Jewish deaths that have occurred in the **7-week Christian era**. These include, but are not limited to **Pogroms**, the **Holocaust**, the **Six Day War**, and the on-going **Israelis-Hamas War**. The **flood** of Jewish deaths since her hand in **crucifying Jesus** has grown to be greater than **10,000,000** ...and it is still growing.

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***And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week (day 1260) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Dan.9:27).***

The era of **great tribulations** will be the **70<sup>th</sup>** and final **week** of Judah's **reconciliation**. It will be the **troublesome times** mentioned in verse 25. **Many** Judeans will be **reconciled** to the **covenant** of God in this, their final **week**. The **oblation** is God's **covenant** with Abraham and his descendants. The **sacrifice** is in reference to **cleansing of sins** by the **sacrifice** of Jesus. Both of these "means" of **washing away sins** will cease. They will no longer be applicable; the final **week** of Judean **reconciliation** will be expounded thoroughly as we proceed. All will be made clear as we add the **bits** to the **whole**.

Then in the **midst of this week (day 1260 - Rev.11:3)**, God will release **Satan for a short time** (Rev.12:12) to try Judah's new-found **faith** in Jesus. Satan will use deceit, threats, and death to make Judeans (and Gentiles) **take his mark and worship the image** that he is going to **erect** on **day 1290** – (Dan.12:11). Taking Satan's **mark** and **worshipping that image** will be the **abomination** that will make their souls **desolate** (forever lost, no chance for life, forever damned and destroyed). Those who remain **faithful** to Jesus, who **refuse the mark** and **refuse to worship**

*the image of the beast* are Biblically identified as the **FAITHFUL** (Rev.17:14, 2:10). **Much, much more on this as we proceed.**

When the newly **crowned** King (Rev.14:14) returns from His **wedding** (**day 1335** of Judah's **2520-day 70<sup>th</sup> week**), He will **gather** those who have remained **FAITHFUL** to Him. This, the **gathering** of the **winter fruit** will occur immediately **before ...that which is determined** (the **wrath of God** - Rev.14:11, 16:2) is **poured** upon the **desolate** and will be poured **...even until the consummation** (the end, **day 2520**) of **Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week**. This means that the last **1185 days** of **Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week**, God will **pour out His wrath** upon Judeans who have submitted to Satan. Again, be reminded that prophecies relating to Judah are but a looking glass into the Gentile world. **And again, please understand that this is only an introductory, all things will be increasingly expounded and Biblically documented as we proceed.**

## **GUESTS FOR THE WEDDING**

The **"worthy" fruit of summer** will be those who have **washed their robes white** in the **sacrificial blood of the Lamb**. The **gathering of summer fruit** will provide **guests** for His **wedding** (Mat.22:8-14, Matt.22:9-10). They will be **invited – CALLED** - from **highways** (Mat.22:10), Gentile ... **nations, peoples, and languages** (Dan.7:14). The only requirement to attend the **wedding** is that the **guests** must put on the **proper garment** (Mat.22:12-13). **And he saith unto me** (John the Revelator), **Write, Blessed are they which are CALLED (invited) unto the marriage supper of the Lamb** (Rev.19:9). The **guests** for the **wedding** will be the **ELECT of Son of Man** (Mat.24:30).

The **guests** will be **friends of the Bridegroom** who will **rejoice with Him** (John 3:29). They will be **many** (Mat.22:14), **a great multitude that no man can number** (Rev.7:9); millions upon millions, maybe billions. And because the **wedding** will not take place without **guests** (Mat.22:8-9)... and because the **guests** have **not yet** been **gathered**, we know that the **wedding** has **not yet** occurred. The gathering of **guests for His wedding** is identified by modern Christianity as the **Rapture**. His **guests** will **not** have to **wait for the King to return from His wedding** (Luke 12:36).

After gathering the **properly dressed guests** for His **wedding**, **Son of Man** will be **brought before** the **ANCIENT OF DAYS** (Dan.7:13-14) who will then (**marry**) unite His Son to the **144,000 (CHOSEN) firstfruits** who **...were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb** (Rev.14:4). **Jesus** is often referred to as the **Lamb of God because He is the Lamb that His Father sacrificed for the sins of all who accept and follow Him**. The **Bride** of the **Lamb will follow Him** (do His bidding) **whosoever He goeth** (Rev.14:4): this means that they will respond to His ever resolve. His **wedding** will be His **coronation**. And for a **wedding** gift, **His Father** is going to present His newly **crowned Son** (Rev.14:14) an **everlasting dominion which shall not pass away ...a kingdom of all people, nations, and languages, that should serve Him, ...and which shall not be destroyed**. (Dan.7:13-14).

**Note:** for all occasions after His **wedding and coronation**, this book will refer to the newly **crowned Son of God** as... **King Jesus** (Rev.14:14).

Will the **guests** who are **CALLED to the wedding** be envious of the **bride...He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom** (His invited guests), **which standeth** (as His **best man**) **and heareth him** (has responded to His invitation – John 10:27) **rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy** (not envy) **therefore is fulfilled** (John 3:29). There will be unending immeasurable **joy** at the **marriage supper** (the wedding reception) **of the Lamb**.

## **JESUS IS THE "LIGHT" OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA**

**Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life** (John 8:12). Again, to **follow** Jesus is to **adhere to His teachings** and **do His bidding**. The **sacrifice** and **teachings** of Jesus are the **light of life** for the **souls** of our "pre-Rapture" world. Today..., His teachings **light** our paths. His **light** lets us **see**. Today, **before** Rapture, those who **walk in His light** are **set free of their sins by His sacrifice. For the wages of sin is death** (Ro.6:23) ...the **light** of Jesus is the **sacrificial death** He **paid for the sins** of those who follow Him. Those who **walk in His light** will be gathered by Him at Rapture (Mat.24:30). Jesus taught... **I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness** (John 12:46). Those who **do not walk in his light** will be **left behind**; they will be **cast into outer darkness**.

## **CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS**

Because Christians have **accepted the blood of Jesus to pay for their sins**, they will have to endure **only** the **beginning of sorrows** (Mat.24:8). This means that they **will not** have to suffer the **great sorrows** that will be caused by the **wrath of Satan** (Rev.12:12). **For God hath not appointed us to** (Satan's) **wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ...** (1 Thes.5:9). **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation** (Satan's deceit) **which shall come upon all the world, to try** (test the faith of) **them that dwell** (are left behind) **upon the Earth** (Rev.3:10).

Those who **walk in the light of Son of Man**, will be gathered by Jesus at what He covertly implied to be the **summer flight, ...pray ye that your flight be not in the winter** (Mark 13:18). Most Christians identify the **summer flight** as the **Rapture...**, which is the **gathering of His ELECT by Son of Man** (Mat.24:30). **...for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth** (John 12:35). Today, those who **walk in darkness** will (at Rapture) be **cast into outer darkness**; they will be **left behind** to face the **winter** of mankind's existence on Earth. The **winter growing season** is the era Jesus advises **prayer** to avoid.

**Understanding "outside darkness"** is essential to **understanding the time of the end**. The term **"outer"** is in reference to something **beyond the ordinary...**, **out the of norm...**, **inconceivably different than the original**. **Darkness** is an existence **without** Jesus who is the **light of our world**. **Outer darkness** (Mat.8:12, 22:13, 25:30) will be an era of time when the **sacrifice** of Jesus will no longer provide **the light of life**. And because **the wages of sin is death** (Ro.6:23) and because there will be no **life-giving light from Jesus...**, mankind will have to **suffer and die to pay for his own sins** (Rev.2:10).

The **Kingdom of Judah** does not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. **Judah requires a sign** (Mat.12:38): Judah **walks in darkness**, therefore (at Rapture), Judah will be **left behind** in the **winter growing season** that Jesus identifies as **outer darkness**. **...the children of the kingdom** (Judean kingdom) **shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth** (Mat.8:12). My guess is that about 90% of our world requires a **SIGN** and will be left behind; **cast into outer darkness**. As **Son of Man** is gathering the **living souls** of those who **need no proof**, He will put His **SIGN** in the **clouds of Heaven** (Mat.24:30) for those who **need proof**. His **SIGN** will be **proof** (Mat.12:38) to Judah and all other skeptics of our world that He is indeed the **Son of God** (Mat.16:1).

And because He does not change, I believe that **His SIGN**, His **world-wide conversion of mankind** will be a **blinding light from heaven** (Acts 9:3) that will **blind** the world for **three days** (Acts 9:9). Their **eyes** will be the instrument of their conversion. They will **SEE** His **SIGN** (Mat.24:30) **in the heavens**, and it will **blind** them (Acts:9:3): **cast them into darkness**. Jesus was in **darkness three days**, the world will be in **darkness three days**. And at the end of those **three days** God's **witnesses** (expounded shortly) to be returned to earth to give them **sight – wisdom of what happened and what they must then do to be saved**. And, as He did after His **three days in darkness**, the **Son of Man will appear** to a **select few** in the same **punctured, and crucified body** that He displayed to His **doubting disciple, Thomas, in the upper room** (Acts 1:13).

However, even though the entire world will be **converted** to Him by His **SIGN**, they will **not yet** be **cleansed of their sins**. Their **souls** will still be **"dead"** because the only way to be **blessed** is to **believe in Jesus without having need of proof** **...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed** (John 20:29). Because Judah and billions of others have to **"see it to believe it"** (Mat.12:38), they **will not be blessed** by the **sin-cleansing sacrificial death of the Lamb of God**. They will have to **sacrifice** their own lives to **pay for their own sins...**, **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord** (Ro.6:23).

After **Son of Man** has gathered His **ELECT**, a great portion of those who are **left behind (cast into outer darkness)**, **will be weeping and/or gnashing their teeth** (Mat.8:12, 22:13, 24:51, 30:25). Among those who **weep** will be **lukewarm** and **backsliding** Christians who **...after having known the way of Righteousness** (II Pet.2:21), **mournfully** regret that they **turned again to wallow in the mire** (2 Pet.2:22). Heed the words of our Lord, **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth** (Rev.3:16). Millions of **lukewarm** Christians will be **cast into outer darkness** ...and will **mournfully** regret their **lukewarm** devotion to Him.

And because Judah was instrumental in **crucifying** Jesus, the **unbelieving** descendants of **Judah** will be the foremost of those who **weep** when they **see the SIGN of Son of Man** (Mat.24:30). **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the "earth"** (all, both Judah and Israel will) **mourn** (weep), **and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory** (Mat.24:30). I can envision the **mournful** cries of Judah, "It really is Him, the Jewish carpenter our forefathers crucified really is the **Son of God**."

Examples of those who will angrily and bitterly **"gnash their teeth"** will be **rich** and famous "racketeering" **servants of God**. Jesus mentions them specifically... **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity** (Mat.7:22-23). These will be those who use the **gospel of the kingdom** for personal gain. The **fame and fortunes** they've accumulated by using the teachings of Jesus have become more important to them than the things His teachings promote. Consider what He told the **scribes and Pharisees...** **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses** (with your demands of tribute and fame), **and for a pretense** (to influence them) **make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation** (Mat.23:14). Be warned you so-called **"men of God"** who use the **gospel of the kingdom** for your personal benefit **...you are in danger of Hell's fire. It is easier for a camel to go through the**



*eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God* (Mat.19:24). There will indeed be ...*gnashing their teeth*.

After having witnessed the *SIGN of Son of Man*, the entire unbelieving world will become *believers*. However, the big question will then become... how many of them will remain *FAITHFUL* to *Jesus* when they are confronted with the *great trials* and *tribulations* that *Satan* is going to throw at them? How many of them will remain *FAITHFUL* when they are faced with the *greatest tribulations* (trials) *that have ever been or will ever be again*? With no *light* available to them, *no sacrifice of Jesus to pay the wages of their sins*, how many of them will be able *see through the darkness* of their world? Sadly, even after having personally *witnessed His SIGN*, most of them will not have enough *FAITH* in the *promises of Jesus to die for Him*. To save their lives and the lives of their loved ones, they will succumb to the *deceitful* tactics of *Satan* (Rev.12:9, 13:14, 19:20): they will *worship the image of the beast and take Satan's mark*.

Satan will *promise* those of *outer darkness*, that *if they will take his mark and follow him*, he will (as he promised Jesus) grant them *great power and riches* (Mat.4:8-9). And he will declare that *he is eternal* and will *grant eternal life* to all who follow him. He will boast that he is greater than the *Son of God* and that he will defeat the newly *crowned King* when He *returns from His wedding. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the Earth in the sight of men* (Rev.13:13). And because Satan will *make war with and kill God's all-powerful witnesses* (Rev.11:3,5,7), a great number of those who  *dwell in outer darkness* will ...*worship the dragon and the beast saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him* (Rev.13:4). They will deceitfully comfort each other in *belief* that the *beast is going to* defeat the newly *crowned* king when *He returns from His wedding* ...and they will want to be on the winning side.

## THE WORLD AFTER RAPTURE

The *lost House of Israel* that Jesus came to *seek and to save* will be the *summer fruit* of the *Husbandman. Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon my (lost) people of Israel (not Judah); I will not again pass by them any more* (Amos 8:1-2).

And not just *Israel*: at Rapture the *living souls* of all nations and peoples *will ascend to meet Son of Man in the air* (I Thes.4:17). But, because *flesh* cannot go to heaven, their *lifeless bodies* will drop to the ground; there will be millions upon millions, perhaps a billion *dead bodies* all over the world. Therefore, the *first* task of those who have been *left behind* will be to dispose of all those *dead bodies. And the songs of the temple* (the word "*temple*" specifically implies Judah) *shall be howlings (mournings) in that day saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they* (those who are left behind) *shall cast them forth* (dispose of the vacated bodies) *with silence* (Amos 8:3). Judean *howlings* will reflect her distress... *Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits...* (Micah 7:1). And.., it must be stressed that Judah is God's example for the rest of the world. Biblical references to Judah *apply to all of mankind*. The entire world will be *howling* as they *cast forth* the *vacated bodies* of their loved ones and friends.

As mentioned previously, the *entire world* (including Judah) will be *converted* to Jesus by His *SIGN* – His *proof*. And for the sake of simplicity, this book will begin addressing the *left behind* new believers as *convertees*. But what will happen to Judah and the other *convertees*? What will the world be like after Rapture?

In the early months of *outer darkness*, most things will continue as they were before Rapture: rain will still fall, and plants will still grow. Fish will still swim, and eagles will still fly. And... , after the vacated *dead bodies* of Christians *have been cast forth*, most parents will become concerned about the "physical" needs of their families. Shops and factories will reopen, and most people will go back to work. Money will still be exchanged and used to *buy and sell*. And because of their conversion to Jesus by His *SIGN*, there will be little or no crime in the early days of *outer darkness*. In fact, everyone will be seeking to *do good for their neighbors*. They will *send each other gifts, visit the sick, and those who are in prison*. Pardons and paroles for *converted* prisoners will become commonplace.

Perhaps the biggest change from the *world before Rapture*, will be that the once partially filled Christian churches will become overflowing. Pagan churches, Jewish Synagogues, etc., will be converted to Christian churches. There will be no empty pews - standing room only. More *convertees* will be gathered outside churches than can squeeze inside of them. Not to worry, the folks gathered outside will be singing *praises to Jesus* louder than the folks inside the churches. The early days *outer darkness* will be inconceivably wonderful and *peaceful*. All over our planet, in every country and in every city, *convertees* will *assemble* themselves together to worship *Jesus*. They will be ...*like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, (this time) they may open unto him immediately* (Luke 12:36).



A billion prayers per minute will be ascending up to Jesus and His Father. The most prominent prayer will be for Jesus to **come** back **quickly** (Rev.22:7,12,20). They will **promise** themselves that **this time**, they will have **oil for their lamps** (Mat.25:1-13). **This time** they will... **Let their light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven** (Mat.5:16).

However..., the post-Rapture God-fearing, church-going, and peaceful world will not last very long; perhaps a year or two, perhaps even into the third year: **outer darkness** will be an era of **2520 days**. With so many prayers being offered up, and the world so **"religious"**, most folks will hope for, and expect an immediate return of the newly **crowned King from His wedding** (Rev.14:14). Many of them will quit work to spend more time ...**praying.., and watching**. Hour after hour, day after day, week after week, month after month..., **praying for their Lord when to return from his wedding**. However, their extensive **repetitions will be in vain** (Mat.6:7): God has set a pre-determined time for their escape, their **flight**, from the **wrath of Satan**. The apprehension and frustration of **convertees** will soon overshadow their new-found **faith in the promises of Jesus**; their **homage will increasingly falter**.

A world of **waiting** with **no work** cannot endure; the physical part of man must survive: **six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work...** (Ex.20: 9). Without **workers** factories and shops will have to shut down. Farms will become non-productive and abandoned. Debts will be ignored, money will have no value, the rich will be made poor. Very soon there will be no food stores, no electricity, no light, no heat, no air conditioning, and no clean water. The hungry will become destitute. To provide for themselves and their children, the world of **outer darkness** will become a time of scavenging ...and stealing. The **trials** of their **FAITH** in Jesus will begin in earnest.

One side of humanity will be trying very hard to **love their fellow man, to do good to them that hate them, and to share with them who have not** (Luke 6:35). But the **evil** side of man will feel justified in doing whatever is necessary to feed themselves and their families; with no remorse they will begin **stealing, killing, and destroying**. The prophecies of Jesus are relevant to both the **summer** and the **winter growing seasons**. **...if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken** (Mat.24:48-49).

There will be no policemen, **stealing and killing** will become epidemic. The openly exposed **wickedness** of man will **...kindle the anger of our Lord** (as in Is.5:25). And, because mankind will have endured **proof** by the **SIGN of His Son in the clouds of heaven...**, **His Father in Heaven** will have **no mercy** on **backsliders** (Rev.14:9-11). It will be on **day 1260** after Rapture (verified shortly), that God will **release** (permit **uncontrolled freedom** to) **Satan for a short time** (Rev.12:12). The **"unrestrained" wrath of Satan** (Rev.12:12), even for a **short time**, will be so devastating, so **merciless**, that Jesus identifies his **atrocities** as the **greatest tribulations that have ever been or ever will be again** (Mat.24:21). And with Satan **freely** having his way with mankind, the **faith** of **convertees** will be **tested to their deaths** (Rev.2:10).

## THE "WITNESSES" OF OUTER DARKNESS

In review: at the placement of His **SIGN in the clouds of Heaven** (Mat.24:30), **a great multitude** (of **souls, not bodies**) **which no man can number** (Rev.7:9) will **rise-up to meet their Saviour in the clouds of Heaven** (I Thes.4:16-17). At His **appearance in the sky** ...**every eye** (on this planet) **will see** (Rev.1:7), ...**every knee will bow, ...and every tongue will confess** (Rom.14:11) that the **Son of a Jewish carpenter** really is the **Son of God**. However, the **newly converted believers** will not be gathered by **Son of Man** because they had to **see His sign to believe** (Mat.12:38): they will be **left behind** in an era of time Jesus identifies as **outer darkness**.

However, our **loving, long-suffering, and merciful** God is **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance** (2 Pet.3:9); He does not want to lose a single **soul**. Therefore, for the first **1260 days** (Rev.11:3) of **outer darkness**, those who were **converted** by His **SIGN** will be taught – **"fed"** - God's requirements for **eternal life**. **And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore (1260) days clothed in sackcloth** (Rev.11:3). **And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies...** (Rev.11:5). God's **witnesses, and His 144,000 servants**, will be **sealed** (shielded) **from hurt** (Rev.7:3-8) **until day 1260** (Rev.11:3).

God's **protected and powerful witnesses** are described as ...**two olive trees** (from the era before Christ, BC), **and two candlesticks** (from the era after His death, AD) **standing before the God of the "earth"** (Rev.11:4, Gen.24:3); the **god of the earth** is the **God of Abraham**. However, concerning God's witnesses, **2 + 2 does not = 2**; the numbers of **2** for each witness is symbolic of more than one: the number of each **witness** is plural. Their number will be **many**; in fact, their number will be **thousands upon thousands**. And, they will be located in all corners of this planet. They will be easily identified because they will have the ...**name of His** (Jesus') **Father written on their foreheads**

(Rev.14:1). Their ministry will be to give **sight (vision)** to a **blind** world by teaching them the **sweetness** and the **bitterness** of the **little book that John had to eat** (expounded shortly).

For the first **1260 days** (Rev.11:3) of **outer darkness**, God's **witnesses** will teach those who have been **cast into outer darkness** what happened at Rapture and why they were **left behind** ...and **what they must then do to be saved**. **Lukewarm** Christians will know what happened, but they may not know that there is still a chance that they can be saved. They will be taught and assured by God's **witnesses** that **eternal life** with **Jesus** is still available to them (Rev.2:10). The pagan world will need knowledge and guidance in all matters.

God's **servants/witnesses** will warn the newly converted believers of the impending release of Satan and the horrendous suffering and death that will follow. They will teach the promise of Jesus... **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer, behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye (your new-found faith) may be tried (tested); and ye shall have tribulation (sufferings and death) ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life** (Rev.2:10). His **witnesses** will also teach His **warning ...fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell** (Mat.10:28). In consideration of the horrors that **Satan** is going to throw at them, it will take **knowledge of**, and sincere **trust** in the **promises of Jesus to remain FAITHFUL to Him**. God's **witnesses** will be very busy..., for **1260 days**.

## THE LITTLE BOOK

Will the **convertees** of **outer darkness** be given an opportunity for **eternal life** (Rev.2:10)? **Emphatically, YES!** Our **loving, long-suffering, and merciful** God is **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance** (2 Pet.3:9). Our **Savior** is not going to **convert** billions by **His SIGN** just to **cast them into Hell**. We do not serve a vindictive God. However, to be **gathered** by the newly **crowned** King (Rev.14:14) **after His wedding** (Luke 12:36), those who are converted by **His SIGN** will have to overcome the **greatest tribulations that have ever been or ever will be again** (Mat.24:31). Their **FAITH** will be tested **to their deaths** (Rev.2:10) ...and to the **death and suffering** of their loved ones. **Suffering and dying** for one's own sins is the **bitterness of the little book that John had to eat** (Rev.10:2-10).

The contents of the **little book** are the requirements of **eternal life** for those who have been **cast into outer darkness**. **And I (John) went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter** (Rev.10:10). The **little book will be sweet as honey** in that **eternal life with Jesus** will still be available to those of **outer darkness**. It will be **bitter in their belly** because to gain **salvation** in **outer darkness**, those who are **converted by His SIGN** will have to **suffer and die for their own sins** (Rev.2:10, Mat.10:28). Keep in mind that **...the wages of sin is death** (Ro.6:23). **Salvation** for the **souls** who have been **left behind** will require enough **FAITH** in the **promises of Jesus** to **sacrifice** their own **flesh** to **pay for their own sins**.

In the era of **outer darkness** there will be no **light from Heaven** which means that there will be no **cleansing of sins** by the **sacrifice by the Father of His only begotten Son** (John 3:16). But it does not mean that God has abandoned them. For the first **1260 days** after Rapture, **God's all-powerful witnesses**, and **servants** will **repeatedly** proclaim the **promise** of Jesus. Please permit us to repeat.... **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer, behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou "faithful" unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life** (Rev.2:10). Notice that the promise of Jesus contains **both the bitterness** and the **sweetness** of the **little book**. His **witnesses** will also remind **convertees** of His warning **...fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell** (Mat.10:28).

To understand the confinement of **convertees for ten days** before their execution, it must be considered that Satan will not want to kill them quickly; killing them immediately will serve nothing but to grant them **eternal life with Jesus**. Satan will want the **convertees to deny Jesus and take his mark**. Therefore, **he is going to keep them into prison for 10 days**; both parents and children will have **10 days** to ponder their situation. They will be there only **10 days** because so many are being **cast into prison**; there will be a quick **"turnover"** of imprisoned **convertees**. And, if **fear of decapitation** doesn't make them **take Satan's mark**, they will be repeatedly **tortured** the entire **10 days**. Parents will have to watch the suffering and executions of their children. Can you imagine the anguish and apprehension of parents when **all they have to do** to free their children and escape the guillotine is to **take Satan's mark**. **Ten days** is going to be a very, very long time for parents and children to ponder their situation.

## TEACHING THE CONTENTS OF THE LITTLE BOOK

**Judah** is particularly pointed out as *...a woman* (who) **fled into the wilderness** (discarded her traditions and practices), **where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her** (witness to her) **there a thousand two hundred and threescore days** (Rev.12:6). God's **witnesses** will feed Judah **understanding and knowledge** (Dan.12:1-12) of her **70<sup>th</sup> week** that will hopefully **bring in everlasting Righteousness** to her (Dan.9:24). Her **70<sup>th</sup> week** is covertly depicted in Chapter 12 of Daniel for those with **understanding**. Judah will be **fed** for the entire first **1260 days** of **outer darkness**. Again, let us stress that **teachings** to Judah is **food** for all **convertees**. And, please note that the number of **feeding days** are **exactly the allotted time** that God will allow to His **witnesses; 1260 days** (Rev.11:3). God's **witnesses** will **teach** the **woman that salvation** is still being offered to **convertees** who have enough **FAITH in Jesus** to **sacrifice their bodies to pay the wages of their own sins**.

Concerning the **preparation** of Judah's **place**, consider that mankind often references important events as having a **"place"** in the timeline of history. The **"place"** that will be **prepared** for Judah is **not** a physical **place**, it is a **time-frame** of **1260 days**. The **preparation** for her **place** will be the act of **binding Satan in the bottomless pit** for the entire **1260 days** of her **feeding**. And because Judah is **God's savour** (His example) for all of mankind, we may conclude that the first **1260 days of outer darkness** will be a carefully **prepared (protected) feeding-time** for **all of mankind**. **God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance** (2 Pe.3:9). For the first **1260 days of outer darkness**, **God's witnesses** will be **feeding convertees** in every corner of our planet.

The **knowledge** that **salvation** is still available to those of **outer darkness**, **and** the consequences of **taking Satan's mark** will be **fed** over and over again **to the woman in the wilderness**. However, even after having **witnessed the SIGN of Son of Man**, and after **1260 days** of being **"fed"** the contents of the **little book**, only **one-third** of Judah will have enough **FAITH** in the **promises of Jesus** to **die** for Him. **And I will bring the third part (of Judah) through the fire (great tribulations), and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, the Lord is my God** (Zech.13:9). It is hard to grasp that **only one-third** of Judah will renew their place as the **sanctuary of God** (Ps.114:2). And because teachings that reference Judah are applicable to all of mankind, we may assume that only about **1/3 of all convertees** will be **refined in the fires of great tribulations ...pray that your flight be not in the winter**.

It is sad to think that **two-thirds** of the billions who will be **converted** by **His SIGN and fed for His gospel for 1260 days** ...will still **worship the image of the beast** to save their physical **bodies** ...**two-thirds** of those who are **cast into outer darkness** ...**shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone...** (Rev.14:9-11). Again and again **...pray that your flight will be not in the winter**.

## THE RELEASE OF SATAN

For the first **1260 days** (Rev.11:3-7) of **outer darkness**, God will use His all-powerful **witnesses** to **feed** the **convertees** of **outer darkness** with **knowledge** of what happened at Rapture and the **great tribulations** that are imminent, and what they must then do to be saved. Then on **day 1260**, after **convertees** have thoroughly "ingested" their teachings, God is going to **release Satan** among them. **...when they (God's witnesses) shall have finished their testimony (on day 1260), the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them** (Rev.11:3,7). **Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them** (those of the **summer flight**). **Woe to the inhabitants of the "earth" and of the "sea"** (those who were **cast into outer darkness**) **for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time** (Rev.12:12). We may conclude that the **beast** who kills **God's witnesses** will be Satan because the Bible clearly identifies him as the entity who is **chained in the bottomless pit** (Rev.20:2-3).

The fact that **Satan** will not be released from **the bottomless pit** until **God's witnesses have completed their testimony (day 1260 – Rev.11:3,7)**, tells us that Satan will be **confined in the bottomless pit** for the first **1260 days**. This means that Satan will have absolutely no influence on mankind for the entire first **1260 days** of **outer darkness**. Mankind will exist free of all evil influence for **1260 days**. He will become a product of his **inner self** - His **soul**. The true colors of each **soul** will be openly exposed.

No evil influence from Satan makes it evident that for the first **1260 days** of **outer darkness**, God is going to judge the **"whole"** of mankind **on mankind's own merit**. To understand and accept this **precept**, consider God's **judgment** of man before the **great flood**. **And God saw that the wickedness of man (as a whole) was great in the Earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was on evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the Earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth** (Gen.6:5-7). As mentioned before, many of the historical events before Jesus are prophetic of the events that will occur at the **time of the end**. The latter behavior of mankind will be no different than the **pre-flood** behavior of mankind. In the world of **outer darkness...**, with no influence from Satan..., God will not like what the majority of mankind is going to become.



The **killing** of God's previously **sealed witnesses** on **day 1260** (Rev.11:3,7), will alert the **convertees** of **outer darkness** that God has indeed released an **inconceivably powerful evil** upon them (Rev.13:4). For a **short time**, with no opposition from Heaven, Satan will be permitted to **pour** his **wrath** (Rev.12:12), his **anger and frustration**, upon the **left behind convertees** of **winter** who remain **FAITHFUL** to Jesus.

## THE WRATH OF SATAN

*And there came a voice from Heaven saying* (Rev.12:7) ... **Woe to the inhabitants of the "earth" and of the "sea"** (those who were **left behind** at Rapture) **for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time** (Rev.12:12). After the **convertees** of **outer darkness** have been "**fed**" the **sweetness and the bitterness of the little book** for **1260 days**, Satan will be released among them for a **short time** to **test** – **try to their deaths** - their newborn **faith**. The release of an unrestrained **Satan upon mankind** will begin the era described by Jesus as ... **the greatest tribulations such as have never been or ever will be again** (Mat.24:21).

The release of Satan upon the **convertees** will end their "protected" **feeding** time. Then, for a **short time** (**75 days** – verified shortly) Satan will be allowed to do anything he chooses to deceive and/or to force mankind into **taking his mark and worshipping the image of the beast**. Satan's **short time** will be the... **hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth** (Rev.3:10).

Evidently there will be defectors in **outer darkness** who oppose the **teachings** of God's **witnesses**. However, **if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed** (Rev.11:5). Therefore, the **first act** of Satan will be to **kill** God's all-powerful **witnesses**. He will reason that to effectively overcome the new-born convictions of **convertees**, God's previously **protected** and **all-powerful witnesses** will have to be **taken out of his way**... **And when they shall have finished their testimony** (day **1260**), **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them. And he shall overcome them and kill them** (Rev.11:7). Then, as a warning to **convertees**, Satan will command that their (**decapitated** – Rev.20:4) **bodies remain lying in the street and will not allow them to be buried** (Re.11:8-9). Their **decapitations** will greatly exalt His powers. **And they** (Satan's followers) **that dwell upon the Earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because** (the **beast** that ascended out of the **bottomless pit** was able to kill) **these two** (assemblages of) **prophets** (that) **tormented them that dwelt on the Earth** (Rev.11:11).

However, for the first **30 days** of his allotted **short time**, Satan will do very little killing. He will present himself a caring, all-powerful liberator for mankind. He will ... **deceive them that dwell on the Earth by the means of those** (mind-boggling) **miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the Earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live** (Rev.13:14).

## THE IMAGE OF THE WOUNDED BEAST

It is Biblically implied that the **wounded beast** (Rev.13:14) will be a world-renowned **false god** with a **world-wide, easily recognized image**... perhaps **Buddha**!!! In any case, because **Buddha** fits the profile of the **beast** so vividly, and for ease of illustration, we will use **Buddha** as an example.

At Rapture, the great majority (maybe all) of those who pay homage to **Buddha** will be converted to Jesus by His **SIGN**. All over the world, previously devoted **Buddhists** will destroy **images** and statues of **Buddha** and begin worshipping Jesus. **Buddhist temples** will be converted into **Christian churches**. Homage to **Buddha** will "**almost**" cease. **Buddhism** will be **wounded as to death** (Rev.1:16, 2:12, 19:15,21) ...**by the SIGN of Son of Man**.

For the entire **1260 days** allotted to God's **witnesses**, **Buddhism** will lie dormant, **wounded as to death**. But then after Satan has **killed God's witnesses**, Satan will order the re-construction of **Buddha's images** (statues) and have them placed in all corners of the world. **And from the time that the sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days** (Dan.12:11).

For **clarity** and **understanding** of the above verse (Dan.12:11), allow us to insert interpretive wording... **And from the time that the sacrifice** (the **sacrifice** that Jesus made to **pay for the sins** of mankind), **shall be taken away** (no longer applicable) **and the abomination** (the image of **Buddha**) **that** (upon worshipping) **maketh** (the soul) "**desolate**" (forever condemned) **set up** (erected), **there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days** (Dan.12:11). **Day 1290** tells us that the **image** will be completed **30 days** after **Satan kills God's witnesses: 1260+30=1290 days**. The construction and placement of those **images** will take only **30 days**. Or worded differently..., the **image** that **makes** all hopes of salvation **desolate**, will be **set up** (completed and erected) **1290 days** after Rapture. Satan will want it done in a hurry because he ...**knoweth that he hath but a short time** (Rev.12:12).

After the **images** have been completed, Satan will **make them speak** ...and will decree that everyone in the world **bow down and worship those images** (Rev.13:15). To enforce Satan's orders to **worship** the newly constructed **images** of **Buddha** (or whichever god) his demonic **servants** will begin **imprisoning** and **beheading convertees** who refuse



to **worship that image**. Those who resist will be easily identified because they **will not** have the **mark of the beast** in the most visible areas of their bodies; **their right hand or**, if their hand is missing, **in their forehead**.

He may not have done much killing the first **30 days**, but after the **image** has been completed and erected, Satan will openly exhibit his hatred of mankind: public **beheadings** (Rev.20:4) will become his norm. Satan will openly expose his executions in order to strike **great fear** (Mat.10:28, Rev.11:11) into the heart of those who remain **FAITHFUL** to Jesus. In every city and nation of the world, **thousands upon thousands** of "**convertees**" who have **FAITH** in the **promises of Jesus** will **forfeit their lives** for the **salvation of their souls**. Before the killings have ended, millions, maybe a billion **FAITHFUL convertees** will die for Jesus. The slaughtering of those who remain **FAITHFUL** to Jesus will dwarf the total dead of all earthly wars. On the other hand, to save their physical lives, **billions** will **worship the image** of Buddha and take **Satan's mark**. And because such a great number will **worship the image** of Buddha, the **head** (the religion) that was **wounded as to death, will be healed** (Rev.13:3): homage to Buddha will **live again**.

After having **witnessed the SIGN of the Son of Man...**, **worshipping the image of the beast** will be such a transgression against Jesus that it will **kindle the anger of His Father** who will render their **soul desolate** – **forever forsaken, permanently dead** (Dan.11:31, 12:11, 14:9-11, 19:20), **no farther chance for salvation**. If a **convertee worships** Buddha's **image** after having witnessed the **SIGN of Son of Man...**, and after having been **fed** (for **1260 days**) Jesus' offering of **eternal life**..., no ifs and buts about it, that individual... **will face the wrath of God. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb** (Rev.14:9-10). The warnings of this angel leave no doubt concerning the **destiny** of those **who worship the image**.

Will the converted mothers and fathers of **outer darkness** be able to watch their family be beaten, raped, and decapitated..., or will they **worship the image**? The following prophecies of Jesus tell us how horrifying it will be... **And the brother** (who worships the image and is in fear of his life) **shall deliver up the (FAITHFUL) brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death** (Mat.10:21). **And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days** (Mat.24:19).

The tears, screams, and pleas of young children will make it extremely hard for parents to refuse the **mark of the beast**. However, for the sake of their own **souls**, parents had best consider the examples presented to them by our Father in Heaven: **For God so loved the world so much that He gave (sacrificed) His only begotten Son** (John 3:16). **Our Father in Heaven will not ask of man that which He is not willing to do for man**. Hear the words of Jesus... **He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me** (Mat.10:37). Abraham was willing to **sacrifice his only son** (Gen.22:7) and it **counted unto Him for Righteousness** (Gal.3:6). Will **convertees** have enough **FAITH** in the promises of **Jesus** to **sacrifice** themselves and their families to gain **eternal life** with Him? Will they be able to convince their children that death will be a million times better than taking Satan's mark?

The **trials** of **convertees** will be beyond, and more hideous than anything that one can imagine. Their plight will be reminiscent of the dilemma inflicted upon Jews by Hitler in WWII. However, in Hitler's death camps, Jews had no life-or-death choice ...**convertees** will be given a choice. The **holocaust** is evident that **previous events** prophetically depict **future events**. The **holocaust** was but a preview of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week** - the **great tribulations** of **convertees**.

Will the **convertees** of **outer darkness** worship the "god" that can **give life to a statue**, and can **make fire come down from heaven** (Rev.13:13), or will they accept their physical deaths to save their **souls**? Please allow us to repeat the warnings of Jesus **...fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell** (Mat.10:28).

And..., there will be no excuse of being unable to distinguish Satan's **servants** from the **servants of Jesus** because, Satan shall **...cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:** (Rev.13:16-17). On the other hand, the **servants of Jesus will have the name of His Father written on their foreheads** (Rev.14:1).

## WAITING FOR THE GROOM TO RETURN

Luke tells us that the **FAITHFUL** of **OUTER DARKNESS** are **...like men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, (this time) they may open unto him immediately** (Luke 12:36). Daniel writes... **Blessed is he that waiteth**, (refuses to **worship the image**) **and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days** (Dan.12:12). Both Daniel and Luke tell us that **outer darkness** will be a time of **"waiting"; a time of horrendous apprehension** for those who are trying to remain **FAITHFUL** to Jesus.

Can you envision the horror of loving parents as they scramble for hiding places for their babies and young children. And even if they are safely hidden, how will they feed their children and how will they console their fears and sufferings? With no prior learning experiences, how will they keep them warm in freezing locations of our planet and cool in the sweltering heat. Allow us to repeat the words of Jesus *...woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days* (Mat.24:19). Satan is going to use the *pain, sufferings, and decapitations* of their children to sway parents into taking his *mark*. However, **BE WARNED!** Hear the words of Jesus... *He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me* (Mat.10:37). *...pray that your flight be not in the winter.*

Consider the scarcity of food and the fact that Satan is not going to let **FAITHFUL** convertees *buy and sell. ...no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name* (Rev.13:17). The *mark* will be a tattooed "password" that has been registered with the beast and can be scanned. There will be no money. No one *can make war with the beast*: he will electronically control all *buying and selling* (Rev.13:17). Can you imagine the pain that parents will feel as their young children cry and die from hunger? Will they be able to "forgive" themselves as they bury their "wasted away" infants. The anxiety and horrors of *waiting* for the *groom to return from His wedding* cannot be imagined. And please keep in mind that these are only examples of the *great trials* that **FAITHFUL** convertees will have to endure. The hideous concoctions that Satan is capable of, especially with children as parents are forced to watch..., cannot be imagined. Will convertees remain **FAITHFUL** to Jesus ...or will they *worship the image* to save their children. Again *...he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me* (Mat.10:37)

The teachings to Daniel relate to us that the *time of waiting* will be **1335 days** (Dan.12:12). However, when Jesus came into the world, He disclosed to His disciples that the *timeframe originally related to Daniel would be shortened... And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened* (Mat.24:22).

But who are the **ELECT** of *outer darkness* that *for their sake* God will *shorten those days*? The reduction in the *days of waiting* will be for the **FAITHFUL** of *outer darkness* who have already been *beheaded*. They too, are *waiting... And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar* (of sacrifice) *the souls of them* (God's servants/witnesses) *that were slain (sacrificed themselves) for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them* (Satan's collaborators) *that dwell on the Earth? And, white robes were given unto every one of them* (their sacrifice for the Word of God will wash away their sins); *and it was said unto them, that they should rest (be comforted) yet for a little season (less than 75 days), until their fellow servants (and witnesses) also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were (by decapitated) should be fulfilled* (Rev.6:9-11). Under the *alter* tells us that their physical death was a manner of *sacrifice* that allotted them *white robes*.

Because the *days will be shortened*, no man can know their number, however, convertees can be encouraged by the fact that their *waiting* time for *King Jesus to return from His wedding* will be *less* than the originally recorded **1335 days**. However, because this prophecy *...shall (assuredly) be fulfilled* (Rev.6:11), surviving convertees should continually remind themselves and their loved ones that their *deaths* are still highly probable. *...be thou FAITHFUL unto death and I* (King Jesus) *will give you a crown of life* (Rev.2:10) *...and you will reign with me for 1000 years* (Rev.17:14, 20:4).

## GATHERING THE FRUIT OF WINTER

*Souls* that have been converted by *His SIGN* are *not yet blessed* with *life* because the *sacrifice* of Jesus is not applicable for convertees who had to have *proof ...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed* (John 20:29). Even though they will *believe in Jesus* after seeing His *SIGN*, their *souls* will *not be blessed - made spiritually alive* – because they had to *see it to believe it*. They will not be *blessed* until their *sins* have been *paid in full by their own sacrificial deaths ...for the wages of sin is death*. Their choice to physically *die for Jesus*, rather than to physically *live for Satan*, will be a *sacrifice* for the *"witness of Jesus"* and for the *"word of God"* (Rev.20:4). The *sacrifice of their flesh* will place their *souls under the* (blessings of the) *altar* (Rev.6:9-11). Their *death* will *instantly* give *life* to their previously *"dead"* *souls*. Jesus confirms this with His words *...be thou faithful unto (physical) death and I will give you (your soul) a crown of life* (Rev.2:10).

*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded (sacrificed themselves) for the "witness of Jesus", and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years* (Rev.20:4).

The **living-souls** of **summer** were **made-alive** while their **bodies** were yet **physically alive**. They will **not** need **resurrecting**. They are already with Jesus in Heaven. On the other hand, because the **"dead" souls** of **convertees** won't be **made spiritually-alive until** the **death** of their **bodies**: their **sacrifice** will initiate the **resurrection** of their previously **"dead" souls**. The rendering of **life** to their **soul** will be the **resurrection** of a **"dead" soul**. In fact, this will be the **first resurrection** of **"dead" souls** (Rev.20:5). And because they were **cleansed of sin** by their **sacrifice**, they will instantly be with Jesus in Heaven. **Blessed and holy is he** (the **FAITHFUL** fruit of **winter**) **that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death** (Rev.20:14) **hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him** (Rev.20:6). They are identified (in Rev.20:5) as the **FAITHFUL**; they will join the **CHOSEN** and the **CALLED and will reign with King Jesus (on Earth) for a thousand years** (Rev.20:5) **...but the rest of the "dead" lived not again until the 1000 years is over** (Rev.20:6). The **rest of the "dead"** is inclusive of both **summer** and **winter**.

At some point **before day 1355**, the newly **crowned King** is going to return in the **clouds of Heaven** to gather the **ripened fruit** of the **latter growing season** (Rev.14:14-15). The **winter harvest** is described by John... **And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man having on his head a golden crown and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him** (the newly **crowned King**) **that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the (winter) harvest of the "earth" is ripe** (Rev.14:14-15). For the **winter harvest**, Jesus will be a newly **crowned King**, but He will still have the **extended compassion** of the **Prince** (Jesus) **who gathered His ELECT** at **Rapture**.

After the **winter flight** of the **FAITHFUL...**, **God's wrath will be poured out upon those who have taken the mark of the beast** (Rev.14:9-11, 16:1-2) ...and especially those who **...killed the saints and martyrs of great tribulation** (Rev.17:6). The evil factions of **Satan** are collectively identified as **...Babylon The Great, Mystery, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The "earth"** (Rev.17:5). **And I heard another voice from heaven, saying come out of her my people** (the **FAITHFUL**) **that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues** (Rev.18:4). **And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth** (Rev.16:1). **And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the** (unwanted) **vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God** (Rev.14:19).

## THE WRATH OF GOD – ATOMIC WAR

Keep in mind that **repetition** is necessary to support the old and verify newly introduced concepts.

The **winter flight** will be the removal of **FAITHFUL convertees** before the impending **wrath of God** (Rev.14:14-19). The **FAITHFUL** will then join the **CHOSEN** (bride) and the **CALLED** (invited guests) who will **reign with King Jesus for 1000 years** (Rev.17:14). **Un-faithful convertees** will miss the **winter flight**; they will be left behind to **face the wrath of God**. There will be **no mercy** for those who, **even after having seen the SIGN of Son of Man**, still choose to save their physical lives by **worshipping the image of the beast** (Rev.14:9-11).

For the earlier destruction of **evil mankind**, God used a **great flood**..., for this destruction of **evil mankind**, He is going to use the **evil destructive nature** of man himself. **...for every imagination of the thoughts of man is of evil continually** (Gen.6:5). If **man (as a whole) is evil** today, while the **light is yet with us**, can you imagine what he will be like after having been left behind the **second** time ...and with **atomic weapons** at his **vengeful** disposal.

One might ask, "Why will God use atomic weapons, could He not just make fire come down from Heaven"? To this I would reply, "Why did He use a great flood for His first destruction of evil mankind? Could not He have just spoken it done"? My answer, "Who can question the will of God, who can measure His purpose"? His will, will be done.

At the onset of God's **wrath**, there will be **...an earthquake such as was not since men were upon the Earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great** (Rev.16:18). This **will** not be a ground-shaking event. This will be a **division** of mankind symbolized by the division of the **great city**. The words of Jesus... **Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division** (Luke 12:51). **And the great city was divided into three parts...** (Rev.16:19). Today, the **"old"** city is divided into **four parts**: Jewish, Amish, Armenian, and Christian. However, after Christian rapture, the **great city** will be divided into **three parts**: the Christian sector will be no more.

Then, when Satan is released upon the earth the **great city will be divided into two parts** symbolized by a division of the **temple** from the **court without the temple** (Rev.11:1-2). The **division** of the **great city** into **two parts** will result from Satan's influence over the **two-part division** of **earthly** powers. The division of **East** and **West** is long-standing: nations have been taking sides for more than 150 years. With Satan at the reigns, there will be no safe harbor. The **wicked** of **summer** is going to destroy the **wicked** of **winter** (Rev.14:16-19). For **...if Satan rise up against himself and be divided** (a division of world powers), **he cannot stand, but hath an end** (Mark 3:16).

The images that John related to us in the Book of Revelation really did appear to him as he described them: he really did see **horses with lion's heads**, etc. However, it was not for him to **interpret**; it was for him to **record ...what thou seest write it down in a book** (Rev.1:11,19). Consider what the angel told Daniel... **And I** (Daniel) **heard, but I**



*understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he (the angel) said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end (Dan.12:8-9). But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Like Daniel, the things John saw could not be understood by the accumulated knowledge of his day. But today, with greatly increased knowledge, computers, AI, and extensive travel, God is un-sealing prophecies and allowing mankind to understand. And because we can understand here-to-fore sealed prophecies, we should surmise that we are very near, even at the door of ... the time of the end.*

After the newly crowned King (Rev.14:14-15) has gathered the ripened fruit of winter, the husbandman will have His angels pour out His wrath upon the unwanted vines of the winter growing season (Rev.14:14-19). *And I (John) saw the horses (mobile vehicles of war - tanks, jeeps, troop carriers, helicopters, ships, submarines, airplanes) in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone* (rockets, flame throwers, machine guns, cannons, Rev.9:17). Again, allow me to emphasize..., John did not see tanks and helicopters: he could not have understood 21<sup>st</sup> Century war machines.

The early phases of this war will be a conventional war. *And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron (armored vehicles); and the sound of their wings (helicopters and other military aircraft) was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle* (Rev.9:9). *And they (the military aircraft) had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails...* (Rev.9:17), rockets, grenade launchers, machine-guns, etc. *And the number of the army of the horsemen (mobile units) were two hundred thousand-thousand* (Rev.9:16); 200 million mobile units of war. Never, until today, May 2025, has there been 200,000,000 mobile units of war. For John, these figures could not have been understood; but today, they are very, very real. This war will be a hundred times greater than any war that man has ever experienced. *By these... (200 million mobile units of war) ...was the third part of men killed* (Rev.9:16-18). The fact that a third part of mankind (Rev.9:15,18) will be killed in the conventional phase of the war, tells us that this war will be very aggressive and intense ...but brief: with more devastating weaponry, this war will move much faster than the sluggish pace of World Wars I & II.

Then, when the leaders of the "winter" nations sense certain defeat, they will initiate proposals for a peaceful settlement. However, there will be no peace... *For when they (the left behind of winter) shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape* (1 Thes.5:3). *And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon (the overseer of God's wrath) to take peace from the Earth, and that they (the wicked of summer and winter) should kill one another and there was given unto him (God's overseer) a "great sword"* (Rev.6:4); atomic weaponry.

*Therefore, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn and shall not be quenched* (Jer.7:10): it shall ...scorch men with fire and great heat (Rev.16:9). John could not have imagined that the temperature of an atomic fireball can reach 100 million degrees Celsius; about 5 times hotter than the sun at its core.

It should be considered that the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were prophetic events that give mankind a glimpse of his future. With great remorse, the ashes these two cities were searched for victims that seem to have just disappeared in the air. You would think that man would have visualized his future and put aside such weapons. Instead, every advanced nation of our world is feverously developing, manufacturing, and storing huge numbers of these "great swords" ...with ten-times the destructive force of the bombs used against Japan.

*And the first (angel) went and poured out his vial upon the Earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore (radiation burns) upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image* (Rev.16:2). Keep in mind that this is after King Jesus has gathered the FAITHFUL fruit of winter. *And in those days (the days of God's wrath) shall men seek death and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them* (Rev.9:5-6). One does not nullify atomic radiation; it a very slow, painful, and certain death.

*...the day of the Lord (His wrath) will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the Earth also and the works that are therein (the great monuments of mankind) shall be burned up.*

The following prophetic warning is for those of outer darkness who must face the wrath of Satan. *Seeing then (understanding) that all these things (the earthly evils of mankind) shall be dissolved (burned) what manner of persons ought ye to become... (FAITHFUL to Jesus) in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for (anticipating) and hasting unto (preparing for) the coming of the day of God (His wrath) wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat* (2 Pe.3:10-12). How does one prepare for atomic warfare ... don't worship the beast and his image or take his mark.



Although this next verse is used to describe **God's destruction of Gog and Magog**, it is clearly a description of the close-up heat of an atomic blast ...**their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth** (Zech.14:12). Zachariah recorded these words concerning the **time of the end**, but he could not have **understood** how it could happen. Today, with **knowledge** of atomic and hydrogen weaponry, these prophecies can be **understood**.



**Therefore, shall her (Babylon) plagues come in one day** (the destructive forces of an atomic bomb are quick and thorough), **death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire** (Rev.18:8). **And the smoke of their torment** (atomic plumes) **ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name** (Rev.14:11).

**And he opened the bottomless pit** (the confinement place of Satan); **and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace** (atomic plumes); **and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit ....and the third part of the waters became wormwood** (toxic) **and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter** (radioactive). **And the third part of the sun was smitten** (by the extremely heated radioactive clouds that rise and linger very high in the atmosphere), **and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise** (Rev.8:11-12).

John describes mankind's feeble attempts to escape **atomic destruction** with these words... **And the kings of the Earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains** (underground bomb shelters, both natural and man-made). **And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb** (Rev.6:15-16).

**After** God's **wrath** has cleansed Earth of man's evil, King Jesus will **throw the beast and the false prophet into the lake of fire** (Rev.19:20), and will **...bind Satan for the next 1000 years** (Rev.20:2-3). Please note that at this time, Satan will **not** be **cast into the lake of fire** because God still has a purpose for him. Instead, he will be **chained** (rendered helpless) and again **cast into the bottomless pit** (Rev.20:1-3). Evidently the **bottomless pit** is **not eternal** ...as is the **lake of fire**.

Then, with no evil on Earth to oppose His **reign**, King Jesus will descend to a "cleansed" planet and **put His feet down on Mt. Olives which is before Jerusalem on the East** (Zech.14:4). He will then **...rule planet Earth in peace for 1000 years** (Rev.20:4,6, 17:14, Zech.14:4).

## **HIS 1000-YEAR REIGN ...A "GARDEN OF EDEN"?**

To understand the millennial **reign** of Jesus on Earth, it must be accepted that it has **not yet** happened. And because He has not yet **reigned** on Earth, the verses used to describe His **reign** refer to a time **in the future**. And we must keep in mind **...that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day** (2 Pe.3:8). The **day** of His **reign** will be **1000 years** of mankind's time, but of no consequence to God's eternal existence.

At the time of His existence on Earth as a carnal being, because of earlier prophecies, the Judean kinsmen of Jesus were expecting a **Messiah...**, a king who would bring **peace** to them and **peace to Earth** (Is.9:6-7). However, this was not the reason for His first visit... **Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword** (Mat.10:34). **Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on Earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division** (Luke 12:51). His teachings of **love, compassion, and mercy** are the **standards** by which He is **dividing** the **good** from the **bad** of mankind (Mat.13:49). The severed wickedness of mankind..., **greed, hate, and malice** will have no place in the **Kingdom of Heaven**. The **sword of Son of Man ...shall cut him** (the **wicked**) **asunder** and **appoint him** (them) **his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth** (Mat.24:51). The magnitude of this **division** will not become evident until Rapture when He **gathers the good** (of humanity) **and cast the bad away** (Mat.13:48, 22:10).

However, there **is coming a time** when **King Jesus will establish His government on Earth. ...and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Prince of Peace** (Is.9:6). These words were included in the prayer Jesus taught... **Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in heaven** (Mat.6:10). His words prophecy **a time** when the **will** of His Father **...will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven** (Mat.6:10); for a **thousand years** Earth will be **...as it is in Heaven**.

The **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth** will be but a "snapshot" of His **Father's eternal heaven**; an insight into what it will be like in **God's heavenly kingdom**. And for this brief encounter of **Heaven on Earth**, the **CHOSEN, CALLED, and FAITHFUL** of King Jesus will descend with Him and will **reign with Him** (Rev.17:14, 20:4). **King Jesus** will be the **right arm** of His **Father** and **they who rule with King Jesus** will be an extension of His **will**.

The second physical presence of Jesus on **Earth** will be as **King of Kings** who will then implement His Father's **will on Earth as it is in Heaven**. The **King** will teach **love and compassion ...as it is in Heaven** (Mat.6:10): there will finally be **peace on Earth**. He will administer His Father's **commandments, and as He did in the flesh**. He will place great emphasis on the **two greatest commandments** (Mat.22:37-40).

Because Satan will be **locked away for the entire 1000 years** (Rev.20:2), there will be no wicked influence on the **souls** of the Kings subjects. **Evil ...shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain** (Is.11:9). **It will be in that day** (His **1000-year reign**) that **the "earth" shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters** (living waters, John 7:38) **cover the "sea"** (Is. 11:9) **...living waters** will be offered to the **subjects** of His **reign** (expounded shortly).

**His reign on Earth** will **not** be forever as some pastors teach. His **1000-year Kingdom on Earth** will be but a flicker of God's **eternal** Heaven. His **reign on Earth** will be a **thousand years** of **love and peace** that mankind cannot even imagine. It will be a time that **...the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them** (Is.11:6). For **1000 years**... **The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat** (Is.65:25).

To better understand His millennial **reign** of Earth and the ensuing release of Satan upon the **subjects** of His **reign**, compare His **1000 years of peace on earth** to the **Garden** that **Adam and Eve** were entrusted to **keep**. **Adam was created as a lone individual to dress and keep the Garden** (Gen.2:15). Then later, **after** an undetermined time, because he was **lonely**, **God created Eve to help him** (Gen.2:18). Everything in the **Garden of Eden** was placed there for them to enjoy ...except a certain **fruit**, a **standard** by which God would test the **homage** of man. For an undetermined length of time the **Garden** was peaceful and wonderful, an indescribable paradise..., (maybe for a **thousand years**) ...until **the serpent was allowed to tempt the keepers of the garden** (Gen.3:1-4). Such will be the case for the **1000-year reign** of King Jesus on Earth; it will be an **Eden...**, an era of indescribable **peace...**, until **Satan**

(the **serpent**) is released and allowed to **tempt** the subjects of the **King's Garden** into ignoring the **instructions**, **restraints**, and **requirements** of their **King** who will be ruling them from a renewed Jerusalem.

## THE SUBJECTS OF HIS 1000-YEAR REIGN

I am so fortunate to have **lived in the right place and in the right time** (and had the right mom) to be taught the **gospel** of **Jesus**, and to **accept his sacrifice to pay for my sins**. I am so thankful that I don't have to be **judged** by my **works**. As you ponder this opening statement, think of the **thief on the cross** and how he was **in the right place at the right time to be saved**. Suppose he had been crucified a day earlier, or later. One might consider, "Wow! He sure was lucky". His luck (and mine) makes me wonder about the people who lived and died before Christ (**BC**) and after Christ (**AD**), in the **wrong locations** of our planet, and in the **wrong eras** of time to have the same opportunity that you and I have had? Those people died without having an opportunity to know the God of Abraham or His Son. They lived and died without hearing the **gospel of the Kingdom** (Mat.24:14). They were never made aware of the **sacrifice that the Son of God** made so that their **souls** might have **eternal life with Him**.

**Hearing the gospel of Jesus** is not the luck-of-the-draw. Jesus clearly states that **everyone** must have an opportunity to **know Him** and the **easy pathway** that His **sacrifice** provides for those who **follow Him**. The last command He gave to **His disciples** was that they must include **all** of humanity in their ministry... **And this gospel of the kingdom (the good news of eternal life with Jesus) shall be preached in "all" the world for a witness unto "all" nations; and then shall the end come** (Mat.24:14). In other words, **the end cannot**, and **will-not, come** until **"all"** – every **soul** who has lived on this planet – both **BC** and **AD** - has had their opportunity to **know Jesus**.

Our Father in Heaven **...is longsuffering to us-ward** (mankind), **not willing that any (soul) should perish, but that all should come to repentance** (2 Pe.3:9). The command of Jesus includes every **nation, people, and tongue**...not just the descendants of Abraham. **Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature** (Mk.16:15).

To grasp the magnitude of Jesus' command to **preach the gospel of the Kingdom to all nations and tongues**, it must be considered that there are **"billions"** of **unsaved souls** who lie **dormant in death**. They are **unsaved** but not **spiritually "dead"**: **they are spiritually dormant**. They physically lived and died in an **era of time**, and/or in a **remote location** of our planet where **they did not have an opportunity to know Jesus**. However..., they **will** get their chance: they **will** get to know **...the glory of God the face of His Son Jesus Christ** (2 Cor.4:6, Gen.4:14, Mark 1:11).

**Knowing Jesus** is so vital to the **salvation** of one's **soul** that John the disciple writes **...whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him** (1 John:3:6). Please be assured that our **fair and just God** is not going to condemn anyone who has not had an opportunity to **know His Son** and what He did for them. As we continue, and for ease of recognition, we are going to identify those who have **not** had an opportunity to **know Jesus** as the... **"unknowing"**.

One might argue that God has not abandoned the **unknowing**; they will have their chance for eternal life at their **judgement**. True! If whomever is **judged favorably by their works**, as promised by Jesus, they will be **awarded eternal life** (See: **Judgement by Works**). However, **the pathway of being judged** is more hazardous and **narrower** than the **road** Jesus provided for those who **know and follow Him**. Having your **sins washed away** to **avoid** having to face **judgment** is the **easy** way to **eternal life**. If this is not true, then why did God **sacrifice His only begotten Son**. Why did Jesus come to Earth to **suffer and die**? Why doesn't He just **judge everyone** by their **works**? Jesus taught His followers that **...my yoke is easy, and my burden is light** (Mat.11:30). **...strait is the gate, and narrow is the way (of works and deeds), which leadeth unto (eternal) life, and few there be that find it** (Mat.7:14). His own words prompt me to ask, "Why was I so **lucky** to have **lived in the right place and at the right time** to learn that Jesus **came to save me** from having to be **judged** by my **works**."

It would be unlike our **loving and merciful** God to **deprive** those who were **not** fortunate enough to live **at the right time** and in the **right place** to hear the **good news (gospel)** of having **their sins forgiven by the sacrifice of His Son**. Allow me to again emphasize the words of Jesus concerning salvation by **works ...strait is the gate, and narrow is the way (of works), which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it** (Mat.7:14). It cannot be written any plainer **...the end cannot**, and will not **come**, until the **good news** of the opportunity **Jesus** provided for mankind is offered to **every nation and people**.

The **flesh** of the **unknowing** may be **dead**, but their **souls** are neither **"dead" nor alive**, they are **dormant** ...in other words, **they sleepeth** (Mat.9:24, John 11:11, Eph.5:14). During His millennial **reign**, each of them will be awakened **...in his own order** (1 Cor.15:23) and given their opportunity to **know and worship the King Jesus who will be ruling them from Jerusalem**. They will be **awakened** and ministered to by His **CHOSEN, CALLED, and FAITHFUL** (Rev.17:14, 20:4). However, because they are **not spiritually "dead"**, their **"awakening"** (Eph.5:14) will **not** be a **resurrection**: it will be a **"re-implantation"** of **dormant souls** into **living flesh**. This will **not** be the **"dead"** who must wait until **after the 1000 years is finished**.

**In the beginning** of his existence on Earth, God instructed mankind to **re-plenish Earth** with the **likeness** of His **flesh** (Gen.1:28, 9:1) ...into which He implants **spirits** that He **creates in His image**... **God is Spirit**, He is **not flesh and blood**. Man's carnal body does not have the **likeness** its **spiritual** God. To understand the difference between



**“likeness”** and **“image”**, go to Genesis 5:3. Upon conception, or very soon thereafter, the angels of God **implant** human fetuses with the **fruit** - the **souls** – of the **Husbandman’s harvest**. At exactly what point after conception is the **soul** implanted..., no one knows. The argument goes on as to when the embryo becomes human. The answer lies in the implantation of its **soul**.

Do I believe in reincarnation? No, not for **flesh**. However, as it applies to God’s **embodiment** of **souls**... **yes, I do**. I believe that **re-embodiment** is what happens upon the death of a fetus, an infant, or a very young child. In such a case, the embryonic **soul** of the deceased little body is **re-embodied** to another fetus. **Parents** who abort and **assassins** who perform those **abortions** **had better beware**. You are in danger **of Hell’s fires**.

To accept the **precept** concerning **re-implantation** of **souls**, consider that for **eternal life**, **living souls** will be removed from their **old bodies** and **re-embodied** to **immortal bodies**.... **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death (of flesh) is swallowed up (becomes insignificant) in (the) victory (of living souls - I Cor.15:53-54)**. This tells us that our earthly body is only temporary **“housing”** for our **soul**. Think of your body as a **cocoon**: upon hatching the **butterfly** leaves its cocoon and never looks back. **For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle (our bodies) were dissolved (returned to dust), we have a building (prepared) of God, an house (a spiritual home for our souls) not made with (carnal) hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Cor.5:1)**. This confirms the fact that God does indeed re-embody **spirits**. Therefore, it should not be hard to accept that the **unknowing souls** of **summer** will be **re-embodied** into living **flesh** so that they can have their chance to **know the Son of God**.

I do not believe that the **re-embodied souls** of the King’s millennial **reign** will remember a previous life. I base this on the fact that God is not going to allow His subjects to have an encounter with **Satan** ...or any pre-life **evil event** that might influence them in His **peaceful** Kingdom. Will Jesus resurrect their original bodies? We know in the past He has **resurrected** carnal bodies, but in this case no one knows. I personally believe that their **dormant souls** will be re-embodied into **new-born flesh**. However, I can find no scripture to support, or dispute this precept; **flesh**, yes... but **new-born**???

To confirm that **unknowing souls** will exist in **“bodies of flesh”**, we must consider the words of our Father... **And it shall come to pass in the last days (1000 years) saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:17)**. For additional proof that His subjects will be carnal, consider that King Jesus will be **reigning** over them **on Earth...**, **not in Heaven**. And..., it must be noted that at the conclusion of the **1000 years**, the **flesh** of the **evil “souls”** that side with Satan ...**will be consumed by fire while they are standing on their feet (Zech.14:12)**. Those of His millennial **reign** who **stand on their feet** will indeed be **flesh and blood**.

Consider that **after** His **resurrection**, Jesus returned to Earth in the same **“flesh and blood” body** in which He was **crucified** (John 20:25-27). And because He is the **same today and forever**, we may assume that for His millennial **reign** on Earth, the King will rule from His original **flesh and blood body**. And because He is going to be **flesh and blood**, we can be sure that His subjects will also be **flesh and blood**. And **exactly** as it was for His first visit to mankind, the **unknowing** subjects of His millennial **reign** on Earth will be asked to **love, respect, and honor a flesh and blood King**. Isn’t that how He presented Himself and what He taught on His first visit to mankind? He will not change, His **subjects** will be asked to follow a **compassionate and loving ...flesh and blood King**.

Of a different note, the command that Jesus gave His followers... **Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom to all nations and then shall the end come (Mat.24:14, Mark 16:15)**... helps me to understand the **massive migrations** of mankind that has exponentially accelerated **after** His command. Compare man’s migrations **after** His command to man’s **“trivial”** migrations **before** His command. We are very close to ...**the time of the end**.

## THE “UNKNOWING” WILL LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS

**With my soul have I desired thee in the night (as I lay dormant); yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early, for when thy judgments (rulings) are in the “earth” (as they are in Heaven), the inhabitants of the world (the unknowing of His millennial reign) will learn righteousness (Is.26:9)**. The **Son of God, His teachings** and the **commandments of His Father** are the **righteousness** of our **living souls** (Ro.3:22, Mat.6:33).

**After** the **fruit** of both **summer**, and **winter**, has been **gathered**..., and **after** His **wrath** has **cleansed the world of all evil**..., and **after** He has **chained Satan and cast him back into the bottomless pit.....**, on the first **day of His 1000-year reign**, King Jesus will descend to Earth, **put His feet down on Mt. Olives (Jer.14:4)** and begin **His 1000-year reign on Earth**. And, His **CHOSEN**, the **CALLED** ...and the **FAITHFUL** will descend to Earth with Him and will **reign with Him for 1000 years (Rev.17:14, 20:4-6)**.

**And the Lord shall inherit (give back to) Judah his portion in the holy land and shall choose Jerusalem again (Zech.2:11)**. **His reign** will **re-unify (Ezek.37:16-17) His sanctuary (Judah) to His dominion (Israel - Ps.114:2, Dan.7:14, Ps.114:2)** ...and they will **reign** with Him.



As you read these relevant prophecies, keep in mind that **they have not yet happened**: they are **undeniably** in reference to a **future event**. **And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house** (the earthly House of King Jesus) **shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills** (the greatest of all earthly kingdoms); **and all nations shall flow** (pay homage) **unto it. ...many people** (the **unknowing** will be **many**, of all nations) **shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways** (love and compassion) **and we will walk in his paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the law** (His Father's commandments - Ex.20:3-17) **...and the word of the Lord** (peace and love) **from Jerusalem** (I Tim.6:3, Is.2:2-3).

And **...in that day** (a period of 1000 years for mankind for man) **...many nations shall be joined to the Lord and shall be my people; and I will dwell** (on Earth) **in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts** (our Father in Heaven) **hath sent me unto thee. Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. The abundance of the "sea"** (billions of **unknowing** Gentiles) **shall be converted unto thee, the forces** (great numbers) **of the Gentiles shall come unto thee** (Is.60:3).

**And it shall be in that day** (His 1000-year reign on Earth) **that living waters** (offers of eternal life, John 7:38, Jer.2:13, 17:13) **shall go out from Jerusalem** (King Jesus will be reigning from Jerusalem); **half of them toward the former "sea"** (**unknowing** Gentiles who lived and died BC) **and half of them toward the hinder "sea"** (**unknowing** Gentiles who lived and died AD) **...in summer** (the former) **and in winter** (the hinder) **shall it be** (Zech.14:4,5,8,9).

**And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh** (not spirits) **come to worship before me, saith the Lord** (Is 66:23). **"All" the ends of the world** (the **unknowing** of **all** nations) **shall remember** (pay homage) **and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee** (Ps.22:27). Please keep in mind that these things have not yet happened and will not happen until this planet has been cleansed of all evil. **And in that day** (His 1000-year reign) **...the Lord shall be king over all the Earth** (not just Abraham's descendants). **Also, the sons of the stranger** (Gentiles), **that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord** (Jesus), **to be his servants, everyone that keepeth the Sabbath** (lives by His Father's laws) **from polluting it, and taketh hold of** (adheres to) **my covenant** (of love and compassion for his fellow man - Is.56:3-5).

**And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the "earth" unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain** (Zech.14:7). No **rain** means no **living water**, no offer of **eternal life** for those who will not **worship the King**.

Because Satan will be confined to the **bottomless pit** for the entire **1000-year reign** of King Jesus on Earth..., and because Satan will have absolutely no influence over His **unknowing** subjects..., it should be concluded that the cause of those who will **...not come down to worship King Jesus**, will be their own **selfish pride** (I Tim.3:6), their own egotistical **envy** (Mat.27:18), their own self-centered resentful **jealousy and covetousness**. They will openly complain and rail against the King and the **commandments** He decrees. After having **known** the King and the **peace** He demands, the **worthiness** of His subjects will be openly exposed and **judged** by the King. **For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son** (John 5:22).

## SATAN IS "AGAIN" RELEASED FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

After the **wrath of God** has cleansed planet Earth of all evil, Satan will again be **chained and thrown** (back) **into the bottomless pit** (Rev.20:1-3). His confinement this time will be for the entire **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth**. And because he will be confined in **chains** for the entire **1000-year reign of King Jesus**, he will have no influence over the King's subjects. This means that the newly awakened subjects of **King Jesus** will have no knowledge of Satan ...who he is ...where he came from ...or his deceitful tactics. **This means that the Bible and other religious books that warn of Satan's persona will not be available to them.**

In the **Garden of Eden** Satan enticed Eve to **sin** with his **deceptive** promise **...to be as gods** (Gen.3:5-6). These words mean that Satan used **envy and covetousness** to tempt Eve into defying God's requirements to live in His garden. And **again**, as it happened in the **garden**, Satan will tempt man into defying the laws of God. When the **1000-year reign of King Jesus** is finished, Satan will **again** be **...released from his prison** (Rev.20:7). This time the **King** who is ruling from Jerusalem is going to use Satan to **try** (test) the loyalty of His millennial reign on Earth. And **again**, just as he did in the **Garden** and in **outer darkness**, Satan is going to use **deception, envy, and covetousness**.

To recruit warriors for his cause, Satan will be very convincing by the **miracles he can do** (Rev.13:14). His powers will be amazing. His charm and promises **will put hooks in the jaws** (Ezek.38:3-7) of **envious** millennials who resent the King and His **upright, do-good, judgments** (Ps.119:7, 137-140). And, as was the case for **Eve**, the King's subjects will have no previous awareness of Satan or his animosity towards God. It will take sincere **love and faith** in their **King** for the **unknowing** millennials to see beyond Satan's offer **...to be as gods**. Will **envy** be their undoing or will **the**

**weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith** (Mat.23:33) be the factors that will keep them loyal to the King.

To understand the magnitude of Satan's **deceitful** tactics, consider the offer he made to Eve, consider His exorbitant offers to Jesus (Mat.4:8-9), and his offers to the **convertees** of **outer darkness**. How many of us today, even after **hearing the gospel of Jesus**, can refuse Satan's offers of **riches, fame, and glory**. How many of us have ...**sold all that we have and given it to the poor to follow Jesus?** We should thank Jesus every day for His **sacrifice** to **pay** for our shortcomings of His **will** for us. Without His **sacrifice**, how many of us would be **judged worthy** by our **works**.

Then ...**when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall** (again) **be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the Earth, Gog, and Magog**, (the ruling kings of earthly kingdoms) **to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand** (the lineage) **of the "sea"** (Rev.20:7-8). The misguided subjects of subordinate earthly kingdoms will follow their power-lustful "**miracle**" leader in an attempt to overthrow the "**peace-loving**" **King who is ruling them from Jerusalem**.

To recruit the subordinate rulers of earthly kingdoms, Satan will declare that he is **eternal** and that he is offering **eternal life** to everyone who follows him in his war against their **flesh and blood** executor of His Father's commandments. Concerning the assertion that Satan is **eternal**, consider that mortal beings cannot exist in Heaven..., and that eons ago, **in Heaven**, Satan and his **angels made war against God** and **was defeated by Gabriel and his angels and was cast down to Earth** (Rev.12:7-9). And because he is **eternal**, Satan is going to be **eternally tormented day and night** in the **lake of fire**. Please do not confuse the earlier battle that **occurred in Heaven** with the final battle that is going to occur **on Earth**.

Because man **is of evil continually** (Gen.6:5), and because Satan is so **deceitful**, he will have no problem convincing a **great multitude** of the **King's** subjects that he is **more powerful** than their **do-good flesh and blood** King who is teaching **love, meekness, and forgiveness** from **the beloved city**. He will openly **blaspheme** and **curse** King Jesus for His feeble policies and irrelevant **commandments** and dare the King to do anything about it. And as His Father did in the **Garden**, King Jesus is going to permit Satan's **deceptive** tactics to test the loyalty of His millennial subjects. Satan, and his **evil angels** will demonically possess millions, perhaps billions of millennials and convince them that they can indeed overthrow their **pacifist King at Jerusalem**. The Bible allegorically addresses the **evil angels** (2 Pe.2:4) who follow Satan as **Gog and Magog**. **For they (Gog and Magog) are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto (reaching out to) the kings of the "earth" and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty** (Rev.16:14). To successfully recruit a world-wide army, one must entice the **rulers/kings** of their **nations** with **grandeur and power**.

**And he** (Satan and His angels, in preparation for their war against King Jesus) **gathered them together** (unified and militarily aligned those kings) **into a place** (a state of readiness) **called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon** (Rev.16:16). It is my perception that **Armageddon** will **not** be a physical location: Armageddon will be a unified army of resentful **kings** who will be organized and aligned throughout the **breadth of the whole world**. And the **deceived kingdoms of the world, Gog and Magog ...shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of** (earthly) **kings: and they that are with him are CALLED, and CHOSEN, and FAITHFUL** (Rev.17:14).

Although King Jesus will be ruling from the **beloved city**, the **camp of the saints** will be an array of His **servants** throughout the **breadth of the Earth**. This means that the war could be a **worldwide war**; a battle that will occur in all locations **of the Earth**. It presents itself to be an **elongated** physical war of **resentful and envious kings** vs. their **peaceful and compassionate ruler from Jerusalem**. However, it will not turn out that way... **And they** (Satan's army of resentful and envious kings) **went up on the breadth of the (whole) Earth and compassed the camp of the saints about and** (in particular) **the beloved city** (the ruling seat of King Jesus): **and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them** (Rev.20:9), **both body and soul will be devoured by a lake of fire from Heaven**. The **evil souls** of the King's **unknowing** subjects will no longer exist,

**And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are** (and have been for **1000 years**), **and** (this time the devil) **shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever** (Rev.20:10).

## **PREDESTINATION???**

Because there will be a "**judgment**" of the "**dead**", it must be concluded that the **fate** of the "**dead**" **has not yet been determined**; their **souls** are not **predestined**. Let's compare the "**predestined**" fate of the **beast and the false prophet** to the fate of "**dead**" human **souls**. The **beast and the false prophet** will not have to be judged; they will

be thrown into the **lake of fire before** the **10000-year reign of King Jesus** (Rev.20:5). On the other hand, the **destiny** of **"dead" souls** will be determined **after** the **1000-year reign of King Jesus** (Rev.20:5).

It is the decree of God that each human **soul** arbitrarily encounter **trials** that will **test** the **un-determined** worthiness of his **soul**. If by **works**, a human **soul** meets Jesus' requirements to exist in **Heaven**, then He will grant that **soul** **eternal life**. Each **soul** will encounter different **trials** with different magnitudes of stress and/or glory. James writes... **My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers (diverse) temptations** (James 1:2). That is because each **soul** will be **judged** according to how it reacts to its individual **trials** ...**the greater the trial, the greater the reward** (Mat.12:5,46).

However, it is **"pre-determined"** by God that **souls** who accepts **His Son as their Lord and Savior**, be granted eternal **life** with His Son. **Predestined, yes**, but only **after** their **"sincere"** acceptance of His Son: His **Son** will be the judge of their sincerity. If their **faith** is **lukewarm**, **He will spue them out of His mouth** (Rev.3:16).

The fate of **souls** who **do not accept the Son of God** is **un-determined** and will have to be judged. At the time of judgment, they **....shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation** (John 5:29).

These Biblical facts tell us that the destiny of **souls** **is not predetermined**. In no way can it be interpreted that the fate of a newly implanted **soul** is **predestined**.

## JUDGEMENT BY WORKS

As we begin this study, keep in mind that the term **"dead"** identifies **souls** who, rejected Jesus after having their opportunity to **know** Him. If they are still **laden with sin**, they are still **"dead"**. They have not **accepted the sacrificial Lamb of God to wash away their sins**. Their names have **not** been written in the **Lamb's Book of "Life"** ...they are **spiritually "dead"** and will have to be **judged by their works**

If the **"dead"** are going to be **judged by their works**, can they be **saved by their works**? **Absolutely, positively, yes!!!** But how can that be if Jesus taught that He is **...the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me** (John 14:6). If it is considered that the Father has **committed all judgment to the Son** (Luke 5:22), and if **by their works**, the Son **judges a "dead" soul to be a "good" soul** (Mat.13:48), then that **soul** will have **gone thru the Son to reach the Father**.

John writes, **And I saw the "dead", small and great, stand before God; and the books (containing their works) were opened and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: the books are opened simultaneously. ...and the "dead" (those who were not found written in the book of life) were judged out of those things which were written in the (other) books, according to their "works"** (Rev.20:12).

To example His **judgment**, Jesus used the parable of fishermen... **Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind (all nations, colors, and tongues): Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world** (Mat.13:47-49).

**...the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon (weighed by) him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon (determined by) him** (Ezek.18:20). Jesus also taught... **For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again** (Mat.7:2). Those who **judge harshly** will be judged **harshly**; the **merciful will obtain mercy** (Mat.5:7).

Because the **CHOSEN, the CALLED, and the FAITHFUL** will have already been **written in the Lamb's Book of Life** (Rev.21:27), they are **not** listed among the **"dead"**; they will not have to be judged. Hear the words of Jesús ... **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life** (John 5:24) **...they liveth, believeth thou this** (John 11:26). They **will not even be accused**. Their **bodies may return to dust**, but the **names of their souls have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life. They are alive forevermore!**

Be reminded that the **FAITHFUL** are the previously **"dead" souls of outer darkness** who **paid for their own sins** with the **sacrifice of their own bodies of flesh**. The **wages of sin is death**: the **death** of the **FAITHFUL** will instantly render them **spiritually-alive**. This is identified as the **first resurrection** (Rev.20:4-5) of **"dead" souls... Blessed and holy is he (the FAITHFUL) that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years** (Rev.20:6).

But the **rest of the "dead"** (other than the **FAITHFUL**) **lived not again until the thousand years were finished** (Rev.20:5). The **judgment** of the **"dead"** will not take place until **after** the subjects of His millennial **reign** have had their chance to **know King Jesus**.



What will be the criteria of **judgment**? What are **good works**, and what are **bad works**? The teachings of Jesus identify them for us... **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you...** (Mat.5:44): **...feed the hungry,,, clothe the naked..., visit the sick..., visit those in prison.** Be kind and courteous to everyone. Don't abuse, wrongfully use or hurt anyone. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven** (Mat.5:16).

In essence, if you **can't love thy neighbor as thyself** (Mat.19:19)..., if you **repay evil with evil, scorn the oppressed, and deny the needy...**, unless you have been **cleansed** by the **sacrifice** of your **judge**, you will in **no wise** inherit the **Kingdom of Heaven. ...there shall in no wise enter into it (Heaven) any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life** (Rev.21:7). The bulk of the **judge's** guidelines for **good works** are outlined by Him in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew.

If Jesus **specifically** mentioned a **matter**, then that **matter** will **weigh** heavily in His decision.... **Judgment, mercy, and faith** are the **weightier matters of the law** (Mat.23:23). **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone** (Mat.23:23). To say it in modern terminology, **judgment, mercy, and faith** will be very important factors in His judgment.

The **weightier works of evil** are **also** specifically identified by **Him who sits upon the throne...** (Rev.21:5). **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death** (Rev.21:8). Also listed are **...oppressors and false swearers** (Mal.3:5) **...deceit, fraud, mischief, vanity** (Ps.10:7) ...and **Sodomy** (Gen.Ch.19). And if I may, I would add some **weightier evils** of "modern" man ...bigotry, deceit, harlotry, rape, human trafficking, kidnapping, pushing harmful drugs, mobsters, self-centered bigoted politicians, fame and fortune evangelists and religious leaders, child molesters, child sex offenders, bestiality, nude exhibitionist, and..., parents that change the sex of their "mentally immature" infants and young children..., and the doctors and nurses who perform those malicious acts of sex deformation.

**"Dead" souls** who are judged as **bad** choices for **eternal life** with **King Jesus** will be **cast into the lake of fire** (Rev.20:15).

## **"THREE" PLACES OF "WAITING" FOR JUDGMENT**

**Following** the **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth ...the "sea will give up the "dead" which is in it; and death and hell will deliver up the "dead" which were in them: and they will be judged every man according to their works** (Rev.20:13). This tells us that the **sea**, **death**, and **hell** are being used as **"reservations"** (places of confinement) for the **"dead"** until time for their **judgment**. Consider that **hell** will be a **place of reservation** (a "holding pen") for **evil angels... God spared not the angels that sinned** (humans call them **demons**), **but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be "reserved" (held) unto judgment** (2 Pe.2:4). **Hell** will be their place of **reservation** while they are **waiting** to be **judged**.

**Hell** is also a place of **torment** (Rev.20:10). That means that everyone who is **reserved** there is **reserved in torment**. **And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever** (Rev.20:10). The fate of **beast and the false prophet has been** pre-determined, **hell will not deliver them up for judgment**.

And..., in addition to the angels that sinned, **Hell** is also a **reservation of torment** for the **most-evil** of mankind. Consider the selfish and inconsiderate **rich man** who **died** and is being **tormented** in **"hell"** (Luke 16:19-31). Because the **1000-year reign** of King Jesus has not yet happened, we must assume that he has not yet been **judged**. And, because his **judgment** has **not yet happened**, we should conclude that the **rich man** is being **reserved in hell unto judgment**. And, because he is in **great torment**, we must conclude that the most-evil of all men will be **reserved in hell** and **tormented** as they wait for **judgment**. The "most evil" of mankind are listed in the last paragraphs of the previous chapter.

On the other hand, the **"dead"** who are **reserved** in **"death"** will **not** be **tormented** as they wait. **"Death"** will be the place of **reservation** for the **"dead"** of **lessor damnations** (Mat.28:13, explained shortly). They will lie **dormant** in **"death"** until the **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth** has concluded. At the time of their **resurrection**, **"death" will give up the "dead" which are in it, and they will be judged every man by his works** (Rev.20:13).

With modern methods of communication, many **souls** of the **"sea"** are today **learning** about Jesus and **accepting His sacrifice to pay for their sins**: He is writing their **names in His Book of Life**. Those who reject Him are being **reserved** as a part of the **"sea"**, their **number is as the sand of the "sea"** (Rev.20:8). Then at judgment **...the sea will give up the "dead" which were in it... ...and they were judged every man according to their works** (Rev.20:13).

## TWO KEYS..., ONE FOR DEATH AND ONE FOR HELL

Hear the words of the judge... *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death* (Rev.1:18, 20:13). The fact that *King Jesus*, will have two keys, one for *death* and one for *hell*, tells us that in addition to waiting places..., *death* and *hell* are the destinations of those who will be *damned* at their *judgment*. Two keys afford the *Judge* access to both places: He may decree *eternal torment in hell*, or He may *destroy both body and soul in the lake of fire*, which will be their second death.

The mention of a "key" for both *death* and *hell* lends hope of a *pardon* to those who are *reserved* in the *torment of hell*. Because they will *desire to die but cannot*, in actuality, their second death would be a *pardon* from their *torment* (Mat.10:28). A sentence of eternal torment will be the *greater damnation* (Mat.23:14). The *judge has two keys*.

But what is the second death? Consider what God told John *...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death* (Rev.21:8). To farther define the second death, let us consider the words of Jesus *...fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell* (Mat.10:28). If the *judge* decrees it, *both body and soul* will be permanently *destroyed*... they will cease to exist. It is seriously doubtful that any "soul" who is *reserved in hell* will be judged worthy of *eternal life* with Jesus: their best hope will be the second death of both body and soul.

Unlike *hell*, "death" is not a place of *torment*. The "dead" *souls* who wait in "death" lie *dormant*. They are oblivious to all things. Jesus described them as lying *in their graves* (John 5:28). Then, at the time of *judgment*, those who are reserved in *death* *...shall come forth they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation* (John 5:29). A *judgment* of good will garner them *eternal life* in Heaven. A *judgment* of bad for the "dead" who are *reserved in death* will condemn them to their second death: the *lake of fire* will be the instrument of their *destruction*. There is never a return from the *lake of fire*.

Some religions identify the "waiting" places of death and/or *hell* as "Purgatory" – a place where the "dead" can improve his chances to be *judged* favorably. However, I can find no scripture that verifies that there is a place reserved for the "dead" to *improve* their chances. I am not saying that this is not the case, for their sake I pray that it is, but I can find no verifying scripture. It is my conviction that *all works* of an individual, both *good and bad*, cease when their *physical body* dies. The *body* reacts to the *soul* which controls its *works*. When the *body dies* all *works* cease; the *deeds* of the *flesh* as directed by the *soul* will have been recorded and cannot be erased.

However, please allow me to say again that because they have not yet been *judged*, I encourage those of us who remain *alive in the flesh* to continue praying for the "dead" souls of our departed loved ones. We serve a *loving and forgiving God* who is *...merciful to those who love Him* (Dan.9:4). *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much* (James 5:16). And..., keep in mind that *love* for our departed is pleasing to the Father and will be counted as *righteousness* for the petitioner ...and prayerfully, *hope* for the *lost*. Perhaps prayer is the reason that "dead" souls aren't judged immediately after the body dies.

After death and hell has *delivered up the dead which are in them* (Rev.20:13), *death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire which is the second death* (Rev.20:14). They will be *permanently destroyed*. This tells us that there will be no *death* or *torment* in the *place that Jesus is preparing for those who love Him*.

## A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

*Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new Earth, wherein dwellleth righteousness* (2 Pe.3:13). *Jesus is Righteousness: He is the vine that produces ...fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God* (Phil.1:11). *For, behold, I create new heavens and a new Earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind* (Is.65:17). *...no man putteth new wine into old bottles ...new wine must be put into new bottles* (Mark 2:22).

*After this* (after the *destruction of death and hell*) *I* (John the Revelator) *looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter* (Rev.4:1). *And I saw a new heaven ...and a new Earth: for the first heaven and the first Earth were passed away; and there was no more "sea"* (Rev.21:1). A new *earth* and no more *sea* confirms to us that our new home will not be on this planet. And that our newly *prepared* home will *not* be a physical home as we know physicality. Our new home will be a home prepared especially for

*immortal beings. For...this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality* (I Cor.15:53): *Flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God* (I Cor.15:50).

Jesus promised us that... *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* Today, Jesus is preparing a *dwelling* place, a *mansion*, for our *immortal souls*. And His promise..., to take us *where He is* (John 14:3), strongly suggests to me that our new home will not be a remake of this planet. **We will not even remember this planet** (Is.65:17).

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle* (the holy presence) *of God is with men, and he will dwell with them* (not on Earth, but in the place **Jesus is preparing for them**) *and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God* (Rev.21:3).

Thank you, Father, for your blessings of *wisdom, hope, and understanding*.

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