

# **OUTER DARKNESS**

## **THE WORLD AFTER RAPTURE**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION...

If you choose to review by topic, just click the related chapter. However, the *percepts* of later chapters will be hard to understand until the *percepts* of earlier chapters are introduced.

Think of the Bible as a giant puzzle of *precepts* that have been carefully compiled under the guidance of the Holy Ghost. It is an overall picture of man's existence on Earth, from his *beginning* to his *end*. Each tiny piece of the puzzle should be examined by theologians to see where it fits into overall picture. *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little* (Is.28:10). When *precepts are added to precepts*, and supported with **verses** and **verse fragments**, the "whole" can be *seen* and better *understood*. The *whole* cannot be *understood* until all the pieces of the puzzle have been orderly linked. **I beg of you, don't judge the whole by the individual "pieces." Read the entirety ...and the "whole" will clarify the assembled "pieces."**

This book is a study of the "*time of the end*" (Dan.12:4,9). The perceptions of this book are not intended to be absolute. However, they are verifiable Biblical documentations. When God's *servants* are willing to share and compare notes, a better *understanding* of the "*time of the end*" is probable for all.

Exact Biblical wording, verses, and verse fragments will be identified by *red lettering and Italics*. **Blue print** will be used for supplemental commentary. **Bold lettering** and underlining will be for emphasis. The initials **BC**, **AD**, and **AR** will be used to identify the eras **BEFORE CHRIST**, **AFTER DEATH**, and **AFTER RAPTURE**...respectively.

From the offset, it must be accepted that most Biblical *prophecies* were written by *Jews*, from a *Jewish* perspective, for *Judeans* ...but they do apply to the rest of the world. The *great tribulations* that unbelieving Judeans must face, all unbelievers must face. The *rewards* offered to *Judeans* are available to all of mankind. The *House of Judah* is a looking glass for the rest of the world.

The *end-time* prophecies of our Bible were *sealed from understanding* to the prophets to whom they were related. **Infants cannot digest adult food**. Consider the words of Paul ...*I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able*. (1 Cor.3:2). Daniel and John were told to *write it down ...until the knowledge of mankind has increased* (Gen.2:17, 3:22, Dan.12:4,9, Rev.1:11,19). Today, man's *knowledge has exponentially accelerated*: *understanding* is available to those who *diligently seek* (Jer.29:13, Mat.7:7).

As you proceed, it will appear that some verses are taken out of context..., and some of them are. However, the Biblically recorded "prophecies" of our Bible are not one-dimensional, they were relative yesteryear ...they are relative today ...and they will be relative tomorrow. Example: the warnings of Jesus to the Pharisees is still applicable to us today... *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore, ye shall receive the greater damnation* (Mat.23:14).

Many events of yesteryear are prophetic of, and warnings of, future events... they will happen again. God's worldwide *destruction of evil man* (Gen.6:5) ...will happen again. His *end-time destruction* of *evil man* is Biblically identified as His *wrath* (Rev.16:1). How many times have you heard the expression, "History repeats itself". Allow me to say it differently, "God repeats prophetic history".

## 2 OUR GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE AND COMPASSION

It must be stressed at this point that for *eternal life* with Him, God is seeking loving and compassionate souls. He is not going to use physical force to make anyone accept His conditions of *eternal life* in Heaven *...not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts* (Zech.4:6). And *...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith* (Gal.5:22). Cold-hearted, insensitive, and merciless souls will be turned away.

## 3 A BRIEF OF THE ENTIRE BOOK

This short chapter will give you an insight into what the book is all about. Keep in mind that expounded Biblical verification will be offered in the body of the book.

*Then spoke 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). Today, Jesus is the spiritual light of our "pre-Rapture" *world*. He taught that... *As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world"* (John 9:5) ...which covertly tells us that the *world* without His *light* will be a *world of darkness*. Today, His *sacrifice gives us light*: His *sacrifice paid for the sins of those who walk in His light*, and He will *gather* them at **Rapture**. Unbelievers will be **left behind**: they will be *...cast into outer darkness*, an era of time when the *light of the world* will no longer be **in the world**. **Keep in mind that this chapter is only an introduction ...and as we continue, all will be expounded and confirmed with extensive Biblical documentation.**

The *wages of sin is death* (Ro.6:23). Therefore, according to His *covenant* with Moses and Abraham, God asks of man to make *sacrifices of animals without blemish to pay the wages of their sins* (Ex.12:5, Lv.1:3, etc.).

The world before Christ was a world of *darkness* in that the Light of the World had not yet come into the world. Then when *Jesus came into the world*, He provided *light for those who walk with Him*. He was a *lamb without blemish* who was *sacrificed* by His Father to *pay for the sins* of all who *walk in His light*. He *fulfilled* the "covenant" requirement of His Father to *make sacrifices without blemish for forgiveness of sins* (Mat.5:17).

Today, those who *believe and serve Him* provide *light* for other men: they are Biblically identified as His ELECT (Mat.24:30). But after the *light of the world* gathers His ELECT (Rapture), there will no longer be light in the world. The world will then, **again** be plunged into the *darkness* that Jesus labeled as outer darkness.

The Christian era of mankind is the era of *light*. Those who **do not believe** in Jesus (Mat.20:29) *walk in darkness* (John 12:35, 8:12). Therefore, at Rapture they will be left behind *...cast into outer (post-Rapture) darkness*: they will exist in era of time without the *light of the world*. Simply put... the world **after RAPTURE (AR)** will be the same as the world was **before CHRIST (BC)** in that there will be no *sin cleansing light* offered by the *sacrifice* Jesus. Man will again be required to make *unblemished sacrifices* to atone for their sins. **Everything will be clarified, verified, and Biblically documented in the body of the book.**

At Rapture, the entire unbelieving world will be converted to Jesus by His SIGN. *...every eye will see* (Rev.1:7), *...every knee will bow, ...and every tongue will confess* (Rom.14:11) that *Jesus really is the Son of God*. However, because **unbelievers** require a SIGN (Mat.12:38), they will **not** be *blessed* at Rapture; they will be **left behind ...cast into outer darkness**.

**After** Rapture all things will continue as before Rapture: life will go on, birds will still sing and flowers will still bloom..., except that there will be no light offered by Jesus. There will be no sin-cleansing sacrifice available to man. It will be an era of *darkness*.

Then, in a world of **spiritual darkness**, with **no sin-cleansing light from Jesus to pay for sins**, most descendants of Abraham's will return to **making sacrifices to pay the wages of their sins** (Ro.6:23). And, true to **His promise to them**, God is going to **...confirm His covenant with many of them for one week** (Dan.9:27).

An extreme majority of mankind will begin **worshipping Jesus** and pleading for Him to **come back for them**. They will become **...like unto men that must wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately** (Luke 12:36).

Then, **1260 days** after Rapture (**AR**), Satan will be released upon man to test the loyalty of those who were converted by His **SIGN**. Satan will be **allowed** to use any means he chooses ...even **death** (Rev.2:10) to entice those who were **cast into outer darkness** into **taking His mark**. Those who refuse Satan's **mark** and remain **faithful to Jesus unto their deaths will be awarded eternal life** (Re.2:10); they will be **gathered** by the newly **crowned** King (Rev.14:14) after His **wedding** (Luke 12:36). The **gathering** of those who remain **FAITHFUL unto death** is covertly identified by Jesus as the **winter flight** (Mk.13:18). **Expounded later**. The **un-faithful of great tribulations** who take **Satan's mark** will be left behind **the second time** ...this time they will face the full **wrath of God** (Rev.14:9-11) **...pray that your flight be not in the winter** (Mk.13:18). **Again, please keep in mind that this chapter is only a "brief" of the entire book. All will be expounded and throughly documented as we proceed**).

Today, while there is yet **light of our world**, God controls what Satan can do and cannot do to mankind. However, **1260 days** into the era of **outer darkness** Satan will be **unchained** (Rev.12:12), **unrestricted** in what He is allowed to do to man. To grasp the horrors of Satan, consider the example of what God allowed him to do to test the **faith** of Job (Job, Ch.1 & 2). In the era of **outer darkness**, the **mid-week atrocities** of Satan will be the **"greatest tribulations man has ever endured or will ever endure"** (Mat.24:21). And **...except those days be shortened, there will be no flesh (of man) left alive** (Mat.24:22).

John the Revelator identifies the era of **great tribulations** as "**Satan's wrath**" (Rev.12:12). The angel Gabriel identified **Satan's wrath** as the **"troubulous times"** of Judah's **70th week** (Dan.9:23). Judah's **70th week** will be the last segment of the **reconciliatory punishment determined upon Daniel's people** (Dan.9:24).

When Son of Man **returns from His wedding** (Luke 12:36) as a newly **crowned** king (Rev.14:14), He will gather those who, **after** having been converted to Him by His **SIGN**, remain **faithful to Him unto their deaths** (Rev.2:10). God will then **burn the unfaithful tares**. The **burning of the tares** (Rev.14:16-19) will be the **wrath of God** (Rev.14:9-11).

Then, after God's has **cleansed** and **renewed** the earth, the newly **crowned** King will descend **back to Earth, put His feet down on Mt. Olive** (Zech.14:3) and **reign on Earth** for **1000 years**. Finally, His Father's will..., **will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven** (Mat.6:10). There will be unimagined peace on Earth **...the wolf and the lamb shall feed together...** (Is.65:25). Planet Earth will, for **1000 years**, be likened unto the original **Garden of Eden** ...until Satan is **again**, as in the **garden** (Gen.3:1-5), allowed to **tempt** man into disobeying His **Creator** (Rev.20:8).

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

Man is a dual entity of **body and soul**. The most defining words that confirm this fact is 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" body and soul in hell** (Mat.10:28). The **body** of a

man is **temporary housing** for his **soul** (2 Cor.5:1). Our **spirit** is our **soul...** the two terms will be used interchangeably in this book.

God instructed the **man and woman** He **created on the sixth day** to... **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the Earth** (Gen.1:28). God wanted this planet filled with human **bodies** into which He **implants souls that are made in His Spiritual image. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (a soul); and man became a living soul** (Gen.2:7). Planet Earth is God's **garden**. The **bodies** of man are the **dust** of His **garden** that He uses to house **His souls**. God is the **husbandman** (John 15:1) ...man's **flesh is the dust** (Gen.3:19) ...man's **soul** is the **fruit** of His garden. Therefore, in **the end ...shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it** (Ecc.12:7).

Our **Maker** is **spirit**. He is the **Spiritual Father**, the **Creator** of man's **spirits**. The **flesh** of man does **not** look like the **Spirit** of his **Creator**. Man's **spirit** was **made in the likeness of His Spirit. Flesh dies and returns to dust** (Heb.9:27): man's **soul** is "**potentially**" **eternal**.

God implants an "embryonic" **soul** into each human fetus at the very moment of conception. The **soul** grows and matures symbiotically with the newly conceived fetus; **soul and body** are one until death. God made man's **souls** (his **spirits**) in His **spiritual image** with the purpose of awarding our souls **eternal life** with Him in Heaven **...and He is not willing that any soul should perish** (2 Pe.3:9). A farmer does not discard good fruit.

**Souls** are the consciousness of man's dual existence; they control the mentally conceived movements of their carnal **houses**. It is our **soul**, **not our flesh**, that **knows good from evil** (Gen.3:22). Animals have no **souls**; they are guided by instinct. Animals love, mate, steal, kill, and share by instinct. An animal may be trained to instinctively know he has done wrong or done good: he doesn't know why, he only knows that he has pleased or displeased his master. On the other hand, man's **soul** does **know good and evil. Knowledge of good and evil** elevates the man-animal beyond the plane of his cousins. Man **learned good and evil** in the **Garden** when **Eve ate of the tree of knowledge** (Gen.3:22).

Now let's differentiate between **living souls** and "**dead**" **souls**. Separating "**living**" **souls** and "**dead**" **souls** is a **simple** matter. If a **soul** has been **washed clean of its sins by the unblemished sacrifice of God's Son**, then that **soul** is deemed to be **spiritually alive** by His Father. Consider the words of the **Jesus ...whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this** (John 11:26). Because **flesh** dies and **returns to dust**, it must be concluded that when Jesus said **...whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die...** (John 11:26), He was **not** referring to man's **flesh**.

Before the **sacrifice** of Jesus became **light** for man, **souls** were "**made-alive**" by **obeying God's commandments** and complying to the requirements of His **covenant with them; making sacrifices without blemish counted unto them for Righteousness** (Gen.15:6, I Sam.26:33, Job 33:26). Some of those who were **made spiritually alive** by **sacrifice and oblations** are identified by Jesus thru the words of His Father **...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.22:31-32). The **souls** of **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob** were **made-alive** in **darkness** ...before **light came into the world**. They were **made alive** by **believing and trusting** in the **Father**, complying with His **covenant**, and **obeying His commandments**.

Today, those who **walk in the light of Jesus** are **forgiven of their sins** because He, who was **without sin, sacrificed His life to pay for their sins**. They have been **made spiritually-alive** by His **sacrifice**. Their acceptance of what Jesus did for them makes them acceptable to the Father for **eternal life**.

On the other hand, "**dead**" **souls** are those who after hearing **the gospel of the kingdom** **reject** Jesus and what He did for them: they have **not** been **cleansed of their sins**. They are **spiritually** "**dead**"

and will be left behind **...cast into outer darkness. The preaching of the cross is foolishness to them (the “dead”) that perish...** (I Cor.1:18). In this book, for brevity of wording, we will identify **“dead” souls** by underling the word and enclosing it with quotation marks, i.e., **“dead”**.

If, after having heard the **gospel** of Jesus, a **soul** rejects Him, then the **sins** of that **soul** will **“not”** be **paid for by His sacrifice**. That **soul** is **spiritually “dead”** ...and will remain **“dead”** until it is **resurrected** for **judgment by its works** (John 5:29). **The works** of **“dead” souls** are being recorded in **books** (Rev.20:12) and will be used to **judge** them.

Today, billions of **“dead” souls** occupy **living bodies** because the **wages of their sins** have not been paid. However, because their **bodies** are still **alive**, their **souls** still have a chance to repent and be **made spiritually alive**..., all they need do is **accept Jesus as their Lord** and ask Him to allow **His sacrifice to pay the wages of their sins**. **If we confess our sins** (to Jesus), **he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness** (I John 1:19). In such a case the **soul** is **made “alive” - spiritually reborn – born again** (John 3:3,7) and has no need to be **judged**.

Concerning souls who lived and died never having had a chance to know Jesus, this book will identify them as the **unknowing**. **The unknowing will be discussed extensively in later chapters.**

Jesus covertly 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 **“dead” souls** who occupy **living bodies**. In that case, **living bodies** who house **“dead” souls** **can bury** dead bodies.

Now let's discuss **resurrections**. **Resurrections** apply to **ONLY “dead” souls: Resurrections DO NOT** apply to **living souls** because **living souls** have been **made spiritually-alive by the blood of Jesus** **and** **never** **die**. **...whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this** (John 11:26)? The **souls** of sincere Christians **are not “dead”**; they therefore have no need of **resurrection**. Mortal **bodies** die but **living souls**... **pass from death into life** (John 5:24): **O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory** (I Cor.15:55)? **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 immediately **made-alive** by Jesus and **did not die** when his **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 that thief died that day, but the words of Jesus tell us that on the **same day** of his death, his **soul** went straight to **paradise**. The **thief's** recognition of **who** Jesus is, and his **“audible” confession** of that fact **before men**, fell within the scope of His promise ... **Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men (vocally or by deed), him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven** (Mat.10:22). The **soul** of that **thief** is not **“dead”**, it does not await **resurrection**.

## 5 A “SUMMER” AND A “WINTER” HARVEST

Concerning the propagation of **souls**, Jesus taught that... **I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman** (John 15:1). In the Middle East there is a **former rain in summer and a latter rain in winter**: the **two rains** provide **two harvests** (Jer.5:24, Ho.6:3, Joel 2:23). God's **garden ...is the world** (Mat.13:37-39). **Man is the precious fruit of the Earth** (His **garden**), of which there will be a **harvest** in the **summer** **and** one in the **winter**. Consider the teachings of James... **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the “precious” fruit of the Earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives (the ripened fruit of both) the early and latter rain** (Mat.13:38). **See also** (James 5:7). (Deut.4:37, 7:8, Gen.5:1-32, Chron.10&11, and Mat.1:1-16)

Today, before Rapture, we live in the **summer** growing season of God's **garden**. The **gathering** of the **summer fruit** is labeled by most Christians as the **Rapture**. **Winter** will be the era **after** Rapture that

Jesus identified as **outer darkness** – an era of time without **the light of the world**. The **gathering of winter fruit** will be when the newly **anointed** King (Rev.14:14) **returns from His wedding** (Luke 12:36).

**Winter ...outer darkness** ...will be a time of **great tribulations, wrath**. The **winter** produce will have to face the **wrath of Satan** (Rev.12:12) ...or if they submit to Satan they will face to **wrath of God**. **...pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.** (Mark 13:18-20). Notice the word, **CHOSEN ...all will become clear as we proceed**.

Jesus used the term **"flight"** in reference to **avoiding/fleeing** from the **fiery destruction** of **tares** (Mat.13:38) that occurs after each **harvest**. **Tares** grow along-side the wheat of **each growing season** and are **...hewn down and cast into the fire** (Mat.7:19, Rev.14:18-19). His warning **...pray ye that your flight be not in the winter** is covertly advising the **fruit of the Earth** not to miss the **summer flight** ...because those who miss the **summer flight** will have to **face** the **winter growing season** which will include the **greatest tribulations that have ever been or ever will be again** (Mat.24:21). Symbolically speaking..., "Trying to catch a **flight** in the **winter** will be 1000 times **more dreadful** than booking a **ticket** for the **summer flight**".

The **House of Judah** will be **left behind** at Rapture because they **do not believe** that **Jesus is the Son of God**: they **require a SIGN**. Micah, a Jew, depicts the **sorrows** of his **left behind** Jewish people... **Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits...** (Micah 7:1). Jews will have to face the **great tribulations** of the **winter growing season**. On the other hand, Amos recorded God's assurance concerning his Jewish people...**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** (of Judah's **reconciliatory punishment, expounded later**) **is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more** (Amos 8:1-2). Because Judeans **require a sign to believe**, God is going to **pass over** them at the **summer harvest**. But then, after Judah has **paid the wages of their sins** in the era of **outer darkness**, God **will not again pass by them anymore**. **After** His **coronaion/wedding**, God is going to send His **Son** to **gather** (Rev.14:14-15) the **fruit of winter** who has **remained FAITHFUL to Him unto their deaths** (Rev.2:10). **(Again, it is necessary to introduce precepts earlier than their detailed elaboration... I promise that all will be clear as we proceed)**.

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 placing His **SIGN in the clouds of Heaven**..., then **repent**, be **good** and grab the **winter flight**. Well..., 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 overcome the **wrath of Satan**. If he then submits to Satan to avoid Satan's **wrath** (Rev.12:12), 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 ye that your flight be not in the winter** (Mk 13:18).

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..., don't miss the **summer flight**; reserve your seats **early**. Jesus has already **paid** your fare, just pick up your ticket.

## 6 - THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

The following *preception* of the “*Bride*” is going to be different than most traditional teachings of modern Christianity. However, precepts with a supporting alignment of verses cannot be denied.

*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 that are Christ's (His guests) at his coming (I Cor.15:22-23). The FIRSTFRUIT is ...the hasty fruit (the fruit that ripens) before the summer (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).*

*These, (His CHOSEN) 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). A portion of them was CHOSEN by God from among His servants before the Lamb of God was sacrificed for the sins of the world. The FIRSTFRUIT of the Lamb are (today) being CHOSEN by the Lamb from among His summer workers.*

The *CHOSEN Bride* will be ...*they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which (will, upon their deaths) follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.* (Rev.14:4). The *virgins* of this verse are *fruit producing “trees”* who have not defiled their ministry with the *abominations of the earth (expounded shortly)*. The *CHOSEN* will be *few* (Mat.22:14)... *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads* (Rev.14:1).

Then, after the bulk of *summer fruit has ripened*, they will be gathered by *Son of Man* (Mat.24:30) *at His coming* (1 Cor.15:23). The *summer fruit* will be quests (Mat.22:10) for His *wedding*: they will be *a great multitude that no man can number* (Rev.7:9).

The *servants of God* who *defile* their *virginity* (sell themselves out for fame and fortune) are branded as *harlots*. They are the product of *Mystery, Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth* (Rev.17:5). That which *defiles the virginity* of God's *servants* are the *abominations of the earth*. We have bundled *the abominations* into three categories: self-gratification, fame, and materialistic gain.

The *purity* and/or *guile* of a *servant/minister/pastor/evangelist* is ...*that which cometh out of their mouths* (Mat.15:11). Mark recorded that ...*the cares (desires) of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word (of the servant), and it becometh unfruitful* (Mark 4:19). These *abominations do not ...give glory to the Father of Jesus* (Mat.5:16); they *defile the purity* of the *servant*. *There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him (corrupt him): but the things which come out of him* (Mark 7:15). *Whoredom* (lusting after worldly things) defiles the *virginity* of Christian *servants* and renders them unworthy to be among the *CHOSEN*.

A *harlot servant* is one who *defiles* his/her *ministry* by selling out to riches and self-glorification. Christian *harlots* may save *many souls*, but *many turn away* because they regard *that which comes out of their mouths* as scams. How many more *souls* could a *defiled servant* reach for Jesus if he used his ministry to *glorify their Father in Heaven* ....and used the accumulated *riches of His*

*ministry to feed the hungry and tend the sick? I am sure that you can name a few servants who you would like to see using their riches to feed the hungry.*

The **CHOSEN Bride** is identified as **virgins** because **in their mouth** (their presentation of the gospel) **was found no guile** (no self-glorification, no deviation from the teachings of Jesus, with no accumulated wealth) **for they are without fault before the throne of God** (Rev.14:5): they have **not** veered from the pathway Jesus laid out for His servants. **These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth** (they walk in his footsteps). **These were redeemed** (gathered) **from among men, being the FIRSTFRUITS unto God and to the Lamb** (Rev.14:4).

The word "**mouth**" is metaphoric of the **presentation** of the **gospel**. The word "**guile**", as coming **from the mouth** of a **servant** of God, is metaphoric of "**self-glorification**". And according to the teachings of Jesus, **self-glorification** (look how great I am) from the **pulpit** is an **abomination to our Lord** (Luke 16:15). The **gospel of the kingdom** has to be presented in such manner as to bring **glory to the Father and His Son, not the servant... 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). **Servants who glorify themselves** will **not** be among His **CHOSEN bride**.

The following words of Jesus clearly examples **guile from the mouth of His servants ...when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward** (Mat.6:2). **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses** (with demands of outrageous offerings), **and for pretense** (self-glorification) **make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation** (Mat.23:14). **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** (servants) **that work iniquity** (Mat.7:22) ... **they will have their reward** (Mat.6:2).

A self-centered **servant** of God may yet be **saved** (Jesus will be his judge), but he will **not** be numbered among the **144,000 virgin servants of the Father and the Lamb who follow Him** (adhere to His ministerial guidelines) **where-so-ever He goeth**.

And..., there are yet other **standards** the **Groom** requires of His **Bride**. The **CHOSEN FIRSTFRUIT of Christ** must **run their race** while **...clothed (only) in sackcloth** (Re.11:3). This means that they must **take nothing for their journey** except **faith and trust in Jesus to provide for them**. Jesus **...commanded** (his apostles) **that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats** (Mark 6:8-9). **Two coats for a ministerial journey** does not fall within the **guidelines** of what the **groom** desires of His **Bride: two coats defile the virginity** of a **servant**.

Jesus was very specific because He knows that **the Gospel of the kingdom, the promise of eternal life**, can be **selfishly used for profit and fame**. Paul writes **...when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge** (non-profit), **that I abuse not my power in the gospel** (1 Cor.9:15). **Riches** gained from the pulpit are **guile** in the **mouth of the servant** and an **abomination to God** that defiles the **virginity of that servant**. Peter says it better than I can... **Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself** (1 Pe.6:5).

The **servant** might ask, "If I cannot have gain, what then is my reward? The **reward** of the **servant** is **not of this earth**, it is a **crown of life** in the **Kingdom of God** (James 1:12, Rev.2:10, 20:4). **For the**

*Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works (Mat.16:27). He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward. And he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Mat.10:41-42).*

A *workman is worthy of his hire*, but to be counted among the **CHOSEN**, the *workman* must **not** accept *rewards* greater than the sackcloth allotted to him by Jesus. Excessive *money in the purse* of a *servant* is *guile that defiles his virginity*. If excessive gain is realized, it must be *re-distributed* to struggling ministries ...*or to the poor* (Luke 18:22). Even in the era of *great tribulation*, *God's witnesses* are recorded as being ...*clad only in sackcloth* (Rev.11:3). This should give us a hint as to who those *witnesses* are. **Expounded later.**

The *virgin Bride of the Lamb* does not lie *dormant in the grave*. They are not waiting for Rapture. They are at this very moment, **day 04-26-2026**, *dwelling in Heaven* (Rev.12:12, 13:6) ...and are preparing themselves as a *bride adorns herself for her husband* (Rev.21:2). The *preparations for her wedding* can be easily described; she will be taking-in the wonders of Heaven.

## **7 - IDENTIFYING THE BRIDE**

*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 the old Jerusalem) *descending out of heaven from God* (Rev.21:10). This tells us that the *Bride of the Lamb* will be a **spiritual city identified as... "Holy" Jerusalem, and/or "New" Jerusalem.**

**Let's expound:** because the *holy city* is *descending out of Heaven*, we may surmise that it will be **"assembled" in Heaven** and it will not be made of bricks and stones. And we must accept that The *Holy City* is the *mansion* that Jesus has gone to prepare for His followers (John 14:2). *And it 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). The *gates and walls* will be those **CHOSEN of God from the 12 tribes of Israel** who have not tainted their *virginity* with *guile from their mouths*. **(All will be detailed later; we must identify before we can verify).**

The Bible refers to the **CHOSEN of God** as **"saints"** and identifies some of them by name. After the resurrection of Jesus ...*graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves, went into the holy city and appeared unto many* (Mat.27:53-54). In other locations of the Bible, it is recorded that some of the *saints* 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). 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).

*And I heard the number of them which were sealed* (Rev.7:3): *and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of "all" the tribes of the children of Israel* (Rev.7:4-8, 21:12). **"Sealed"** means that the **CHOSEN** will be protected from *hurt* for the first **1260 days of outer darkness** **(Expounded later)**. There will be **twelve thousand (12,000) CHOSEN** from each of the *twelve tribes* (Rev.7:4-8): **12x12,000=144,000**. The *mark that will seal them* will be the *name of the groom's Father written on their foreheads* (Rev.14:1): His name is the **Ancient of Days**

(Dan.7:13:14). The Father's **name** will be **on their foreheads** **before** marriage. Then **after** the **CHOSEN** is bestowed (married/bonded) to **Jesus**, they will bear His name **on their foreheads** (Rev.22:4). The **marriage** of **Son of Man** will be His **coronation** by the **Ancient of Days** (Dan.7:14). Before His **coronation**, the angel Gabriel identifies **Son of Man** as **Messiah the Prince** (Dan.9:25-26). After His **marriage**, the **mighty angel** of **Revelations** addresses **Son of Man** as the newly **crowned** King (Rev.14:14). His **Bride** will be the "**spiritual**" **gates, walls, doors, and foundation** of the **holy city; New Jerusalem** (Rev.21:2,9-27).

From the onset it appears that no members of the **Bride** will be **CHOSEN** from the **servants of the Lamb**. However, **this is far from truth**. In fact, a very **great majority** of the **144,000** will be **CHOSEN** from the **Christian servants of the Lamb**. 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 as we proceed; the foundation of the Holy City must be laid before the wall can be built... we must proceed slowly:**

Because the **summer fruit** is today almost "**ripe**", it must be considered that **most** (if not all) of the "**FIRST ripened FRUIT**" of **summer** has already been plucked ...and "**eaten up**" by the **husbandman** (Is.28:4).

## **8 - GUESTS FOR THE WEDDING**

**After** the **Bride** was identified to John (Rev.4-8)..., the **guests** were pointed out to Him (v.9). **After this** (after having been shown the Bride) **I beheld** (another great wonder in Heaven), **and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number** (thousands of times **greater than 144,000**), **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). **White robes** that have been **washed in the blood** of the **groom** will be the proper **garment for His wedding guests** (Mat.22:11-13).

The fact that the **guests** are **standing before the Lamb** (Rev.7:9) tells us that they are beholding to the **Lamb** for **washing** their **garments white** with His **sacrificial blood**. Those **without white robes** will be **left behind** when He gathers His **guests**; they will be **cast into outer darkness** (Mat.22:11:13). They will not get to attend the **wedding**: they will have to **...wait** for the newly **crowned King** (Rev.14:14) **to return from His wedding** (Luke 12:36).

Jesus illustrates the **invitation** of, and the **gathering** of the **guest** in a parable... **The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call (gather) them that were bidden (invited) to the wedding: and they would not come** (Mat.22:1-3). **They would not come** because they refused to put on the **proper garment for the wedding**.

So, the King said to His servants **...go ye therefore into the highways** (the world of Gentiles – **expounded later**), **and as many as ye shall find** (as long as they are dressed in white robes, and) **bid to the marriage. So those servants** (preachers, teachers, evangelists, etc.) **went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good** (as long as they have put on the proper wedding garment): **and the wedding was furnished with guests** (Mat.22:9-10).

**And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness (where) **there shall be weeping and****

**gnashing of teeth** (Mat.22:11-12).

The **kingdom of Judah** was the first to be **called to the wedding**. But because Judah refuses to accept Jesus as her Messiah (refuses to put on a clean white robe), she will not be **worthy to attend the wedding** (Mat.22:8). ...**the children of the (Judean) kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth** (Mat.8:12). Judeans will be first among those who **mourn** when they **see His SIGN in the clouds of Heaven** (Mat.24:30).

**And he saith unto me** (John the Revelator) ... **Blessed are they which are CALLED (invited) unto the marriage supper of the Lamb** (Rev.19:9). They will be **blessed (gathered at Rapture)** because they **do not** need a **sign to believe** (John 20:29): they will be dressed in **robes that have been washed white by the blood of the Lamb**. The **invited guests** for His **wedding** will be **friends of the bridegroom** (John 3:29) who **know His voice and have responded to His call: his invitation** (John 10:27). **They will stand before Him at His wedding** (John 3:29). In modern terminology, His **guests** will be His **“best man”**.

The **guests for the wedding** will suffer **only** the **beginning of sorrows** (Mat.24:8). **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ** (1 Thes.5:9). **And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of” her my people that ye be “not” partakers of her sins, and that ye “receive not” of her plagues**” (Rev.1:4). The expressions **“come out of ...not partakers ...and receive not”** tells us plainly that the **guests** for the **wedding** will **not** suffer **great tribulations**.

The **wedding will not** take place until.... **as many as can be found** (Mat.22:8-9) ...have been **invited**. This means that of today, **04-25-2026**, **guests** are still being ...**CALLED (invited)** from every **highway** (Mat.22:10) ...every **nation, people, and language** of mankind (Dan.7:14). His **guests** are fast becoming **...a great multitude which no man can number** (Rev.7:9, Dan.7:14). The **gathering of guests for the wedding** is imminent.

## **9 – THE WEDDING**

The **ANCIENT OF DAYS** (Dan.7:13-14) is the **groom’s Father**. He will be **Lord of Hosts** (Jer.33:11) for the **wedding**. He will do the honors of **marrying (bonding) His Son** to the **CHOSEN 144,000** who have been...**redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb** (Rev.14:4).

The **guests** for His **wedding** will be ...**a great multitude (of summer fruit) that no one may number** (Rev.7:9, Dan.7:14). The **guests** will be those whom the **Son of Man washed white** by His **Sacrifice**. They will be the **ELECT** that He is going to **gather** at Rapture (Mat.24:30).

Will the **guests** of the **groom** be **envious** of His **bride**? Noooo..., they will **rejoice with the groom** (John 3:29): there will be **only** unending immeasurable **joy** at the **marriage supper of the Lamb**. **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 submitted to His will) **rejoiceth greatly because of the (joy in the) bridegroom’s voice** (John 10:27); **thus my (John) joy therefore is fulfilled** (John 3:29). **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 guest) that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts** (Jer.33:11).

As pre-Rapture Christians read these words and ponder their own reward, it may create envy and jealousy while they are yet carnal - - but I can assure you that will be no envy or jealousy when they get to Heaven.

The **wedding** of **Messiah the Prince** will be His **anointing** – His **coronation** (Dan.7:14) as **King of Kings**. And for a **wedding gift**, His Father is going to gift the newly **anointed King** a **...dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, (a numberless multitude made of) all people, nations, and languages that should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed** (Dan.7:14). The **Prince of Peace** will then be identified as **King Jesus ...King of King, Lord of Lords**.

Traditionally, the name of a **bride** is changed to that of her husband. Therefore, **after** the **wedding**, His **Bride** will bare the name of **Jesus written on their foreheads** (Rev.22:4) and **will follow Him wheresoever He goeth** (Rev.14:4): this means that they will be a reflection of Him and will honor His ever resolve.

Please note that every time **Son of Man** descends from Heaven, or is seen in Heaven, He is accompanied by the **“clouds” of Heaven** (Mat.24:30, Dan.7:13, Mat.26:64, 1 Thes.4:17, Rev.1:7); the **clouds of Heaven** are with Him **wheresoever He goeth**. With that in mind, we can identify the **clouds of Heaven as His Bride**. **Expounded later**.

From this point forward, when discussing occasions and events that will occur **after His coronation**, this book will address **Prince Jesus as... King Jesus** (Rev.14:14) or **King of Kings** (I Tim.6:15, Rev.1:5, 17:14, and 19:16).

And because the **wedding** will not take place without **guests** (Mat.22:8-9) ...and because the **guests have not yet been gathered**, we may conclude that the **wedding** (His **coronation**) has **not yet** taken place. However, because a **great majority** of the **FIRSTFRUIT** has already been gathered, we may assume that they are being prepared **as a bride for her wedding** (Rev.21:2).

## 10 - JESUS IS THE “LIGHT” OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA

For just a moment let us review... Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the** (pre-Rapture) **world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness** (be left behind), **but shall have the light of life** (and will be gathered at Rapture - John 8:12). The **teachings** and **sacrifice** of Jesus are the **light of life** for the **summer fruit**. Today..., His teachings **light** our paths. His **light** lets us **see** and gives us **life**.

**The wages of sin is death** (Ro.6:23), those who **walk in His light** are **set free of their sins by His sacrifice**. The **light of life** is the **sacrifice** He made to **pay for the sins** of those who **believe and follow** Him. Today, those **who walk in His light** have **oil for their lamps** (Mat.25:1-12): their **lamps** provide **...light before men, that they may see the good works, that glorify their Father which is in heaven** (Mat.5:16). Both the **givers** and the **receivers** of His **light** will be gathered by Him at **Rapture**. Those who **do not walk in his light** will be **left behind** ...**cast into** (the **post-Rapture** world of) **outer darkness**: there will be **no light** after Rapture.

## 11 - THE “SIGN” OF SON OF MAN AT RAPTURE

At the **appearance of Son of Man in the clouds of Heaven to gather His ELECT** (Mat.24:30) **...every eye** on this planet **will see His SIGN** (Rev.1:7), **...every knee will bow, ...and every tongue will confess** (Rom.14:11) that **Jesus is Lord**. Even the most avid disbelievers will then acknowledge that

the ***Son of a Jewish maiden*** really is the ***Son of God***. Even ***His own*** Judean kinsmen who have ***not yet received Him*** (John 1:11) will ***accept Him*** as their ***Lord***.

Judah may not have discerned the ***“sign” of Jonah in the belly of a whale for three days and nights*** (Jon.1:17), or ***Jesus’ three days in the belly of the earth*** (Mat.12:39-40), but ***they will grasp His latter sign*** (Ex.4:8) which will be ...***three days*** in ***total darkness*** for those who require a ***sign***.

At Rapture, ***Son of Man*** is going to gather the ***living souls*** of those who ***need no proof***. For non-believers who do ***seek after a sign***, (Mat.12:38-39), He will put His ***SIGN*** in the ***clouds of Heaven*** (Mat.24:30). His ***SIGN*** will be ***proof*** (Mat.12:38) to ***Judeans*** and ***all other skeptics*** that He is indeed the ***Son of God*** (Mat.16:1). ***And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth*** (descendants of Abraham) ***mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the “clouds” of heaven with power and great glory*** (Mat.24:30). John the Revelator ***particularly*** identifies the ***tribes of the earth*** who will be ***mourning*** ... ***Behold, he cometh with clouds*** (His ***CHOSEN***); ***and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him*** (Judean religious authorities): ***and all kindreds of the earth*** (descendants of Abraham – ***discussed later***) ***shall wail because*** (of their denial) ***of him...*** (Rev.1:7). The ***tribe of Judah*** will be ***wailing*** because they were particularly ...***bidden to the wedding but would not come*** (Mat.22:3).

***Jesus is the light of the world***. Those who ***do not walk in His light are walking in darkness*** (John 8:12, 12:35). At Rapture... ***They who walk in darkness shall see a great light*** (Is.9:2, Mat.4:16) and will be converted by that ***great light***. ***Seeing a great light*** tells us what His ***SIGN*** will be... Saul was converted to Jesus by a ***blinding light from Heaven*** (Acts 9:3). And because Jesus will be the ***same tomorrow as He is today, and as He was yesterday*** (He.13:8), a ***blinding light from heaven*** will be used to convert the unbelievers of all nations. ***Yes!*** ...as ***great light*** that is going to temporarily ***blind unbelievers*** ...as it did ***Saul*** (Acts 9:1-9). Saul was in ***darkness for three days*** (Acts 9:9), so shall unbelievers be ***cast into darkness***.

The ***SIGN of Son of Man*** will be a ***blinding light*** that will ***cast*** the entire ***unbelieving*** world into ***darkness for three days***. ***Unbelievers will be made carnally blind*** so that they can ***spiritually “see”***. ***They who walk in darkness*** will finally ***see and believe***. The conversion of ***Saul*** is ***prophetic*** of the ***time of the end***. To convert ***Saul***, ***Jesus blinded him for three days*** with a ***great blinding light*** from Heaven: he was in ***darkness for three days***. The unbelieving ***souls*** who are left behind at Rapture will be ***cast into outer*** (unbelievable) ***darkness*** ...for ***three days***.

However, even in ***outer darkness***, the ***light of the world*** is ***not*** going to desert them. After being ***blinded by a great light***, ***Saul endured three days without eating or drinking*** (Acts 9:8-9): Jesus provided all the nourishment he needed. It will be the same for those who are ***converted*** by His ***SIGN*** at Rapture, Jesus is going to send ***servants/witnesses*** to them who are going to ***put hands on them that they might receive their sight*** (Act 9:10-12).

***Billions will be blinded and converted*** by His ***great light***. However, the new ***believers*** will not be gathered by ***Son of Man*** because they had to ***see His sign to believe*** (Mat.12:38-39). Those who are ***blessed*** at Rapture will be those who ***do not need to see a sign to believe...***, ***Jesus saith unto Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they*** (at Rapture) ***that have not seen and yet have believed*** (John 20:29). The ***summer fruit*** who ***walk in His light*** will not be ***cast into outer darkness***.

***From this point forward, to reduce repetitions, we will refer to the billions who are made believers by His SIGN as ...convertees.***

## 12 - LEFT BEHIND - CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS

As discussed earlier, the events of our lives are *trials* that test our *souls*. Because pre-Rapture believers have *accepted the sacrifice of Jesus to pay for their sins*, they *walk in His light* and will endure only the *beginning of sorrows* (Mat.24:8). This means that they will not have to suffer the *greatest of sorrows* which will occur in the post-Rapture world.

Those who, today, *walk in the light of Son of Man* will be gathered by Him in what He covertly identified as the *summer flight*; consider His words *...pray ye that your flight be not in the winter* (Mark 13:18). Most Christians identify the *summer flight* as the **Rapture**: being saved from the impending *wrath of Satan*. Neither term is mentioned in the Bible, but both terms rightly identify the *gathering of His ELECT by Son of Man* (Mat.24:30). The *winter growing season* is the era Jesus advises to *flee* from.

*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 without light. *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* for man. And because *the wages of sin is death* (Ro.6:23) ..., and because there will be no *life-giving light from Jesus...*, left behind convertees will have to suffer and die to pay for their own sins (Rev.2:10). *Expounded in great detail as we proceed.*

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, the *...children of the (Judean) kingdom will be cast into outer darkness (blinded by a great light) there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth* (Mat.8:12). Judah will be left behind along with other convertees to face the *great trials of winter*.

The *fulfillment of a law* is compliance to that law. Concerning God's laws... *Jesus came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill the law* (Mat.5:17). Early Israelis *fulfillment of the law* was achieved by making *sacrifices* according to God's *covenant with Moses and Abraham*. But then, *Jesus came to fulfill the law: He became a sacrifice to fulfill* His Father's requirement of *death to pay for sins* (Ro.6:23). His *sacrificial death remits the sins* of all who *accept Him* and what He did for them. His *sacrifice* makes it *easy* (Mat.11:30) for man to *...make an end of sins and bring in everlasting Righteousness* (Dan.9:24). However, the *remission of sins* offered by the *"light"*, will be *taken away* at Rapture: unbelievers will then be *cast into outer darkness*. This means that for those who have to see it to believe it (John 20:29), the *sacrifice* of Jesus will no longer remit sins (*expounded later*). Then, because the *wages of sin is death*, those who are *cast into outer darkness* will have to *sacrifice their own lives to pay for their own sins* (Ro.6:23). Concerning their remission of sins, hear the promise of Jesus *...be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life* (Rev.2:10).

The descendants of Abraham will not be the only ones who 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 *spewed out of His mouth* and will *mournfully* regret their *lukewarm* devotion to Him. Their *wedding garments* will have been blemished: they will be *cast into outer darkness*.

And because Judah was instrumental in *crucifying* Jesus, the *unbelieving* descendants of *Judah* will be foremost of those who *weep* when they *see the SIGN of Son of Man* (Mat.24:30). I can envision

the **mournful** cries of Judah, “It really is Him: it really is that Jewish carpenter our forefathers had crucified”: there will be **great mourning in the House of Judah**.

Examples of those who will angrily and bitterly “**gnash their teeth**” will be **rich**, famous, and greedy “racketeering” **servants of God**. These are they who use the **gospel of the kingdom** for **personal gain and fame**. The **fame and fortunes** they’ve accumulated by using the **gospel** of Jesus, will have become more important to them than the things His teachings promote. So, be warned you so-called “**men of God**” who use the **gospel of the kingdom** for personal **fame and fortune** ...**you are in danger of Hell’s fire. ...for 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). **Rich** and famous self-centered evangelists and preachers will indeed be **gnashing their teeth**.

But what about Christians who become **sincere believers** due to the “**magnificent**” **works of fame and fortune** evangelists? The answer is simple ...from whom the **gospel** is learned is immaterial to the **salvation** of the **believer**. If those who are converted by **gainful** evangelists truly love and worship Jesus and His Father, then they are **saved** and will be gathered at Rapture. If their homage to the evangelist is greater than their homage to **Jesus**, then they are in danger of being **...cast into outer darkness** along with the **wayward** evangelist they revere. If Jesus is not your **first love**, **then you are not worthy of Him** (Mat.10:37).

### **13 - IDENTIFYING THE “EARTH” AND THE “SEA” OF PROPHECY**

As you continue, please consider that the lineage of **Adam thru Noah, thru Abraham, thru Israel, to Jesus** is a very **special and much-loved people unto the Lord** (Deut.4:37, 7:8, Gen.5:1-32, Chron.10&11, and Mat.1:1-16). **Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion** (Ps.114:2).

God’s **love** for the descendants of **Adam** does not mean that He doesn’t love Gentiles: other **peoples, nations, and tongues**. They, too, are His **beloved creations** (John 3:16). They are also implanted with **souls** of which God is **not willing that any should perish** (2 Pe.3:9). It simply means that He created the lineage of Adam to become **intermediaries** between Him and the rest of mankind **...in thy seed** (from the lineage of Adam to Jesus) **shall all the nations of the earth be blessed** (Gen.22:18).

God wanted the bloodline of Adam (the **earth**) to remain **unblemished**, worthy of **...bringing forth a lamb without blemish** (Ex,12:5). The **House of Judah** was to be the **...salt of the earth** (Mat.5:13) ...the **scepter** of Adam’s lineage (Gen.49:10) ...the **Jewel of the crown** (Zech.9:16) that would **bring forth God’s blessings to Gentiles**.

One of the best examples of God’s demand for purity of Adam’s seed is that God did not allow **Ismael** (born to Abraham by Sarah’s **Egyptian handmaid, Hagar**) to be a part of His **covenant with Abraham** (Gen.17:18-20). When **Ismael** was 14 years old ...and Abraham had reached the age of **100 years** (Gen.21:5), **God gave him a seed, Isaac, by his 90-year-old wife** (Gen.17:17). Then, because the lineage **of the Earth** had to remain pure, God sent Hagar and her son away from the lineage of Adam. Abraham pleaded with God... **O that Ishmael might live before thee!** (Gen.17:18). However, it was decreed by God that the **seed** of Adam to the **sacrificial Lamb of God** be **unblemished**.

Even as Abraham neared death, he made his **oldest servant swear ...by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell** (Gen.24:3). The wife of Isaac had to be a **seed** of Adam. The bloodline of **Isaac** had to continue the **unblemished lineage of Adam**.

In **prophecy**, when the lineage of **Adam to Jesus** is implied, they are **often** metaphorically identified as the “**earth**” ...alternatively, the **Gentile** world (**in prophecy**) is metaphorically identified as the “**sea**”. If they are **not** used in a **prophetic** setting, we may assume that the terms **earth** and **sea** are intended literally.

If the term “**earth**” refers to the **dust** of our planet, the **ground**, or the **planet** itself, it is usually preceded by prepositions such as “**on**”, “**in**”, “**under**”, “**around**”, or “**above**”. If the preposition “**of**” is used ...**without an identifying noun** ...it is most **often** referring to the **seed of Adam to Jesus... not always, but most often**.

Are there any Bible verses that clearly state that “**of the earth**” (as mentioned in **prophecy**) is symbolic of Adam’s bloodline? I can find no direct statements to that fact. However, there are many, many verses with **covert implications** that support that **precept**. We are going to identify only few of them in this chapter; others will be incorporated as we progress. And..., we will offer **concepts** that can be realized by compiling related **verses** and **precepts**.

**Let us begin:**

**The first man (Adam) is of the earth...** (1Cor.15:47). Not **above** the **earth** or **in** the **earth** ...but **of the earth**.

Consider God’s promise to Abram... **And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth (the lineage of Adam): so that if a man can number (identify) the dust (the children) of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered – identified (Gen.13:16). The **seed** that was made from the **dust of the Earth** can be **numbered** (identified) and traced all the way from **Adam to Mary the mother of Jesus**, therefore we can identify His ancestry. He identified the **tribes of Israel** as **tribes of the earth** (Mat.24:30).**

**...all nations (Gentile) have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and (also) the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her...** (Rev.18:3). Notice that the **nations** and the **kings of the earth** are mentioned independently of each other.

**The terrible of the nations (Gentiles) has left Him ...and (also) the people of the earth have left Him** (Ezek.31:12). Noticed again that **nations**, and the **people of the earth**, are identified as two different lineages of man.

**...for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world (the sea) will learn righteousness** (Is.26:9). Jesus identified the **tribes of Israel** as **tribes of the earth** (Mat.24:30).

**He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness...** (Job 12:24). This tells us that the **people of the earth** are the **children of Israel**. The **chief of the people that wandered in the wilderness** was **Moses**.

**Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth** (Jer.51:49). **All the earth** does not mean every nation of Asia or Europe: it means that every **tribe of Israel** (Isaac) **will fall**.

**For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and (also those) of the whole world (Gentiles) to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty** (Rev.16:14).

Perhaps the most profound example is the Biblical fact that **Cain** was **driven from the “earth”**. To understand, it must be agreed that **Cain did not have to leave this planet**. **Driven from the earth** means that Cain was ousted from the lineage of **Adam** (Gen.4:14). The pleas of Cain confirm this concept... **Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth** (from the lineage of Adam) **and from thy face** (your anointed people) **shall I be hid** (no longer a part of); **and I shall be a**

**fugitive and a vagabond in the earth** (an ousted **seed** of Adam) **and it shall come to pass, that everyone** (not **of** the **earth**, Gentiles) **that findeth me shall slay me** (Gen.4:14). This verse tells us that the **face of God** is the **lineage of Adam**, and because **Cain was hidden from the face of God**, He was (as will be Ishmael, the first son of Abraham) **cast from the earth**. Cain greatly feared those **of the sea**, who were **not of the earth**. (We will discuss [the sea next](#)).

The fact that Cain was afraid of other humans who might **slay** him, tells us that other people lived on this planet at the time of Cain's expulsion from the **earth**. But..., who were they? Who was **not of the "earth"** of which **Cain** was **afraid**? Were they aliens? Had Cain indeed been cast into outer space? The people, of whom Cain was afraid, were descendants of the **man and woman** God **made on the sixth day** (Gen.1:27). Their lineage, **in prophecy**, is metaphorically identified as the **"sea"**. Cain married into the Gentile world and his **seed** became **hidden from the face of God**: he was never again included as a **seed** of **Adam**. Cain had indeed been **cast from the earth**.

**Adam** had no **seed** until the birth of **Seth**. **And Adam knew his wife again; and she (Eve) bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew** (Gen.4:25). Eve's words verify the fact that Cain was **no longer** a **seed** of Adam: **Cain** had been **driven from the earth**. God begin again the lineage of **"earth"** through the **seed** of **Seth** (Gen.5:4-32). Notice that the Bible carefully names every link of Adam to Jesus. Seth's **"unblemished"** lineage can be Biblically traced all the way to **Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ** (Mat.1:16).

On the other hand, the **"sea", as used in prophecy**, is metaphoric of the **people, nations, and tongues** who are **descendants** of the **man and woman** whom God **created (as a couple) of the "sixth" day**. To see the difference, consider that God made them **before He rested on the "seventh" day** ...and did **not** make **Adam** until **after He rested on the seventh day**. The **man and the woman of the sixth day** were **not** placed in the **Garden** with **Adam**. Adam was **alone in the garden** (Gen.2:18) until **God made eve from a rib of Adam** (Gen.2:21-22).

For an **undetermined length of time** (maybe a **thousand years** – [expounded later](#)), **Adam lived alone in the Garden** (Gen.2:18). The fact that God **rested** before He made Adam does not mean that He tired; it means that He **paused** for a **day, the seventh day** ...which **is for man a thousand years** (2 Pe.2:8). It is my conviction that God allowed time for **the man and woman of the sixth day to multiply and replenish the earth (our planet) with their kind** (Gen.1:26-28). They were to become God's **garden** of which **Adam was created to be keeper** (Gen.2:15), a **servant** of the **husbandman**. We cannot be certain how long God **rested**, but we do know that by the time Cain was **driven from the earth**, this planet had indeed become **replenished** with the offspring of the **man, "and woman" ...**, that God **made** as a **couple** on the **sixth day of creation**. The **Husbandman** had **planted His garden** and created a **keeper** for **His Garden**.

It is Biblically evident that at least 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**. The expulsion of **Cain from the earth** had to come many years **after God rested** because... the **outsiders** were already mining **gold and bdellium and onyx stone** (Gen.2:11-12): they had already begun to treasure **gold** and other **precious stones**. But then, after **God put a mark on Cain** for his **safety** (Gen.4:15), **Cain went out from the presence of the Lord** (departed from the lineage of the earth) **and dwelt in the land of Nod. And Cain knew his wife**, a woman of **Nod** (a woman of the **sea**) **who conceived and bare Enoch** (Gen.4:16:17), a son by whom the lineage of the **sea** would flourish.

Upon his expulsion from the **earth**, the scribes of the Bible abandoned the lineage of **Cain** and followed the lineage of the **earth**, which is the **beloved “face” of God** (Deut.4:37, 7:8, Gen.5:1-32, Ch.10&11, and Mat.1:1-16). Cain’s **seed** had been **driven from the earth ...into the sea**.

And, at the **time of the end ...the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee** (Is.60:5). The Bible clearly identifies the **sea** as **Gentiles**.

If the object of the preposition is particularly identified, then it should be interpreted literally... **And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart** (2 Chron.9:23,1 Kings 10:24). In this case, because **at that particular time, Solomon** was the only **king** of Adam’s lineage, we may conclude that the **kings** referred to in this verse are of Gentile nations.

The **precept** of more than one lineage of mankind is again confirmed by this verse... **There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that** (after the age of giants), **when the sons of God** (Evidently, it was not just Cain) **came in unto the daughters of men** (the offspring of the sea), **and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown** (Gen.6:4). Their mixture with the **daughters of men blemished Adam’s seed**. Therefore, God chose to destroy the **mixed seeds** and continue the **earth** through the **unblemished seeds** of **Noah and his family** (Gen.7:1,13). **...Noah was a just man and “perfect in his generations”, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord** (Gen.6:8-9).

Another example... at the **time of the end**, the **angels** of God are going to command His **servants** 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). As used in this verse ...if the term, “**earth**” is in reference to the **entire planet**, why does the verse additionally point out the **sea** and the **trees**? The verse can be understood only if the three groups are considered to be individual entities. The **trees** are those of the **Husbandman’s garden** that produce **fruit** for Him. The **earth** and the **sea** are the **fruit** produced by those **trees**. This verse tells us that all three groups; the **earth**, the **sea**, and the **trees** will exist on Earth in the era of **outer darkness**. And that God does not want to **hurt** the **earth, nor the trees, and neither the sea** until He has **sealed** (protected) **His servants**.

**Please be reminded that these precepts are based on probability derived from a multitude of verses. They are not beyond reproach: they are offered as a foundation for extended study... but should be seriously considered by those who have been left behind.**

**Two** supplementary points: the fact that God chose to **protect** a murderer by using His **mark** assures us that He is a forgiving and compassionate God. In fact, God **sealed Cain from hurt** ...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**.

## **14 THE HOUSE OF JUDAH**

The **House of Judah** and the **House of Israel** are descendant families of Adam, thru Abraham, thru **Isaac**... Isaac begat **Jacob** who then begat **12 sons**, of which **Judah** was the fourth. Later, after **wrestling with God, God blessed Jacob and changed his name to Israel** (Gen.32:24-32). Collectively, the **12 tribes (families)** that were born to Jacob are Biblically identified as the **“whole” House of Israel** (Lev.10:6, Ezek.37:11, 45:6). The **“whole” House of Israel** eventually split into **two** different **houses** identified as the **House of Judah** and the **House of Israel**.

The **House of Judah was God’s sanctuary** (Ps.114:2) and was appointed by God to become the **“salt” of the earth**: the **salt** of the lineage of Adam by which God purposed to **bless all** of mankind. God told Abraham that **...in thy seed (Jesus) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed** (Gen.26:4). The particular reference to **nations** rather than **tribes** or **houses**, tells us that in this case

the “**earth**” implies all **peoples and tongues** of the **entire planet**. The Gentile **nations** of the Earth will be **blessed** by a **seed** of Abraham ...an **unblemished** descendant of Adam; Jesus.

Jesus admonished the **Pharisees and Sadducees** of Judah... **Ye are the salt of the earth** (the “elect” of Adam’s descendants): **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 men (the sea - Mat.5:23)**. The **House of Judah** has failed miserably in what God proposed of her. **For brevity of space, from this point forward, we will refer to House of Judah as just “Judah” and/or “she” and “her”**.

Even though devout Judeans were **worshipping the God of Adam and Abraham**, the hierarchy of Judah began **teaching and administering** their own “**make-over**” of God’s **sacrifices and oblations**. **Judean scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees** created their own standards of **worship**: they became **self-centered, rich, and powerful**. Quoting His Father, Jesus said **...in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men** (Mat.15:9). The **House of Judah ceased** doing and teaching those things that **...give glory to our Father in Heaven** (Mat.5:16). Their **traditions made ‘non-effect’ the commandments of God** (Mat.15:6). The **blind began leading the blind and they have both have fallen into the ditch** (Mat.15:14).

And because the **salt lost its savour, God cast the salt into the street** to be **treaded upon of man**. The **House of Judah** has been **trodden under the feet** of other men “**ten-times**” greater than any other people on this planet. This is what can happen to any group or individual when God removes His protection from them. Consider Judah’s wars prior to Jesus, her wars with Rome, her “Pogroms”, the “Holocaust” of WWII, and the present-day horrific episodes in the Gaza war against Hamas, Hezbollah, and other allied Palestinian militant groups ...and now with Iran ... and still with their most **troublesome times** yet to come (**expounded later**).

The angel Gabriel told Daniel that his Judean people must suffer **70 years of punishment** (Dan.9:24) before she can be **reconciled** to God and **again** become **His sanctuary** (Ps.114:2). **Her punishments will be detailed in Chapter 16: JUDAH’S RECONCILIATORY PUNISHMENTS**.

## **15 THE LOST HOUSE OF ISRAEL**

The Bible is a **record** of God’s expectations and displeasures with **both houses of Israel – His Sanctuary and His Dominion**. And because most of its authors are of the **House of Judah**, a great portion of all **prophecies and teachings** in our Bible speak of, and refer to, the **House of Judah**: very few of them relate to the **House of Israel** ...or the **Gentile nations** of the world.

About **975 years BC**, before the birth of Jesus, the “**whole house**” of **Israel** (a union of **twelve** tribes) split into **two** separate **houses, the House of Judah** and the **House of Israel**. And as we shall see, **understanding the division of the 12 tribes is very, very important to understanding prophecy**.

In His disclosures to the Judean prophet Daniel, the angel Gabriel particularly identified the **holy city** for punishment (Dan.9:24). And as we shall soon see, the “**holy city**” is inclusive of **all 12 tribes**; the “**whole**” **House of Israel**. In other words, both houses of Israel will be punished.

The **House of Judah** originally consisted of the **tribes** of **Judah, Benjamin**, and a portion of **Levites**. The **Levites** were originally split among all 12 tribes, but after the **Houses** split, the Levites were expelled from **House of Israel** and migrated over to the **House of Judah** (2 Chron.11:13-14). The other **nine tribes** made up the **House of Israel**. Each **house anointed** themselves a **king** and became **kingdoms**. They identified their independent **kingdoms** 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 (I Kings 12:21).

After their split from the **Southern Kingdom**, the **Northern Kingdom** had 19 kings in a span of about 200 years. And because of inner turmoil, most of their kings died early deaths at the hands of assassins. With no **Levites** to guide them, they quickly **transgressed** against the God of Abraham and went **whoring after other gods...** (I Chron.5:25). Their behavior sorely provoked **the wrath** (II Chron.28:13) of **God**, who then **stirred-up the Assyrian Empire against them** to punish them **with the sword**. (Jer.50:17, Ezek.11:17, Zech.7:14).

In reality, God turned His back on the **House of Israel**. And with no protection from God, in the year **722 BC**, the **House of Israel** (the **Northern Kingdom of Israel**) was overrun and severely **thrashed and scattered by the Assyrian sword** (Jer.9:16). Warriors of the **House of Israel** (the **Northern Kingdom**) who surrendered to the Assyrians, were executed on the spot. Of their citizenry, young males were either killed or neutered and carried away to be used for slavery. Women that had known men, and those with child, were immediately killed. Desirable young women that had never known a man was taken home by their Assyrian captors. **(This assessment of their fate is alleged primarily from the norm-of-war at that time and in that particular location of the world – see Numbers, Ch.31). This is what can happen when God removes His restraint of Satan.**

Most of the captives were carried off by Assyrian warriors into the remote cities and nations of the Assyrian empire. The Bible even identifies those locations; **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). It is my conviction (and that of most historians) that a small portion of the **Northern Kingdom** anticipated the war and fled prior to the Assyrian invasion. Most of the escapees fled by sea westward into the coastal regions of modern-day Europe.

In compliance to the demands of their captors ...and to be accepted into the nations into which they fled (Ps.44) ...the scattered remnant of the **House of Israel** discontinued God's **sabbath's** and intermingled **genetically** and **spiritually** with the **peoples and tongues of Gentile nations**. Therefore, over the next **700 years**, the **House of Israel** (**not** the **House of Judah**) became **genetically lost** to the world ...and **spiritually lost** to the **God**. The **House of Israel** had been **cast from the earth – hidden from the face of God. Finding and saving** the (genetically intermingled) **lost House of Israel** (Luke 19:10) was the task **God** allotted to **His Son**.

When Jesus came into this world, He emphatically stated that His Father had sent Him ...**to seek and to save the lost house Israel** (Mat.10:6, 15:24). **For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost** (Luke 19:10). His words were very clear... **I am not sent (by my Father) but unto the “lost” sheep of the house of Israel** (Mat.15:24). Today, many clergymen do not understand His reference to the **lost House of Israel**, but I can assure you that the Judeans of His day knew of whom He was referring: they kept pretty good records.

Jesus commanded His **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). The **Samaritans** originated from the **Northern Kingdom of Israel** **after** its conquest by Assyria in **722 BC**. However, they were not lost, **Judeans** knew who they were and where they were located. Therefore, because they were **not lost**, Jesus told His disciples not to go to them. By His own words we know that Jesus was sent specifically to **seek** (locate) and **save** (return to God) the **lost** descendants of the **widely scattered** and **genetically intermingled House of Israel**.

And how do you make sure that you have reached all descendants of the **“Lost” House of Israel...** by making sure that everyone on this planet has heard the **voice of their shepherd ...And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come** (Mat.24:14): His words tell us where the lost **House of Israel** is located.

The people of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century who named their new nation, Israel, are **not** descendants of the **House of Israel**; they are descendants of the **House of Judah**. They are **Judeans**: they are the untainted, pure **lineage of the House of Judah**. At the time of Jesus, the **House of Judah**, the **Southern Kingdom**, was under Roman rule. However, they were **not lost**; they were still identified as a **kingdom with a Judean king**, Herod Antipas. The **House of Judah** is, for the most part, still a genetically **pure bloodline** of the **earth** that has **not** intermingled genetically with the **sea**. Even to Hitler's henchmen (reference the **Holocaust of WWII**), Judeans were easily identified because of their "pure" lineage and their religious rituals. Jesus was born Judean, but He was **not sent to seek the House of Judah** because they were **not "genetically" lost**. He was **sent to seek and save the lost House of Israel**. God knew that His Son's own kinsmen would reject Him..., **He came unto his own (tribesmen) and his own received him not** (John 1:11).

To Ezekiel, God described the **divided tribes of "Whole House of Israel"** as a **bed of dried bones** (Ezek.37:11) ...a **stick divided** (Ezek.37:16-17). Because the **House of Israel** was so thoroughly **thrashed and scattered**, a re-unification of the **"whole" House of Israel** became impossible for mortal man to even consider.

Today, they are **still divided**, and from all aspects their division appears to be permanent. However, our loving and merciful God has **guaranteed** their **re-unification**... **Then he said unto me (Ezekiel), son of man these (scattered) bones are the "whole" house of Israel (both kingdoms): behold, they say, Our bones (our genetic heritage) is dried, and our hope (for 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 (the lost House of) Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick (the House) 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 and one king (my 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).

No doubt about it, the **Houses of Israel** and the **House of Judah** will be **re-united**. However, their **re-unification** cannot happen until **both Houses** have been **reconciled to God** and has accepted His **Son as their King ...one king shall be king to them all**. And because Judah will not accept Jesus as her King, **until she gets her required SIGN**, we know that their **re-unification** will **not** happen before Rapture. **Much more later concerning Judah's re-unification to Israel.**

To fulfill His promise of re-unification, **God sent His Son to seek (find/locate) and to save (return to the fold) the lost sheep of House of Israel**. The **angel Gabriel** reassured Luke that **...many of the children (of the lost house) of Israel shall he (Jesus) turn (restore) to the Lord their God** (Luke 1:16). And as we shall shortly discuss, a great portion of the **future Kingdom** of Jesus, His **everlasting dominion** (Dan.7:13-14, Ps.114:2) will be the genetically **lost House of Israel** whom He was sent by His Father to **seek and save**. As we proceed, keep in mind that **"the foundation of a wall must be laid before building the wall"** – this statement will later reveal an astounding revelation. **Expounded later.**

Jesus communes with man **spirit to spirit**. Man's **flesh** does not audibly hear His **spiritual** voice; our **spirit** must recognize His **voice** when He speaks to us. With this in mind, we can understand the words of Jesus... **My sheep (their souls, not their ears) hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me** (John 10:27). This means that the **souls** of the **lost sheep of the House of Israel** that Jesus came to **seek and to save hear His voice when He calls them**. Thru the audible words of His **servants**, they recognize His **voice** and run to their **shepherd**. Now we must ask ourselves, who are the **souls** that **spiritually hear His voice and follow Him**? The answer..., **Christians have heard His voice and follow Him**. That means that a great portion of today's Christians are the **genetically**

intermingled *descendants of the Lost House of Israel* ...they are *called, Christians, by His name* (James 2:7).

Do all Christians have “*House of Israel*” genes in their veins? No, of course not! But, a *great number* of them do! It is the desire of our Lord to *...have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth* (1 Tim.2:4). *All, everyone, of every color, nation, and language who hears His voice and comes to Him* ...will be welcomed by the *shepherd* into the *House of the Lord*.

Biblical confirmation of who the *Lost House of Israel* is, makes it evident that the *Bride will indeed be CHOSEN* from *ALL twelve tribes of Israel* (Rev.7:4-8). And, if we dare to *proportionately* assess their number..., the number of *FIRSTFRUIT* that will be *CHOSEN* from *Christians* will number *126,000*. But of course, no one can know their number ...and we dare not speculate.

The previously *lost House of Israel*, along with millions and millions of Gentiles who have been *washed clean of sins by the sacrifice of Jesus*, are identified by Jesus as His *ELECT*. They will be *gathered by Son of Man* at Rapture (Mat.24:30) and delivered up to the *Ancient of Days (His Father)*: keep in mind that the *House of Israel is His dominion* (Ps.114:2). Then, at the *coronation of His Son*, His *wedding*, the *Ancient of Days* is going to give *His dominion (the Lost House of Israel) to His Son as His own dominion* (Dan.7:13-14). His *coronation* will take place at His *wedding*. Jesus will then be *King of the Lost House of Israel*. One *kingdom* will have been *found and saved*..., *one more to go*.

Eventually, after *Judah* (God’s *sanctuary*) has been converted by His *SIGN* ...and *tried* ...and *made pure* in the era of *great tribulations*, they, too, will be *gathered* by *one like unto the Son of Man* (Rev.14:14) who will then be a newly *crowned* King (Rev.14:14-15). The *King* will then *re-unite the House of Judah to the House of Israel*, and they will become be *one stick ...in the hands of one King* (Ezek.37:11-21). *Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together* (re-united) *and appoint themselves one head (one king shall be king to them all - Ezek.37:22)*, *and they shall come up out of the land* (the nations and tongues of their exile): *for great shall be the day of Jezreel* (Ho.1:11). The *day of Jezreel* (reconciliation and re-unification) will be an overwhelming *day of joy* for the *re-united descendants of Israel* ...*and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all* (Ezek.37:22). *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 *Father* of the *groom* will be the *Lord of Hosts*.

Since they were *scattered* into all *corners of the world*: the number of the *Shepherd’s* previously *lost House of Israel* has become a *great multitude that no man can number* (Rev.7:9). We may not be able to identify the *lost sheep of the House of Israel*, but their *Shepherd* can ...*and they know His voice* ...the Son did not fail in what His Father sent Him to do.

## 16 JUDAH’S RECONCILIATORY PUNISHMENTS

Now with knowledge of the *punishment and reconciliation* decreed for the *lost House of Israel*, we will proceed to the *reconciliatory punishment* decreed upon the *House of Judah*. Again, these precepts do not answer all prophetic mysteries, they are intended to be a base by which more extensive studies can be made. Those who are left behind have got to know what happened and what they must do to be saved.

There are *four* primary verses that outlay the segments of Judah’s *punishments*. We will begin by identifying and interpreting the “*metaphoric terms*” of each verse. The selected terms will be underlined for emphasis. Keep in mind that some of the terms and interpretations won’t make

sense until they are supported with additional Biblical documentation, *precept upon precept!* All will become clear as we proceed.

And, please consider that *end-time prophecies* that reference Judah are “looking glasses/mirrors” by which all of mankind must project their own dilemma. And for brevity, this book will continue to use the pronouns “she” and “her” to reference the *House of Judah*.

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**THE FIRST VERSE CONCERNING JUDAH’S RECONCILIATORY PUNISHMENT IS A SUMMATION OF ALL HER PUNISHMENTS AND THEIR OUTCOME.....** *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).

Let us first discuss the terms used in this verse:

(1) the “people of Daniel” are the *House of Judah*: they are the *tribes* of only the *Southern Kingdom*,

(2) Judah’s seventy weeks of reconciliatory punishment are a total of her intermittingly spaced punishment segments; they are not a continuous time-frame of events. The *precept* of segments is confirmed in the wording of the next three verses (Dan.9:25,26, & 27) of this study. And because Judean *weeks* of yesteryear were measured in years (Gen.29:18-30), her individual punishment segments, when added together, will total 490 years.

(3) the holy city references the *Bride of Christ* which will eventually be a union of all twelve tribes (see: Rev.21:2,10,12).

(4) sealing up the vision and prophecy is the fulfillment and removal of Judah’s *reconciliatory punishments*.

(5) The only way to make an end of sins is to pay the *wages of sin which is the death* (Ro.6:23) of an unblemished sacrifice. Jesus is the *Lamb of God*. He was *without blemish* (Ex.12:5). He *sacrificed* His *unblemished* body *to pay for the sins of many* (Mat.26:28). In order to make an end of her sins, Judah must either (before Rapture) accept the sacrifice Jesus made for remission of sins (Mat. 12:38, 16:1) ...or, after being converted by His SIGN, *suffer and die to pay for her own sins*.

*At the time of the end*, because *knowledge is astronomically increasing* (Dan.12:4) man can better *understand* the *prophecies* relating to Judah’s reconciliatory punishments. Therefore, we should conclude that the “*time of the end*” is upon us. God is permitting the *...wise to understand* (Dan.12:10), but *...none of the wicked shall understand* (Dan.12:10).

Today, 04-27-2026, because Judah does not believe that *Jesus is the Son of God*, her transgressions are not finished; her transgressions continue. And because her transgressions continue, the wages of her sins have not been paid in full. And because Judah is still burdened with sin, she will not be blessed at Rapture (John 20:29): she will be left behind. Matthew records the words of Jesus, *...the children of the kingdom* (the *Southern Kingdom* of Judah) *will be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth* (Mat.8;12).

Judah’s conversion to Jesus by His SIGN will finish her transgressions and make her *a worthy sacrifice* ...but it will not make an end to her sins. The only thing that will make an end of her sins will be the death of a worthy sacrifice (Rev.2:10) ...a *sacrifice* that will be a *...witness for Jesus and for the word of God* (Rev.20:4). A *sacrifice without blemish* will reconcile her to *God* ...and make an end of their sins. Their *sacrifice* will confirm their *faith* in Jesus and will make an end of

**their sins.** Judah will have **made reconciliation for her iniquities and brought-in everlasting righteousness:** our Lord is **everlasting righteousness** (Ps.119:142).

Today, because Judah does not believe in Jesus, she **does not** ...**sing the song of the Lamb**, she sings **only** ...**the song of Moses the servant of God** (Rev.15:3). However, after Judah has accepted Jesus and **paid the wages of her sins** (Rev.2:10), the Bible tells us that in Heaven, she will **also** be **singing the song of the Lamb** (Rev.15:2). **Singing the song of the Lamb** confirms the fact that Judah will have “finally” **anointed Jesus, the Lamb of God, as her Most Holy.** Both **Houses** will then be serving **one king ...they will be one stick in the hands of God.**

Hear the promise of God concerning His **sanctuary ... When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning – purification** (Is.4:4). **I will bring the third part through the fire (the troublous times of her 70<sup>th</sup> week), 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 (my sanctuary): and they shall say, The Lord is my God** (Zech.13:19). The **people of Daniel** will then, again, become the **sanctuary of God.**

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**THE SECOND VERSE CONCERNING JUDAH’S RECONCILIATORY PUNISHMENT.....** **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).

The “**69-weeks**” of this verse is **not** a continuous time-frame: it is a composition of **two** time-segments verified by the use of **two** single-digit numbers, **seven** and **two**. If the referenced **punishments** are to occur in a **single** time-frame, there would be no division by single-digit numbers. A reference to only one time-frame would read, “**threescore and nine weeks**”. The division of single-digit numbers confirms the fact that the Judah’s **punishments** are divided into segments; they are not continuous. The next verse to be studied (Dan.9:26) also confirms **two segments** in that it isolates the **62-week** segment and relates specifically to its punishments. The **7 week** segment will be discussed in the next verse.

In 445 **BC** (Ezra 6:14), the “**command**” **to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem** came to Nehemiah from God, thru King Artaxerxes of Persia. The command came **after** the Persian armies destroyed Jerusalem’s **streets and walls** in a war with Judah. Nehemiah then, with permission from the Persian king, **rebuilt the (physical) wall** in only **52 days** (Neh.6:15). However..., please understand that the **physical rebuilding and restoration of Jerusalem’s walls** is **prophetic** of the future “**spiritual**” **restoration of Jerusalem** (Ezek.37:11, 39:25, Lev.10:5, Rev.21:12): **Jerusalem, the holy city**, is symbolic of **all 12 tribes**. **And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, (a union of all 12 tribes) coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride (144,000) adorned for her husband** (Rev.21:2). The “**holy city**”, **new Jerusalem** can only be made “**new**” **after** the **House of Judah has made an end of Her sins** (Dan.9:25) and has been **reconciled** to God. And she will not be **reconciled** to Him until she **accepts** Jesus as her **Messiah**. And she will not **accept** Jesus until He provides proof to her.

And because this verse references **Daniel’s people**, we may conclude that this particular **appearance of Messiah the Prince** will be to place Judah’s **required SIGN in the clouds of Heaven**. Therefore, this verse is telling us that both segments, **62 weeks** and **7 weeks** will occur **before** Rapture.

And, because only **69 weeks** are mentioned, the verse is telling us that there will be a **final segment** (Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**) of **punishment** after the **SIGN** of **Messiah the Prince** converts Judah. Her **week** after Rapture will be her "**troublous times** that Jesus described as ...**the greatest tribulations there has ever been or ever will be** (Mat.24:21). Remember the words of Jesus to Peter ...**blessed are they who believe without need of a SIGN**.

The reference to Jesus as a **Prince** in this verse is telling us that both segments of **punishment** (a total of **69 weeks**) will occur before God ...**anoints Him as King and gives Him a dominion** (Dan.7:13-14). In other words, for His **appearance** in the flesh, **and** His appearance at Rapture, **Messiah** will **not yet** be wearing a **crown**. On the other hand, He **will be** wearing a **crown** (Rev.14:14) when He **returns from His wedding** to gather the **FAITHFUL** (Luke 12:36) of **great tribulations**.

Judah will not be **reconciled to God** until she has **accepted, and died, for her FAITH in God's Son**. Only after she has **accepted Him as her King**, can the "**old**" **Jerusalem** (the **divided tribes**) be **built again** into a **New Jerusalem** (Rev.21:2,10,12) ...**under one King**. The term **restore** means to "**return something to its original state**". The **restoration** of Jerusalem's walls will be a "**re-unification**" of Israel's **12 divided tribes** (Ezek.37:16-22). **And it (New Jerusalem) 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).

Judah will be **refined as pure gold and used to overlay the streets... I will bring the third part (of Judah) through the fire** (of their **troublous times**), **and will refine them** (purify 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.13:19). **And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass** Rev.21:21). The **streets of Jerusalem** will then be **built-again** and overlaid with **purified gold** (Rev.21:18,21). Judah will again become God's **sanctuary** (Ps.14:2).

The **House of Israel** is today laying the **foundation for the wall** (Rev.21:14). **And the wall of the (holy) city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the "twelve apostles of the Lamb"** (Rev.21:14). The **names of the "12 apostles of the Lamb"** tells us that the **foundations for the wall** are today being laid by Christians who are the produce of the **twelve apostles of Jesus**. Each foundation will have the **name of an apostle, (not tribe)** on it. And because the **foundation** must be completed before the **wall** can be **restored**, we know why Jesus came **first** to **seek and to save the Lost House of Israel**: the **wall** must **wait** until the **12 apostles** (the **Christian servants of Jesus**) have laid the **foundation**. The **foundation** will be completed when **Messiah the Prince** gathers the **summer fruit**. Only after the **foundation** has been laid by Christians, can **the wall** (the **12 tribes of Israel**) **be built again**.

**In the day that thy walls are to be built** (great tribulations), **in that day shall the decree** (Judah's punishments) **be far removed** (Mic.7:11) ...**finalized ...resolved**. Judah will have made an **end of her sins**. **Jerusalem will have been built again and restored in the troublous times** of her **70<sup>th</sup> week**. ...**and except the days (of Judah's troublous times) are shortened, no flesh shall be left alive...but for the elect's sake** (those who remain **FAITHFUL** – Rev.6:11), **those days shall be shortened** (Mat.24:22).

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**THE THIRD VERSE CONCERNING JUDAH'S RECONCILIATORY PUNISHMENT:** *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).

The fact that only the threescore and two week segment of Judah's punishments will occur before Messiah is cut-off, is covertly telling us that the seven-week segment will occur after messiah is cut off; after His sacrifice ...which means that the seven-week segment will occur in the "Christian era" of mankind. And because the seven-week segment of **Dan.9:25** is presently occurring, we may conclude that it will end when *Messiah the Prince* returns to *gatherer* those who have been *washed clean of sin by His sacrifice*.

Therefore, we will identify the seven-week segment of Judah's *reconciliatory punishment* as the "Christian" era of her *punishments*. And..., and the fact that Judah will suffer only 7 weeks after Messiah is cut-off ... means that one week (her 70<sup>th</sup> week) will occur after Son of Man (not yet a *crowned* King) places her required SIGN in the clouds of Heaven. The unbelieving Judean *Kingdom* will not be gathered at Rapture; *they will be cast into outer darkness* (Mat.8:12). Therefore, we will address Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week as "outer darkness".

And concerning the *war...*, the words, *that "shall come"*, tells us that at the time *Messiah* is *cut-off*, the *prince* and the *war* were *yet to come*. The verse also tells us that Judah will suffer a flood of casualties in that war ...which was the Judean/Roman war that began 66 years after Messiah was cut-off: her randomly spaced wars with Rome did not end until 136 AD.

Because *Jesus was sinless and without blemish* (1 Pe.1:19), the term used in this verse, "but not for Himself", tell us that His *sacrificial death* was not made for himself, it was made for the *blemishes* of others. Jesus did nothing that would justify Him being *cut-off*.

Concerning the *war* of 66 AD ...and for ease of *understanding* ...allow us to insert interpretive wording into the verse ...and the people of the prince (Titus of Rome) that shall come (after Messiah has been cut off) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof (of the Roman war) shall be with a flood (of Jewish deaths), and unto the end of the war desolations (Judean denials of God) are determined (Dan.9:26). Her *desolations* will be the denial of God by some Judeans in an effort to save their physical lives from the Roman armies.

The *war* and the *destructions* of **verse 26** are also prophetic of the troublesome times mentioned in **verse 25**. Again, Judean events of yesteryear are prophetic of *the time of the end*: the Roman/Judean wars was a preview (prophecy) of Judah's *greatest tribulations* that are yet to come. The big difference will be that after Rapture, it will be the prince of (outer) darkness: the prince of power (Satan, Eph.6:12, 2:2) who will come to make war on Judah.

Because **verse 26** is prophetic of the troublesome times of Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week, allow us to insert interpretive wording for that future event; ...and the people of the prince (Satan) that shall come (on day 1260 of outer darkness) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary (Judah); and the end thereof (of Satan's wrath – Rev.12:12) shall be with a "flood" (of Judean deaths, Rev.12:15), and unto the end of the war (with Satan armies, Rev.12:12) desolations (denials of Jesus by taking Satan's mark and worships the image of the beast to save their physical lives) are determined. And the serpent (that shall come) cast out of his mouth water as a "flood" after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the "flood" (Rev.12:15). (Expounded later in very great detail).

The word **"flood"** in these verses epitomizes **massive Jewish deaths**. The words of **Gabriel** were covertly telling Daniel that there would be a **deluge** of Jewish **deaths** in the Judean/Roman war of **66 AD** ...and it happened exactly as prophesied. The **prince** (the **Roman commandant, Titus**) **that came** inflicted a **flood** of **1,000,000** Jewish deaths in **Jerusalem** and another **100,000** in **Galilee**. The **Prince that came** sieged Jerusalem for 5 months and killed every Jew (**man, woman, and child**) that his armies could find. **Again, this flood was a preview of the flood that will occur in Judah's troublous times** (Rev.12:15). The brutal events of the Judean/Roman war led to the near-total depopulation of Judea through a combination of battlefield casualties and massive executions. Many Judeans, during the siege of Jerusalem, died of starvation. The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus recorded events of cannibalism.

The **desolation** of a **soul** is God's permanent **rejection** of that **soul...**, no farther opportunity for **eternal life (much more on this later)**. The **desolations** that occurred during Judah's **war** with Rome were deserters and defecting Jews who (**in an effort to save their physical lives**) submitted to the Roman **prince** by **denying** the **God of Abraham** and **swearing allegiance to Rome**. The trials of Judah's **faith** in God will happen again, Judah's **denials of God** to save her **physical lives** are prophetic of the **troublous times** of her **70<sup>th</sup> week** when many of them will **deny Jesus** and **take Satan's mark** to save her **physical lives**. And **unto the end of the war desolations are determined**.

The Psalmist wrote that **Judah "was" God's "sanctuary"** (Ps.114:2). And in the introductory verse of this segment, the angel particularly points out to Daniel that the **"sanctuary"** will be **destroyed "after" Messiah is cut off**. And, again, it is happening as prophesied; the **destruction** of God's **sanctuary** (Judah) began with the Roman wars of the Christian era ...and will continue into **outer darkness** which will be the **troublous times** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**.

The **7-week "Christian era"** of Judah's punishments cannot be fully determined without mentioning her later wars with **Rome**, her **Pogroms**, the **Holocaust of WWII**, the **Six-day war**, and the on-going **Israelis/Hamas/Iranian Wars**. These horrific events also resulted in **floods** of Jewish deaths. Judean casualties in the **Christian era** of her decreed punishments have grown to be an inconceivable **flood** of approximately **10,000,000 Jewish deaths**. And still Judah, as a people, are **blind**, they **cannot see that Jesus is their Messiah**: and will not **see** until they get their **proof**.

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Please be reminded that **repetition** of Biblical verses and inserted wording are necessary to introduce and clarify new **precepts**.

**THE FINAL VERSE OF OUR STUDY EXPLORES JUDAH'S 70<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF RECONCILIATORY PUNISHMENT: And he shall confirm the covenant with many (Judeans) for one week (Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week), and in the midst of the week (day 1260 of the 2520 day-week) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation (of His covenant with Moses and Abraham) to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it (His "old" covenant) desolate, even until the consummation (the end of Judah's 70<sup>th</sup> week), and that (which is) determined (His wrath) shall be poured upon the desolate (Dan.9:27).**

Judah's **70<sup>th</sup>**, and final **week** of **reconciliatory punishment** will total **2520 days**. **Her 70<sup>th</sup> week** will begin after she has been **converted** to Jesus by **His SIGN**. Her **final punishment segment** will be the era Jesus referred to as **outer darkness** ...and was described to Daniel by the angel Gabriel as Judah's

**troubulous times** (Dan.9:25) ...and described by Jesus as **...tribulations greater than there has ever been or ever will be** (Mat.24:21).

The big question will then become, "Will the specifically identified **troubulous times** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week** (vs.25) begin immediately after Rapture or will they begin in **...the midst of the week**?" Let us first discuss the scenario that Judah's **troubulous time** will begin **immediately** after Rapture. This scenario is based on the concept that most Christian nations will be devastated at Rapture and that for the most part, Judah's non-Christian enemies will be unscathed. Then, because Judah's military alliance with Christian nations will be rendered inept by Christian Rapture, Judah (the errantly named nation of **Israel**) will immediately be attacked by the unscathed nations of sparse Christian populations.

Those who believe that there will be an **immediate** attack after Rapture point out that **"Israel"** has (**before** Rapture) reached a "shaky" **peace** agreement with her Muslim neighbors. And they point out that recent developments in the Middle East include the UN approval of a proposal by President Donald Trump (USA) to establish an **International Stabilization Force (ISF)** and a temporary transitional governing body called the **Board of Peace**. From all aspects it appears that there will finally be **peace** in the Middle East. Subsequently **...when they shall say "Peace and safety," then (after Christian Rapture) sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape** (I Thes.5:3).

However, I cannot accept the **immediate** scenario because the **SIGN of Son of Man** is going to **convert both Jew and Gentile**. Immediately after Rapture, all nations, even Judah's enemies, will be of one accord. In the early days of her **70<sup>th</sup> week**, Judah will feel **peacefully safe** (Refer to Ch.18, **THE WORLD AFTER RAPTURE**). Therefore, because the **entire world** will be **converted** to Jesus, this book is going to pursue the **"midst of the week"** (**day 1260**) as the **beginning** of Judah's **great tribulations**.

Additional proof that the **"midst" of the week** will be the beginning of her **great troubles** is that the number of **safe feeding days for the woman** will be **...a thousand two hundred and threescore days** (Rev.12:6) **...and** the **killing of God's witnesses** will not happen until **day 1260** (Rev.11:3,7). **Expounded later.**

Judah's conversion to **Messiah the Prince** by His **SIGN** will fervently re-ignite her devotion to the **God of her fore-fathers** (Gen.17:7). And the fact that **God is going to confirm His covenant with them until the midst of the week (day 1260)**, and the fact that **Satan will be locked away in the bottomless pit** for the first **1260 days** of the **week (verified and documented shortly)** makes it apparent that Judah will be enjoying **peace and safety** ...for the **first half** of her **70<sup>th</sup> week**.

**Many** Judeans (**most of them**) will turn again to **God's covenant** because the teachings of God's **witnesses (expounded shortly)** will assure them that their **oblations and sacrifices to God** will, again, **remit their sins** and **reconcile them to Him**. And true to His promise, God is going to **confirm (honor)** His **covenant** with **many** of them for the first **1260 days** (Dan.9:27).

But then, in the **midst of the week (day 1260)** because of the **overspreading of (Jewish) abominations**, God is going to **cesase** His **covenant** with Judah which will make that method of salvation **desolate**. However, **...the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers...** (Jer.31:31-32). **Trusting and following His Son** will be Judah's **new covenant** with God. Once the **old** is taken away from them at **mid-week**, they will have to turn to the **new** ...and will then be **judged by their faith in Jesus**.

The **overspreading of abominations** will begin with Judah's modifications to God's **covenant**. ***...it will happen unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire*** (2 Pe.2:22). **Old covenant** administrators will again, as they did before Jesus (Mat.6:2, 23:14), begin making **modifications** to God's **covenant** that ***glorify*** themselves rather than their God. Judah's "makeover" of God's **sacrificial oblations** (along with her **declining** homage to the Son of God) will **cause** God to **release Satan** upon them who will immediately go after those who are using the **old covenant** for **remission of sins**. The **old** will consequently be made **desolate** with a ***flood of Jewish deaths*** by Satan. **Expounded shortly.**

Consider the words of God thru Isaiah as quoted by Jesus ***...in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*** (Mat.15:9). In other words, they will begin making **sacrifices and oblations** as they perceive it should be done", **not** according to the specifics of God's **covenant**. Consider His displeasure with earlier Judeans who veered from His teachings... ***Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot (abide), away with (them); it is iniquity, even the solemn meetings*** (Is.1:13).

To begin her **70<sup>th</sup> week** of **punishments**, Judah's "***safe and peaceful***" existence with her neighbors will increasingly build her confidence in making **oblations and sacrifices** ...which in turn will increasingly **demean** her recognition of **God's Son** as her **Messiah**: the **SIGN** of **Son of Man** will fade into the background of Judeans who have **placed all of their FAITH** in **sacrifices and oblations**. The words of their Messiah ... ***I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*** (John 14:6) will become increasingly insignificant to Judeans who have "***peacefully***" become entirely reliant upon **sacrifices and oblations**. Her **diminished homage** to **God's Son** will greatly contribute to the **overspreading of abominations** that are going to cause God to turn-away from **His covenant** with them in the **midst of their 70<sup>th</sup> week**. **Accepting His Son as their Lord and Savior** (His **new covenant**) will then become the only way that **Judah** can **reconcile** herself to the Father and **make an end of her sins**. It will be then that God is going to **test Judah's faith in His Son** with the **greatest troubles** she has **ever known ...or will ever know**.

And this is how it will happen, in the **midst of her 70<sup>th</sup> week** ...**day 1260 AR**, God is going to turn His back upon Judah's errant **covenant** keeping practices by **releasing Satan** upon them. Satan will be in a hurry because ...***he knoweth that he hath but a short time*** (Rev.12:12). His **first target** will be Judean **covenant keepers**. He will literally destroy everyone who attempts to make **sacrifices and oblations** to God for the **remission of their sins**. **Expounded in Chapter 24: PREPARING THE WOMAN FOR HER DELIVERANCE.**

This will begin the **great tribulations (trials)** of Judah's **FAITH in God's Son**. The **mid-week cessation** of His **covenant** with Judah will mean that their only chance for **eternal life** will become their **FAITH** in Jesus. Their **FAITHFULNESS to Jesus unto their deaths** (Rev.2:10) will then become their **only way** to **make and end of sins** and **bring in Everlasting Righteousness**.

For a **short-time**, in the **midst** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**, Satan will be allowed to use **deceitful tactics, threats, horrendous sufferings, and death** in an effort to make **Judean and Gentile convertees** **take his mark and worship the image** that he is going to have **erected** on **day 1290 AR** (Dan.12:11).

It is covertly implied, and probable, that Satan's primary method of execution will be by **beheading** (Rev.20:4). In any case, **convertees** **will be tried unto their death** (Rev.2:10). Escaping the **wrath of**

**Satan** by worshipping the image and taking the mark of the beast will be the abominations that will render souls desolate; permanently abandoned by God. There will be no remission of sin for Jew and/or Gentile who worship the beast and take his mark (Rev.14:9-11). Desolations will continue unto the end of Judah's troubulous times.

There will be no escaping of wrath in the era of Judah's troubulous times. Those who escape the wrath of Satan by taking His mark will have to face an out-pouring of God's wrath. Judah, and other convertees, had best heed the warning of Jesus ...fear not them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him that is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Mat.10:28).

The following verses relate the events that will occur soon after the release of Satan ... And arms (the defiant militants of outer darkness) shall stand on his (Satan's) part, and they shall pollute (corrupt) the sanctuary (the House of Judah, Dan.9:26) of strength (faith) and shall take away the daily sacrifice (physically prevent Judah from making sacrifices and oblations) and shall place (erect) the abomination (the image of the beast) that maketh (souls) desolate (Dan.11:31). Hence, their old covenant will cease.

However, if convertees can remain FAITHFUL to Jesus unto their deaths; He will award them eternal life (Rev.2:10). Their sacrifice for Him and for the word of God (Rev.20:4) will make and end of their sins.

## 17 JUDAH'S "TROUBLOUS TIMES" WILL BE SATAN'S WRATH

This chapter will be offered as an introduction to Satan's wrath. ...the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times (Dan.9:25). All will be expounded in Ch.23, THE WRATH OF SATAN.

For when they (Judean covenant keepers) shall say "Peace and safety," (God is going to release Satan upon them) then sudden destruction (a flood of Jewish deaths – Dan.9:26) cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child (Rev.12:4,13, Is.66:7,9) and they shall not escape (I Thes.5:3).

The abuse of Judah to God's covenant, and Satan's physical restraints of their sacrifices, "will not" be the abomination (that is going to) make (Judeans) desolate (Mat.23:37-38). Her abuse of His covenant will cause the overspreading of abominations, but the cause of Judah's desolations will be her "lukewarm" and diminishing recognition of Jesus to be the Son of God. Lukewarm devotion is not acceptable by our Savior. Her waning homage to Jesus will make her vulnerable to Satan's deceits and miracles (Rev.13:14). The act that will make Judeans desolate will be their subsequent denial of Jesus to save their physical lives ...whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny (on judgment day) before my Father which is in heaven (Mat.10:33). The act that will make them desolate will be the mark of the beast on their right hand or in their forehead (Rev.13:16).

Those who refuse Satan's mark unto their deaths and refuse to worship the image of the beast (Rev.13:3,14), even unto their own deaths, are Biblically identified as the FAITHFUL (Rev.17:14 2:10). After His wedding in Heaven (Luke 12:36), the newly crowned King will return to gather the FAITHFUL of the earth (Rev.14:14) who remained loyal to Him unto their deaths. The FAITHFUL will be awarded a crown of life (Rev.2:10) ...and will reign with King Jesus for 1000 years (Rev.17:14).

The gathering of the **FAITHFUL**, will be followed by ***God's wrath...*** that **which is determined** will be **poured upon the desolate** (Rev.14:14-19) who **have not been FAITHFUL**. God's ***wrath*** will continue **...even to the consummation** (Dan.9:27) of Judah's ***70<sup>th</sup> week***.

Because of ***His delay to immediately return for them***, and because of the influential ***defamations and scoffing*** from the ***mouth*** of the ***beast of the sea*** (next chapter), many Judean and other **convertees** will begin ***losing faith*** that Jesus really is going to return for them. They will excuse their behavior with... ***“Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation”*** (2 Pe.3:4). And after ***Satan is released*** (Rev.12:12), and ***gives power to the beast*** (Rev.13:4), and they ***see the deceptive miracles that the beast is capable of*** (Rev.13:13:14), they will begin **looking to the beast** to save them from the **impending wrath of God**; saying, ***“Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”*** (Rev.13:4). These verses tell us that **convertees** are well aware of the fact that ***God's wrath*** is coming, but, they are not confident that Jesus is going to rescue them before ***God's wrath***. And even if He does come, will He be able to defeat ***the beast that cometh up out of the earth who doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men*** (Rev.13:13). **This chapter is only an introduction, all will become clear as we proceed.**

At Rapture, God's **witnesses** will descend to Earth and immediately begin teaching **convertees** that ***eternal life with Jesus*** is still available to those who remain ***faithful to Him unto their deaths***. They will be teaching 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 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).

They will teach **convertees** to follow the example of ***FAITH*** in His Father, exhibited by the ***sacrificial Lamb of God***. Consider that when the ***servants of the high priest*** came to take Jesus ... ***one of those with Jesus said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword*** (Mat.22:49). ***And one of them smote the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear*** (Mat.22:50). He evidently did not hear, or did not understand the earlier ***teachings*** of Jesus to... ***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). Then, to support His teachings, Jesus ***...touched the ear of the servant, and healed him***. **Convertees** who take up arms against Satan's servants will be exhibiting very little ***FAITH*** in Jesus.

To understand the confinement of **convertees** before their termination, it must be considered that Satan will not want to kill them; killing them will serve nothing but to grant them ***eternal life with Jesus***. Satan will want the **convertees to deny Jesus and take his mark**. Therefore, **before executing them, he is going to confine them in prison for 10 days**. This means that **convertees** will have ***10 days*** to ponder their dilemma as they are forced to watch the ***beheading*** of those who have reached the end of their ***10-day imprisonment***. Can you imagine their dread as they count down the days before their own decapitation, and/or the decapitation of their children.

And, they will be given only ***10 days*** because ***Satan knows that he has only a short time*** (Rev.12:12). And because the ***prisons*** will be so over-crowded, in most cases standing room only: the **stench and disease** in those ***prisons*** cannot be imagined. Their ***faith*** in Jesus will be **tested** beyond anything that man ***has ever experienced or will ever experience***.

Again, allow me to stress that many of the Judean **events** of yesteryear are prophetic of future events for both Jew and Gentile. Concerning the imprisonment of Jews, consider that in WWII, Hitler built out-

door barbed-wire enclosures to house imprisoned Jews. Confined Jews had to relieve themselves in the dirt they stood upon. I mention this because I do not believe that there will be enough indoor prisons in the world to handle millions upon millions of **FAITHFUL convertees**.



This picture portrays some of the Judean nationals who were rescued from Hitler's concentration camps in the closing days of WWII Courtesy; the [Holocaust Encyclopedia](#).

And..., they will be **starved and tortured** the entire **10 days** before their "execution". To end their **hunger and pain**, most of those who Satan **casts into prison** will **want to die**, but suicide will deny them of the **suffering and death** decreed by God to **reconcile them to Him**. Therefore, for many of them ...**taking Satan's mark will become** a consideration. They will have to remind themselves again and again that their **pains** are nothing compared to the **suffering and pain** Jesus endured as **spikes were driven into His hands and feet** ...and suspended Him **on the cross until death**.

**FAITHFUL** 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 feed their children and free them from their agony..., is to **take Satan's mark**. **Ten days** is going to be a very long time for parents and children to ponder their situation. Most **convertees**, (**2/3 of them – expounded later**) especially those with small **children** (Mat.24:19), will give-in and **worship the image of the beast and take his mark**. To save the physical lives, they will ignore 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). The **un-faithful** will put their trust in the **beast**.

## **18 THE WORLD AFTER RAPTURE**

**Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God... (1 Cor.15:50). Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (in the twinkling of an eye). For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality (1 Cor.15:51-53). **The dead in Christ shall rise first...** but their dead bodies will stay in the ground.... **then we which are alive and remain** (will vacate our corruptible bodies and) **shall be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord** (1 Thes.4:16-17). **Note again that "clouds" are mentioned in every depiction of where Jesus is in the Spirit.****

These verses tell us plainly that **our flesh is not going to Heaven**. And because **flesh** cannot go to Heaven, at the **appearance of Son of Man**, our previously-alive, **corruptible bodies** will **drop dead to the ground**: our **corruptible** bodies will ...**return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return** (Gen.3:19).

There will be millions and millions, perhaps more than a billion **dead bodies** all over this planet. Their decaying flesh will quickly present a great problem to the “**temporarily blind**” **convertees** who have been left behind. Therefore, **after three days in darkness**, **after** having **received their sight** (Amos 9:12), their first task will be to dispose of all those **dead bodies**.

Consider the writings of Amos who was a Jew... **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 people of Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore. And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence** (Amos 8:1-3).

Of course, a prophecy of **dead bodies** might apply to any one of many Judean punishments, or maybe all of them. However, because of its referral to a **harvest of summer fruit** (Amos 8:1-3), this particular verse is referring to Rapture. Allow us to insert interpretive wording... **And the songs of the temple** (Judah’s places of worship) **shall be howlings** (mourning) **in that day** (Rapture) **saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place** (in every corner of this planet and) **they** (both Judean and Gentile who have been cast into outer darkness) **shall cast them forth** (dispose of the vacated bodies) **with silence** (Amos 8:3).

More proof lies in the fact that... **at the appearance of the SIGN of Son of Man in the clouds of Heaven, ...all the “tribes” of the earth will mourn** (Mat.24:30): they will be **mourning** their denial of Jesus. The term **temple**, in our Judean authored Bible, refers particularly to Judah. Therefore, as **they cast forth the dead bodies** of their departed Christian loved ones and neighbors, there will be **howlings in the Judean temples** (Amos 8:3). **And, because Judah is God’s prototype for the Gentile world, this prophecy most assuredly, additionally, relates to lukewarm Christians, and related religions who will be mourning in their own places of worship.**

In the early months of **outer darkness** most things will return to normal. Nature will be as it was 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 departed Christians **have been cast forth...** everyone will be turning to God’s **witnesses** for answers (**expounded, Ch., 21**). Then, with knowledge that the Judean **70<sup>th</sup> week** will be **seven years**, the attention of most parents will return to the “physical” needs of their families: most folks will go back to work. Shops and factories will reopen.

**Satan is the thief who steals, kills, and destroys** (John 10:10) ...therefore, **in the “early” months of darkness**, there will be relative **PEACE ON EARTH** because Satan will be **confined to the bottomless pit** (Rev.12:12): there will be very little **stealing, killing, and destruction**. However, the value of paper money will quickly demise; bank accounts will be useless. **Gold and silver** will become the standard for **buying and selling** ...but even their value will quickly erode. Bartering with physical goods will then become the norm... but for those with nothing to trade, it will mean death by starvation. Millionaires will have to “eat” their worthless stocks and bonds, they **...shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it (their riches) is the stumbling block of their iniquity** (Ez.7:19).

Because Satan will be **confined to the bottomless pit for the first 1260 days** (Rev.12:6,12), **convertees** will become ...**like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately** (Luke 12:36). Everyone will be trying very hard to be ...**good to their neighbors**. **Convertees** will **give to the poor, share their food with the hungry, send each other gifts, visit the sick and those who are in prison** (Mat.25:36 -39). Pardons and paroles for **converted** prisoners will become commonplace.

## 19 THE BEAST OF THE SEA

However..., men love to be revered by other men. It is his nature to desire grandeur ...**to be as gods**. Therefore, the **spoiled** and **revered religious** majesties of our world will soon after Rapture, begin exhibiting dissenting and envious demeanor. They will not want to let go of the esteemed tribute they have enjoyed from their positions of grandeur: they will not want to take secondary seats to God's **witnesses (expounded shortly)**. It will not take long for the elite of pre-Rapture religions to **envy** and begin **scoffing, blaspheming** the authority of God's **witnesses**. **Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts** (2 Pe.3:3).

Concerning post-Rapture **blasphemy**, consider this verse... **And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up (magnify itself) out of the sea** (Babylon, from the Gentile world), **having seven heads (false gods) and ten horns (harlot religions), and upon his (its) horns ten crowns (governing authority), and upon his heads the name of blasphemy** (Rev.13:1). **And upon her (its) forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth** (Rev.17:5). The **Mystery of Babylon The Great** will no longer be a **mystery** at the **time of the end**. The **Mother of Harlots** will be the **religious heads** and **governing authorities** identified as the **"beast of the sea."** They will be the **leaders**, the **Mother of Earth dwellers** who are going to **scoff** and **blaspheme** God's **witnesses** in the **last days**.

**Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers walking after (following) their own lusts** (2 Pe.3:3). **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things (scoffing and scorn) and blasphemies; and power (governing authorization) was given unto him to continue forty and two months (1260 days). And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name-(sake, Jesus), and his tabernacle (covenant keepers), and them (those who were gathered at Rapture) that dwell in heaven** (Rev.13:5-6). This tells us that the **beast of the sea** will be allowed to continue his resentful allegations the entire time Satan is confined to the **bottomless pit**.

The **beast of the sea** will **not** be an alliance because each religious **god-head** will be promoting his own religious agenda. However, the Bible does portray them as a conglomeration of **seven heads**. Each will each garner strength from the **blasphemous deeds** of the other **god-heads**. **(As we proceed, we will randomly integrate the "beast of the sea" into the post-Rapture agenda of the last days).**

In the early days after Rapture, with Satan locked away in the **bottomless pit**, Arab and Judean **convertees** will live harmoniously ...at least until the **blasphemous** antics of the **beast** begin to lure their devotion from Jesus. Please understand that because Satan will **not** be affecting their behavior, it will be the **blasphemous** defamation of religious **heads** that will undermine the devotion of **convertees** to Jesus. And as time progresses, their **blasphemous** remarks will eventually erode the judgment of many, who before Rapture, greatly revered the **heads** of the **beast**.

**In the beginning**, perhaps the biggest change from the world before Rapture, will be that the once partially filled Christian churches will become overflowing with **converted** Christians. Non-Christian churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, and gurdwaras, etc. will be converted to Christian churches that will be administered by the **witnesses** of God. There will be no empty pews - standing room only to hear the testimony of God's **witnesses who have been to Heaven**. (**Expounded, Ch.,21**). More **convertees** will be gathered outside places of worship than can squeeze into them. Not to worry, the folks gathered outside will be singing **...the song of the Lamb** (Rev.15:3) as loud and devotedly as the folks inside the churches. With no Satanic influence, and with visions of **His SIGN** fresh in their memories, the **very early days** of **outer darkness** will be surprisingly **peaceful**. All over our planet, in every country and in every city, **convertees** will be **assembling** to worship **Jesus and hear the testimony of witnesses**. However, their **spurn** of **pre-Rapture** religious **heads** will **enrage** the **beast of the sea**.

In the beginning, Judean synagogues will again be overflowing with **covenant** keepers who will **begin again** making **oblations and sacrifices to God**. And for the first **1260 days**, true to His promise, **God is going to confirm His covenant with many until the midst of their week** (Dan.9:27).

Every hour, every minute of the day, millions of prayers will ascend to Jesus and His Father begging for Jesus to **come** back **quickly** (Rev.22:7,12,20). The **lukewarm** will **promise** Him that **this time**, they will have **oil for their lamps** (Mat.25:1-13). This time **...their light will be shining before men, so that others may see their good works that glorify their Father which is in heaven** (Mat.5:16).

But..., the post-Rapture God-fearing, church-going, and peaceful world will not last very long; perhaps only a few months, maybe a year or two. With so many prayers being offered up ...and the world so **"righteous"** ...most **convertees** will expect an immediate return of the newly **crowned King from His wedding** (Rev.14:14). And because they know that **...the days until He returns will be shortened** (Mat.24:22), many of them will even quit work to spend more time **...praying., and watching**. However, their anxiety will serve only to fuel the **blasphemous** remarks of the **beast** who will take advantage of their frustration.

**Long and repetitious prayers will avail them (convertees) nothing** (Mat.6:7) because **the end will not come until that which is determined (the purification process of convertees) has been done** (Dan.11:36). The **winter harvest will not** occur until the **winter fruit has ripened** (Rev.14:15). The **FAITHFUL** will not be **gathered ...until the faith of Judah (and other convertees) has been tried and purified in the fires of great tribulation** (Rev.3:8, Zech.13:9). And their first real **trial** will be the **release of Satan**. This should tell them that they will have to **wait** until their **FAITH in Jesus** has been **tried by Satan**.

**Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work...** (Ex.20: 9): a world of **waiting** with **no work** will not long endure. Without **workers**, farms will quickly become non-productive and abandoned. Food crops will fail: foragers will begin raiding the farms, food processing factories and grocery stores will have to shut down. Debts will be ignored. **Silver and gold** will become **worthless**: the **rich will be made poor**. Those with goods will not extend credit to those without goods. With no one working, there will be no medicine, no electricity, no light, no heat, no air conditioning, no clean water, and no food. The hungry will become destitute. To provide for themselves and their children, the world of **outer darkness** will become an era of scavenging ...and **stealing**. And with no policemen, **robbing and killing** will become increasingly epidemic. **Famine and disease** will sorely test parents with children. The **beast** will **...open his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven**. The **trials** of **convertee FAITH in Jesus** will have begun.

One side of humanity will be trying very hard to **love their fellow man, to be good to them that hate, and to share with them who have not** (Luke 6:35). But the **evil** side of humanity (**even with no influence from Satan**) will feel justified in doing whatever is necessary to feed themselves and their families; with no remorse they will begin **stealing, killing, and destroying**. Those who **have** will hoard and protect their goods from the **have-nots**. The **...evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord** (the newly **anointed** king – Rev.14:14) **delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken** (Mat.24:48-49). With so much suffering and hunger, the **beast** will feel justified in his **blasphemy against God**.

With no verifiable response from Heaven, the apprehension and frustration of **convertees** will soon create doubt in the **promises of Jesus**; their **homage to Him will increasingly subside**. Due to the grandeur or their pre-Rapture religious ministries, the **blasphemous** scorns of the **beast of the sea** will have a great impact on **convertees**. The “**have-nots**” will begin to say that God is not a **fair and just God** (Is.45:21). The **teachings** of God’s **witnesses** will begin falling on deaf ears; memories of His **SIGN in the clouds of Heaven** will begin to fade. And due to their increased doubts, many **convertees** will side with the **beast** and begin petitioning pre-Rapture **gods** for help. This will not please the **Father of Jesus** who will **...have no other Gods before Him** (Ex.20:3).

With so much turmoil, the left behind **heads** of **Judaism** will alter God’s **covenant** and institute their own “version” of **sacrifices and oblations**. Even **the remnant seed of Judah** (Rev.12:17), those who put their **trust in Jesus** instead of **oblations and sacrifices**..., will begin to doubt their decision with expressions of **...where is the promise of His coming** (2 Pe.3:4). Their **faith and homage** to Jesus will increasingly diminish, a great many **convertees** will turn to the **beast** for answers.

The openly exposed **wickedness** of man will **...kindle the anger of our Lord** (as in Is.5:25). And, because they have been granted **proof** by the **SIGN of His Son in the clouds of heaven...**, and have been **warned** by God’s **all-powerful witnesses** for **1260 days**, He will have **no mercy** on **backsliders** (Rev.14:9-11) who have begun adhering to the **beast**. It will be on **day 1260 AR** (Rev.12:6) that God is going to **unchain Satan** (remove His restrictions) and allow him to run havoc on mankind **for a short time** (Rev.12:12). The “**unrestrained**” **wrath of Satan**, even for a **short time**, will be so devastating and so **merciless** that Jesus identifies Satan’s **atrocities** as the **greatest tribulations that have ever been or ever will be again** (Mat.24:21). And with **Satan freely walking among men, and having his way with them**, the **faith** of **convertees** will be **tested to their deaths** (Rev.2:10).

For practicing the **revision** of **sacrifices and oblations**, as stipulated by the **beast**, and their fading **FAITH in His Son**, God is going to **cease** His **covenant** with Judeans in the **midst of their 70<sup>th</sup> week**. Then, with the **covenant** no longer accepted by the Father, the **only pathway** for the **old covenant keepers** to **make an end of their sins** will be to **place their FAITH in God’s new covenant, the majesty of His Son**. Hear again the **promise** of Jesus **... be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life** (Rev.2:10).

**And it was given** (preordained) **unto him** (Satan) **to make war with the saints** (God’s witnesses), **and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations** (Rev.13:7). However, the **death of a FAITHFUL convertree** at the hands of the **beast** **...will pay for the sins** of that **convertree**. And their **sacrifice** will benefit other **convertees** in that their **sacrifice** will **...witness for Jesus and for the word of God** (Rev.20:4). **Submission** to the **beast** may save their physical lives, but it will result in **destruction of both body and soul in the lake of fire**.

## 20 - OUR GOD IS NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

**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 His SIGN* (Rev.1:7), ...*every knee will bow, ...and every tongue will confess* (Rom.14:11) that the *flesh and blood Son of a Jewish maiden* really is the *Son of God*. However, those who are converted by His *SIGN* will not be *blessed* at Rapture because they had to *see it to believe it* (Mat.12:38): hear again the words of Jesus to Thomas... *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed (at Rapture) are they that have not seen and yet have believed* (John 20:29). Unbelievers will be left behind in the era of time Jesus identifies as outer darkness.

However, our *Savior* is not going to *convert* billions by *His SIGN* just to *burn them into Hell*. We do not serve a vindictive God. 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). *Jesus will be our Judge* (John 5:22) and He does not want to *condemn* a single *soul* ...not even those who will be *cast into outer darknes*. Why else would He put the *His SIGN in the clouds of Heaven*.

Everyone who is left behind will be taught the *everlasting Gospel* of Jesus by God's witnesses who will descend to Earth at the time of His SIGN: *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of "heaven", having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them (unbelieving Judeans) that dwell on the earth..., "and" to every (Gentile) nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people* (Rev.14:6).

To encourage new convertees (Judean and Gentile) in their endeavor to remain *FAITHFUL to Jesus*, God is going to prepare a place, a special "time-frame" of *1260 days* in which Satan, himself, will have no influence over them. *And the woman (Judah) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place (a span of 1260 days) prepared of God, that they (God's witnesses) should "feed" her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days* (Rev.12:6). The *preparation* for Judah's *feeding time* will be the confinement of Satan for the for the first *1260 days* (combine Rev.12:6,12 and 11:3,7). Convertees will have to face the *blasphemies of the beast of the sea*, but the *beast* will be unable to harm them physically because of God's all-powerful witnesses (Rev.11:5).

## 21 - THE "WITNESSES" OF OUTER DARKNESS

A *witness* can *testify* to only that which he has seen and experienced. Consider the words of Jesus... *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I tell you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?* (John 3:11-12). And as we shall shortly verify, God's *witnesses* will have already been in *Heaven* and therefore qualified to *testify* of things they have seen and experienced in Heaven. His *witnesses* (the clouds of Heaven) will accompany *Son of Man* at Rapture and will remain on Earth to *testify* of heavenly things to those who will be left behind.

Please note that every time *Son of Man* descends from Heaven, or is seen in Heaven, He is accompanied by the "clouds" of Heaven ...*they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven* (Mat.24:30) ...*I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven* (Dan.7:13-14) ... *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him,* (Rev.1:7). At each mentioning of the clouds, they are either in Heaven with Him or descending with Him from Heaven. In other words, the clouds are already with Him in Heaven and go with Him whithersoever he goeth (Rev.14:4). ...and they will follow Him to Earth when He

**gathers His ELECT** (Mat.24:30). **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living** (Mat.22:32) The **clouds of Heaven** are the **CHOSEN firstfruit of God and the Lamb**

Then after Rapture, with no presence of Satan on Earth..., the **clouds of Heaven** will **stay on Earth** and begin **witnessing** to those who have been **"blinded" by His SIGN... And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book** (the little book that John had to eat - Rev.10:9-10: **next chapter**) **and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of (outer) darkness** (Is.29:18). **And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not (they will be taught of heavenly things); I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness (outer darkness) light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake...** (those who have been left behind - Is.42:16). With so many things to confirm the validity of our God, how then will **convertees** doubt God's **witnesses**.

The fact that God's **witnesses** will return **with Him** at Rapture verifies that they were **...redeemed from the Earth** (Rev.14:3) before the **summer fruit has ripened**: they are the **firstfruit unto God and the Lamb** (Rev.14:4). They will be easily identified in the era of **outer darkness** because they will have the **name of His (the groom's) Father written on their foreheads** (Rev.14:1). And the fact that the **clouds of Heaven are already in Heaven** means that the **witnesses of great tribulation** are, today, preparing themselves (**experiencing the grandeur of eternal life in Heaven**) as a **Bride preparerth herself for her husband** (Rev.21:2).

The **testimony** of God's **witnesses** will be of those things they have **seen and experienced** in Heaven. It will be their job to teach - **"feed"** - the **convertees** of **outer darkness** their **firsthand knowledge** of **Heaven** and what the **convertees** must do to gain **eternal life in Heaven**. **Scoffers** may **blaspheme** but they will be **powerless** to interfere **...and if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies** (Rev.11:5). And because of what the **witnesses** are capable of, there will be no excuse for anyone to doubt who they are ...and where they came from.

**Proof of who the witnesses will be:** As did Jesus while He was on Earth, God's **witnesses**, His **servants will occupy flesh and blood** bodies. However, they will be invincible to those that **dwelt on Earth** because God is going to **seal them from hurt** (Rev.7:4). God's **witnesses** will be beyond normal as we know normal ...and they will be strategically located in every **corner of the earth** (Rev.7:1). **...they will have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will** (Rev.11:5-6). **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy...** (Rev.11:5-6). How will anyone doubt who they are and where they came from?

**More proof:** After God's **witnesses** return to **Heaven... they sung as it were a new song before the throne** Rev.14:5), **and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man (no mortal) could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand (witnesses), which were redeemed (CHOSEN) from the earth** (Rev.14:3). This verse clearly differentiates the **144,000** from ordinary **"men"**. The **song the witnesses will be singing** that **no man (on Earth) can learn (testify of)** will be their **testimonies** of what Heaven is like. The **convertees** who **dwelt in darkness cannot learn this song** because they have not yet experienced the majesty of Heaven.

**Additional proof:** God's **sealed**, and **all-powerful witnesses** are identified as **...two olive trees and two candlesticks that stand before (in service of) the God of the "earth"** (Rev.11:4, Gen.24:3). **And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy (to those who have been cast into outer darkness) a thousand two hundred and threescore days (1260) clothed in sackcloth** (Rev.11:3). Note that this is **exactly** the length of **time, forty and two months**, that will be allotted to the **beast of the sea** (Rev.13:5).

**And even more proof:** After having been **killed by Satan** on **day 1260** (Rev.11:3) and **ascended back to Heaven** (**day 1263½**, Rev.11:12), they will ask God, **“How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth”** (Rev.6:10). This tells us clearly that are **not** still on the earth: **they have returned to Heaven ...and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet** (in **addition** to their **previous** time in Heaven) **for a little season...** (the **short time** allotted to Satan) **...until their fellow servants** (preachers and evangelist), **also and their brethren** (**FAITHFUL** **convertees**), **that should be killed** (beheaded) **as they were...** (Rev.6:11).

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On **day 1260 Satan is going to be released** (Rev.12:12). His first act will be to recruit the disgruntled **religious god-heads** and **governing authorities** to **make war with and kill God's witnesses** (Rev.11:7). **Please understand that when I say Satan is going to destroy and kill, he personally may not do the evil, but he will be instructing and giving power to those, “the beasts of the earth and the beast of the sea,” who do his bidding.** The **beheaded** (Rev.20:4, 6:11) **bodies of God's witnesses** will lie **...in the streets for three days and a half** (Rev.11:8-11). Their **death** will greatly demean the **FAITH** of **convertees** in the power of God to protect His own: many of them will begin to wonder if they are worshipping the right god. However, **...the wise will understand** that these things are prophesied and will not let them tarnish their **FAITH in Jesus**.

The body of Jesus was dead **three days**; the bodies of **God's witnesses will be dead** for **3½ days**. And as a warning to **convertees**, and as evidence of His power, Satan is going to order that their **decapitated bodies remain lying in the street and will not allow them to be buried** (Re.11:8-9). Then, upon the **killing** of God's **witnesses ...they (the resentful blasphemers and scoffers) that dwell upon the Earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because** (the **beast** was able to overcome and **kill**) **these two prophets that tormented (rebuked) them that dwelt on the Earth** (Rev.11:11).

**Earth dwellers** (back-sliding **convertees** - the **beast of the sea**) will **rejoice greatly** because they will no longer fear the **...return of the Son of God from His wedding**. They will reassure each other with chants like... **Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him** (Rev.13:4)? However, their joy will be short-lived because **...after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them (God's decapitated witnesses), and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them** (Rev.11:11).

After **3½ days** of lying dead in the streets, God's **witnesses** will **stand on their feet and ascend back into Heaven as their enemies behold them** (Rev.11:11-12). All over the world **they that dwell on the Earth** will see God's previously dead **witnesses** ascend into Heaven. Their **resurrection and ascension** back into Heaven will be the last of heavenly **miracles** offered by God to bolster the **FAITH** of **convertees**. This **miracle** should leave no doubt as to **who the witnesses were, where they came from**, and the **validity of their testimonies**. There will be no excuse for **convertees** who are asked to **die in like manner as did God's witnesses** (Rev.6:11).

Encouraged by the miracles **Satan** has demonstrated, his henchmen will openly display the **mark of the beast**, and with the threat of death, they and begin forcing **...all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive the mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads** (Rev.13:16-17). They will immediately seize control of world commerce in the name of the **beast** and will not allow anyone **...to buy or sell without the mark of the beast, or number, or his name** (Rev.13:17). And because there will be **a great scarcity of food**, you can be sure that the **servants** of Satan are going to very closely monitor all **buying and selling**: food will become more precious than gold.

And the fact that they will be called to Heaven **only three and a half days after Satan kills their bodies** (Re.11:12) - tells us that they **will not** have to **wait for the King to return from His wedding** (Luke 12:36): the **Bride** will be called back to Heaven for her **wedding**. Their **endeavors on Earth** will contribute to their preparation **...as a Bride adorned for her husband** (Rev.21:2).

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God's **witnesses ...are two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth** (the God of Abraham - Rev.11:4). Do **two** groups, each composed of **two witnesses**, mean that there will be only **four witnesses**? No... the **two olive trees** are representative of those **CHOSEN by God** from the era **before** Christ, **BC** (Zech.4:11-14), and the **two candlesticks** are representative of those **Chosen by the Lamb** from the Christian era, **AD** (Rev.1:20). The number of each group represents the fact that each group is more than one ...and that their actual **number is sealed**. **And I heard the number of them which were sealed** (Rev.7:3): **and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of "all" the tribes of the children of Israel** (Rev.7:4-8, 21:12).

For the first **1260 days** 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 awarded eternal life with Jesus in Heaven**. They will be teaching His promise... **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). The **witnesses** will be **...crying with a loud voice "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His Judgment is come. Worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea and the fountains of waters"** (Rev.14:7).

Until their **physical** deaths on **day 1260**, God's **witnesses** will **feed, pound into the heads of convertees**, the fact that **eternal life with Jesus** is still available to them (Rev.2:10). Consider what the angel told Daniel concerning **his people at the time of the end... Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried** (tested to their deaths); **but the wicked shall do wickedly** (take the mark of the beast): **and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand**. (Dan.12:10). **And they that be wise** (**convertees** who remain **FAITHFUL** unto their deaths) **shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they** (their **fellow servants** – Rev.6:11) **that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever** (Dan.12:3).

God's **witnesses** will warn **convertees** of the impending **release of Satan** and the horrendous **great tribulations** that will follow. They will warn **convertees** that due to the **deceit, miracles, and power of Satan** (Rev.13:14), it will take devout **trust** in the **promises of Jesus to remain FAITHFUL to Him unto their deaths**. The **witnesses** of **outer darkness** will stress the **warning** 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).

## 22 THE LITTLE BOOK

This chapter will discuss **the little book that John had to eat** (Rev.10:2-10). **And as we shall see, the contents of the little book relate God's conditions for a crown of life for those who have been cast into outer darkness.**

Everyone who is **cast into outer darkness will be given** an opportunity to **redeem** himself and **make an end of their sins**. 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). Dying for one's own sins is going to be the ultimate **trial** of their **FAITH in Jesus**.

**And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne (our God, Jehovah) a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals** (Rev.5:1). **And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon** (Rev.5:1). John was **weeping** because **no one could open the book** that would offer eternal life to those who were left behind after Rapture... **And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David (the Son of God born to man), hath prevailed (earned the right) to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof** (Rev.5:5).

Now let us jump to Chapter 10 of Revelation.... **And I (John) saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open (Jesus had opened the book): and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth** (Rev.10:1-2). **And I (John) went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book (let me write the words). 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 (wrote it down for those who will be left behind); 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 offered to those of **outer darkness**. However, it will be **bitter in their belly** because to gain **eternal life** in **outer darkness**, those who are **converted by His SIGN** will have to **suffer and die to pay for their own sins** (Rev.2:10, Mat.10:28).

The instructions of **...Him who opened the book, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David...** that were recorded by John contain **both the bitterness** and **the sweetness** of the **little book**. **Can identify them? 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). Today, the **book** has been opened ...**the wise will understand**.

## **23 THE WOMAN WEARING A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS**

**And there appeared a great "wonder" in heaven; a woman (Zion, the Whole House of Israel) clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered** (Rev.12:1-2).

The **"Whole House of Israel"** is **Zion**, who is the **royal diadem of God** (Is.62:3). The **12 stars upon the woman's crown** represents all **12 tribes of Israel**. Judah is the particular **daughter of Zion** (Mic.4:10) who has been **chosen by God to bring forth the manchild ...the scepter shall not depart from Judah** (Gen.49:10).

The prophecy of Micah contributes understanding to the **deliverance** of Judah... **Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter (Judah) of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now (in thy time of deliverance) shalt thou go forth out of the city (depart from the "holy city"), and thou shalt dwell in the field (the land of the lost), and thou shalt go (turn to) even to Babylon (the mother of harlots – Rev.17:5); there (in thy greatest tribulations) shalt thou be delivered; there (in purifying fires) the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies** (Mic.4:10).

**And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne** (Rev.12:5).

**Today**, in the **summer** of man... the **apostles of the Lamb are delivering the lost House of Israel**. However, Judah has not yet accepted the fact that the **man-child she brought forth as her Messiah** who is going to **rule all nations**: therefore, the **House of Judah** is still in **pain to be delivered**: she is still suffering **reconciliatory punishments**.

Zecheriah describes Judah's **deliverance**... **And I will bring the third part through the fire (of great tribulations), and will refine (purify) them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name (Jesus), and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God** (Zech.13:9). Gold is a very **heavy** metal: consider that to **refine gold and silver** the unclean nuggets are **melted** with **extreme heat** so that the impurities will float to the top and be skimmed-off and discarded. All **convertees**, not just Judah, will be refined in this manner.

Then, **after Judah** has been **delivered** ... the **12 tribes of Israel** will be **re-united** into **one kingdom** who will wear **a crown of 12 stars**. Consider the words of God as related to Isaiah... **Shall I bring to the birth (the point of salvation) and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth and shut the womb? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem (Zion, the "re-united" Whole House), and be glad with her, all ye (Gentile nations) that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her** (Is.66:9-10). **Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed (re-united) Jerusalem** (Is.52:9). The display of all **12 stars** upon **only "one" crown** will be the **"wonder"** (the miracle) that will happen in **Heaven**.

Ezekiel explained the **wonder** of the **woman** that John **saw in Heaven... Thus, saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick 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 and one king (my Son) shall be king to them all (12 stars): and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all** (Ezek.37:11-21). Eventually, in Heaven, **Zion** will be wearing a **crown of 12 stars**.

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For **...all the families of Israel** (Jer.31:1), God **...appointed the moon for seasons** (Ps.104:19) **and signs** to correlate their **oblations and sacrifices** (Numbers 28 & 29). However, **...the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers...** (Jer.31:31-32). His Son will be the **mediator of God's new covenant** (Heb.9:15, 12:24, 8:13). Then, under the **new covenant**, the positions and the **signs** of the **moon** will **no longer be relevant... Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting** (Is.1:13).

**But unto you that fear (accept the authority of) my name-sake (Jesus) shall the Sun (not moon) of righteousness arise with healing in his wing...** (Mal.4:2). The **"whole" House of Israel (all 12 tribes) used the moon** to schedule the **oblations and sacrifices** of the **old covenant**. However, after her conversion to Jesus, the **woman, Zion** will put the **moon (the old covenant) under her feet** and **clothe herself with the "sun"** (God's **new covenant**). **Then shall the righteous (of Judah) shine forth as the 'sun' in the kingdom of their Father...** (Mat.13:43). **...and his (her Messiah) face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light** (Mat.17:2). The entirety of **Zion** will be **bathed in Righteousness**.

For the **first half** of Judah's **70th week**, God is going to **confirm** His **old covenant with her**. But then, **in the midst of her week**, to **confirm** her **faith in Jesus**, Judah will be required to **put the moon**

under her feet. **Accepting Jesus** to be the **Mediator** of her **new covenant** with God will then become the only way to **make and end of her sins** and **deliver her from** (reconciliatory) **pains**. But, because she has not yet **brought forth** (proclaimed) **the manchild**, she is still in **pain to be delivered** of **reconciliatory punishment**. **Again, I do not contend that these perceptions are absolute ...but I do know that they are sound enough to offer for extended study.**

**Un-wise** Judeans who choose to **take the mark of the beast** to avoid the **pain** of **deliverance** will not **bring forth**. They will have to face ...**the great and terrible day of the Lord** (Joel 2:31) ...and will be **tormented with fire and brimstone forever and ever** (Rev.14:9-11). Hear the **warning** of God as related thru His prophet, Joel... **Blow ye the trumpet in Zion** (warnings), **sound an alarm in my holy mountain, let "all" inhabitants of the land** (Jew and Gentiles) **tremble: for the day** (the wrath) **of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand** (Joel 2:1). **...pray that your flight be not in the winter.**

## **24 PREPARING THE WOMAN FOR HER "DELIVERANCE"**

The **House of Judah** is God's **sanctuary**, she is the author of **prophecy** that relates to the **Whole House of Israel, Zion**. And because **Judah** is the **House**, which is in **pain to be delivered**, we will pursue the prophecies relating to **Zion** as references **particularly** to Judah.

**And the woman** (the House of Judah) **fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days** (Rev.12:5-6). **The wilderness** (a place of **great troubles**) **where she hath a place** (a timeframe) **"prepared" of God** (to shield from Satan), **that they** (God's witnesses) **should** (without harm) **feed her** (the contents of the little book) **for a thousand two hundred and threescore days** (Rev.12:6).

Because Judah is the **daughter of Zion**, the **tribe that begat the man-child**, it may be concluded that the **woman** who will be **fed in outer darkness** represents the **House of Judah**. Her **food** will be the **little book that John had to eat**. For **1260 days**, God's **witnesses** will **"feed"** the **woman**, and **all others** why they were left behind and what they must then do to **...make an end of their sins ...and be delivered** from the impending **wrath of God**.

Concerning the **"preparation"** of Judah's **place**, consider that mankind often identifies 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** made for the **woman** will be the **confinement** of **Satan in the bottomless pit** for the entire **1260 days** of her **feeding**. For **1260 days** Judah will enjoy a **"recess"** from the carnages of Satan. Her **conversion** to Jesus by His **SIGN** will grant her an amnesty from **reconciliatory punishment ....until** the **midst of her 70<sup>th</sup> week**.

**Until** the **midst of her 70<sup>th</sup> week**, the only obstacle Judah must overcome will be **blasphemous scoffers ...who, in the last days will walk after their own lusts** (2 Pe.3:3). But then, **in the midst of her final week ...when they** (Judah, and all other **convertees**) **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). Judah's **"sudden destruction"** was identified to Daniel as the **troubulous times** of her **70<sup>th</sup> week**. The **troubulous times (great trials)** of her **70<sup>th</sup> week** will begin with the release of Satan on **day 1260**.

Make note of the fact that the number of **feeding days** for Judah (and Gentiles) match exactly the time that God is going to allocate to His **witnesses; 1260 days** (Rev.11:3). This tells us that God's **witnesses** will be the **providers** of Judah's **manna** in the **place God is going to prepare for her**. For **1260 days**, God's **witnesses** will be **blowing the trumpet ...feeding** (teaching) the **woman** (and all

other **convertees**) *that salvation* is still available to those with enough **FAITH in Jesus** to *die for Him* (Rev.2:10) ...and warning them of the impending **wrath of God** (Joel 2:1).

Judah's **prepared feeding** time will cease on **day 1260**: her **deliverance pains** (**greatest troubles**) will begin with the **killing** of God's **witnesses** (Rev.12:12). Then, **after killing** God's **witnesses**, Judean "**old**" **covenant** keepers will be the next target of Satan's henchmen because they will be the most relevant of **convertees**. Satan will pursue and kill God's **old covenant** keepers for the entire **30 days** it takes them to **erect images of the beast**. To save their physical lives, most **old covenant** patrons, will go into hiding and **begin calling upon Jesus**: the **old covenant** will **cease** (Dan.9:27) in favor of the **New Covenant**. The **new covenant** will then become their only **pathway to eternal life in Heaven** (Rev.2:10).

However..., even after **witnessing the SIGN of Son of Man...**, and even after **1260 days** of being "**fed**" the contents of the **little book...**, only **one-third** (Zech.13:9) of Judah will retain enough **FAITH** in **Jesus** to **deny Satan** and **sacrifice** themselves as a **witness for Jesus** (Rev.20:4).

Our **Lord is true and just** (Rev.15:3): He cares and is loving. It is sad to think that **two-thirds** of the billions (not just Judah) who will be **blinded** by the **SIGN of His Son** and **made to see** ...and **fed** the message of the **little book for 1260 days** ...will still **worship the image of the beast** to save their physical **bodies**. This means that **two-thirds** of those who are **left behind** will eventually **...drink 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, it must be repeated **...pray that your flight will be not in the winter**.

**As we proceed, please keep in mind that** Judah is God's "**example**", a **mirror** by which all **peoples, tongues, and nations** may see themselves and understand what God expects of them. Judah depicts mankind's consequences for **failing God**, and His **rewards for those who love and trust Him**.

**Again, one might contend that these verses are taken out of context, and admittedly many of them appear to be. However, God's prophetic conditions, rewards, and consequences are not confined to specific people, dates, and/or events. The prophecies and events of yesteryear were recorded so as to be warnings to Judah and to give her a glimpse into "her" time of the end. And as they relate to Judah, they relate to "all" who will be ...cast into outer darkness... Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will punish all who are circumcised** (descendants of Abraham – Gen.17:11), **...with** (in addition to) **the un-circumcised** (Gentiles - Jer.9:25).

## 25 THE RELEASE OF SATAN

**Quick review:** The **place** God is going to **prepare** for Judah will be a **time-frame** of **1260 days**. The **preparation** made for her **feeding-time** will be the **confinement** of Satan in a **bottomless pit** for the entire **1260 days** (Rev.11:3-7). For the **first half** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**, **Satan** will have absolutely no influence over those who **walk in darkness**. However, even in the absence of Satan, **convertees** will have to overcome the **beast of the sea** ...the jealous, envious, and **blasphemous scoffers** who were, before Rapture, the upper-echelon of their **old religions**. For **1260 days**, mankind will become a product of his **inner self**; the true "**nature**" of each **soul** will become openly exposed.

For **1260 days**, with **no opposition from Satan**, or from the **beast of the sea** who cannot **physically hurt them**, God's **witnesses** are going to **feed** the contents of the **little book** to **convertees**. However, **...when they** (God's witnesses) **shall have finished their testimony, the beast** (Satan) **will ascend out of the bottomless pit and make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them** (Rev.11:3,7). We may conclude that the **beast** who is responsible for killing **God's witnesses** will be **Satan** because the Bible identifies him as the **dragon who is cast down to the earth** (Rev.12:9) ...and who is later "**chained**" in the **bottomless pit** (Rev.20:2-3).

The **killing** of God's previously **sealed witnesses, servants** (Rev.7:3) on **day 1260** (Rev.11:3,7) will awaken **convertees** to the fact that God has indeed released an **inconceivably evil** entity upon them (Rev.13:4). **Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye** (the **summer fruit**) **that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the "earth"** (the left-behind Jews) **and of the "sea"** (the left-behind Gentiles) **for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time** (Rev.12:12). Satan's anger will be at God..., but because he is unable to approach God, his first target will be Judeans who have renewed their **old covenant** practices with God. And after he has killed all he can find who are making **sacrifices to God**, he is going to next pursue the Judeans who are **worshipping God's Son**. John identifies the atrocities of Satan's as his **wrath** (Rev.12:12).

## 26 THE WYLES OF SATAN

**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil** (Eph 6:11). Until the **image of the wounded beast** has been completed and erected, Satan is going to use His **deceptive powers** (Rev.13:14) to convince **convertees** that he is indeed going to defeat King Jesus 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).

After having witnessed the **SIGN of Son of Man**, the entire unbelieving world will be **converted** to Him. However, the big question will then become... how many of them will remain **FAITHFUL** to Jesus when they have to listen to the **blasphemies** coming from the **beast of the sea**, and beginning on **day 1260**, confronted by the **deceitful trials** and **great tribulations** that **Satan** is going to throw at them? With no **light** available to them, how many **convertees** will **see** beyond the **deceitful miracles** of **Satan** (Rev.13:14). 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?**

Sadly, even after having personally **witnessed the SIGN of Son of Man...**, and after having been **fed the gospel** of Jesus for **1260 days** ...to save their physical lives and the lives of their loved ones..., **two-thirds** (Zech.13:9) of all **convertees** will succumb to the **scoffs** and **blasphemous** accusations of the **beast of the sea** and the **deceitful** tactics of **Satan** (Rev.12:9, 13:14, 19:20). **Two-thirds** of those who are **cast into outer darkness** will **not** have enough **FAITH** in the **promises of Jesus** to **die for Him**: ...to save their physical lives, they will **worship the image of the beast and take Satan's mark** (Rev.14:9)

Satan will boast to those who have been **cast into outer darkness** that he is greater than the **Son of God** and that he will defeat the newly **crowned King** (Rev.14:14) when He **returns from His wedding** (Luke 12:36). He 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). He will declare that he is **eternal** and cannot be destroyed, and that he will award **eternal life** to all who follow him. He will tell **convertees** that he does not want to kill them, but..., he cannot allow them to live if they are going to side with **King Jesus**.

Consider the promise Satan made to **Eve** ... **And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil"** (Gen.3:4-5). Hear again Satan's words ...**Ye shall not surely die**. Will **convertees** fall for His antics or will they remain **FAITHFUL to Jesus ...choose you this day whom ye will serve** (Josh.24:15). Hopefully, **convertees** will heed 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).

As time progresses in the first **half** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**, millions, maybe billions of **convertees** will begin to **doubt** the superiority of the **Father** and **His Son**. And because on **day 1260**, Satan will **make war with and kill God's** previously **indestructible witnesses** (Rev.11:3,5,7 – **expounded later**), a great number of doubting **convertees** will began **worshipping the dragon and the beast**. They will reason to their neighbors that if the **Father of Jesus** cannot **protect** His **witnesses from the beast**, then maybe they are following the wrong king. They will mumble among themselves... **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** really is going to defeat the newly **crowned** king when **He returns from His wedding** (Luke 12:36) ...and they will want to be on the winning side.

## 27 THE WRATH OF SATAN

After the **convertees** of **outer darkness** have been "**fed**" the **sweetness and the bitterness of the little book that John had to eat (1260 days)**, Satan will be released upon them for a **short time** to **test** – **try their FAITHFULNESS to Jesus**. The release of **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): this will be the **troubulous times** described to **Daniel** by the **Angel Gabriel** (Dan.9:25). It will be the ...**hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell (have been left behind) upon the earth** (Rev.3:10). For a **short time** (less than 75 days – **verified shortly**), Satan will be allowed to do anything he chooses to **deceive** or **force by torture and execution**, those who **dwell in outer darkness** into **taking his mark and worshipping the image of the beast**.

It is evident that during their tenure on Earth, **God's all-powerful witnesses** are going to **rebuke** and **chastise convertees** who have **turned again to their own vomit** (their pre-Rapture gods) and **wallowing in the mire** (2 Pe.2:22). **Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts** (2 Pe.3:3). However, being **pointed-out** by God's **witnesses** will enrage **scoffers** who have returned to their old gods and begun doing what-ever is necessary for their own survival. Their **condemnation** by God's **witnesses** will generate extreme **bitterness** towards them ...**gnashing of teeth**.

Therefore, as mentioned earlier, the **first act** of Satan will be to **kill** God's **all-powerful witnesses**. He will reason that to effectively overcome the **faith** of **convertees**; God's previously **protected** and **all-powerful witnesses** will have to be **taken out of the way**... **And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them** (Rev.11:7): they will be **publically** (Rev.11:9) **beheaded** (Rev.20:4). And because they are the **CHOSEN of God** who **descended from Heaven** (as did Jesus), they will "**without resistance**" (Mat.26:51-52) submit themselves (as did Jesus) to be **sacrificed**. Their willingness to die for Jesus will be a ...**witness for Jesus and the word of God**.

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**Quick review:** **before** Judah is **converted** by the **SIGN of Son of Man** at Rapture, they will have suffered **69 weeks** of the **70 weeks determined** against her: the "**serpent/dragon**" will have had a "**picnic**" tormenting her. However, **after** Rapture, to begin her **70<sup>th</sup> week**, Judah will be ...**given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her (previously prepared) place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time (3 1/2 years) from (apart from) the face of the serpent** (Rev.12:14). As mentioned before, the **preparation of her palace**, will be the confinement of Satan in the **bottomless pit** for **1260 days**. For **1260 days**, Judah will be at **peace** from the evils of Satan.

However... on **day 1260** ...**When the dragon saw that he was (unchained) cast unto the earth, he (immediately pursued and) persecuted the woman who brought forth the manchild** (Rev.12:13).

Satan's knows that **Judah is God's sanctuary**, therefore, after **kill God's witnesses** the keepers of God's **old covenant** will be his next target.

Satan's **pre-Rapture** relationship with **Babylon, the Mother of Harlots** (Rev.17:5) – the **mother of false gods** - along with the **miracles** he is capable of ...and the **promises** he is going to make to all of her **harlot daughters**, will swiftly rekindle their hatred of Jews. Then..., **impressed and encouraged** by the **beast** who was able to **kill God's witnesses**, **Babylon** and her **harlot daughters** (the **beast of the sea**) will attack and kill that portion of **Judean convertees** who have been reaching out to God through His **revived "old" covenant**. With Satanic vigor, the anti-Jewish campaign of **Babylon** will begin the **troubled times** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**. **And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood** (deaths, and threats of death) **after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away** (turn against Jesus) **by the flood** (of deaths, Rev.12:15). Satanically **"marked"** for identification, anti-Jewish armies will begin **beheading** every Jewish **converttee** they can find who has turned again to **...making sacrifices and oblations to God**.

However, **...the "earth"** (the **firstfruit witnesses of God**) **opened her mouth, and swallowed up** (overcome) **the flood** (the fear of physical death) **which the dragon cast out of his mouth** (Rev.12:16). The **earth** is metaphoric the **144,000 who will be CHOSEN from the 12 tribes of Israel**: they will be the **witnesses** of **outer darkness**. Their **testimonies** are going to **prepare** Judah for the **flood** that is coming: their **teachings** will be the **mouth that is going to swallow up the Satan's flood**. With a **loud voice, for 1260 days**, God's **witnesses** will be teaching **converttees**... **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).

For **1260 days**, God **witnesses** will be warning Judean **covenant** keepers of the fact that God is going to **cease His covenant** with them in the **midst of their 70<sup>th</sup> week**... and is going to **release Satan among them on the very day of covenant cessation**. And that Satan is going to begin **kill them, God's witnesses**, as soon as he is released. And because **covenant-keepers** have been prepared for the **flood**, a great many of them will **FAITHFULLY** overcome the **flood** (of deaths and threats of death) **that Satan is going to cast after them**. The teachings of **God's witnesses** will have **swallowed up** the effectiveness of Satan's **flood**. Hopefully, by the time of Satan's arrival ...and with knowledge of His impending arrival ...and with knowledge that God is going to **cease His old covenant** with them on **day 1260** ...Judeans will put aside their **oblations and sacrifices** and turn to God's **"new" covenant** (Jer.31:31) for **redemption of their sins: Jesus is the mediator of God's new covenant** (Heb.12:24).

The fact that so many **"covenant"** Jews are going to rebuke Satan and will be willing to **sacrifice** their lives will **enrage** Satan. With extreme urgency (he has only a **short time**), Satan will then, immediately, go after that portion of Judean **converttees** who have, **from the beginning**, put their **faith God's new covenant**. **And the dragon was wrath with the** (old covenant portion of the) **woman, and he went to make war with the remnant of her seed** (other Judeans) **who ...have the testimony of Jesus Christ** (Rev.12:17). This fact makes it apparent that a **remnant of the woman's seed** will, **immediately after Rapture**, begin placing their **FAITH** in **God's new covenant**... but will their **faith** continue when Satan **particularly** targets them for **death**?

## **28 THE IMAGE OF THE WOUNDED BEAST**

By killing the **witnesses/prophets** of God, Satan will have presented himself as an **all-powerful liberator** for the **un-FAITHFUL** of **outer darkness** who have ignored God's **witnesses** and turned again to their pre-Rapture gods.

For the first **30 days** of his allotted **short time**, Satan will do very little killing. **Instead**, he will begin **...deceiving 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** (the harlots of Babylon, the **beast**

**of the sea) 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).

Then according to his instructions, Satan's new army of **harlots** will immediately go to work on those **images**. It will take them only **30 days** to erect the **images of the beast of the sea, Babylon the Mother of Harlots** in all locations the world. The **images of the beast that was wounded as to death** will be **completed, distributed, and erected** by **day 1290 AR**. The completion of the **images** will end Satan's campaign of **deceit and miracles** and will initiate his campaign of **death** to all who refuse to **worship those images and take his mark**.

The **image of the wounded beast** (Rev.13:14) will be that of a single, or perhaps **seven** world-renown **false god(s)**, with a **world-wide, easily-recognized image**... a god like **Buddha**! Almost everyone recognizes **images** of **Buddha**. However, it must be considered because the **beast of the sea has seven heads** ...and because the **envious echelon** of the other "**six**" **religions** (that were **wounded as to death by the SIGN of Son of Man**), will want **images** of their own Gods **erected** and **worshipped** ...perhaps there will be **seven images** of other **gods** erected. But in any case, because images of **Buddha** vividly fit the profile of the **beast**, and for ease of illustration, we will depict Buddha as the **wounded beast** ...with **seven heads**.

At Rapture, the great majority (maybe all) of those who pay homage to Buddha will be converted to Jesus by His **SIGN**. This means that the **SIGN Son of Man** will be the **two-edged sword** (Rev.1:16) that will **wound the beast as to death**. All over the world, previously devoted Buddhists will begin destroying **images** and statues of Buddha and worshipping Jesus. Buddhist temples will be stripped of Buddhist **images** and converted to Christian churches. Homage to Buddha will "**almost**" cease: Buddhism will be **wounded as to death** (Rev.1:16, 2:12, 19:15,21). **Keep in mind that these parallels to Budha are for example only. In no way can they be confirmed ...or denied.**

In the early days allocated to God's **witnesses**, Buddhism will lie "**almost**" **dormant; wounded as to death**. But then as time passes, Buddhism (and other false religious heads) will **rear their ugly heads** and begin **scoffing** and **blaspheming** God's **all-powerful witnesses**. Then, after Satan is released (**day 1260**), and has **killed God's witnesses**, he will order the re-construction of Buddha's **images** (or **which-ever false-gods Satan chooses**) and have them placed in every corner of the world.

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**And from the time that the daily** (Luke 9:23) **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); **1290 days**.

For **clarity** and **understanding** of the above verse (Dan.12:11), allow us to insert interpretive wording... **And from the time that the daily sacrifice** (the sin-cleansing sacrifice of Jesus) **shall be taken away** (no longer applicable) **and the abomination** (the image of Buddha) **that maketh** (souls) **"desolate"** (forever lost) **set up** (erected), **there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days** (Dan.12:11). This means that the **image** will be completed and set-up **1290 days** after Rapture; which will be only **thirty days** after Satan is released.

The **daily sacrifice** that will be **taken away** is identified of the Jesus **....take up thy crosses "daily" and follow Him** (Luke 9:23). It **cannot** be the **midst-of-the-week cessation** of God's **"sacrificial covenant** on **day 1260**, because **1290 days** after the **midst-of-the-week (day 1260)** would total **2570 days** ...which is greater than the entire **2520 days** of Judah's **70<sup>th</sup> week**.

Additional proof is that **Son of Man** will return from His **wedding "before" day 1335** to gather His **FAITHFUL**. What would be the point of **erecting the image** on **day 2570** if the newly **crowned** King is going to gather His **FAITHFUL** at some point **before day 1335**. The only way the numbers "add up" is

that the **1290 days** of Daniel 12:11 refers to the **take-away** (the **cessation** at Rapture) of the **sacrifice** made by Jesus.

Because the **sacrifice of Jesus** will **cease** at the time of Rapture, the above verse is telling us that the **image of the wounded beast** will be completed on **day 1290 (AR)**. In other words, the **image** (pictures/statues, etc.) will be completed and **set up** all over the world just **30 days** after Satan **kills God's witnesses**. Satan will want it done in a hurry because he **...knoweth that he hath but a short time** (Rev.12:12): his **short time** will be from the day of his release, **day 1260**, until an "undisclosed" day **...before day 1335**. Satan will have no-one to pursue after the **FAITHFUL** is gathered by the newly **crowned king** (Rev.14:14).

And there will be **...silence in heaven about the space of half an hour** (Rev.8:1) ...which means that there will be no **witnesses** left **on** Earth to **expose** the **deceptive ...great wonders** of Satan (Rev.13:13) ...or to **oppose** the world-wide placement of **images of the beast**. The **half an hour, 30** minutes, might be **30 days: 1260 +30 = 1290**.

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After completing and strategically locating the **image(s) of the beast** (be it **one** or **seven**) in only **30 days**, Satan will **make the images speak: Al is today capable of making images of any god move and say anything**. Satan will then decree that everyone who **dwells upon the earth** must...**bow down and worship the image of the beast that was wounded and did live** (Rev.13:15).

To enforce the order of **worshipping** the newly constructed **images** of Buddha (or whichever **false god** Satan chooses), his demonic **servants** will begin **imprisoning** and **beheading** those who refuse to **worship that image** (Rev.2:10) ...and He will do it in a hurry because he **...knoweth that he hath a short time**. Will all **FAITHFUL convertees** be **killed**? I would guess not, but as many as Satan has **time** will be, and most of them will be **beheaded. ...and except those days be shortened, there shall no flesh be left alive**.

But how will **FAITHFUL convertees** know **Satan's henchmen**... Jesus warns, **Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits** (Mat.7:15-16) **...and by Satan's mark**. On the other hand, those who **have not worshipped the image of beast** will be identified because they will **not** have the **mark**.

We label the **mark of the beast** as Satan's **mark** because it will be the **power of Satan** (Rev.13:2,4,5,7,12) that is forcing **convertees** to **take the mark**. It is evident that Satan will use a **credit system** that requires scanning a **mark** that will be placed on the **right hand or on the forehead** of those he convinces to **take his mark**. The **mark** will probably be a **barcode** or a **QR code** that will be electronically registered in Satan's monetary system and must be **scanned** for **all buying and selling ...and** all other publically monitored activities.

Satan may not have done much killing the first **30 days** of his release but after the **image** has been completed and erected on **day 1290 AR**, and after he has **deceived as many** (Rev.18:23, 19:20) as he can with his **lies** and **miracles**, he will openly exhibit his **hatred** of the **Father and the Son** by publically **torturing and beheading** (Rev.20:4) **convertees** who worship them?

In every city and nation of the world, "**convertees**" who remain **FAITHFUL** to **Jesus** will **forfeit their physical bodies** to **save their spiritual souls**. The executions will continue both day and night. And before the executions have ended, many millions, maybe a billion **FAITHFUL convertees** will die for Jesus ...in **less** than **75 days**. **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake** (the **FAITHFUL**) **those days shall be shortened** (Mat.24:22): King Jesus will return at some point **before** the originally decreed **1335 days** (Dan.12:12). The executions

of **FAITHFUL** Gentiles will be greater than the combined dead of **all** earthly wars. The dead of **FAITHFUL** Judean will dwarf their deaths in the Christian era of their **punishments**.

On the other hand, to escape the tortures of Satan and to save their physical lives, and the lives of their little children, **billions** will **submit** to **Satan** ...**worship the image** of Budha ...and take **his mark**. And because such a great number will begin **worshipping the image of the beast** ...the **head** that was **wounded as to death will be healed** (Rev.13:3): homage to Budha will **live again**.

After having **witnessed the SIGN of the Son of Man...**, and after being **fed** the contents of the **little book** for **1260 days**... **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 **souls desolate** – **forever forsaken, permanently dead, no farther chance for salvation** (Dan.11:31, 12:11, 14:9-11, 19:20). The **desolate** will have been **swallowed up by the flood of Satan**.

Those of **outer darkness** who **worship** Buddha's **image** after having witnessed the **SIGN of Son of Man** ...and **after 1260 days of being fed Jesus's requirements for salvation** (Rev.2:10) ... 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 **fate** of those **who worship the image and receive Satan's mark. It is repetitious, but we must say again the words of Jesus ...pray that your flight be not in the winter**.

## **29 THE PARENTS OF G.T. WILL FACE THE GREATEST TRIALS**

Jesus particularly points out the dilemma parents will face... **And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days** (Mat.24:19). ...**he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me** (Mat.10:37).

Will the **converted** mothers and fathers of **outer darkness** be able to watch their infants and young children be **beaten, raped, tormented, and beheaded**..., or will they **worship the image? ...pray that your flight be not in the winter**. The words of Jesus describe the reactions of many... **And the brother** (who has taken Satan's **mark**) **shall deliver up the (FAITHFUL) brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their (FAITHFUL) parents and cause them to be put to death** (Mat.10:21).

The tears, screams, and pleas of young children will make it extremely hard for parents to refuse the **mark of the beast**. However, the **wise** will consider the example **God made of His only begotten Son** ... **For God so loved the world that He gave (sacrificed) His only begotten Son...** (John 3:16). **God will not ask of man that which He was not willing to do for man**. Will **convertees** love Jesus as much as God loves them? To grasp the **horror** and **trials** of **FAITHFUL convertees** who will be asked to **suffer and die** for their children, consider the **suffering** of Jesus as His **flesh was torn** by the Roman **scourge** and His **pain** as spikes were driven through the bones of **His feet and hands**. And..., **convertees** must remember that for **eternal life** ...**pain** (punishment for deliberate sin) has been irrevocably decreed **unless they are forgiven by the pain Jesus suffered for them**. Consider the words of Jesus ...**the servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, (in order to be redeemed to his lord) shall be beaten with many stripes** (Luke 12:47).

The **wise** will **understand** that the human flesh of Jesus **did not** want to be **sacrificed**. His **flesh** did not want to feel the **pain** of being **beaten and nailed to a cross**. He asked of His Father... **O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.**" (Mat.26:39). His Father could have sent **legions** (Mat.26:53) to rescue **His Son**, but He did not. Hopefully, in the world of **outer darkness**, **convertees** will remember the plea Jesus made to His Father ...and remember that His Father, for the sake of **billions**, **sacrificed His only Son**. This tells me that the children of **outer darkness** will be **pleading** to their own fathers for help. The **fathers** of **outer darkness** would do well to remember the **example** of their **Father in Heaven**, and the warning of **His Son ...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).

There are other examples of the **FAITH** God asks of **convertees**... Consider the dilemma of **Abraham** who, at the age of 108, was asked to **sacrifice Isaac, his only son** (Gen.22:7) ... **And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.** The Bible does not say that Abraham gagged his son, therefore, can you imagine the pleas of that young man to his father as **...Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son** (Gen.22:7-10). Can you imagine what was in the mind of that old man ...who, in obedience to God, prepared to slay and burn his **only son**. Will **convertees** have enough **FAITH** in the promises of **Jesus** to **sacrifice** themselves **and their children** to gain **eternal life** with Him? Will they be able to explain to their children that for the **FAITHFUL**, **death has no sting** (I Cor.15:55, Rev.20:6). Will the **child** understand that **death** is temporary and that **life with Jesus is eternal**? **...pray that your flight be not in the winter.**

The **trials** of **convertees** will be beyond, and more hideous than anything that one can imagine... **great tribulations such as was never before and will never be again**. 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 strengthen the **FAITH** of their children into accepting their own physical **death** to gain **eternal life** for their **soul** (Rev.2:10)? The willingness and assurance of parents to **die for Jesus** will **lend strength** to their children.

### **30 THE "FAITHFUL" WILL BE "MADE ALIVE", INSTANTLY**

**In review**... **Souls** who have **not** accepted the **sacrifice Jesus made to pay for their sins** are "**dead**" and will **not** be **blessed** at Rapture. Those who need a **SIGN** from Jesus to **believe**, will **not** be **blessed until** their **sins** have been **paid in full by the death of a worthy sacrifice**.

But because they will be made **believers** at Rapture, the choice of **convertees** to physically **die** rather than take Satan's **mark** will make them a **worthy sacrifice** that will **pay for their sins**. The **sacrifice** of a **FAITHFUL converttee** will be **accounted unto him for Righteousness** (Gen.5;16) and will **...make an end of his sins** and **bring in everlasting Righteousness**.

Let's look at the Biblical proof... **And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under** (beholding to) **the altar the souls of them** (His witnesses) **that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony** (their account of life in Heaven) **which they held** (testified of). **And** (upon their arrival back in Heaven - Rev.11:12), **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 assassins) **that dwell on the earth? And white robes** (for their wedding) **were given unto every one of them; and it was said**

***unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season (less than 75 days), until their fellow servants (other preachers and evangelist) also and their brethren (their FAITHFUL parishioners), that should be killed (beheaded) as they were...*** (Rev.6:9-11, 20:4).

An ***“altar”*** is a place of ***sacrifice***: the ***sacrifice*** of ***convertees*** will place their ***souls under*** (beholden to) ***to the altar*** (Rev.6:9-11). The ***sacrificial death*** of ***converted*** preachers, evangelists, and their parishioners will instantly give ***life*** to their previously ***“dead”*** souls. The ***old creature must die to give life to the new*** (2 Cor.5:17). Jesus identified this process as being ***born again*** (John 3:7). His promise to those of ***outer darkness*** confirm this concept ***...be thou faithful unto (physical) death (they will have to sacrifice their flesh to exonerate their souls) and I will give you (your soul) a crown of life*** (Rev.2:10). Upon the ***death*** of his flesh, the ***soul*** of the ***thief on the cross*** was ***made-alive*** ...and upon his ***death*** he “instantly” ascended to ***paradise*** to ***be with Jesus***. He was ***made-alive*** by His ***oral confession*** of who Jesus is (Mat.10:32) ***...Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven*** (Mat.10:22). The self-sacrifice of ***FAITHFUL convertees*** will be their ***confession before men*** that will ***instantly give life to their souls***.

In our pre-Rapture world, ***souls*** are ***instantly made-alive*** by accepting the ***sacrifice Jesus made to pay the wages of their sins***. The same thing will happen for those who are ***cast into outer darkness***; their ***FAITH*** in Jesus ***even unto death***, will make them a ***worthy sacrifice*** that will instantly, ***upon their sacrificial death, render eternal life to their souls***.

Awarding ***“life”*** to the ***“dead”*** souls of ***outer darkness*** ***at the time of their deaths*** is Biblically identified as the ***“first” resurrection of “dead” souls... Blessed and holy is he*** (the ***FAITHFUL*** of outer darkness) ***that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power, but they (the FAITHFUL) shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years*** (Rev.20:6, 17:14). ***...but the rest of the “dead” (the unsaved of winter ...and summer) lived not again until the 1000 years is over*** (Rev.20:5). These verses (Rev.20:6, 17:14) are telling us that the ***FAITHFUL*** of ***winter*** will join the ***CHOSEN firstfruits***, and the ***CALLED*** of ***summer...*** and will ***reign with King Jesus on Earth for 1000 years .... before the “rest of the “dead” lives again***.

### **31 WAITING FOR THE GROOM TO RETURN FROM HIS WEDDING**

The anxiety and horrors of ***waiting*** for the ***groom to return from His wedding*** cannot be imagined. Both Daniel and Luke tell us that ***outer darkness*** will be a time of ***fear and intense apprehension*** for those who are trying to remain ***FAITHFUL*** to Jesus. Luke describes the ***FAITHFUL*** of ***OUTER DARKNESS*** as ***... 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; day 1335 AR*** (Dan.12:12).

The ***wise will understand*** who the ***betrothed Bride*** is, and why Satan is going to ***kill*** them immediately after He is released. The ***witnesses*** will be ***killed on day 1260 (combine Rev.11:3, 12:6, and 11:7) and after three days and an half (day 1263½) the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a “cloud”; and their enemies beheld them*** (Rev.11:12). Notice again that God's ***witnesses*** are portrayed as a ***“cloud”***.

The prophecies related to ***Daniel*** about 550 years before Christ, tell us that the ***waiting time*** of ***convertees*** will be ***1335 days*** (Dan.12:12): ***Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand***

**three hundred and five and thirty days** (1335 days after Rapture – Dan.12:12). However, about **550 years** later, Jesus disclosed to His disciples that the **time of waiting** 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** (the **FAITHFUL** of **great tribulations**), **those days shall be shortened** (Mat.24:22). The promising words of Jesus will give hope to the **FAITHFUL** for an **early** return of the newly **crowned** King (Rev.14:14) from His **wedding**.

The **wise will understand** that their **days of waiting will be shortened**, **but by how many days, no one can know**. But, because the **ascension** of God's **witnesses** will occur on **day 1263½** ...and the **return of King Jesus from His wedding** will occur **before day 1335**, they will know that their **waiting time** will be less than **71½ days**. The **FAITHFUL** may hear Satan's henchmen breaking down their doors, but their eyes will be **watching** out the window for **the King to return in the clouds from His wedding** (Rev.14:14, Luke 12:36).

Consider the anxiety of loving parents as they scramble to find hiding places for their babies and young children? And even if they are safely hidden, without being free to gather food, and with **no way to buy and sell**, how will they feed their children? **Starvation will become epidemic**. Hundreds of **FAITHFUL convertees** and their children will die every hour from starvation. Can you imagine the **pain** of parents as they try to console their hungry children ...especially while knowing that to **buy** food, all they have to do is **take a mark**. Heed the words of Jesus **...woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and (Satan's) wrath upon this (Judean) people** (Luke 21:21-23) **...and Gentiles**.

How will loving and **FAITHFUL** parents deal with the mental anguish of burying infants who die of starvation? Again, heed 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). Our **Savior** is **loving and forgiving**, but He is going to be selective as to **whom He awards eternal life in Heaven ...pray that your flight will not be in the winter**.

And, please keep in mind that these are only **conceivable** examples of the **great trials** that **FAITHFUL convertees** will have to endure. There will be **horrors that cannot be justly written**. The hideous concoctions Satan is capable of, especially with children, cannot be imagined. Will **converted** parents **FAITHFULLY wait** for the newly **crowned** King (Rev.14:14) to **return from His wedding** (Luke 12:36) ...or will they **worship the image** to save their lives and the lives of their children?

**Convertees** will 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, the **wise will understand** that the prophecies of **great tribulations "shall be"** (irreversibly) **fulfilled** (Rev.6:11), and that their personal **death** is **highly probable**. Jesus pleads with them **....be FAITHFUL unto death and I will give you a crown of life** (Rev.2:10) ...and you will be the **first to be resurrected ...and you will reign with me for 1000 years** (Rev.17:14, 20:4) before the **rest of the "dead" lives again**.

## **32 THE NEWLY ANOINTED KING RETURNS FROM HIS WEDDING**

At some point - **before day 1355** - the newly **crowned King** (Rev.14:14) is going to return **...upon a white cloud** (His new **Bride** will return to Earth with Him) to **gather** the **fruit** of the **latter growing season**. This, the **winter flight** is described by John... **And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man** (Dan.7:13, Rev.1:13) **having on his head a golden "crown"** (symbolizing His **marriage** - Dan.7:14) **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 having the **likeness of Son of Man**) **that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come**

*for thee* (the newly anointed King) *to reap; for the* (winter) *harvest of the “earth” is ripe* (Rev.14:14-15).

Notice that the clouds are mentioned in both of the preceding verses: that is because ...*the cloud* (His bride) *are they which follow the lamb whithersoever He goeth* (Rev.14:4). Notice also that the clouds are “white”, this too, should tell us something: the *wise will understand*.

The *winter “flight”* from the imminent wrath of God is vividly depicted in this verse... *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying come out of her* (Babylon The Great, Mystery, the Mother Of Harlots - Rev.17:5) *my people* (the FAITHFUL) *that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues* (Rev.18:4). The *wrath of God* will immediately follow the *gathering* of FAITHFUL convertees (Rev.14:14-19). *Babylon The Great, Mystery, the Mother Of Harlots* ...the *beast of the sea* ...will be left behind to *face the wrath of God*.

There will be no mercy for those who..., after having seen the SIGN of Son of Man..., and after 1260 days of being *fed* (taught) the conditions of Jesus for *eternal life* (Rev.2:10) ...and after being *warned* against *worshipping the beast* (Rev.14:9-10) ...still choose to save their physical lives by *worshipping the image of the beast* (Rev.14:9-11). They may have evaded the guillotine of Satan, but they will not escape *the fires of the wrath of God*.

The FAITHFUL of the *winter harvest* will then join the CHOSEN (bride) and the CALLED (invited guests) to *reign with King Jesus, on Earth, for 1000 years* (Rev.17:14).

### **33 THE SECOND DESTRUCTION OF EVIL MANKIND**

In a world of *darkness...*, even after having seen *the SIGN of Son of Man* ...and with absolutely no influence from Satan ...and after 1260 days of being the *fed knowledge* of what is coming and what they must do to be *saved...*, and after having *beheld God’s decapitated witnesses stand on their feet and ascend into heaven*, God is not going to like how two-thirds of mankind are going to react. The immediate physical-survival of their *flesh* will overshadow their *fear of Him* who warns that He is able to *...destroy both body and soul in the lake of fire* (Mat.10:28).

No influence from Satan makes it evident that for the first 1260 days of *outer darkness*, God is going to judge mankind on mankind’s own merit. To understand and accept this concept, consider God’s *judgment* of man before the great flood. *There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of “man” was great (genetically embedded) in the “Earth” (the sons of God), 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.6:4-7).

If it is consider that the face of the earth is the face of God (Gen.4:14), and that the *face of God* is the “un-blemished” lineage of Adam, then the above verse is telling us that God *destroyed* (removed) the “blemished” offspring, created by the *daughters of men*, from the “un-blemished” seed of the *sons of God*. **Don’t throw stones at me yet... at least not until you have read the entire book.**

To verify that the *face of God* is the lineage of Adam hear the words of God to Moses *...the Lord had a delight in thy fathers* (the lineage of Adam) *to love them, and he chose their seed* (the descendants of Adam) *after them, even you above all people, as it is this day*. (Deut.10:15). Choosing *their seed above all people* is covertly telling us that there were other “seeds”, other people, on Earth. And the fact that God “chose” confirms to us that there was more than one people

on **Earth** before the **flood**. However, **...Noah (and his family, his unblemished seed – (Gen.7:13) found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen.6:8-9) and was saved** to continue the lineage of Adam.

As mentioned before, many of the Biblically recorded historical events are prophetic of events that will occur again at the **time of the end**. The **initial** destruction of **evil men** is an event of the past that is prophetic of an **end-time** event. The **end-time** destruction of **evil** men is Biblically identified as **God's wrath**. After King Jesus has gathered the **worthy fruit of the winter**, God is going to **again destroy evil mankind** from the Earth.

### **34 THE WRATH OF GOD**

The words of Joel best declare the imminent **wrath of God... Blow ye the trumpet (a warning) in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain (Israel, and) let all the inhabitants of the land (Gentiles) tremble: for the day (the wrath) of the Lord cometh, (beware) for it is nigh at hand. ...there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it... (Joel 2:1-2). The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before (by reason of) the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call (Joel 2:31-32). The terms, **mount Zion** and **Jerusalem** tell us that Joel recorded this specifically for His Judean people. And because Judah **has not yet ...called upon the Lord ...** his prophecy is definitely for a **time in the future**.**

Soon **after** the **winter flight** of the **FAITHFUL...**, **God's wrath will be poured upon those who took the mark of the beast (Rev.14:9-11, 16:1-2) and who ...killed the saints and martyrs (Rev.6:10) of great tribulation (17:6). And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the (seven) "vials" of the wrath of God upon the earth (Rev.16:1).**

After the newly **anointed King** returns from His wedding and **gathers** the **ELECT** of **winter**, the **unfaithful** will be **cast into the lake of fire (Mat.10:28). And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth and gathered the (wicked) vine of the earth and cast them into the great winepress of the wrath of God (Rev.14:19).**

### **35 THE VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH**

This short chapter is a brief listing of the **seven vials of God's wrath**. The vials will be independently inserted into the following chapters as their relative circumstance is discussed.

**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.**

**And the first went and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.**

**And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.**

**And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.**

**And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.**

**And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.**

**And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done (Rev.16:17).

### **36 UNDERSTANDING..., THE TIME OF THE END**

To destroy *evil* men in the days of Noah, God used a *great flood*. For the post-Rapture destruction of *evil men*, it is Biblically evident that 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 him* ...and if there is going to be great anger, *gnashing of teeth*, after being left behind at Rapture ...can you imagine the insane demeanor of man after being *deceived* by Satan and left behind the second time ...and with weapons at his disposal that are capable of annihilating himself.

Daniel could not understand the *end-time* prophecies related to him by the angel, Gabriel... *And I (Daniel) heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed-up and sealed till the time of the end* (Dan.12:8). *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* (Dan.12:4): a time when *...the wise will understand but the wicked will not understand* (Dan.12:10).

And as it was for Daniel, the things John the Revelator saw *could not be understood* by the limited *knowledge* of his day. To fully understand the *images* and descriptions of *God's wrath*, we must first agree that the *images* that John described in the Book of Revelation really did appear to him as he described them: he really did see *...horses with lion heads*. However, the things they represented were not for John to *understand*... *One like unto Son of Man* told John *...what thou "seest" write it down in a book* (Rev.1:11,13,19). Today, with *increased knowledge*, the *wise can understand* that which John *wrote down in a book: the images John saw are prophetic of modern weaponry and the destructive power of nuclear energy*.

One might ask, "Why would 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 the destruction of earlier man? Could not He have just spoken it done"? My answer is... "Who can know, or question, the will of our God? Who can question His purpose or His means?" *His will..., will be done*.

### **37 – A WORLD-WIDE CONVENTIONAL WAR**

Verses will be taken from different eras and different books in the Bible having one thing in common.... they are prophetic descriptions of the *God's wrath at the time of the end*. We will attempt to mesh them together in hopes of developing a correlated view of *God's wrath upon men who have taken the mark of the beast and worshipped his image*.

The early phase of man's demise will be a conventional war. *And I (John) saw the horses* (the end-time *mobile vehicles of war* - tanks, jeeps, troop carriers, helicopters, ships, submarines, drones, and 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* (exploding gunpowder, rifles, cannons, grenade launchers, rockets, illuminating flares, flame throwers, lasers, etc.- Rev.9:17). Again, allow me to emphasize..., John did not see modern-day instruments of war. He saw *horses with lions heads* which will, *at the time of the end*, be *understood* by the *wise*.

Joel writes... *A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them* (Joel 2:3).

**And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron** (armored vehicles); **and the sound of their wings** (helicopters, drones, rockets, jets, and other flying vehicles) **was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle** (Rev.9:9): imagine if you can, the sound of a sky filled with of helicopters, or numerous airplane engines warming up for take-off. **And they** (the military helicopters and airplanes) **had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails...** (Rev.9:17); tail-guns, lasers, and rocket launchers.

**And the number of the army of the horsemen** (ground mobile units) **were two hundred thousand-thousand and by these** (the 21<sup>st</sup> Century conventional weapons of man) **was the third part of men killed** (Rev.9:16-18). Never..., until today, **04-30-2026**, 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.

**And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared**. The final war will be a battle of East and West as is already developing. The **waters of the Euphrates** represent seas, oceans, mountain ranges, and great distances that were giant **obstacles** in the world-wars of yesteryear. However, these barriers have **dried up**, which means that they are **no longer obstacles** of war.

And the fact that a **third part of mankind** (Rev.9:15,18) **will be killed** by the **conventional weapons** of war, tells us that the initial phase of this final war will be more devastating and move much faster than the sluggish paces of World Wars I & II. And with so much devastation, the losing side will quickly become frustrated and desperate: **atomic war will be inevitable**.

### **38 ATOMIC WAR**

**And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the Earth, and that they** (the **un-FAITHFUL** of outer darkness) **should kill one another** (man is going to annihilate himself) **and there was given unto him a “great sword”** (Rev.6:4). The **great sword of the red horseman** is an arsenal of more than **12,000 nuclear warheads** that are in the possession of **nine** different nations who have aircraft and **rockets** to deliver them.

**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). The **intense heat** of atomic weaponry is unimaginable to ordinary men.

**And the light of Israel (God; Is.10:17) shall be for a fire, and his Holy One (His Son, Jesus; Mark 1:24, Luke 4:34) for a flame: and it (God’s wrath) shall burn and devour his (Satan’s) thorns and his briars in one day** (Is.10:17): the atomic war will not last long. **...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** (big cities, skyscrapers, bridges, and other exotic structures) **shall be burned up** (2 Pe.3:10) **...in one day**.

The following prophecy recorded by Peter concerning **God’s wrath** is a **precise** description of **atomic war** and a harsh **warning** to the **FAITHFUL** of **outer darkness... Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved** (by fervent heat), **what manner of persons ought ye (the FAITHFUL) to become in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for (being aware of) and hasting (getting ready) unto 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).

**And he opened the bottomless pit** (the confinement place of Satan); **and there arose a smoke** (a column) **out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace** (an atomic blast); **and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke** (the atomic plumes) **of the pit** (Rev.9:10).



**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). **...and the third part of the waters became wormwood** (radioactive)**and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter** (Rev.8:11).

**And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.**

**And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.** It is evident that the early targets of war will be the atomic capabilities of sea-going naval taskforces. One precisely placed atomic bomb can wipe-out an armada of warships ...chop-off the head of snake and it becomes harmless.

**And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat** (even a mild atomic blast is “hot” enough to scorch men up to 10 miles away) **and** (they) **blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they** (those who took the mark and worshipped the image of the beast) **repented not to give him glory** (Rev.16:8-9).

**And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat (the “mother”, Babylon) of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their (radiation) sores and repented not of their deeds (Rev.9:11). And the smoke of their torment 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).**

Notice that “great heat” and “fervent heat” are often mentioned as the primary destructive power of the great sword. The temperature of an atomic fireball can reach 100 million degrees Celsius; about 5 times hotter than the sun at its core. ...***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). Consider that if one is standing on his feet within range of an atomic blast, his ***flesh, eyes, and tongues*** will be ***consumed*** a second or two before the physical force reaches him and ***knocks him off his feet***. How could Zechariah have known that the intense ***light of an atomic blast*** reaches its target with enough ***heat*** to literally “melt” the target before the ***physical impact*** of the bomb reaches the ***target*** and ***knocks it down***.

With no knowledge of modern weaponry, there is no way that a man could have ***understood*** these things ***two thousand and five hundred years ago***. Today, man’s ***knowledge*** allows him to ***see*** and ***discern prophecy***. Now we can ***understand*** why the prophets of old were told to ***write it down*** until the ***knowledge*** of mankind has ***increased*** ...***the wise will understand***.

John describes the feeble attempts of “unfaithful” convertees to ***escape the wrath of God (nuclear incineration)***, in this manner... ***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 (provide shelter for us) and hide us from the face of him (the Father) that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb*** (Rev.6:15-16).

The extreme ***heat*** of an atomic blast can send plumes of smoke and radiation up to 40 miles into space. And these radioactive clouds can linger in the atmosphere for day and weeks ...and can drift hundreds of miles. The ***sun and the moon and stars*** will become obscured from the surface of the Earth. ***And the third part of the sun was smitten*** (blacked-out by radioactive plumes), ***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). This tells us that there will be so many atomic explosions (***thousands***) that ***one-third*** of our planet will be ***darkened*** by the lingering plumes.

***Therefore, shall her (Babylon) plagues come in one day*** (the delivery of atomic warheads with missiles is quick and accurate), ***death, and mourning, and famine; and she (the mother of harlots) shall be utterly burned with fire*** (Rev.18:8). Notice that this prophecy includes ***famine***. It tells us that many of those who survive the atomic war by ***hiding in caves and bomb shelters*** will ***starve to death*** because all the plants and animals will be ***burned with fire***. And in fear of radiation poisoning, survivors will not be able to leave their bomb shelters – at least not until they are starving and dying of thirst. However, ***bitter water*** and contaminated ***food*** will initiate very slow and agonizing deaths. One does not reverse ***lethal*** doses of radiation; it is a lingering, very slow, painful, and certain death. ***And in those days*** (the days following atomic war) ***shall men seek death and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them*** (Rev.9:5-6).

### 39 HIS 1000-YEAR REIGN ON EARTH ...A “GARDEN OF EDEN”

To understand the millennial *reign* of *King Jesus* on Earth, it must first be accepted that Jesus has not yet *reigned* on Earth. And because He has not yet *reigned* on Earth, the Bible verses that describe His *reign on Earth* are referring to a time in the future.

In review, after the *CHOSEN firstfruit* has been gathered... and after the *CALLED guest* of *summer* has been gathered for *guest at His wedding*... and after the *FAITHFUL* of *winter* has been *gathered* by the *newly crowned King* ...and after *God's wrath* has *cleansed the world of all evil* ...and after *Satan has been chained and cast him back into the bottomless pit...*, 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, CALLED* and *FAITHFUL* will descend to Earth with Him and will *reign with Him on Earth for 1000 years* (Rev.17:14, 20:4-6).

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house (the earthly Kingdom of King Jesus) shall be established in the top of the mountains (above all earthly kingdoms) and shall be exalted above the hills (regional governments); and all nations shall flow (submit) unto it* (Is.2:1). The *Son of God* will be *King of (earthly) kings, and Lord of (regional) lords* (Rev.19:16).

Is God going to *renew planet Earth* before the *1000-year reign of His Son*? Because Satan will be bound for the entire *1000 years*, I would say **yes**. Evidently King Jesus does not want His subjects exposed to anything evil. Therefore, the subjects of His millennial reign will **not** live on a burned and devastated planet exhibiting wasted cities. They will live on a beautiful green planet with clean drinking water (*expounded shortly*). They will have no knowledge of the earlier, very evil existence of mankind. However, His earlier destruction of evil men with a *great flood* is recorded for us to see. Perhaps He will want the subjects of His millennial *reign* to know that He destroyed the *evil of outer darkness* ...with *fire from Heaven*.

When Jesus came to Earth in the flesh as a carnal being, His Judean kinsmen were expecting a *Messiah..., a king* who would free them from the bondage of Rome and bring *peace to Earth* (Is.9:6-7) *as it is in Heaven*. 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).

However, there is coming a time when *King Jesus* **is** going to return to Earth and *establish peace on Earth. ...and the government* (the *ruling authority* of all men) *shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Prince of Peace* (Is.9:6). Consider the words of the prayer Jesus taught His followers... *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in heaven* (Mat.6:10). The words of this prayer are prophetic of *a time* in the future when the *will* of His Father (as laid out by His Father's commandments) *...will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven* (Mat.6:10)..., and *His Son* is going to be the *administrator* of His Father's *commandments*. For a *thousand years King Jesus* is going to implement His Father's *commandments* on Earth ...and with Satan confined to *the bottomless pit for the entire 1000 years* (Rev.20:2) *... there will be peace on Earth as it is in Heaven*.

For this *brief encounter* of *Heaven on Earth*, the *CHOSEN, CALLED, and FAITHFUL* of King Jesus will descend to Earth and will *reign with Him* (Rev.17:14, 20:4). *These are they who follow Him where-so-ever He goeth* (Rev.14:4). They will be an extension of the King's *will*.

The *1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth* will be a “snapshot” of His *Father's eternal heaven*; an insight into what it will be like in *God's heavenly kingdom*. In the *summer* of mankind, *God sent His Son to tell of heavenly things* (John 3:11,12) and to *provide light* for those who would listen. In the *winter* of mankind, God sent His *witnesses* to *testify* of their experiences in Heaven. But for His millennial *reign on Earth*, He is going to bring a little bit of *Heaven* with Him. *And He shall judge*

*among the nations and shall rebuke* (correct and direct) *many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift-up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore* (Is.2:4).

His *reign* on Earth will be the second physical presence of Jesus on *Earth*. This time He will come as a *King* who is going to establish *peace on Earth*: the millennial requirements of the *King* will not vary from the teachings of His earlier visit to man. He will stress *love for His Father in Heaven* and obedience to His Father's *commandments ...and compassion for one's neighbors* (Mat.22:37-40).

His *reign on Earth* will be a *thousand years* of *love and peace* that man (today) cannot comprehend. 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 (exclusion) shall be the serpent's meat* (Is.65:25). There will be no *evil* to *...hurt nor destroy in all His holy mountain* (Is.11:9).

*And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain...* (Is.11:7-9).

To better understand His *reign* of Earth ...and the ensuing release of Satan upon the **subjects** of His *reign...*, compare the *peace* of His *reign* to the *Garden of Eden* 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 **after** an undetermined length of 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 **temptation** by which God would test their loyalty.

The existence of Adam and Eve in the *Garden of Eden* was **peaceful and wonderful**, an indescribable **paradise of plenty** ...until *the serpent was allowed to tempt the keepers of the garden* (Gen.3:1-4). Such will be the case at the end of the **1000-year reign** of King Jesus on Earth; His *reign* will be a *garden...*, an era of indescribable *peace...*, until *Satan* (the *serpent*) is released to again **tempt** the loyalty of the King's **subjects** (expounded shortly).

## **40 THE SUBJECTS OF HIS 1000-YEAR REIGN**

I am 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 will not be *judged* by my *works*.

As you ponder my opening statement, think of the *thief on the cross* and how he was in the right place at the right time. Suppose the *thief* had been crucified a day earlier, or later. One might consider, "Wow! If he had to be crucified, He sure was lucky to be crucified alongside Jesus, on the same day and at the same time". His luck (and mine) makes me wonder about the people who lived and died before Christ (BC) and after Christ (AD), and those who were **born and lived** in the distant locations of our planet who have never had an opportunity to *know Jesus*.

The *sacrifice God made of His Son* was made for all mankind, not just those lucky enough to be in the right place and at the right time to hear His *gospel*. *Knowing* Jesus is so vital to *salvation* that John writes *...whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him* (I John:3:6). Our Father in Heaven *...is longsuffering to us-ward* (mankind), *not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Pe.3:9). It is His *...will to have all men saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth* (I Tim.2:4): Jesus is **TRUTH** ...knowledge of truth is getting to know **TRUTH** and what He did for us.

However, not to worry, **every human** who has ever lived on this planet **will** get their chance to know Jesus and what He did for mankind ...everyone **will hear** the **gospel of the Kingdom** (Mat.24:14). The last command Jesus gave to **His disciples** was that they must include **all** of humanity in their ministry... **Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature** (every race and tongue of mankind - Mk.16:15). His **command** to His **disciples** still applies to His **servants** today ...and it will apply to the **witnesses** of **outer darkness** ...and it will apply to the **CHOSEN, CALLED and FAITHFUL servants of His millennial "kingdom"**. ...for the earth shall be full of the **knowledge of the Lord, as the waters** (living waters, John 7:38) **cover** (are extended to) **the sea** (Is.11:9), Gentiles.

The above verse tells us that His **reign** will be a time when the **sea** is offered **eternal life; living waters**. This means that during His millennial **reign, eternal life** will be offered to billions of **Gentiles** who, in their "previous" lives (**expounded shortly**) did not have a chance to know Jesus.

**And this gospel of the "kingdom"** (the good news of eternal life) **shall be preached in "all" the world for a witness unto "all" nations; and then shall the end come** (Mat.24:14). It cannot be written plainer, **the end** of mankind's tenure on Earth **will-not come** until "**all**" – every **soul** who has ever lived on this planet – both **BC** and **AD** - have had their opportunity to **know** Jesus. Notice the word, "**kingdom**" ...might Jesus be telling us that the purpose of His "**1000-year Kingdom**" on Earth will be to extend opportunities of **eternal life** to the **subjects** of His **kingdom**? And that **the end** of man's tenure on Earth will not come until after, ...the **gospel of His Kingdom** has indeed, **been preached in all the world to every creature**.

To grasp the magnitude of His 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 it is not of their own accord. They lie "**dormant**" in **death** because they haven't had a chance to **know the Son of God** and what **He did for them**. They lived and physically died in an **era of time**, and/or in a **remote location** of our planet, without **having an opportunity** to know **Jesus**. They are **not spiritually "dead"** ...they are **spiritually dormant**. However, not to worry, **they will get their chance**. They **will** get to **know ...the glory of God** which is **His Son Jesus Christ** (2 Cor.4:6, Gen.4:14, Mark 1:11).

**As we continue, and for ease of recognition, we are going to identify the dead who have not yet had their opportunity to know Jesus as the... "unknowing"**.

One might argue that the **unknowing** have not been abandoned; they will get their chance for **eternal life** when they are **judged** at **the great white throne**. **And that is true**..., whomever of the "**dead**" is **judged favorably by their works** will be **awarded eternal life** (John 5:29). However, keep in mind that the "**dead**" are those who deny Jesus **after** having had their chance to **know Him**. And because the **unknowing** have not had an opportunity to know Jesus, **they are not "dead"**: they lie **dormant** in the grave.

Additionally, **the pathway of being judged "good" by works** is much **narrower** than the **road** Jesus provided for those who **know and follow** Him. The purpose of His **sacrifice** was to make **salvation easier** for mankind. Having our **sins paid for** by Jesus to **avoid** facing His **judgment** is the **easy way** He provided for those that **know** Him ...**my yoke is easy, and my burden is light** (Mat.11:30). **If this is not true**, then why did God **sacrifice His only begotten Son**? If the "**un-dead**" must be judged, then why did Jesus have to **suffer and die**? Why doesn't He just **judge everyone** by their **works**? If so, He would not have had to **suffer and die on the cross**? If Jesus had not **sacrificed** Himself..., and if we all must be **judged** to gain **eternal life with Him**, then billions of us will not be **worthy** (Mat.22:8, 10:37-38).

Jesus taught that **...strait is the gate, and narrow is the way** (by works and deeds, Rev.20:12-13), **which leadeth unto life** (eternal), **and few there be that find it** (Mat.7:14). On the other hand, for

those who **know** Jesus and have accepted His sacrifice to pay for their sins... **His way is easy, His burden is light** (Mat.11:30).

The **unknowing** of His millennial **reign** will be ...made alive each in their own order (I Cor.15:23) and given their opportunity to **know** the **King** who will be **reigning over them from Jerusalem**. And because their **souls** are **not spiritually "dead"**, their **"awakening"** will **not** be **resurrections** of **"dead" souls** ...it will be the **re-implantation** of dormant **souls** into a new body of **flesh**. The fact that the rest of the dead will not be made alive until after the 1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth (Rev.20:5) alerts us to the fact that the **awakening** of **unknowing souls** is .... **"different"** than that of **resurrecting "dead" souls**.

The **"unknowing" souls** of both **BC** and **AD** will be the **"subjects,"** the citizenry of His **reign** on Earth. And with no influence from Satan to deceive them, the **King** will **judge** them solely upon their acceptance of Him and His teachings of love and compassion for their neighbors ...**and** their compliance to His Father's **commandments**.

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Of a different note, His command to His disciples ... **Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom to all nations...** (Mat.24:14, Mark 16:15), helps us to understand the **massive migrations** of mankind **after** Jesus issued that **command**. Compare the **post**-command migrations of man to man's **trivial migrations before** the command. The extensive migration of man today confirms to us that **many are running to and fro** (Dan.12:4) which means that we are very close to ...**the time of the end**.

## 41 REINCARNATION

Do I believe in reincarnation? No, not for **flesh**. However, as it applies to God's **"re-embodiment"** of **souls**... **Yes, I do!** To accept this **precept**, consider that for **eternal life**, the **living souls** of **mortal bodies** will be removed from their **mortal bodies** and **re-embodied** into **immortal bodies**..., **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality** (1 Cor.15:53-54). This confirms the fact that God does indeed remove and re-embody **souls**.

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** (an **incorruptible body** prepared) **of God, a house not made with** (carnal) **hands, eternal in the heavens** (2 Cor.5:1). This clearly tells us that our earthly **body** is only temporary **"housing"** for our "potentially" **eternal soul**.

I believe that **re-embodiment** is what happens upon the death of a fetus, an infant, or a very young child. In such cases, the **"untested"** embryonic **soul** of the deceased little body is **re-embodied** into a newly conceived fetus. Keep in mind that **our Father does not want a single soul to perish** (2 Pe.3:9). **Parents** who abort, and the **assassins** who perform **abortions** had best beware, you are displacing a **soul** that was **spiritually** implanted by God: you are placing yourself in danger of being **cast into the lake of fire**.

## 42 THE UNKNOWING WILL OCCUPY BODIES OF FLESH

Will the **old "bodies"** of the **unknowing** be resurrected, or will **unknowing souls** be re-implanted into new **bodies**? Consider that in His previous visit to Earth, Jesus did **resurrect** carnal **bodies**. Perhaps He was telling us that the **dormant souls** of the **unknowing** will live again in the same bodies.

However, **"in the beginning"** God **made man from the dust of the earth** and **breathed the breath of life** (a **soul**) into him. Our God will be the **same tomorrow as He is today, and as He was yesterday**. Therefore, it is my conviction that He is going to create another **man and woman from the**

*dust of the earth* and, again, tell them to **“re-plenish” the earth with their kind** ...into which He will implant the **unknowing souls** of prior ages. And, as in their previous lives, **souls** will exist in **corruptible bodies**: His **subjects** will **not** be **immortal** beings. One may ask, “If this is true, why doesn’t God just speak new bodies into existence”? The answer, “I do not know. Why didn’t He speak you and I into existence”?

Concerning **“corruptible” bodies**, let’s look at supporting Scripture:

(1) God is going to **chain Satan and cast him into the bottomless pit for the entire 1000 years** (Rev.20:3). This fact will create an existence far different than mankind has ever known. It means that God is not going to allow any event, **bad** or good, from man’s prior existence to influence the millennial subjects of **His Son**. There will be no disfigured, blind, cripple, or mentally depraved flesh on this planet; there will be **...peace on Earth as it is in Heaven**.

(2) Jesus was born in the **flesh**, taught in the **flesh**, and was crucified in the **flesh**. And because He is the **same today and forever**, we may assume that for His millennial **reign** on our **physical** planet, the **King of Kings** will again occupy **physical flesh**. And because there will be no **“pre”-millennial evil** on Earth during His **reign**, I perceive that His **reigning** body will not display **stripes** and **punctured** extremities: King Jesus will be reigning in an **in-corruptible body** ...over subjects who **will be** occupying **“corruptible” flesh**.

If King Jesus does indeed occupy **flesh** for His **reign on Earth...**, **“will His flesh age”**? No, His existence will be beyond the restraints of time: A **...day is with the Lord as a thousand years (is to man), 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 concern to the eternal existence of our **King**.

And **exactly** as it was for His first visit **in the flesh**, the **unknowing** subjects of His millennial **reign** will be asked to **love, respect, and honor a flesh and blood King**, and to **keep the commandments of His Heavenly Father**. Jesus will not change. However, **this time**, He will indeed have **...come to bring peace on Earth** (Mat.10:34). **...the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth** (Zech.9:10).

Will His subjects live the entire **1000 years**? No, they will occupy **corruptible bodies** with the same lifespans of today, or perhaps as initially noted in the Bible to be **120 years** (Gen.6:3). **Exactly** as it is today, to test their **worthiness of eternal life with Him**, His subjects will be made to understand **death** as compared to **eternal life**.

(4) **...from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh** (not spirits) **come to worship before me, saith the Lord** (Is. 66:23).

(5) **...And it shall come to pass in the last days** (His reign of Earth will be mankind’s **last days** on Earth) **saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh** (Acts 2:17). Again, His subjects will indeed be **flesh and blood**.

(6) And at the conclusion of His **1000-year reign**, the **flesh** of **Gog and Magog** (Rev.20:8) **will be consumed by fire while they are standing on their feet** (Zech.14:12).

**Conclusion**: because **King Jesus** will be **reigning** on Earth **in the flesh**, He will appear to **Gog and Magog** as a **weak** fragile king. On the other hand, by the **deceptions and miracles** Satan is capable of..., Satan will appear to be **indestructible**.

### **43 THE “UNKNOWING” WILL LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

The prophecies of Isaiah best sum-up the reactions of millennial subjects to the **teachings** of their **“King” ...many people** (nations and tongues) **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 (they will get to know Jesus) and we will walk in his paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the law...* (Is.2:2-3). The *going forth of the law* (Is.2:3) tells us that King Jesus will be implementing His Father's *commandments* (Ex.20:3-17): His Father's *will..., will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven*. Notice that the **subjects** of this verse identify their **new King** as the **God of Jacob**. This covertly tells us that they are **not** originally of the **house of Jacob**: they are **Gentiles** and are identified as the **sea**. This also tells us that **Jacob** will be among the **CHOSEN** who will be *reigning* with **Jesus for 1000 years**.

*And it shall be in that day (a thousand years) 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), (Zech.14:4,5,8,9).* Because the King's subjects are referred to as the **sea**, it must be assumed that the great majority of them will be Gentile.

Isaiah writes, *Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising* (Is.60:3). *The abundance of the "sea" (billions of unknowing Gentiles) shall be converted unto thee, the forces (great masses) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee* (Is.60:5).

And *...in that day (a day is as a thousand years) ...many nations (of the sea) shall be joined to the Lord and shall be my people: and I (King Jesus) will dwell (on Earth) in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts (My Father in Heaven) hath sent me unto thee* (Zech.2:11).

**Please keep in mind that THESE THINGS HAVE NOT YET HAPPENED ... but they are going to happen:** for **1000 years** there will be *peace on Earth as it is in Heaven*.

The **unknowing** will proclaim... *With my soul have I desired (knowing – Ho.6:6) thee in the night (my sleep); yea, with my spirit (awakened) within me will I seek thee early, for when thy judgments are "in" the earth (the descendants of Adam), the inhabitants of the world (the unknowing of the sea) will learn righteousness* (Is.26:9). The **sea** will *learn righteousness when His judgments, His kingdom, is on Earth. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh (carnal bodies, not spirits) come (submit) to worship before me, saith the Lord* (Is 66:23).

*"All" the ends of the world (distant lands, people, and tongues) shall remember (pay homage) and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations (the sea) shall worship before thee* (Ps.22:27). *And in that day (His 1000-year reign) ...the Lord shall be king over all the Earth (the entire planet).*

*And..., it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families (Gentiles) 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 from Jerusalem*: there will be **no offer** of *eternal life* to those of His **kingdom** who refuse to *worship the king who reigns from Jerusalem*. This verse confirms to us that **this kingdom will be on Earth** because **no one** in Heaven will ever **refuse to worship the King**,

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 the King's subjects..., it may be concluded that the cause of those who will *...not come down (refuse) to worship King Jesus*, will be their own **selfish pride** (I Tim.3:6). It will be their own **egotistical envy** (Mat.27:18)...., **their own self-centered resentful jealousy and covetousness**. They will openly **complain of**, and **scoff** the **King** and the implementation of His Father's **commandments**. And, after having **known** the **King** and the **love and compassion** He teaches, the **worthiness** of **souls** 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). His

millennial **reign** on Earth will be **judgment**-time for the **unknowing** of the **sea ...but the rest of the "dead" will not live again** (for judgment) **until the 1000 years are finished**.

#### **44 SATAN IS RELEASED... "AGAIN"**

**After** the **wrath of God** has **cleansed** planet Earth of all evil, Satan will be **thrown (back) into the bottomless pit** (Rev.20:1-3) where He was before being **released for a short time** in the era of **outer darkness**. However, His confinement this time will be for the entire **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth**. His confinement means that Satan will have absolutely no influence over the King's subjects. The **wrath of God** will have **cleansed** this planet of all evil, **and** all things that promote evil: there will be **peace on Earth as it is in Heaven**.

For **1000 years**, the **citizens** (subjects) of His **Kingdom** will be **judged** solely upon their personal **acceptance** or **denial** of their **King**. His **reign** will be a **trial of their reactions** to **love and compassion ...and obedience to His Father's commandments**. It will be a test of their **worthiness for eternal life** with Him **in Heaven**.

Then **...when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall (once again) be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations (the sea) which are in the four quarters of the Earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the "sea"** (Rev.20:7-8). **Gog and Magog** is metaphoric of a massive assembly of Gentile **nations**. To recruit entire **nations** (Rev.20:8), one must first win-over their **covetous millennial kings and governors**. These will be they who **refuse to worship the king at Jerusalem** (Zech.14:7)

And, as in the **Garden of Eden**, Satan will be allowed to **deceptively** tempt man's loyalty to their **King**. The easily **deceived, covetous**, and **resentful "kings"** of **in-subordinate nations** will eagerly follow their **"deceitful"** leader who promises them **to be as gods and never die** (Gen.3:5-6) ...and all they have to do is **overthrow** (Gen.20:9) their **meek and vulnerable, "peace-loving" King** who is **ruling them from Jerusalem**.

Satan will be very convincing by the **miraculous deceptions** (Rev.20:8,13:14) he is capable of when he is unrestrained. His **charm and promises will put hooks in the jaws** (Ezek.38:3-7) of **envious** millennial rulers and kings who, even prior to Satan's release, **resented** their **meek** (Mat.11:29), **peace-loving** King and His **upright, do-good, judgments, and commandments** (Ps.119:7, 137-140). And, as was the case with **Eve** in the **Garden of Eden**, the subjects of the **King** will have no previous knowledge of Satan or his **deceitful** tactics: they will not know of his animosity towards God or his previous **"unsuccessful" war against God in Heaven** (Rev.12:7-9). It will take sincere **love and faith** in their **peace-loving King** for **unknowing** millennials to see beyond Satan's offer **to be as gods**. Will **envy and jealousy** be their **damnation** (Ro.13:2, John 5:29) or will **the weightier matters of the law; judgment, mercy, and faith** (Mat.23:33) be the factors that will keep millennials loyal to their **King**.

To understand the magnitude of Satan's **deceitful** tactics, consider his exorbitant **offers to Jesus** (Mat.4:8-9), and the **miracles** (Rev.13:14) that the Bible says he will use to deceive the **convertees** of **outer darkness**. How many of us today, even after **hearing the gospel of Jesus**, has **sold all that we have and gave it to the poor to follow Jesus?** How many of us can refuse Satan's offer **to be as gods** having **riches, fame, and glory?** We should thank Jesus every day for His **sacrifice** to **pay** for our shortcomings, because without His **sacrifice** many of us might not be **judged worthy** by our **works**.

Because man is **inherently evil** (Gen.6:5), and because Satan is so **deceitful**, Satan will have no problem convincing a **number, as the sand of the sea** (an enormous army of Gentiles), that he is **more powerful** than their **do-good, flesh and blood "softie-of-a-King"** who is teaching **peace, love,**

**and compassion** 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.

Upon his release, Satan's first move is described by John... **I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet** (Rev.16:12-13). **For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto (possess and control) the kings of the earth and of the whole world** (Rev.16:14).

But then, after having contributed to Satan's evil plans ...**the beast and the false prophet will be tossed into the lake of fire** (Rev.20:10). But not the **dragon**, Satan will be allowed to continue. Satan will ...**gather (prepare) them for the battle of that great day of God Almighty... And he (Satan) gathered them ...the kings of the earth and of the whole world ...together into a place (a position of combat readiness) called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon** (Rev.16:16). The term **Armageddon** is in reference to the "Mountain of Megiddo. This particular mountain is referenced because of its past use by Satanic armies of the past to prepare for their attack against Jerusalem. However, in this case, we must **understand** that it symbolizes **military preparations** for attacks not only against Jerusalem, but throughout the ...**breadth of the whole Earth** (Rev.20:9).

Although the **seat** of King Jesus will be the **beloved city**, the **camp of the saints** (Rev.20:9) will be the encampments of His **CHOSEN, CALLED, and FAITHFUL** that are located throughout the **breadth of the whole Earth** (Rev.20:9). And they, this alliance of **deceived kingdoms, Gog and Magog ...shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are CALLED, and CHOSEN, and FAITHFUL** (Rev.17:14).

An alignment of **camps** throughout the **breadth of the whole earth** strongly suggests that the **battle** will be a **worldwide war** that will occur in all locations **of the Earth**. It will appear to be an **elongated** rebellion of **resentful and envious subjects** vs. their **peaceful and compassionate King**. To perceive an **elongated** war, it must be considered that the war machines of today will not exist... "**they will have been beaten into plowshares.**" Therefore, with only the hurriedly assembled weapons of a peaceful world, most will expect a war decided by numbers **...as the sands of the sea**. However, the war will not happen that way... **And they went up on the breadth (all locations) of the earth and compassed the camp of the saints (the CHOSEN, CALLED, and FAITHFUL) about ...and (in particular) the beloved city (the seat of King Jesus): and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them** (Rev.20:9).

**And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; 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). The **evil and rebellious kingdoms** of the King's **1000-year reign** will no longer exist. However, this time their destruction will **not** be an atomic bomb: **This time** the Biblical account of their destruction is particularly described as a **...devouring fire that comes down from God out of heaven** (Rev.20:9).

**Then cometh the end (of His reign on Earth), when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death** (I Cor.15:24-26).

Concerning the above verse, please allow us to re-arrange, and insert interpretative wording ...**when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power (confined Satan) ... For he must reign**

(for 1000 years with no evil opposition) *till he hath put all enemies under his feet. Then cometh the end* (of His 1000-year reign) *when he* (the King) *shall have delivered up* (the loyal subjects of) *the* (His) *kingdom* (on Earth) *to His Father. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death* (I Cor.15:24-26).

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

## 45 PREDESTINATION

The prophesied events and the trials of mankind on Earth are predestined by God. And they will not be altered: that which has been decreed will happen. The *flesh* of mankind is predestined to *return to dust*. However, the souls of men are not predestined. They will encounter a lifetime of *trials* (both good and bad) from which they will be *judged* to determine their *eternal* fate.

It is a Biblical fact that God carefully evaluates (*judges*) the progress of His *creations* (Gen.1:4,10,12,18,21,25,31). In His eyes, not our eyes, the eventual outcome of His work is not pre-ordained: He allows free development ...and He makes changes to His *creations* as He deems necessary. To verify this fact, consider that He watched and judged all His *work* (Gen.1:31) to *see* (make sure) that it was developing *good*. However, after *creating* man and allowing him to develop, God *did not like what man became* (Gen.5:5-6): He then *destroyed the man that He made on the earth with a great flood*. Another example is that He is going to *shorten* the originally recorded days of *waiting for the King to return from His wedding* ...*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).

And because there is going to be a *“judgment”* of the *“dead”*, it must be concluded that the fate of a *“dead”* soul is not determined at conception: newly implanted souls are “not” predestined! On the other hand, the fate of the *beast and the false prophet* is predestined: they will not even be judged. They will be *thrown into the lake of fire* immediately before the final *battle*. However, *“dead”* souls will be judged: their destiny is not pre-determined... and will not be determined until after the *1000-year reign of the Judge* (Rev.20:5).

God breathes the *breath of life* into human fetuses, and they become *living souls* (Gen.2:7). It is the decree of God that, throughout the life of that newly conceived fetus, its cohabiting *soul* encounter thousands upon thousands of *trials* that are going to *test* its *worthiness for eternal life*. Each *soul* encounters different *trials* with different magnitudes of stress and/or glory. And each *soul* will be *judged* according to how it reacts to those *trials* ...*the greater the trial, the greater the reward* (Mat.12:5,46, Mat.16:27, 10:41) ...or the greater the *damnation* (Mat.11:20-24, Luke 12:47-48, Rev.20:12). James writes... *My brethren* (if you truly love Jesus) *count it all joy when ye fall into divers* (various) *temptations* (James 1:2). The *trials* a *soul* encounters by which it will be *judged*, clearly tells us that our fate has not yet been determined; *souls* are not predestined.

However, there are exceptions to the rule: the destiny of *souls* who accept *Jesus as their Lord and Savior* is “determined” the moment they are *saved*. At the very moment of their verbal *confession before men* (Mat.10:22), they are guaranteed eternal life with Jesus in a mansion He has gone to prepare for them (John 14:2). The Bible identifies them as “living” *souls*.

*“Dead”* *souls*, on the other hand, are not predestined. The fate of *souls* who do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God is yet to be determined: they are *“dead”* but will *live again* to be *judged* at the *great white throne judgment*. After the millennial *reign of King Jesus on Earth*, *“dead”* *souls* ...*shall come forth; (to be judged) they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and*

they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:29). If by **works**, a **“dead” soul** meets Jesus’ criteria to exist with Him in **Heaven**, then He will grant **eternal life** to that previously **“dead” soul**. However, **...strait is the gate, and narrow is the way (by works), which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it** (Mat.7:14).

These Biblical facts tell us that the destiny of the **“dead” is not predetermined**. In no way can it be interpreted that the newly implanted **soul** of a fetus is **predestined** to either **Heaven or Hell**. If **souls** are **predestined**, why must they be tested by an existence on Earth? Why doesn’t God create them in Heaven? Why will there be a **judgment day**?

## 46 **“WAITING” FOR JUDGMENT**

The **sea**, and **death**, and **hell** are three different settings where **“dead” (unsaved) souls** are **reserved** until **judgement**. Then, on **judgment day... the “sea” will give up the “dead” which are in it; and death and hell will deliver up the “dead” which are in them: and they will be judged every man according to their works** (Rev.20:23). Notice that the **“dead”** of each group is listed independently of the other groups. This tells us that the **sea**, **death**, and **hell** are different places of **reservations (settings)** for **“dead” souls** who must **face judgment**. Consider that... **God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains (restraints) of darkness, to be “reserved” (made to wait in “hell”) unto judgment** (2 Pe.2:4).

Please note that the **sea** will be **judged** first: they will be judged during the **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth** which will culminate with the destruction of **Gog and Magog** at **Armageddon**. Then the **“dead”** who **wait in death** and the **“dead”** who are reserved in **hell** will **come forth** and be **judged**. The sequence of **death** and **hell** is not noted.

**Gentiles** (the **sea**) will be the great majority of the King’s **subjects** for His **1000-year reign**. Therefore, it is logical to reason that the **“sea”** (Rev.20:13) is the place of **reservation** for **“dead” Gentiles**. This means that the **“dead”** of His millennial **reign** will be **reserved** in the **sea** along with the **“dead”** Gentiles of earlier ages. Then, at ... **the end of the world the “sea will deliver up the “dead” which is in it; and: and they will be judged every man according to their works** (Rev.20:13). Consider the words of the **Judge ...the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea (Gentile nations) and gathered of every kind (all races 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 **worthy subjects** of His millennial **reign** will not be among those who are **reserved in the sea... Then cometh the end** (of His 1000-year reign) **when he shall have delivered up the (worthy subjects of His earthly) kingdom to God, even the Father** (I Cor. 15:24).

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Hear the words of the **Judge... I am he that liveth and was dead... and have the keys of hell and of death** (Rev.1:18, 20:13). Notice that the **sea** is not mentioned in these verses. That is because, at that time, the **sea** will have already been **judged. Then, after the 1000 years is finished, ...King Jesus** is going to unlock **death** and **hell** and **judge** those who have been **reserved** there (Rev.20:13).

**“Death”** is the place where the **“dead”** of **lessor damnations are reserved** (Mat.28:13 – **verified shortly**). The **“not-so-evil dead”** who are **reserved** in **“death”** are **not tormented** as they await **judgment**. Those who **wait** in **“death”** will not be **made alive** for **judgment** until **after** the **1000-year reign of King Jesus on Earth** (Rev.20:5). Then, **when the 1000-years is finished** (Rev.20:5), **“death” will give up the “dead” which are in it, and they will be judged every man by his works** (Rev.20:13). Hear the words of the **Judge... Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which**

***all that are in the graves* (those who wait in death) *shall hear his* (the judge's) *voice and 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 5:28-29). "Dead" souls who are judged to be un-worthy will be damned ...cast into the lake of fire (Rev.20:15) ...which will be their second death (Rev.21:8). For the "evil" who *are reserved in death*, the lake of fire will be the instrument used for destruction for both body and soul (Mat.10:28). The "dead" who are judged as having done good works (John 5:28-29) will be awarded eternal life by the Judge.**

The following verse tells us that the reserved setting of Hell is a place of great torment. ***And the devil that deceived them (of all ages) was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are*** (Rev.19:20, 20:10) ***and (he, the devil) shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever*** (Rev.20:10). Therefore, it may be concluded that those who are reserved in Hell ...are in great torment.

Concerning those who are reserved in hell, Jesus gave us the example of a non-compassionate 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, 05-02-2026, we must accept the fact that the rich man has not yet been judged; he is being reserved in the torment of hell ...until after the 1000 years are finished. And because he is presently in great torment, we may conclude that the most-evil of all men are reserved in torment as they await judgment.

## **47 JUDGEMENTS BY WORKS**

***And I saw the "dead", small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life and they (the "dead") were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works*** (Rev.20:12).

Notice that in the above verse, there are multiple "books" ...of which only one is the "Book of Life". The Book of Life contains the names of living souls (3:5, 21:27) of which only their good works are recorded: the sins and iniquities of living souls will not be remembered (recorded - He.10:17). The other books (more than one) contain the names of "dead" souls. Perhaps the "dead" require multiple books because all of their deeds, both good and bad, are being recorded.

On the day of judgment, the Book of Life will be opened first, if a name is not written in the Book of Life, then that soul is "dead" and its name will be in the other books. ***...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) ...they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation*** (John 5:28-29).

The CHOSEN, the CALLED, and the FAITHFUL are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev.21:27), they will not be listed in the books for the "dead". 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 will return to dust, but the names of their souls have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life. They are alive forevermore ...and will be rewarded (not condemned) according to the goods works that are written under their names in the Book of Life

The good works of living souls are recorded to evaluate, measure their rewards. ***...behold, I come quickly; and my reward*** (not condemnation) ***is with me, to give every man according as his work***

*shall be* (Rev.22:12). *He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward* (Mat.10:41). *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour* (1 Corinthians 3:8). *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works* (Mat.16:27). *And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds* (Luke 23:41).

Concerning the reward of good servants, hear the words of the *Judge* ... *Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord* (Mat.25:21).

*Faith without works is dead* (James 2:17,20,25). To decipher the *reward* of *faith without works*, consider what will happen to them at Rapture. Believers who do not work will be treated as an unprofitable servant and be *cast into outer darkness* (Mat.25:30): lukewarm servants will be *spewed out of His mouth* (Rev.3:16).

Now let us consider *judgment* of the "dead". 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*, His Son *judges a "dead" soul to have done "good" works* (Mat.13:48), then that *soul* will have *gone thru the Son to reach the Father*: their *good works* will *account unto them for righteousness* (Gen:15:6, Gal.3:6).

Allow us to repeat the words of Jesus... *the good shall be gathered into vessels, but the bad will be cast away* (Mat.13:47-49). *...the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him (Jesus, the judge), and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him* Ezek.18:20) ...and He will *judge* them accordingly. *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).

But what will be the criteria of His *judgment*? What are *good works*, and what are *bad works*? The teachings of Jesus identify both the bad and the good works by which He is going to *judge*. Let us first discuss good works... *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). Additionally, *...feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and visit those in prison*. In other words, be loving, kind, courteous, and considerate to your fellow man.

If Jesus specifically mentions a *matter*, then that *matter* will *weigh* heavily in His decision.... *Judgment, mercy, and faith* are the weightier matters of the law... *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). *But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless* (Mat.12:7).

Peter writes *...be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous* (1 Pe.3:8). It is evident that love and compassion are very important in deciding who will be *awarded eternal life* in Heaven. The bulk of the *Judge's* guidelines for good works are outlined by Him in the **5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew**.

In essence, if you can't love thy neighbor as thyself (Mat.19:19)..., if you *repay evil with evil, scorn the oppressed, deny the needy, judge a man by the color of his skin...*, unless you have been

*cleansed* by the *sacrifice* of *Jesus*, you will in *no wise* inherit the *Kingdom of Heaven*. ...*there shall in no wise enter into it (Heaven) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but (only) they which are written in the Lamb's book of life* (Rev.21:7).

The *weightier works* of *evil* are also identified by ...*Him (the Judge) who sits upon the throne...* (Rev.21:5). Some of them are specifically pointed out ...*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). The Bible also names ...*oppressors and false swearers* (Mal.3:5) ...*deceit, fraud, mischief, vanity* (Ps.10:7) and *sodomy* (Gen.Ch.19).

I am not qualified to point, but if I was allowed to name some of the contemporary *weightier matters of evil* (Mat.23:23), I would add...bigotry, harlotry, rape, child molesters, parental and spousal abuse, animal cruelty, human trafficking, kidnapping, deceit, illicit drug dealers, self-centered bigoted politicians, fame and fortune seeking evangelists who use the *gospel of the kingdom* for personal glory and monetary gain, nudism, abortionist, and..., parents who surgically change the sex of their infants and young children..., and the doctors and nurses who perform those malicious acts of gender deformation.

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

The fact that *King Jesus*, will have *two keys*, one for *death* and one for *hell* (Rev.1:18, 20:13), tells us that in addition to being "*places of reservation*", *death* and *hell* are levels of punishment for those who are *condemned* at *judgment*. *Two keys* afford the *Judge* access to both places: He may decree *eternal torment in hell*, or He may decree the *destruction of both body and soul in the lake of fire* which will be their *second death* (Rev.21:8). The *destruction of both body and soul* (Mat.10:28, Rev.2:11, 20:6) will, in essence, be a merciful reprieve for those who are *reserved in the torment of Hell*. A sentence by the *judge* to continue their *torment in hell* would be the *greater damnation* spoken of by Jesus (Mat.23:14) ...the *judge* has two keys.

For those who are judged *unworthy* (Mat.22:8, 10:37-38), the *judge* will have an option of decreeing either of two levels of punishment – *death* or *hell*. If the *judge* decrees *death*, then both body and soul will be *destroyed* in *the lake of fire which will be their second death* (Rev.21:8).

Most Christians *understand* the concept of *eternal torment* but are unsure of the term "*second death*" ...the *second death* is the permanent destruction of both body and soul ...both body and soul will cease to exist. In such cases, the *lake of fire* will be the instrument of their *permanent destruction*.

However, if the *judge* decrees *hell*, then the *soul* will not be *permanently destroyed, it will be tormented in the lake of fire ...day and night forever and ever*. 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 a decree of *second death* which will be a "reprieve" from the *torment* of which they have been *reserved unto judgment*.

Some religions identify "*reservation in death*" as "Purgatory" ...a place where the "*dead*" can improve his chances of being *judged* favorably. However, I can find no scripture that verifies that the "*dead*" can personally improve their chances of being judged *good*. 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 the *works* of a *soul*, both *good and bad*, cease when their co-habited *physical body* dies. While alive, the *body*

reacts to the will of the **soul** which controls its **works**. When the **body dies**, the **works** of the **soul** ceases, the **soul** is then **reserved in death** until **judgement**.

However..., there must be a reason why the "**dead**" are **not immediately judged**. Therefore, 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). And don't forget that ...**the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much** (James 5:16). **Also**, keep in mind that **love** for the departed is pleasing to the Father and will be accounted to the **petitioner** for **righteousness** ...and prayerfully, **hope** for their departed loved one. Perhaps **love and prayer** for the departed is the reason that "**dead**" **souls** aren't immediately judged.

It is carnally conceivable (**not Biblically noted**) that those who must **wait in the torment of hell** are **paying the price of their earthly evil**. Perhaps, after **waiting in torment**, the **Judge** will pardon their **torment** and **destroy them in the lake of fire which will be their second death...** **Our Savior is a very merciful God.**

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 will be their second death** (Rev.20:14). They will be **permanently destroyed**: there will be **no farther need** for them. They will **cease to exist**. This tells us that there will be no **death** or **hell** in the **place that Jesus is preparing for those who love Him** (John 14:2-3).

## **49 A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH**

**After this** (after the **destruction** of **death and hell**) **I** (John) **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 (both) the first heaven** (His Kingdom on Earth) **and the first "Earth"** (the Husbandman's garden) **were passed away; and there was no more "Sea"** (Rev.21:1). No more **earth** and no more **sea** tell us that in the place **Jesus is preparing for us**, there will be **no** division of **incorruptible, eternal bodies**.

Jesus taught 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** (John 14:3). Then, because He departed from this planet, His words are telling us that our **new home will not be on this planet**: His promise..., to take us **where He is** confirms to us that our new home will **not** be a remake of this planet. ...**the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind** (Is.65:17).

And it must be noted that our newly **prepared mansion** will **not** be a physical home, at least not as we know physicality. Our new home will be a home prepared especially for **immortal beings**. **Flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God** (I Cor.15:50). For...**this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality** (I Cor.15:53). **No man putteth new wine into old bottles ...new wine must be put into new bottles** (Mark 2:22). Our **eternal soul** will not be re-embodied to our **corruptible** old bodies.

**Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness** (2 Pe.3:13). The ...**fruits of righteousness, are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of His Father** (Phil.1:11).

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle (the Son) of God is with men, and he will dwell with them (He will dwell with us) and they shall be his (His Son's) people, and God himself (the Ancient of Days) shall be with them, and be their God (Rev.21:3).*

Thank you, Father ...for *wisdom, understanding, and mercy*. Thank you *Jesus* for *sacrificing your flesh* so that our *souls* may have *eternal life with you in Heaven*.

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