

2nd Coming Prophecies

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Hasten the day

2 Peter 3¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars that Have Already Happened

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<u>Days will be Shortened</u>	<u>Massive Animal Deaths</u>	<u>Fox at Temple Mount</u>	<u>Dead Sea Becomes Fresh</u>
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Convergence of Escalating Birth Pains

The days of Noah and Lot

Deception

Apostasy – The Spiritual Departure

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Red Heifer

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One World

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The Coming Convergence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZcfSqj7v4>

(available on Amazon Prime)

https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B075CFM8VZ/ref=atv_dp_share_cu_r

Is it possible to know the day of our demise? Jesus chastised religious leaders in ancient Jerusalem for not knowing the time of His first arrival. Will the prophesied final generation today make the same mistake? The Bible foretells that the end of days would be preceded by a sequence of global events that has never before occurred, but can this be proven? Through newly exposed geological and statistical evidence, a convergence of events has now been discovered that many believe finally prove the Tribulation is about to begin! This whistleblower film breaks the mold of what a documentary can be by pulling you deeper into the reality of the approaching apocalypse as you follow the story of a young girl (Erin Hawkins) that is living through the end of days. Her cinematic interruptions throughout the documentary act as a warning to the genuine reality humankind will soon face.

CONVERGENCE of the End Times Signs (Movie)

All the signs of the last days are converging at the same time. Bible Prophecy is happening right before our eyes and like birth pains, the predicted events are happening more frequently and more intently. Never, in the history throughout the world have so many forces, including economic, scientific, techno-logic, ecologic, cultural, geopolitical, moral, spiritual and religion, converged together to bring this world that's already teetering over the edge into the abyss, to a point of no return.

“CONVERGENCE” brings it all together and will clearly show where all this heading and what people need to do!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFD_DrE_p04

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The Truth of the Bible

Why do we believe that the Bible is the Word of God? Blind faith? I hope not! The Bible is verifiable, and once you are a believer, it becomes very personal and intriguing!

There are 66 books of the Bible, written 1,900-3,500 years ago, over a period of 1,600 years, by at least 40 different authors. It has gone through the hands of many different scribes, editors and redactors. Yet it is 100% consistent and, as history has proven, 100% accurate. It tells a fascinating story: In Genesis the curtain goes up, the main character is God, the conflict is sin, the theme is redemption, and the curtain comes down in Revelation.

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The Bible, though written by many people, over thousands of years, a long time ago, has proven to be 100% accurate, 100% of the time. No sacred writings of any other religious belief system can make such a claim.

2 Timothy 3 ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

There are several excellent resources to verify the truth of the Bible:

- Factual Faith - Belief Founded on Truth
 - <https://www.free-ebooks.net/religious/Factual-Faith>
- It Has Been Written - <https://www.ithasbeenwritten.com/>

Biblical Archaeology

Luke 19 ³⁷ Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, ³⁸ saying:

“ ‘Blessed *is* the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

⁴⁰ But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIYHuiyl2cs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxHYh3QZbTI>

Bible Prophecy

Prophecy is history written in advance. Fulfilled prophecy attests to the supernatural origin of the Bible. Scholars and skeptics from all walks of life, in all nations, and in all generations have debated the truth of the Bible. Yet in all those generations, among all those scholars and skeptics, and given all the accumulated knowledge of medicine, history and archeology, science has yet to disprove a single word of the Bible's 31,102 verses!

2Pe 1 ¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. . . .¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

No book in human history has ever endured more challenges to its accuracy. The Bible contains nearly 800,000 words, and each has stood the test of millennia. No prophecy of scripture has ever failed, there is only those yet to be fulfilled. God offers this to us as proof that He is who He says he is. The Old Testament tells us that God gave us prophecy so that the people of the Earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other.

Isaiah 46 ⁹ Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’ ¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken *it*; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed *it*; I will also do it.

Bible prophecy is given to mankind to validate and authenticate the word of God – and it is a promise as well as a prediction. Unbelievers and Christian liberals argue that the Bible is man’s search for God. But fulfilled prophecies prove the Bible is God’s revelation to man! There are 6,641 prophetic verses in the Old Testament and 1,711 prophetic verses in the New Testament – that’s almost 1/3 of God’s Word!

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Prophecy has validated the Bible as the Word of God, but why should we care about Bible prophecy now?

Literal fulfilment of prophecy told us of the First Coming of Jesus. Mathematicians state these odds this way:

- 1 person fulfilling 8 (of the 109) prophecies:
 - 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (that is 1×10^{17})
- 1 person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1×10^{157}
- 1 person fulfilling 300+ prophecies: Only Jesus!

Literal fulfilment of prophecy is also telling us that Jesus is about to return the 2nd time! We are living in Biblical times NOW! Hundreds of Biblical prophecies have been fulfilled within the past century – many within our lifetimes.

- Amos 3 ⁷ Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. ⁸ A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?
- Isaiah 42 ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”
- John 13 ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*.
- Isaiah 46 ⁹ Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is no other*; I *am* God, and *there is none like Me*, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’

This is the first time in history that all of the prophetic scenarios that were predicted are in view. We are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than about any other period in history, including the time when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea. Everything is now coming together in the perfect prophetic storm. We are, quite literally, being plunged into the climax of human history!

There is prophecy and each and every book of The Bible. The Second Coming is mentioned in 23 of the 27 books of the New Testament. Of the 46 Old Testament prophets, less than 10 speak of Christ's First Coming, but 36 speak of his Second Coming. And Jesus himself said that he was coming back again 21 times in the New Testament.

The Bible clearly teaches that the understanding of end time prophecy will be progressive in nature – we will understand more of the prophecies as we get closer to the time of their fulfillment.

- Daniel 12 ⁸ Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?” ⁹ And he said, “Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.
- Jeremiah 23 ²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.
- Jeremiah 30 ²⁴ The fierce anger of the LORD will not return until He has done it, And until He has performed the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will consider it.

We are now in the last days of the end times. Today there are approximately 100 million American church members who have very little to no understanding of Bible prophecy. These church members are from replacement theology churches that don't teach Bible prophecy and who look at prophetic scriptures as allegorical, and not literal. Consequently, they do not understand the importance of Israel to God, or of God's redemptive plan for Israel and the nations. These church members have no understanding of the Biblical significance of what is transpiring today in Israel, Russia, China, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Turkey, North Korea and in other Middle Eastern nations. They are also unaware of the significance of the formation of the European Union, new ID technologies, and much more.

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- Hosea 4 ⁶My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**.
Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

The good news is that those who understand Bible prophecy are fully aware of the significance of Israel (God's time clock) and are watching the times with great interest and expectancy.

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The Parable of the Fig Tree – Nation of Israel

Matthew 24 ³²“Now **learn this parable from the fig tree**: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³**So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!** ³⁴Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Jeremiah 24:1-10 – The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs

Jeremiah 24 ¹The LORD showed me, and there were two baskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD, ... ²One basket *had* very good figs, like the figs *that are* first ripe; and the other basket *had* very bad figs which could not be eaten, they were so bad. ³Then the LORD said to me, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad.”

⁴Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘**Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans.*** ⁶For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

⁸‘**And as the bad figs which cannot be eaten, they are so bad**’—surely thus says the LORD—‘**so will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, his princes, the residue of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt.** ⁹I will deliver them to trouble into all the kingdoms of the earth, for *their* harm, *to be* a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. ¹⁰And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them, till they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.’ ”

Hosea 9:10 – Judgment of Israel’s Sin

Hosea 9 ¹⁰ “I found Israel Like grapes in the wilderness;
I saw your fathers As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season.
But they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves *to that* shame;
They became an abomination like the thing they loved.

Jeremiah 29:15-20 – Jeremiah’s Letter to the Captives

Jeremiah 29 ¹⁵Because you have said, “The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon”— ¹⁶therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, concerning all the people who dwell in this city, and **concerning your brethren who have not gone out with you into captivity—** ¹⁷**thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like rotten figs that cannot be eaten,** they are so bad. ¹⁸And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence; and I will deliver them to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be a curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them, ¹⁹because they have not heeded My words, says the LORD, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; neither would you heed, says the LORD. ²⁰Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Joel 1:5-7 – The Land Laid Waste

Joel 1 ⁵Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine,
Because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth.
⁶**For a nation has come up against My land,** Strong, and without number;
His teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.
⁷He has laid waste My vine, **And ruined My fig tree;**
He has stripped it bare and thrown *it* away; Its branches are made white.

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Israel as trees

There are three trees that particularly fit symbols of Israel, for in Palestine the "**Vine**," the "**Fig-tree**," and the "**Olive**," stand for the fruitfulness of the land. And the "Vine" and "Fig-tree" prefigure the Millennial days when every man shall sit under his own "Vine" and "Fig-tree." (Micah 4 ⁴ **But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make *them* afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.**).

- The **VINE** is a symbol of Israel's **Spiritual** privileges
- The **FIG-TREE** is a symbol of Israel's **National** privileges
- The **OLIVE TREE** is a symbol of Israel's **Religious** privileges

The "Fig-tree" is a fit emblem of Israel. Its peculiarity is that the blossoms of the fruit appear **before** the leaves. Naturally, therefore, we should look for fruit on a tree in full leaf. This accounts for why Jesus cursed the fig-tree that had on it **nothing but leaves**.

Mark 11:12-14 – The Fig Tree Withered

Mk 11 ¹² Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³ And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for **it was not the season for figs**. ¹⁴ In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."

The presence of the leaves led Him to expect fruit, and when He found none, He cursed the tree for its fruitlessness. But if it was not the season for figs, then why then curse the tree? The early fruit, or blossoms, appear in spring before the leaves open, on branches of the last year's growth, and the first ripe fruit is ready in June or earlier. The late figs grow on the new wood, keep appearing during the season, and are ripe from August onward. The unripe fruit of autumn often survives the winter and ripens when vegetation revives in the spring. Now it was about the first of April that Jesus cursed the Fig-tree, and the time of figs was **not yet**, because they did not ripen before June. But fig-trees which have retained their leaves through the winter usually have some of the last year's figs also, and as April was too early for new leaves or fruit, Jesus knowing this, and seeing leaves on the tree, naturally expected to find some of last year's fruit, and when He found none. **He cursed the tree because of its deceptive character.**

The application of this incident to Israel is simple. Naturally Jesus from their "leafy profession" would expect to find fruit on the tree of their National life, and when He found none, He cursed them for their **HYPOCRISY** (Mt 23:1-33).

Luke 13:6-9 – The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Lk 13 ⁶ He also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' ⁸ But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. ⁹ And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

Isaiah 5:1-7 – God's Disappointing Vineyard

Is 5 ¹ Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill.

² He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine.

He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it;

So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes.

³ "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it?

Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?

⁵ And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; *And* break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

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⁶ I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns.

I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it.”

⁷ **For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,** And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry *for help*.

The owner of the vineyard and of the fig-tree was God. He came in the person of His Son Jesus, and for three years of Jesus' ministry He had sought for fruit from the Jewish nation and found none. He therefore decided to cut down the tree, that is, remove the nation from the land.

But the tree was not destroyed immediately, for intercession was made for it, and the day of grace was lengthened out for forty years (time of testing). And then the "axe-man" Titus, at the head of the Roman Army besieged Jerusalem in A.D. 70, and Israel (the fig-tree), was cut down and cast out of the land (vineyard) into the fields of the world.

But while the fig-tree was cut down and cast out of the vineyard, its root was not destroyed, the axe was only laid at the **root** of the "tree".

[Luke 3:7-9 – John Preaches to the People](#)

Lk 3 ⁷ Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance**, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as *our* father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ⁹ And **even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**”

The root itself was not killed or removed from the soil. It is clear then from the "Parable of the fig-tree," (Matt. 24:32-34), that a new tree will spring from the root, that is, the nation of Israel will revive.

[Matthew 24:32-35 – The Parable of the Fig Tree](#)

Matthew 24 ³² “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ So you also, **when you see *all* these things** [convergence of prophecy], **know that it** [Coming of the Son of Man] **is near—at the doors!** ³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

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Generation

The English word “generation” translates the Greek word $\Upsilon\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\acute{\alpha}$ genea (geneya), which can mean a variety of things, depending on the context. Its typical meaning is “age”—as in a time period in which a person or group of people live.

4 Possible Biblical definitions of a generation:

- 40 years
 - 40 is a significant number in the Bible, usually referring to a time of testing
 - Nu 32 ¹³ So the LORD’s anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them **wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation** that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.
 - Many kings ruled for forty years and were considered a generation

- 70-80 years
 - Ps 90 ⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.
⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.
⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.
¹⁰ **The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,** Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.
 - Joel 2 [The Day of the Lord]² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains.
A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been;
Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations.
 - Suggests 80 years

- 100 years
 - Ge 15 ² Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and **they will afflict them four hundred years.** ¹⁴ And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ **But in the fourth generation they shall return here,** for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete.”

- 120 years
 - Ge 6 ³ And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be **one hundred and twenty years.**”
 - It has been 120 Jubilees since Adam and Eve

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We are to be watching for the Lord's return

Jesus' Second Coming is going to be like a thief in the night. The key element of Jesus' comparison is that no one will know when He will return. Just as a thief catches a household by surprise, **Jesus will catch the unbelieving world by surprise when He returns in judgment.** People will be "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage", just as if they have all the time in the world. But then, before they know it, Judgment Day will be upon them. Paul puts it this way: "While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape".

The unsaved should heed Jesus' warning: "Be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him". How can you be ready? God has provided the way for you to escape the judgment. That way is Jesus Christ. By accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are granted forgiveness of sins, mercy, and salvation with the promise of everlasting life. The "thief" is coming, but you can be a child of the day. Don't put it off; this is "the year of the Lord's favor".

Matthew 24:38-39 – No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mt 24 ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

John 10:10 – Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jn 10 ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Watch	Saved	Thief
Be Ready	Unsaved	God's wrath

2 Peter 3:10-13 – The Day of the Lord

2Pe 3 ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – The Day of the Lord

Th 5 ¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Luke 21:25-28 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Lk 21 ²⁵ "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

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Luke 21:34-36 – The Importance of Watching

Lk 21 ³⁴“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with **carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life**, and that Day come on you **unexpectedly**. ³⁵For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶**Watch** therefore, and pray always that you may be counted **worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 12:35-40 – The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

Lk 12 ³⁵“**Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning**; ³⁶and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. ³⁷**Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching**. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. ³⁸And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the **thief** would come, he would have **watched** and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰Therefore **you also be ready**, for the **Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect**.”

Matthew 25:1-13 – The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Mt 25 ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ... ⁵But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶“And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ... ¹⁰And while they [bridesmaids without oil] went to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him** to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹²But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³“**Watch** therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Matthew 24:42-44 – No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mt 24 ⁴²**Watch** therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that **if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched** and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Revelation 3:1-3 – The Dead Church

Rev 3 ¹“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ²**Be watchful**, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. ³Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore **if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief**, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Mark 13:35-37 – No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mk 13 ³⁵**Watch** therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— ³⁶lest, coming suddenly, he find you **sleeping**. ³⁷And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**”

1 Peter 4:7 – Serving for God’s Glory

1Pe 4 ⁷But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and **watchful** in your prayers.

1 Corinthians 16:13 – Final Exhortations

1Co 16 ¹³**Watch**, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

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Proverbs 22:3 – The Value of a Good Name

Pro 22 ³ A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

Revelation 16:15 – Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

Rev 16 ¹⁵ “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

Titus 2:11-13 – Trained by Saving Grace

Tit 2 ¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Acts 20:28-32 – Paul’s Farewell to the Ephesian Elders

Act 20 ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³² “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Ezekiel 33:1-6 – The Watchman and His Message

Ez 33 ¹ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ² “Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: ‘When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, ³ when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴ then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.’”

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We are to recognize the signs of the times

If Jesus chided the people of His time for not recognizing the signs (literal fulfilled prophecies) of His First Coming, then we who are alive today in the super-information age, have no excuse at all! We have, at our fingertips, access to almost any information available, instantly.

Matthew 16:1-3 – The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign

Mt 16 ¹ Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red*’; ³ and in the morning, ‘*It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening*.’ **Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.** ⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”

Luke 21:28 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Lk 21 ²⁸ Now **when these things begin to happen**, look up and lift up your heads, because your **redemption draws near.**”

John 14:29 – The Gift of His Peace

Jn 14 ²⁹ “And now **I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.**

Daniel 12:9-10 – Prophecy of the End Time

Da 12 ⁹ And he said, “Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and **none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.**

Matthew 13:9-10 – The Purpose of Parables

Mt 13 ¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ He answered and said to them, “Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.** ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because **seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.** ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled,

Isaiah 6:9-10 – Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet

Is 6 ⁹ And He said, “Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

¹⁰ “Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.”

Ephesians 5:15-21 – Walk in Wisdom

Ep 5 ¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as **fools** but as **wise**, ¹⁶ **redeeming the time, because the days are evil.** ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸ And do not be **drunk with wine**, in which is dissipation; but be **filled with the Spirit**, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Hundreds of prophecies telling us that we are in the season of His return

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Promises to Believers

God has made some glorious promises to the church!

- Rapture ([See Pre-Tribulation Rapture](#))
- We will reign with him over all the nations of the world during his Millennial Kingdom (Rev 20:4-6)
- We will live with him [eternally](#) in a [new creation](#) and in new glorified bodies (1Co 15:50-58)

1 Corinthians 2:9 – Spiritual Wisdom

1Co 2⁹ But as it is written:

**“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”**

Revelation 20:4-6 – The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years

Rev 20⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And **they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶ **Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 – Our Final Victory

1Co 15⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—** ⁵² **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O Death, where *is* your sting?
O Hades, where *is* your victory?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Protection

Psalms 91 – Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God

Ps 91¹ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”

³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;

His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

⁸ Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

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⁹ Because you have made the LORD, *who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,*
¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.
¹² In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
¹⁴ “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.
¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; *I will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.”

Psalm 3 – The Lord Helps His Troubled People

Ps 3 ¹ LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many *are* they who rise up against me.
² Many *are* they who say of me, “*There is no help for him in God.*” *Selah*
³ But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
⁴ I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. *Selah*
⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.
⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set *themselves* against me all around.
⁷ Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God!
For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
⁸ Salvation *belongs* to the LORD. Your blessing *is* upon Your people. *Selah*

2 Peter 2:4-9 – Doom of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but **saved Noah**, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and **delivered righteous Lot**, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹ **then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,**

Deuteronomy 31:6 – Joshua the New Leader of Israel

Dt 31 ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, **do not fear nor be afraid of them;** for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. **He will not leave you nor forsake you.”**

Psalm 32:6-7 – The Joy of Forgiveness

Ps 32 ⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.
⁷ **You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;**
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. *Selah*

Psalm 37:39-40 – The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

Ps 37 ³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.
⁴⁰ **And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.**

Psalm 121 – God the Help of Those Who Seek Him

Ps 121 ¹ I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?
² **My help comes from the LORD,** Who made heaven and earth.
³ **He will not allow your foot to be moved;** He who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

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⁵The LORD *is* your keeper; The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

⁸The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Psalm 55:22

Ps 55 ²²Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; **he will never let the righteous be shaken.**

Matthew 16:18-19 – Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

Mt 16 ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and **the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.** ¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

2 Thessalonians 3:3 – Pray for Us

2Th 3 ³But the Lord is faithful, **who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.**

2 Timothy 4:17-18 – The Lord Is Faithful

2Ti 4 ¹⁷But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸And **the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.**

John 17:14-16 – Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Jn 17 ¹⁴I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but **that You should keep them from the evil one.** ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Pre-Tribulation Rapture

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/in-defense-of-the-pre-tribulation-rapture/>

The Holy Spirit Must be Removed Before the Antichrist Can be Revealed

1 Thessalonians 2:3 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ¹Now, brethren, **concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, we ask you, ²not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,** ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** ⁸And **then the lawless one will be revealed,**

- 2Th 2 ³Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [speaking of the tribulation] shall not come, except **there come a departing first**, and that that man of sin be disclosed, even the son of perdition.
 - 1599 Geneva Bible translation – Changed by the Catholic Church to the spiritual falling away
 - The Catholic translation into English from Jerome’s Latin Vulgate known as the Rheims Bible (1576) was the first to break the translation trend. “Apostasia was revised from ‘the departure’ to ‘the Protestant Revolt,’” explains Butalla. “Revolution is the terminology still in use today when Catholicism teaches the history of the Protestant Reformation. Under this guise, apostasia would refer to a departure of Protestants from the Catholic Church.” Therefore, the shift from a physical to a spiritual understanding of apostasia in Second Thessalonians 2:3a in the Roman Catholic Rheims Bible English translation appears to have been theologically rather than exegetically motivated.

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- Because the revealing of the Antichrist coincides with the beginning of the 7-year Tribulation starting with his peace treaty with Israel (Dan. 9:27), then the Restrainer must be removed before the Tribulation.
 - Dan 9:27 He [Antichrist] will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'
- Therefore, the Rapture and the removal of the Church must coincide, and before the seven year tribulation begins.
 - 2Th 2³ ...that day shall not come, except there come a departing **first**, and that that man of sin be disclosed
 - The word translated “first” is the Greek adjective *prōton*, which means “first of all.”
 - If a physical departure must first transpire before the Day of the Lord can even begin, then it becomes a decisive victory for pretribulationism. Thus, how one interprets Second Thessalonians 2:3a is of grave consequence to the longstanding debate concerning the timing of the rapture.

We are not appointed to God's wrath

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – The Day of the Lord

1Th 5¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the **Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** ³For when they say, “Peace and safety!” **then sudden destruction comes upon them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. **And they shall not escape.** ⁴But **you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹**For God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Isaiah 26:20-21 – Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment

Is 26²⁰ **Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past.**

²¹For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 – Their Good Example

1Th 1⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* **Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.**

Luke 21:34-36 – The Importance of Watching

Lk 21³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶**Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

- We are worthy only because of what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary. We have to believe that He has paid our debts and we have gained righteousness through His sacrifice for us.

2 Peter 2:4-9 – Doom of False Teachers

2Pe 2⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a

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preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹ **then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,**

- πειρασμοῦ – The word translated temptations is the same word translated as trial in Rev 3:10

Revelation 3:10 – The Faithful Church [Philadelphia]

Rev 3 ¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial** which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Ephesians 5:3-7 – Walk in Love

Ep 5 ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ **Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.** ⁷ **Therefore do not be partakers with them.**

Romans 1:18-23 – God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness

Ro 1 ¹⁸ **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,** ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Colossians 3:1-11 – Not Carnality but Christ

Col 3 ¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ **Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.** ⁶ **Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,** ⁷ **in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.** ⁸ **But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.** ⁹ **Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,** ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

Romans 5:8-9 – Christ in Our Place

Ro 5 ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 – The Comfort of Christ’s Coming

1Th 4 ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with

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them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

- The belief that the rapture happens after, or in the middle of, the tribulation is anything but comforting because it means believers must endure unbelievable agony before they are taken to heaven.

Luke 3:7-9 – John Preaches to the People

Lk 3 ⁷ Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to **flee from the wrath to come?** ⁸ **Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance**

The Rapture and Second Coming are different events

1 Corinthians 15:22-25 – The Last Enemy Destroyed

1Co 15 ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But **each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.** ²⁴ **Then comes the end,** when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

The Bible must see the Rapture and the Second Coming as separate events, because when the verses are compared they describe two very different scenarios:

Rapture

Christ appears **in the air for** his church –

Believers **rise to meet Him** in the air

Second Coming

Christ appears **on the earth with** His church –

Believers **descend with Christ** to the earth

1Th 4 ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Zec 14 ⁵ Thus the LORD my God will come, **And all the saints with You.**

1Th 3 ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **with all His saints.**

Rev 19 ¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. ... ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, **followed Him on white horses.**

Living believers obtain **glorified** bodies

Living believers remain in **same** bodies

1Co 15 ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and **we shall be changed.** ⁵³ **For this corruptible must put on**

Mt 25 ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ **And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.** ³⁴ **Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of**

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incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Living believers **go to heaven as the Bride of Jesus**

Living believers **repopulate earth in the Millennial Kingdom**

Rev 19 ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

See Mt 25:32-34 above

Happens just before the Second Coming, at the end of the 7 year tribulation.

See typology of the [Marriage Covenant](#) below

Jesus appears as a **bridegroom**

Jesus appears as a **king**

Mt 25 ⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ... ¹⁰ And while they [foolish virgins] went to buy, **the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding;** and the door was shut.

Zec 14 ⁹ And the **LORD shall be King** over all the earth.

Rev 19 ¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

Jesus appears as a **deliverer from wrath**

Jesus appears as a **warrior in wrath**

1Th 4 ¹⁶ **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.**

Rev 19 ¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He judges and makes war.**

...

¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a **sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.** And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself **treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

...

²¹ And the **rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.** And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

1Th 1 ¹⁰ **Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come**

1Th 5 ⁹ **For God did not appoint us to wrath,** but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

See many examples: [We are not appointed to wrath](#)

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World is **judged** and righteousness is established

World left **unjudged** and living in sin

Rev 19 ¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He judges and makes war.**

No signs precede it

Many signs precede it

Rapture is imminent, it can happen at any time. Only the pre-tribulation rapture allows for the unknown time of the Lord's return.

Dan 9 ²⁷ Then he [Antichrist] shall **confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.**

Mount of Olives is **divided**, forming a valley east of Jerusalem

Mount of Olives is **unchanged**

Zec 14 ⁴ And in that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south....⁵ Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.**

Satan remains free and makes war with the saints

Satan is bound and thrown into the Abyss

Rev 12 ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 19 ¹⁹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. ²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revealed only in New Testament

Revealed in both Old and New Testaments

36 Old Testament prophets speak of Christ's Second Coming

Deals with only the saved

Deals with both the saved and unsaved

What would be the point of Rapturing the Church after the Tribulation, anyway? The Lord returns to establish His kingdom on earth, so why pull out all the Christians before He can do so? If they are all changed at the end of the Tribulation, then who, exactly, is left for Him to rule over? Since the Rapture and Second Coming clearly are different events that do not occur at the same time, this would rule out a Post-Tribulation Rapture scenario.

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Biblical typology

Biblical typology is the doctrine or theory concerning the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament. Events, persons, or statements in the Old Testament are seen as types pre-figuring or superseded by antitypes, events or aspects of Christ or his revelation described in the New Testament.

Does God care about Biblical typology? Ask Moses about that!

Nu 20 ² Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. ³ And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! ⁴ Why have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? ⁵ And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸ "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." ⁹ So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.

¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" ¹¹ Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

¹² Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

- The Israelites are complaining again about not having water
- The Lord instructs Moses to SPEAK to the rock in front of the people
 - Why? The rock is Jesus, and He was only struck once. Now we can speak to Him.
- In his anger, Moses struck the rock
 - Moses broke the Biblical typology and it cost him entrance into the Holy Land

Sacrifice of Isaac

In Genesis 22, Abraham left the donkey and the two young men at the foot of the hill as he and Isaac went up to the top of Moriah for the famous offering of his son. After the episode concludes with the substitution of the ram, it lists those that then returned to Beersheba:

Ge 22 ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

Where's Isaac? Obviously, Isaac also returned with Abraham and the two young men. But we are fascinated that the Holy Spirit appears to have edited the person of Isaac out of the record from the time he was offered until he is united with his bride two chapters later! We believe this was deliberate to have the narrative fully conform to the type.

Joseph took a Gentile bride before the 7 year famine

Ge 41 ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt. ⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of

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Egypt. ... ⁵³Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended, ⁵⁴and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

As in the days of Noah

Lk 17 ²⁶And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. ³⁰Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

- Worldwide flooding
- Earth was corrupt and filled with violence
 - Ge 6 ⁵Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ... Ge 6 ¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.
- DNA being tampered with – Nephilim
 - Ge 6 ¹Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. ³And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.
 - yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”
 - 2Pe 3 ⁸But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
 - It has been 120 jubilees since the creation (120*50=6000 years)
 - Jude 1 ⁶And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
- Noah is not a picture of the church, but of the Jewish remnant that will indeed go through the tribulation. They will be refined with fire and at last come to Jesus as a result.
 - Enoch is the picture of the church, raptured before the flood
- God will save the righteous from destruction
 - 2Pe 2 ⁴For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but **saved Noah**, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷and **delivered righteous Lot**, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹**then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,**
 - The word translated **temptations** is the same word translated **tribulation**

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- Ps 37 ³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.
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Enoch was raptured before the flood (at Pentecost)

- Enoch was caught up before the flood (Ge 6)
 - Ge 5 ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he *was not*, for God took him.
 - He 11 ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- There are several provocative Jewish traditions regarding Enoch.
 - He is regarded as having been born on the day the Jews observe *Hag Shavout*, the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost.
 - By tradition, he is also believed to have been "translated" (or "raptured") on his birthday.
 - Since the Church was "born" on this day, one wonders if we, too, will be "raptured" on its birthday!

ENOCH AND NOAH

The wickedness of man was great on the earth. Genesis 6:5.

Very few people were following God's ways. 1 Peter 3:20.

God warned His people. Genesis 6:13

They don't understand that judgment was going to come upon them. Matthew 24:39

They would not repent, though God gave them time. Genesis 6:3, 11,12; 1 Peter 3:20

There was no great revival. Genesis 6:11,12; 1 Peter 3:20

They went about things as usual eating, drinking and marrying. Matthew 24:38.

God set an exact day and time – FOR YET SEVEN DAYS. Genesis 7:4

Noah and his family go into the ark and through the great flood. Genesis 7

Right before all of this, Enoch walked with the Lord then he was no more, God took him away. Genesis 5:24

Some Bible scholars estimate the population of the earth in Noah's day was approximately 6-9 billion people. (Genesis 6:1)

THE CHURCH AND THE JEWS

We are in a time of great wickedness on the earth.

The gate is narrow and very few people are walking with the Lord.

God has been warning His people.

They don't understand that the tribulation is coming upon them.

God is seemingly slow in His coming, because He is giving man time.

There does not seem to be revival but revenge.

People are going back to business as usual, eating, drinking, and marrying.

God has set an exact day and time – YET FOR SEVEN YEARS, there will be tribulation.

The Jews will go into and through the great tribulation.

Right before the tribulation, we who walk with the Lord won't be here; God will take us up and away.

In 2020, as we celebrate Easter week, the world population reaches 7,777,777,777

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... According to traditional sources, a new star appeared in the sky 4,100 years ago. That was the year the world was destroyed by a flood in the time of Noah. This star, apparently a comet, traveled through all the constellations in a months time. It was an omen for the people in the world to reconsider their wicked lifestyles and practices.

Comet Atlas – said to be have the same features as Nibiru, 5x the size of Jupiter – is heading towards the Earth and is starting to break apart

As in the days of Lot

Lk 17 ²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

- Parallels

- Rampant homosexuality and sexual immorality

- Ge 19 ⁴ Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.”
- Jude 1 ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Lot was taken out of Sodom and Gomorrah before it was destroyed

Ge 19 ¹⁵ When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.” ¹⁶ And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. ¹⁷ So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.” ... ²² Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” ... ²³ The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. ²⁶ But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

- God will save the righteous from destruction

- 2Pe 2 ⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,
 - The word translated temptations is the same word translated tribulation
- Ps 37 ³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

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Elijah was raptured before the destruction of Israel (850ish BC)

- Bible scholars have assumed Elijah was removed during the reign of Ahaziah or perhaps that of his successor, Jehoshaphat because the writer of 2Kings recorded his account of Elijah's departure in chapter 2, between the account of the Ahaziah's death in 2Kings 1 and the reign of Jehoshaphat in 2Kings 3.
- Destruction of Israel – 722 BC Israel

Daniel was absent during the 7x hotter fiery furnace

- We all have enjoyed the famous confrontation between Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace in Daniel 3. Many prophecy buffs view Nebuchadnezzar and the forced worship of his image as a "type" of the Antichrist, and the three Jewish young men as a foreshadowing of the 144,000 miraculously preserved through the "furnace" of the tribulation.
- That leaves a provocative question: Where was Daniel himself? Who might he represent as a type?
 - Dan 2 [After the dream interpretation] ⁴⁸ Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise *men* of Babylon. ⁴⁹ Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.
- Daniel' friends represent the Jewish remnant that will be saved and purified through the flames of tribulation
 - Dan 3 ¹⁵ ... But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who *is* the god who will deliver you from my hands?" ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up. ¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace **seven times more than it was usually heated**. ²⁰ And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *and cast them* into the burning fiery furnace. ... ²⁵ "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."
 - Zac 13 ⁸ And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and die*, But *one-third* shall be left in it: ⁹ I will bring the *one-third* through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This *is* My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD *is* my God.' "

DANIEL–SHADRACH, MESHACH & ABEDNEGO

This takes place in Babylon-Pagan.

King Nebuchadnezzar makes an image.

The measurements are 6 cubits high by 6 cubits wide with 6 instruments listed.

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Babylon is in modern day Iraq-Islam.

The anti-Christ will make an image.

The number of the name of the man is to be counted it will add up to "666".

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<p>The 6 instruments are played, then they are to worship the image.</p> <p>All the rulers of every nation & tongue are united together in one religion.</p> <p>Three Jews refuse to worship the image of gold.</p> <p>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego go into the fiery furnace.</p> <p>The furnace is turned up 7 times hotter.</p> <p>An angel like the Son of God protects them in the fire.</p> <p>After rejecting the false worship, they see their true and living God.</p> <p>Right before all of this, Daniel was placed up in a high position by the King.</p> <p>Daniel was lavished with many gifts.</p> <p>Daniel was put in charge and reigned over the entire province as a ruler.</p> <p>Daniel remained in the royal court.</p>	<p>Lucifer was the angel of music; it will play a part in the worship of the image of the beast.</p> <p>The international community of united nations is all as a new-world order.</p> <p>The Jews will reject the worship of the image of the antiChrist.</p> <p>Israel will go into the fiery hot tribulation.</p> <p>The tribulation is up in 7 years.</p> <p>Jesus the Son of God will protect them in the tribulation.</p> <p>After rejecting the worship of the anti-Christ, they accept the true and living Christ Jesus.</p> <p>Right before all of this happens, we will be caught up to our high position with our King.</p> <p>We are lavished with the gift of eternal life.</p> <p>We will rule and reign with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.</p> <p>We remain in His royal court as His bride.</p>
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Jewish Wedding (Marriage covenant)

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Jewish	Christian	Scripture
<p>The groom's father makes the match (Shiddukhin) and chooses the bride and the groom approves the choice.</p> <p>A Ketubah (Hebrew: כְּתוּבָה) is a Jewish marriage contract. It is considered an integral part of a traditional Jewish marriage, and outlines the rights and responsibilities of the groom, in relation to the bride.</p> <p>They would then break bread and drink from the cup to seal the betrothal (Kiddushin) and new covenant.</p> <p>The groom pays a price (Mohar) showing the bride his love for her.</p>	<p>The Father chooses us the bride, and Jesus approved the choice.</p> <p>A new covenant is made in the written Word of God, for us the bride. The Old Covenant Promise is fulfilled.</p> <p>He breaks bread and drinks from the cup at the last supper sealing His covenant.</p> <p>Jesus paid the price for us on the cross. This shows us the bride how much He loves us.</p>	<p>John 10:28, 15:16</p> <p>2 Corinthians 3:5-6</p> <p>Luke 22:14-20 Matthew 26:27-29</p> <p>1 Corinthians 6:20</p>

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The groom makes a speech of promise to his bride that he would come for her soon.	Jesus' speech is recorded as a promise to us His bride, that He will come again for us soon.	John 14:1
The groom prepares a place for His bride and builds a room addition on his father's house.	Jesus says He goes to prepare a place for us in His Father's house where there are many rooms.	John 14:1-3
The Father is the only one who knows the day or hour of the grooms return for his bride.	Jesus said that no one but the Father knows the day or hour of His return for us His bride.	Mark 13:32-33
The groom gives the bride love gifts (Mattan).	Jesus our groom gives us His bride gifts of love, eternal life, peace, etc.	John 10:22-28 John 14:13-14, 27 John 14:16-17
The Father gives the bride gifts (Shiluhim) to equip her for her new life, as an inheritance.	We are given gift of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts for our new life in Him	2 Cor 1:21-22 Galatians 5:22
The bride's unmarried friends (bridesmaids) attend to the bride and provide light for the groom who comes at night.	We prepare the bride by letting our light shine (oil) so the bride is ready for the groom who will come as a thief in the night.	Matthew 25:1-13
The bridegroom comes, the grooms' men run ahead and shout that he is coming.	When our bridegroom comes, it will be with a shout of the trumpet that Jesus is coming.	Rev. 4:1 1 Thes. 4:16-17 1 Cor. 15:51-52
The groom snatches away and abducts his bride.	Jesus our groom will rapture us away as He abducts us His bride.	1 Thess. 4:16-17 Luke 17:34-36
The groom takes his bride to the chamber: they consummate (Nissuin), and celebrate for seven (Shavuah) days.	Jesus will take us to His bridal chamber where we will consummate and celebrate for seven (Shavuah) years/days.	Joel 2:16 Daniel 9:27
The party waits outside until the groom tells the best man that it is consummated. Then the guests rejoice for 7 days.	During the 7 day/year celebration the world goes through the 7 year tribulation.	Revelation 19:7-8
There is a big feast (the wedding feast) after the wedding celebration.	We too, will go to the Father's house for the Marriage Feast of The Lamb.	Revelation 19:9
There were three groups present at the wedding: the groom, the bride, and the invited guests.	There will also be three groups of people involved in the marriage of the Lamb: The Groom –Jesus, The Bride-Church and the Guests – those saved after the Rapture.	2 Corinthians. 11:2, Ephesians 5:23-27 Revelation 21:9-10 Matthew 25:1-10 Rev. 21:1-3
The new home of the bride was Jerusalem and it was the bridegroom who came to the bride to dwell with her.	It is from the new Jerusalem that the believers in the Messiah during the Messianic age, or Millennium, will reign with the Messiah.	Ezekiel 43:1-2,7 Isaiah 2:2-4 Micah 4:1-5

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5 Reward Crowns

1) Imperishable (Incorruptible) Crown – 1 Corinthians 9:24

1Co 9 ²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*.

- This crown is given to believers who faithfully run the race, who crucify every selfish desire in the flesh and point men to Jesus. People will receive this crown for the sacrifices they were willing to make for God to successfully complete the call and mission God had called them to do. Basically run whatever race that God has set out for you and be the best you can be for God. Be willing to make whatever sacrifices there may be to successfully complete the mission that God has set out for you.

2) Crown of Rejoicing (Soul Winner's Crown) – 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

1Th 2 ¹⁹ For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

- Sometimes called “the soul-winner’s crown,” the crown of rejoicing is the crown that Almighty God gives to us when we reach out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. When Paul was talking to the Thessalonians, he said, in effect, “Thessalonians, let me tell you what the crown of rejoicing is: It’s you! Because we ministered to you. And someday, when we stand before the Lord, you’re going to be there because we had a ministry to you.” Some people in the Church are constant witnesses; they talk to people all the time about Jesus, and they’re candidates for this crown.

3) Crown of Life – Revelation 2:10, James 1:12

Rev 2 ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Jam 1 ¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

- Many believers have endured and triumphed over trial, temptation and persecution, even to the point of martyrdom. And the motivation for doing so has to be love for the Lord. In the early days of heaven, those people will be walking around with the crown of life, because they endured trials and suffering and honored God in the midst of it.

4) Crown of Righteousness – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

2Tim 4 ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

- Paul was prepared to meet the Lord, and he was certain of his own imminent death as he wrote the second letter to Timothy. Like Paul, some people have their heart set on heaven and on seeing Jesus Christ. Those are the people that will win the crown of righteousness, because they love and long for the appearing of the Lord.

5) Crown of Glory - 1 Peter 5

1Pe 5 ¹ The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

- God has one out of the five crowns reserved for those who are in leadership and who are faithful shepherds of God’s people. And you know what? You don’t have to be a pastor or even on a church staff to earn it. Maybe you shepherd a

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small group—you are a facilitator and you shepherd that group and care about and pray for the people that come every week. You are in the running for “the shepherd’s crown”—the crown of glory.

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Bride of Jesus

Matthew 25:1-13 – The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Mt 25¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵**But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.** ⁶**“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’** ⁷Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰**And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.** ¹¹“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹²But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Revelation 19:7-9 – Heaven Exults over Babylon

Rev 19⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and **His wife has made herself ready.** ⁸And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹Then he said to me, “Write: **‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’**”

Marriage of the Lamb

To understand the wedding feast of the Lamb and his bride, we need to know something about Jewish wedding customs in the 1st century Galilee.

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See [Jewish Wedding \(Marriage covenant\)](#) for point-by-point comparison table

Ephesians 5:22-33 – Marriage—Christ and the Church

Ep 5²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is head of the wife, as also **Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.** ²⁴Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,** ²⁶**that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,** ²⁷**that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.** ²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰For **we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.** ³¹“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Matthew 9:14-15 – Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting

Mt 9¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, **“Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.**

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John 3:28-29 – John the Baptist Exalts Christ

In 3²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' ²⁹ **He who has the bride is the bridegroom;** but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

Revelation 21:9-21 – The New Jerusalem

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, **I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

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Children of God

1 John 3:1-3 – The Command to Love

1Jn 3 ¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, **now we are children of God**; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Galatians 3:26-29 – Sons and Heirs

Gal 3 ²⁶ For **you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus**. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

John 1:12 – John's Witness: The True Light

Jn 1 ¹² **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Revelation 3:19-20 – The Lukewarm Church

Rev 3 ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. **If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me**. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

John 16:25-27 – Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World

Jn 16 ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; ²⁷ for **the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me**, and have believed that I came forth from God.

John 14:15-18 – Jesus Promises Another Helper

Jn 14 ¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ **I will not leave you orphans**; I will come to you.

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Eternal life in heaven

John 3:13-17 – The New Birth

Jn 3 ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 5:24 – Life and Judgment Are Through the Son

Jn 5 ²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 10:25-30 – The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

Jn 10 ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.** ²⁸ **And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.** ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one.”

John 6:47-51 – Rejected by His Own

Jn 6 ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me has everlasting life.** ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

1 John 2:24-25 – Let Truth Abide in You

1Jn 2 ²⁴ Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ **And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.**

John 6:26-29, 38-40 – The Bread from Heaven

Jn 6 ²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ **Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you**, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

²⁸ Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

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³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that **everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life**; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 4:13-14 – A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

Jn 4 ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. **But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**”

John 11:23-27 – I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Jn 11 ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall**

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live. ²⁶ **And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"

²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

1 John 5:11-13 – The Certainty of God's Witness

1Jn 5 ¹¹ And this is the testimony: that **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.** ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 – Our Final Victory

1Co 15 ⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**"

⁵⁵ "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷ But **thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Daniel 12:1-2 – Prophecy of the End Time

Dan 12 ¹ "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time.

And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.

² **And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

John 8:51 – Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

Jn 8 ⁵¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, **if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.**"

Psalms 37:18 – The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

Ps 37 ¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the upright, And **their inheritance shall be forever.**

Titus 1:1-3 – Greeting

Tit 1 ¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² **in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,** ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

Romans 10:13 - Israel Needs the Gospel

Ro 10 ⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, '**Who will ascend into heaven?**'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) ⁷ or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that **if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Matthew 7:21-23 – I Never Knew You

Mt 7 ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' **shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out

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demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

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New Creations – New Glorified Bodies, New Heavens, New Earth, New Jerusalem

New Glorified Bodies

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While the Bible doesn't describe in detail the glorified bodies we will receive in heaven, we know that they will be like that of Jesus' resurrected body. Our human bodies are described in 1 Corinthians 15:42–53 as perishable, dishonorable, and weak, all due to sin. Our glorified bodies will be imperishable, honorable, and powerful. Our new bodies will no longer be “natural” bodies, subject to decay and death; we will live in “victory over sin and death,” won by Christ on our behalf (1 Corinthians 15:57).

As imperishable bodies, they will no longer suffer from sickness and death, nor will they ever be subject to heat and cold or hunger and thirst. Our new bodies will be honorable in that they will not be shamed or shameful because of sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, the first thing they felt was shame because of their nakedness (Genesis 3:6–7). Although the Bible doesn't portray glorified bodies as being naked, but rather clothed in white garments (Revelation 3:4–5, [18](#)), they will be pure and undefiled by sin. Our earthly bodies are “weak” in many ways. Not only are we subject to the natural laws of gravity and time/space, we are weakened by sin and its temptations. Our glorified bodies will be empowered by the Spirit that owns us, and weakness will be no more.

Just as our earthly bodies are perfectly suited to life on earth, our resurrected bodies will be suited for life in eternity. We will have form and solidity to the touch (Luke 24:39–40). We will likely be able to enjoy food, but will not be driven to it by necessity or fleshly desire (Luke 24:41–43). And like Moses and Elijah, we will be able to bathe in the glory of our Maker in the fellowship of His dear Son (Matthew 17:2–3; Philippians 3:10). The bodies we inherit will be more like what God originally intended, rather than what we now abide in. Gone will be the infirmity and weakness of our sinful flesh; rather, we will be glorified with Christ, and that glory will extend to the bodies we will inhabit.

1 Corinthians 15:35-54 – A Glorious Body

1Co 15 ³⁵ But someone will say, “**How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?**” ³⁶ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other *grain*. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

³⁹ All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds.

⁴⁰ *There are* also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. ⁴¹ *There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

⁴² So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is **raised in incorruption**. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, **it is raised in glory**. It is sown in weakness, **it is raised in power**. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body, **it is raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man *was* of the earth, *made of* dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made of* dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man***.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we**

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shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Philippians 3:17-21 – Our Citizenship in Heaven

Phi 3 ¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰ **For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,** ²¹ **who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,** according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18 – Glory of the New Covenant

2Co 3 ¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— ¹³ unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. ¹⁸ **But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

2 Corinthians 5:1-8 – Assurance of the Resurrection

2Co 5 ¹ For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, **we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.** ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴ For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Luke 20:34-38 – The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?

Lk 20 ³⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ **But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;** ³⁶ **nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.** ³⁷ But even Moses showed in the *burning bush passage* that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸ For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.”

Colossians 3:1-4 – Not Carnality but Christ

Col 3 ¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ **When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.**

1 John 3:1-3 – The Command to Love

1Jn 3 ¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been

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revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.** ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Romans 8:12-17 – Sonship Through the Spirit

Ro 8 ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and **if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**

Romans 8:28-30 – From Suffering to Glory

Ro 8 ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and **whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

New Heavens, New Earth

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The new earth will be the eternal dwelling place of believers in Jesus Christ. The new earth and the new heavens are sometimes referred to as the “eternal state.” Scripture gives us a few details of the new heavens and new earth.

The current heavens and earth have long been subject to God’s curse because of mankind’s sin. All creation “has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth” (Romans 8:22) as it awaits the fulfillment of God’s plan and “the children of God to be revealed” (verse 19). Heaven and earth will pass away (Mark 13:31), and they will be replaced by the new heavens and the new earth. At that time, the Lord, seated on His throne, says, “I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:5). In the new creation, sin will be totally eradicated, and “there shall be no more curse” (Revelation 22:3, NKJV).

The new heaven and new earth are also mentioned in Isaiah 65:17, Isaiah 66:22, and 2 Peter 3:13. Peter tells us that the new heaven and new earth will be “where righteousness dwells.” Isaiah says that “the former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.” Things will be completely new, and the old order of things, with the accompanying sorrow and tragedy, will be gone.

The new earth will be free from sin, evil, sickness, suffering, and death. It will be similar to our current earth, but without the curse of sin. It will be earth as God originally intended it to be. It will be Eden restored.

In the new heavens and new earth, Scripture says, there are seven things notable for their absence—seven things that are “no more”:

- no more sea (Revelation 21:1)
- no more death (Revelation 21:4)
- no more mourning (Revelation 21:4)
- no more weeping (Revelation 21:4)
- no more pain (Revelation 21:4)
- no more curse (Revelation 22:3)
- no more night (Revelation 22:5)

The creation of the new heavens and new earth brings the promise that God “will wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21:4). This event comes *after* the tribulation, *after* the Lord’s second coming, *after* the millennial

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kingdom, *after* the final rebellion, *after* the final judgment of Satan, and *after* the Great White Throne Judgment. The brief description of the new heavens and new earth is the last glimpse into eternity that the Bible gives.

2 Peter 3:10-13 – The Day of the Lord

2Pe 3¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which **the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.** ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ **Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

Mark 13:28-31 – The Parable of the Fig Tree

Mk 13²⁸ “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! ³⁰ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³¹ **Heaven and earth will pass away,** but My words will by no means pass away.

Revelation 21:1-5 – All Things Made New

Rev 21¹ Now I saw a **new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.** Also there was **no more sea.** ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ **And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.**” ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, **I make all things new.**” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

Isaiah 65:17-25 – The Glorious New Creation

Is 65¹⁷ “For behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.** ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem *as* a rejoicing, And her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; **The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.** ²⁰ “No more shall an infant from there *live but a few* days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; **For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed.** ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people, And **My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.** ²³ **They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble;** For they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them. ²⁴ “It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ **The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox,** And dust *shall be* the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” Says the LORD.

Isaiah 25:6-9 – Praise to God

Is 25⁶ And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people
A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees.
⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain

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The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

⁹ And it will be said in that day: “Behold, this *is* our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This *is* the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

[Isaiah 66:22-23 – The Reign and Indignation of God](#)

Is 66 ²² “For as **the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me,**” says the LORD, **“So shall your descendants and your name remain.**

²³ And it shall come to pass *That* from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, **All flesh shall come to worship before Me,**” says the LORD.

[New Jerusalem](#)

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A major feature of the new earth will be the New Jerusalem. John calls it “the Holy City . . . coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). This glorious city, with its streets of gold and pearly gates, is situated on a new, glorious earth. The tree of life will be there (Revelation 22:2). This city represents the final state of redeemed mankind, forever in fellowship with God: “God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. . . . His servants will serve him. They will see his face” (Revelation 21:3; 22:3–4).

The New Jerusalem, which is also called the Tabernacle of God, the Holy City, the City of God, the Celestial City, the City Foursquare, and Heavenly Jerusalem, is literally heaven on earth. It is referred to in the Bible in several places (Galatians 4:26; Hebrews 11:10; 12:22–24; and 13:14), but it is most fully described in Revelation 21.

In Revelation 21, the recorded history of man is at its end. All of the ages have come and gone. Christ has gathered His church in the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:15–17). The Tribulation has passed (Revelation 6–18). The battle of Armageddon has been fought and won by our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:17–21). Satan has been chained for the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth (Revelation 20:1–3). A new, glorious temple has been established in Jerusalem (Ezekiel 40–48). The final rebellion against God has been quashed, and Satan has received his just punishment, an eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:7–10.) The Great White Throne Judgment has taken place, and mankind has been judged (Revelation 20:11–15).

In Revelation 21:1 God does a complete make-over of heaven and earth (Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:12–13). The new heaven and new earth are what some call the “eternal state” and will be “where righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13). After the re-creation, God reveals the New Jerusalem. John sees a glimpse of it in his vision: “The Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). This is the city that Abraham looked for in faith (Hebrews 11:10). It is the place where God will dwell with His people forever (Revelation 21:3). Inhabitants of this celestial city will have all tears wiped away (Revelation 21:4).

The New Jerusalem will be fantastically huge. John records that the city is nearly 1,400 miles long, and it is as wide and as high as it is long—a perfect cube (Revelation 21:15–17). The city will also be dazzling in every way. It is lighted by the glory of God (verse 23). Its twelve foundations, bearing the names of the twelve apostles, are “decorated with every kind of precious stone” (verse 19). It has twelve gates, each a single pearl, bearing the names of the twelve tribes of Israel (verses 12 and 21). The street will be made of pure gold (verse 21).

The New Jerusalem will be a place of unimagined blessing. The curse of the old earth will be gone (Revelation 22:3). In the city are the tree of life “for the healing of the nations” and the river of life (verses 1–2). It is the place that Paul spoke of: “In the coming ages [God] might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:7). The New Jerusalem is the ultimate fulfillment of all God’s promises. The New Jerusalem is God’s

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goodness made fully manifest.

Who are the residents of the New Jerusalem? The Father and the Lamb are there (Revelation 21:22). Angels are at the gates (verse 12). But the city will be filled with God's redeemed children. The New Jerusalem is the righteous counter to the evil Babylon (Revelation 17), destroyed by God's judgment (Revelation 18). The wicked had their city, and God has His. To which city do you belong? Babylon the Great or the New Jerusalem? If you believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died and rose again and have asked God to save you by His grace, then you are a citizen of the New Jerusalem. "God raised [you] up with Christ and seated [you] with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). You have "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (1 Peter 1:4). If you have not yet trusted Christ as your Savior, then we urge you to receive Him. The invitation is extended: "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life" (Revelation 22:17).

Revelation 21:1-5 – All Things Made New

Rev 21 ¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² **Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of **God is with men, and He will dwell with them**, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelation 21:9-21 – The New Jerusalem

Rev 21 ⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and **showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,** ¹¹ **having the glory of God.** Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹² Also she **had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates**, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ Now **the wall of the city had twelve foundations**, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ **The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth.** And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ **The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.** ¹⁹ **The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones:** the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ **The twelve gates were twelve pearls:** each individual gate was of one pearl. **And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.**

Revelation 21:22-27 – The Glory of the New Jerusalem

Rev 21 ²² But I saw **no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.** ²³ The city had **no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.** ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

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Revelation 22:1-5 – The River of Life

Rev 22 ¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the **tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be **no more curse**, but the **throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it**, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and **His name shall be on their foreheads**. ⁵ There shall be **no night** there: They need **no lamp nor light of the sun**, for the Lord God gives them light. And **they shall reign forever and ever**.

Hebrews 11:8-10 – Faithful Abraham

Heb 11 ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, **the heirs with him of the same promise**; ¹⁰ **for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God**.

Hebrews 12:22-24 – The Glorious Company

Heb 12 ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

Galatians 5:22-26 – Two Covenants

Gal 5 ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, ²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— ²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— ²⁶ **but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all**.

Hebrews 13:14 – Concluding Religious Directions

Heb 13 ¹⁴ For **here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come**.

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Dual Fulfillment in Biblical Prophecy

Dual fulfillment of prophecy is also known as:

- Double Reference
- Duality in prophecy
- Present and future application

This is the idea that some prophecies in the Bible have both a short-term and long-term fulfillment. Many prophecies in the Bible are dual. In such cases a prophet speaks under inspiration of God and a first fulfillment of the prophecy comes to pass. Then, later, often at the end of the age before the return of Christ, comes a final, ultimate fulfillment.

There are a number of prophecies in the OT which have a primary application to the millennial kingdom or the eternal kingdom, but are fulfilled in part in the church age. There are also prophecies which seem to focus on the immediate historical context of the prophet, yet have a more complete fulfillment later. This tendency to speak of events that are separated by time, as though they were not, is called the principle of dual fulfillment, or double reference.

The tendency of scripture to reveal God's plan by way of double reference is consistent throughout the OT. For example, the promise of a "son" and a "house" to David (II Sam. 7) is fulfilled in his son Solomon, but not wholly. The full effect of the promise is not realized until the "Son of Man" and his kingdom.

There are four different kinds of double references that can be distinguished in Scripture:

Type

In the case of a type, or a typical prediction, the prophet describes an event, person, or institution ("type") and later Scripture reveals the prophetic significance of this event, person, or institution ("anti-type"). The seer's eyes are fixed on the closer of the two events exclusively – in other words, details of the prophecy are completely satisfied by the earlier event or person. Yet scripture states (either in the original passage or elsewhere) that there is also a subsequent event or person foreshadowed by the prediction.

Daniel 8:17-26 – Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Dan 8¹⁷ So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end."

¹⁸ Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. ¹⁹ And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*. ²⁰ The ram which you saw, having the two horns—*they are* the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the male goat *is* the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that *is* between its eyes *is* the first king. ²² As for the broken *horn* and the four that stood in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

²³ "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and *also* the holy people.

²⁵ "Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

²⁶ "And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For *it refers* to many days *in the future*."

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The Bronze Serpent – Numbers 21:9; John 3:14-15

- Nu 21 ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.
- Jn 3 ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Gap

This happens when the prophet predicts two dissimilar events, widely separated by time, are presented as though they were one event. So one event or person is followed, without notice by a reference to a later event or person. It should be noted that the predictive material referring to the later event will not fit the earlier event. Neither will the description of the earlier event fit the later event. There are very few pure gap prophecies.

Isaiah 11:1-5 – The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring

Is 11 ¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

- Reference to the First Coming

³ His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD,

And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

- Reference to the Second Coming

Isaiah 61:1-9 – The Good News of Salvation

Is 61 ¹ “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound;

² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

- Reference to the First Coming
- Confirmed by Jesus

Luke 4 ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor;

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives

And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Is 61 ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes,

The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

⁴ And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations,

And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

⁶ But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God.

You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast.

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⁷ Instead of your shame *you shall have double honor*, And *instead of* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸ “For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they *are* the posterity *whom* the LORD has blessed.”

- Reference to the Second Coming

OTHER EXAMPLES: Dan. 2:40-44; Dan. 7:7-12

Type-Gap

Often, type and gap are combined. In this case, the prophet predicts two similar events or people widely separated. The first event foreshadows the later event (in most cases the later event concerns the end of the age). In this case, the prediction of the earlier event or person is typical of the later, but the description of the later event or person does not completely fit the earlier event.

Luke 23:28-31 – The King on a Cross

Lk 23 ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’ ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

- Refers **both** to the Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD and to the end of the world.

OTHER EXAMPLES: Is. 13; Dan. 11:20-45; Joel

Unforeseen Partial

In the final kind of double reference, the prophet's focus is exclusively on the later event. The prophet predicts aspects of God's kingdom at the end of the age. New Testament authors subsequently reveal that there is also an earlier event which, although unforeseen, is a real, but incomplete fulfillment of the prophecy. Frequently, the unforeseen event concerns the Church Age, which was not clearly revealed to the Old Testament prophets.

God's Spirit Poured Out – Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:16-21

Joel 2 ²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

³² And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,

As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

Acts 2 ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,

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Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

²¹ And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’

- Peter quotes this prophecy being fulfilled in Acts 2:16-21, yet the "sun turned to darkness and the moon to blood" is a specific reference to the last days, which had yet to be fulfilled.
 - Rev 6 ¹²I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

A New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:7-13 Hebrews 10:16-18

Jer 31 ³¹“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³²not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Heb 8 ⁷For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ⁹not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. ¹⁰For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹²For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” ¹³In that He says, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 10 ¹⁶“This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” ¹⁷*then He adds*, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” ¹⁸Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

Tower of Babel / Babylon – Why Dual Fulfillment Is Important?

There are many prophecies that point to the first exile to Babylon. Do these apply to the end times? I believe that they do, and I will explain why.

The original derivation of the name Babylon is the same as Babel. Remember the Tower of Babel? Immediately following the account of Noah’s Great Flood is the account of the Tower of Babel.

Genesis 11:1-9 – The Tower of Babel

Ge 11 ¹Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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Flavius Josephus wrote the following in the Antiquities of the Jews – Book I, Chapter 4:

Concerning the Tower of Babylon, and the confusion of Tongues.

2. Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah: a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it was through his means that they were happy; but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny; seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his own power. He also said, “He would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again: for that he would build a Tower too high for the waters to be able to reach; and that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers.”

3. [About 2520] Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God: and they built a Tower; neither sparing any pains, nor being in any degree negligent about the work. And, by reason of the multitude of hands employed in it, it grew very high, sooner than anyone could expect.



As we can see, the one-world government idea that finds its fulfillment in the book of Revelation reaches back millennia! And it has always been an affront to God.

To most people the name Babel (or Babel) is only known to us as the name of the city where God confounded the languages. *Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.* (Genesis 11:9).

Whenever a Hebrew name is given in the text and followed by the word "because", the text is providing the connection between the name and the reason for the name. In this case the word "confused" is the Hebrew word בלל (*balal*) meaning to be mixed up and it was here that God "mixed up" the languages. Interestingly the name בבל (*babel*) is a mixing up of the letters from the word בלל (*balal*).

While we may only be familiar with this place name as Babel as found in Genesis, this name is used 262 times throughout the Biblical text. But, instead of translating this name the same way all the time, the translators have chosen to translate it as "Babylon" in all its other occurrences. Yes, **Babel and Babylon are one and the same place; Babylon is the place of confusion.** Fast forward to Babylonian exile.

[Habakkuk 1:1-11 – The Prophet Questions God’s Judgments](#)

Hab 1 ¹The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

The Prophet’s Question

²O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear?

Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You will not save.

³Why do You show me iniquity, And cause *me* to see trouble?

For plundering and violence *are* before me; There is strife, and contention arises.

⁴Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.

[Anybody feel like that now?]

The Lord’s Reply

⁵“Look among the nations and watch—Be utterly astounded!

For *I will* work a work in your days *Which* you would not believe, though it were told you.

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⁶ For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans [Babylonians], A bitter and hasty nation
Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places *that are* not theirs.
⁷ They are terrible and dreadful; Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
⁸ Their horses also are swifter than leopards, And more fierce than evening wolves.
Their chargers charge ahead; Their cavalry comes from afar; They fly as the eagle *that* hastens to eat.
⁹ “They all come for violence; Their faces are set *like* the east wind. They gather captives like sand.
¹⁰ They scoff at kings, And princes are scorned by them.
They deride every stronghold, For they heap up earthen *mounds* and seize it.
¹¹ Then *his* mind changes, and he transgresses; He commits offense, *Ascribing* this power to his god.”

- God tells Habakkuk that He is bringing Babylon (confusion, one-world affront to God) against His people as judgement for their lifestyles. OK – So that makes sense for what happened thousands of years ago, but what does this have to do with the end time prophecies of today? Babylon is long gone, right? Nope – Babylon is specifically named in the end times.

Revelation 14:8 – The Proclamations of Three

Rev 14 ⁸ And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

Revelation 16:19 – Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken

Rev 16 ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Revelation 17-18

The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast
The Fall of Babylon the Great
Finality of Babylon’s Fall

Isaiah 13 – Proclamation Against Babylon

Is 13 ¹ The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

² “Lift up a banner on the high mountain, Raise your voice to them;
Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.
³ I have commanded My sanctified ones;
I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—Those who rejoice in My exaltation.”
⁴ The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people!
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts musters The army for battle.
⁵ They come from a far country, From the end of heaven—
The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.
⁶ Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.
⁷ Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man’s heart will melt,
⁸ And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them*;
They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames.
⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.
¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light;
The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.
¹¹ “I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.
¹² I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.
¹³ Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place,

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In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

¹⁴ It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up;

Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land.

¹⁵ Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

¹⁶ Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes;

Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.

¹⁷ “Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,

Who will not regard silver; And *as for* gold, they will not delight in it.

¹⁸ Also *their* bows will dash the young men to pieces,

And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children.

¹⁹ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride,

Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

²⁰ It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation;

Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.

²¹ But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls;

Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there.

²² The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces.

Her time *is* near to come, And her days will not be prolonged.”

The context of Isaiah 13 is “the day of the LORD,” the most common Old Testament term for our more widely known term of “the tribulation”. Babylon has indeed been conquered in the past, but never has she been destroyed cataclysmically (i.e., “as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah”). **Revelation 18:16, 19** echoes such a sudden destruction from the hand of God, “**Woe, woe, the great city, . . . for in one hour she has been laid waste!**” There are said to be about 500,000 people living in Babylon today.

Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum declares, “the prophecies regarding the city of Babylon have never been fulfilled in the past, as any encyclopedia article on Babylon will make quite clear. In order for these prophecies to be fulfilled, it will require the rebuilding of the city of Babylon in the same general area. Ancient Babylon is in present day Iraq.” Thus, Babylon has a great future role in history, but will be utterly destroyed in a moment of future history.

So, as you’re reading prophecies concerning Israel’s judgment, read them in the light of a dual fulfillment. In other words, the details of the prophecy are completely satisfied by the earlier event. Yet there is also a subsequent event that is foreshadowed by the prediction.

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Objections to Dual Fulfillment

The main objection to dual fulfillment comes from those espousing the Covenant Theology view/hermeneutic.

- Dispensationalists see a "future" fulfillment in the Restoration of Israel, and the subsequent prophecies, given from a 'literal' (plain reading) of the text.
 - The golden rule of interpretation – If the plain sense makes sense, look for no other sense, lest you end up with nonsense.
 - Dispensationalists contend there is a "future" fulfillment of both OT and NT prophecies concerning Christ, the end times, and His Plan for the Restoration of Israel. They contend that the 'plain reading of the text', without any 'covenant' lens means that one 'sees' a "Dual Reference/Fulfillment".
- Replacement Theology (Covenant Theology) 'sees' these prophecies as having already been 'fulfilled' in Christ (covenant of grace) and therefore the church (the Israel of God), has already received every benefit, not needing any other 'prophetic fulfillment'.
 - They 'see' Joel's prophecy as already fulfilled
 - Christ's prophecy concerning Jerusalem 'fulfilled' in 70AD
 - And any OT prophecy concerning Israel's Return (Deut. 30:1-7) **as already fulfilled by the church.**
 - Since Covenant Theology is also a 'hermeneutic', one must 'translate or symbolize':
 - Israel as being "Israel of God"
 - Children of Abraham as "children of Abraham by faith"
 - Abraham's seed has a 'singular' meaning "Christ"
 - "Covenant of grace" only refers to those after 70AD – to those who have made their commitment to Christ
 - The thought that any 'grace' was extinguished concerning the 'physical' nation of Israel.

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Fulfilled Prophecies through the Ages

Dispersion & Persecution – Curses for Disobedience

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-dispersion-of-the-jews/>

The **Jewish diaspora** (Hebrew: תְּפִצָּה) or **exile** (Hebrew: גָּלוּת *gālūt*; Yiddish: *golus*) is the dispersion of Israelites or Jews out of their ancestral homeland (the Land of Israel) and their subsequent settlement in other parts of the globe. The Lord promised this as a curse for their disobedience.

Deuteronomy 28:63-67 – Curses on Disobedience

Dt 28 ⁵⁸ “If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book,... ⁶³ And it shall be, *that* just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess. ⁶⁴ “**Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other**, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone. ⁶⁵ And **among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.** ⁶⁶ **Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.** ⁶⁷ **In the morning you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were evening!’ And at evening you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were morning!’** because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.

Leviticus 26:27-35 – Promise of Blessing and Retribution

Lev 26 ²⁷ “And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, ²⁸ then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. ²⁹ You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. ³⁰ I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. ³¹ **I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation**, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. ³² **I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.** ³³ **I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.** ³⁴ Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you *are* in your enemies’ land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths. ³⁵ As long as *it* lies desolate it shall rest—for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

Ezekiel 39:21-26 – Israel Restored to the Land

Ez 39 ²¹ “I will set My glory among the nations; **all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed**, and My hand which I have laid on them. ...²³ The Gentiles shall know that **the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.** ²⁴ **According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them**, and hidden My face from them.” ’ ²⁵ “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name— ²⁶ **after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me**, when they dwelt safely in their *own* land and no one made *them* afraid.

Jeremiah 29:15-20 – Jeremiah’s Letter to the Captives

Jeremiah 29 ¹⁵ Because you have said, “The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon”— ¹⁶ therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, concerning all the people who dwell in this city, and **concerning your brethren who have not gone out with you into captivity—** ¹⁷ **thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like rotten figs that cannot be eaten**, they are so bad. ¹⁸ And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence; and I will deliver them to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be a curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the

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nations where I have driven them, ¹⁹because they have not heeded My words, says the LORD, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; neither would you heed, says the LORD. ²⁰Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Deuteronomy 30:1-5 – The Blessing of Returning to God

Dt 30 ¹“Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among **all the nations where the LORD your God drives you**, ²and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations **where the LORD your God has scattered you**. ⁴If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. ⁵Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.

Zechariah 2:6-7 – Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations

Zec 2 ⁶“Up, up! Flee from the land of the north,” says the LORD; “for **I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven**,” says the LORD. ⁷“Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.”

Jeremiah 31:10 – The Remnant of Israel Saved

Jer 31 ¹⁰“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, ‘**He who scattered Israel** will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd *does* his flock.’”

¹¹For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

Jeremiah 23:3-8 – The Branch of Righteousness

Jer 23 ³“But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries **where I have driven them**, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD.

Isaiah 54:7-8 – A Perpetual Covenant of Peace

Is 54 ⁷“**For a mere moment I have forsaken you**, But with great mercies I will gather you.

⁸**With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment**; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,” Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

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Desolation

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When the Jews were forced by the Romans to leave the area, Israel became a wasteland. By the 20th Century, there were only 17,000 trees left in all of Israel! There was not a single tree south of the Sea of Galilee. How do we know that? The Ottoman Turks taxed trees and so kept records. What did these poor people living in this miserable land do? They cut down their trees so they wouldn't have to pay taxes. That's how we know there were only 17,000 trees left in the land.

Do you know what a treeless land becomes? Erosion takes its toll and the water becomes malaria-infested swamplands. For the last 1,900 years, Israel was an absolute wasteland. Why did this happen? God didn't want anybody moving into the Promised Land. He wanted to reserve it for the Jewish people.

Mark Twain visited Israel in 1867 and published his impressions in *Innocents Abroad*. He described a desolate country, devoid of both vegetation and human population:

“..... A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse... a desolation.... we never saw a human being on the whole route.... hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country.”

He was amazed by the smallness of the city of Jerusalem: “A fast walker could go outside the walls of Jerusalem and walk entirely around the city in an hour. I do not know how else to make one understand how small it is.”

And he described the Temple Mount thus: “The mighty Mosque of Omar, and the paved court around it, occupy a fourth part of Jerusalem. They are upon Mount Moriah, where King Solomon's Temple stood. This Mosque is the holiest place the Mohammedan knows, outside of Mecca. Up to within a year or two past, no christian could gain admission to it or its court for love or money. But the prohibition has been removed, and we entered freely for bucksheesh.”

Leviticus 26:27-35 – Promise of Blessing and Retribution

Lev 26 ²⁷ ‘And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, ²⁸ then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. ²⁹ You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. ³⁰ I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. ³¹ I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. ³² I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. ³³ I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; **your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.** ³⁴ **Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.** ³⁵ **As long as it lies desolate it shall rest— for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.**



Draining swamps in Israel in the 1920s.



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Deuteronomy 28:24 – Curses on Disobedience

Dt 28 ²⁴ The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 29:20-28 – The Covenant Renewed in Moab

Dt 29 ²⁰ “The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven. ²¹ And the LORD would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law, ²² so that the coming generation of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, would say, when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it: ²³ **‘The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.’** ²⁴ All nations would say, ‘Why has the LORD done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?’ ²⁵ Then *people* would say: ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; ²⁶ for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them. ²⁷ Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book. ²⁸ And the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.’

Jeremiah 4:23-29 – Sorrow for the Doomed Nation

Jer 4 ²³ I beheld the earth, and indeed *it was* without form, and void; And the heavens, they *had* no light.

²⁴ I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth.

²⁵ I beheld, and indeed *there was* no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

²⁶ **I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.**

²⁷ **For thus says the LORD: “The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end.**

²⁸ For this shall the earth mourn, And the heavens above be black, Because I have spoken.

I have purposed and will not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.

²⁹ The whole city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen.

They shall go into thickets and climb up on the rocks.

Every city shall be forsaken, And not a man shall dwell in it.

Jeremiah 9:9-11 – Disobedience Brings God’s Judgment

Jer 9 ⁹ Shall I not punish them for these *things*?” says the LORD. “Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?”

¹⁰ I will take up a weeping and wailing for the mountains, And for the dwelling places of the wilderness a lamentation, Because they are burned up, So that no one can pass through; Nor can *men* hear the voice of the cattle.

Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled; They are gone.

¹¹ **“I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a den of jackals.**

I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.”

Matthew 23:37-39 – Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

Mt 23 ³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸ **See! Your house is left to you desolate;** ³⁹ for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

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Preservation

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In a conversation on religious questions, Frederick II, King of Prussia (1740-1786) asked Joachim von Zieten, General of the Husars, whom he esteemed highly as a Christian for his plain and uncompromised views, “Give me proof for the truth of the Bible in two words!” to which Zieten replied, “Your majesty, the Jews!” To Zieten, the present existence of the Jewish people was proof that God’s Word was true because Scripture had promised that they would remain until all that had been prophesied concerning them was fulfilled. Remarkably, this expression of faith was made in a day when the land of Israel was desolate of a Jewish population and the majority of the Jews were scattered among the nations.

The preservation of the Jews has to be one of the greatest miracles of history. It is so remarkable — so historically stunning — that its uniqueness has been noted and commented on by a great variety of people.

- The great historian Arnold Toynbee (1889–1975). He fully recognized the unusual nature of the Jewish experience. In his ten volume work, *A Study of History* (1934–1961), he traced the rise and fall of 26 civilizations, developing a scheme of history which the Jewish civilization did not fit. Toynbee ended up classifying the Jews as “fossils of history” because they seemed to be frozen in time, refusing to assimilate into the soup of humanity.
- Thomas Newton (1704–1782), the renowned British cleric and Bible scholar who served as Bishop of Bristol, declared in one of his sermons: “The preservation of the Jews is really one of the most single and illustrious acts of divine Providence...and what but a supernatural power could have preserved them in such a manner as none other nation upon earth hath been preserved. Nor is the providence of God less remarkable in the destruction of their enemies, than in their preservation...We see that the great empires, which in their turn subdued and oppressed the people of God, are all come to ruin...And if such hath been the fatal end of the enemies and oppressors of the Jews, let it serve as a warning to all those, who at any time or upon any occasion are for raising a clamor and persecution against them.”
- Leo Tolstoy (1828–1910), the great Russian novelist, expressed his awe over the preservation of the Jews with these words: “What is the Jew?...What kind of unique creature is this whom all the rulers of all the nations of the world have disgraced and crushed and expelled...persecuted, burned and drowned, and who, despite their anger and fury, continue to live and to flourish...The Jew is the symbol of eternity.”
- To get a feel for how preposterous the preservation of the Jews is from a human perspective, consider this illustration by Rabbi Dov Greenberg who is the Executive Director of Chabad (the Jewish Hasidic Movement) at Stanford University: “Imagine we could travel back in time and say to the great Pharaoh [of Moses’ time], “There is good news and bad news. The good news is that one of the nations alive today will survive and change the moral landscape of the world. The bad news is: it won’t be yours. It will be that group of Hebrew slaves out there, building your glorious temples, the Children of Israel.” Nothing would sound more outrageous. The Egypt of Pharaoh’s time was the greatest empire of the ancient world, brilliant in arts and sciences, formidable in war. The Israelites were a landless people, powerless slaves. Indeed, already in antiquity, those in power believed that the Israelites were on the verge of extinction.
- Perhaps the most insightful commentary on the immortality of the Jewish people was written by the American novelist Mark Twain (1835–1910) who was an agnostic and a skeptic. His article appeared in *Harper’s* magazine in 1897:

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world’s list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor; then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks

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and the Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

Twain's question, "What is the secret of his immortality?" can be answered in only one way, and that answer was provided by David Ben-Gurion (1886–1973), the first Prime Minister of Israel: "In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles."

Isaiah 66:22 – The Reign and Indignation of God

Is 66 ²² **"For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.**

Isaiah 49:14-16 – God Will Remember Zion

Is 49 ¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb?

Surely they may forget, **Yet I will not forget you.**

¹⁶ **See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.**

2 Samuel 7:24-26 – David's Thanksgiving to God

2Sa 7 ²⁴ For **You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever**; and You, LORD, have become their God. ²⁵ "Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish *it* forever and do as You have said. ²⁶ So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

Isaiah 54:7-10 – A Perpetual Covenant of Peace

Is 54 ⁷ **"For a mere moment I have forsaken you, But with great mercies I will gather you.**

⁸ **With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment;**

But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,"

Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

⁹ "For this *is* like the waters of Noah to Me;

For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth,

So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

¹⁰ For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed,

But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,"

Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Jeremiah 30:10-11 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ¹⁰ 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel;

For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity.

Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid.

¹¹ For I *am* with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you;

Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, **Yet I will not make a complete end of you.**

But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'

Zechariah 10:8-10 – Restoration of Judah and Israel

Zec 10 ⁸ I will whistle for them and gather them, For I will redeem them;

And they shall increase as they once increased.

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⁹ **“I will sow them among the peoples, And they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, And they shall return.**

¹⁰ I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, And gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no *more room* is found for them.

Ezekiel 11:14-16 – God Will Restore Israel

Ez 11 ¹⁴ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁵ “Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the house of Israel in its entirety, *are* those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Get far away from the LORD; this land has been given to us as a possession.’ ¹⁶ Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: **“Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.”**’

Jeremiah 31:35-37 – A New Covenant

Jer 31 ³⁵ Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts *is* His name):

³⁶ **“If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”**

³⁷ Thus says the LORD:

“If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

Isaiah 11:10-12 – The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring

Is 11 ¹⁰ “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”

¹¹ It shall come to pass in that day *That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.*

¹² **He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.**

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Eastern Gate of Jerusalem

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The Eastern Gate of Jerusalem is also called the Golden Gate, Beautiful Gate, and in Hebrew, it is *Sha'ar Harahamim*, the “Gate of Mercy.” It is currently the oldest gate in the Old City, having been constructed in the 6th or 7th century AD. Also, it is the gate that gives the most direct access to the temple mount—if a person could pass through the arches of the Eastern Gate, he would be very close to where the Jewish temple used to stand. When Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives in Matthew 21, He used a gate in the same location as the current Eastern or Golden Gate.

On Sept 17, 592 BC, Ezekiel sees the Shekinah Glory of the Lord leaving the Temple through the Eastern Gate.

- Starts at the Holy of Holies above the Ark of the Covenant
- Pillar of cloud and fire moves from near the Ark of the Covenant to the threshold of the Temple
 - Ez 9³ Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple.
 - Ez 10⁴ Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, *and paused* over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD’s glory.
- From the threshold of the Temple to the Eastern Gate
 - Ez 10¹⁸ Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. ¹⁹ And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels *were* beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD’s house, and the glory of the God of Israel *was* above them.
- From the Eastern Gate to the Mount of Olives
 - Ez 11²² So the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel *was* high above them. ²³ And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which *is* on the east side of the city.
 - Moves over the Kedron Valley, up the Mount of Olives, and down the backside toward Jericho

Later, Ezekiel sees the glory of the Lord return to the temple via “the gate facing east”.

- Ez 43¹ Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, ² and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. ³ The vision I saw was like the vision I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the visions I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell facedown. ⁴ The glory of the LORD entered the temple through the gate facing east. ⁵ Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

The Eastern Gate was sealed shut in AD 1540–41 by order of Suleiman the Magnificent, a sultan of the Ottoman Empire. It’s believed that the reason for the closing of the Eastern Gate was to prevent the Jewish Messiah from gaining entrance to Jerusalem. The Muslim Suleiman was attempting to thwart the Messiah’s plans with sixteen feet of cement. The Eastern Gate has remained sealed for nearly the past 500 years. The sealing of Jerusalem’s Eastern Gate that has caused many students of prophecy to sit up and take notice.

Ezekiel 44:1-2 – The Priesthood Restored

Ez 44¹ Then the man brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was shut. ² The LORD said to me, “**This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened; no one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered through it.** ³ **The prince himself is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the LORD. He is to enter by way of the portico of the gateway and go out the same way.**”

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Ezekiel 46:12

Ez 46¹² “When **the prince provides a freewill offering to the LORD...the gate facing east is to be opened for him.** He shall offer his burnt offering or his fellowship offerings as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and **after he has gone out, the gate will be shut.**

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Fulfilled Prophecies in Our Generation

Antisemitism (Hatred of the Jews)

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<https://www.newantisemitism.com/antisemitism/antisemitism-2020-a-year-in-review-part-i>

<https://www.newantisemitism.com/antisemitism/antisemitism-2020-a-year-in-review-part-ii>

Hated of the Jews is so common that a word has been coined to describe it – antisemitism. Why is there such hatred? Satan works overtime to plant seeds of hatred in people's hearts toward the Jews. This deception is a supernatural phenomenon.

Ephesians 6 ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Satan hates the Jews with a passion:

- He hates them because God provided both The Bible and the messiah through them
- He hates them because God called them to be his chosen people
- He hates them because God has promised to save a remnant of them
- He hates them because God loves them

He is determined to destroy every Jew on Planet Earth so God can not keep his promise to save a great remnant of them.

- He tried to annihilate them in the holocaust - he failed.
- He will try to destroy them once again during the last half of the tribulation - he will fail again.

Deuteronomy 28:36-37 – Curses on Disobedience

Dt 28 ³⁶ “The LORD will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone. ³⁷ **And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.**

- Astonishment – לְשִׁמְהָהּ - Ruin; by implication, consternation
 - Consternation – Amazement or dismay that hinders or throws into confusion.
- Why did the Jewish people become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations?

Jeremiah 29:15-20 – Jeremiah’s Letter to the Captives

Jer 29 ¹⁵ Because you have said, “The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon”— ¹⁶ therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, concerning all the people who dwell in this city, and concerning your brethren who have not gone out with you into captivity— ¹⁷ **thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like rotten figs that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. ¹⁸ And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence; and I will deliver them to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be a curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them, ¹⁹ because they have not heeded My words,** says the LORD, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; neither would you heed, says the LORD. ²⁰ Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

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- Because the Jews' ancestors disregarded God and refused to obey Him, they faced a great tribulation of hostility and persecution lasting many centuries.

Jeremiah 24:8-10 – The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs

Jer 24 ⁸ ‘And as the bad figs which cannot be eaten, they are so bad’—surely thus says the LORD—‘so will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, his princes, the residue of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt. ⁹ **I will deliver them to trouble into all the kingdoms of the earth, for *their* harm, to be a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them.** ¹⁰ **And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them,** till they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.’ ”

Zechariah 8:13 – Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

Zec 8 ¹³ And it shall come to pass *That* just as **you were a curse among the nations,** O house of Judah and house of Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.’

Jeremiah 30:17 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ¹⁷ For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,’ says the LORD, ‘Because **they called you an outcast saying: “This is Zion; No one seeks her.”** ’

- Is there a lesson to us? YES!
 - **Romans 11 ²² Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.**
 - The Christian Church is doing the same thing that God warned the Jews about in **Jeremiah 29:19 because they have not heeded My words.**

Replacement Theology Has Led to Rampant Antisemitism

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- Why antisemitism now?
 - God is using antisemitism to bring the Jews back to Israel, fulfilling His prophetic Word.

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Revival of the Hebrew Language

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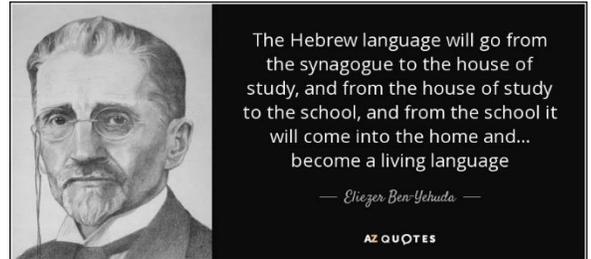
When the Jews were scattered worldwide, they ceased speaking Biblical Hebrew. The prophet Zephaniah implied a time would come when the Hebrew language would be revived – and it has been! The man God used to revive the language was Eliezer Ben Yehuda (1858 -1922).

Prior to the restoration of Israel, the Hebrew language was on the brink of extinction.

Europe → Hebrew + German = Yiddish

Mediterranean Basin → Hebrew + Spanish = Ladino

In 1881 Eliezer Ben-Yehuda immigrated to Palestine (then ruled by the Ottoman Empire) and settled in Jerusalem. He found a job teaching at the Alliance Israelite Universelle school. Motivated by the surrounding ideals of renovation and rejection of the diaspora lifestyle, Ben-Yehuda set out to develop a new language that could replace Yiddish and other regional dialects as a means of everyday communication between Jews who made aliyah from various regions of the world. Ben-Yehuda regarded Hebrew and Zionism as symbiotic: "The Hebrew language can live only if we revive the nation and return it to the fatherland," he wrote.



Zephaniah 3:9 – Restoration of Israel’s Remnant (NKJV)

Zep 3⁸ Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD, “for the day I will stand up to testify.

I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them— all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.

⁹“Then **I will purify the lips of the peoples**, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

Other translations:

- For then I will **restore to the peoples a pure language**, that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord. (NASB)
- “Then I will **purify the speech** of all people, so that everyone can worship the Lord together. (NLT)
- “I will change the speech of the peoples to a **pure speech**.” (ESV)
- “At that time I will **change the speech of my returning people to pure Hebrew** so that all can worship the Lord together.” (TLB)

Zephaniah 3:9 is set in the context of being fulfilled after God has poured out His “indignation” on the nations (Zephaniah 3:8). That is speaking of the Tribulation. So the implication is that the establishment of a universal language will occur at the beginning of the Millennium.

But the revival of biblical Hebrew as the spoken language of the Jewish people today must be considered a miracle of God and at least a partial fulfillment of Zephaniah 3:9. In that regard, it should be noted that there is no other example in world history of an ancient language being revived as the spoken language of a modern nation. The restoration of biblical Hebrew to a modern day spoken language is a unique historical phenomenon.

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Aliyah (Jews return to Israel)

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In the late 1800s, a Hungarian Jew by the name of Theodore Herzl began to call for a Jewish state and challenged his fellow Jews to return to their homeland. At the 1897 Zionist conference in Basel, Switzerland he stated that he believed the Jewish state would come into existence within 50 years.

Like most Jewish intellectuals of his time, Herzl understood that the Jews had been assimilated into European society. But in 1894 his attitude radically changed. He was a journalist and went to Paris to cover the trial of a French army officer by the name of Alfred Dreyfus. The officer had been falsely accused of treason because he was Jewish. When Herzl arrived at the courthouse, he was astonished to see thousands of Parisians standing in the street shouting “Death to the Jews!”

This agonizing experience convinced Herzl that the only hope for the Jews was for them to form a state of their own. He expressed the sentiment very convincingly in 1896 and a pamphlet called “DerJudenstaat” (“The Jewish State”). His pamphlet led to the convocation of the 1st Zionist Congress held in Basel, Switzerland in August of 1897. Herzl wrote in his diary, “At Basel, I founded the Jewish state.” He predicted that within 50 years people would see the truth of the statement. Sure enough, 50 years later in November of 1947, the United Nations authorized the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. And on May 14th, 1948 the state of Israel came into existence. Herzl is considered the father of the Zionist movement.

We live in an age when God is fulfilling many prophecies regarding the Jews. What a testimony this is to the fact that God is alive and well, that God is on his throne and in control, and that God is faithful to his promises! This regathering of the Jews was foretold in Bible prophecy. The Old Testament prophets promised repeatedly that the day would come when God would regather the Jews to the land of Israel. This remarkable regathering of the Jews from the four corners of the Earth has occurred in our lifetime.

- **World War I prepared the land for the people** as the control of Palestine was transferred from a nation that hated the Jews (the Turks) to a nation that was sympathetic to their return (Britain).
- **The Holocaust of World War II prepared the people for the land** by motivating them to return.

Many of the people that returned to Israel were Holocaust survivors.

The Bible tells us that there will be a 2-stage return: First He will bring them back to the land in unbelief, THEN He will give them a heart for spiritual belief. This spiritual return to belief very likely happens during the tribulation.

Aliyah is the Hebrew word for the physical return of the Jewish people (Jewish Diaspora) to their ancient Promised Land from abroad.

- Jer 24 ⁴ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own* good, into the land of the Chaldeans. ⁶For I will set My eyes on them for good, and **I will bring them back to this land**; I will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷**Then I will give them a heart to know Me**, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

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Jeremiah 23:3-8 – The Branch of Righteousness

Jer 23 ³“But **I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them**, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD.

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⁵“Behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

⁶In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;

Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

⁷“Therefore, behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “**that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’⁸ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’** And they shall dwell in their own land.”

Deuteronomy 30:1-5 – The Blessing of Returning to God

Dt 30 ¹“Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, ²and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³that **the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.** ⁴If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there **the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.** ⁵**Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.**

Isaiah 11:10-12 – The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring

Is 11 ¹⁰“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”

¹¹**It shall come to pass in that day *That* the Lord shall set His hand again the second time**

To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

¹²He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

Amos 9:11-15 – Israel Will Be Restored

Am 9 ¹¹“On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; ¹²That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the LORD who does this thing.

¹³“Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD,

“When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow *with it*.

¹⁴**I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*;**

They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

¹⁵**I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,”** Says the LORD your God.

Ezekiel 37:11-14 – The Dry Bones Live

Ez 37 ¹¹Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:

“Behold, O My people, **I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.** ¹³**Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.** ¹⁴**I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.** Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the LORD.’ ”

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Ezekiel 37:21-22a – One Kingdom, One King

Ez 37²¹ “Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely **I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land,**”²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel;

Zechariah 8:3-8,20-22 – Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

Zec 8³ “Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.’

⁴ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘**Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age.**

⁵ **The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.’**

⁶ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If it is **marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,** Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’ Says the LORD of hosts.

⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts:

‘Behold, **I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west;**

⁸ **I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.**

They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.’

...

²⁰ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘**Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities;**

²¹ The inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, “Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.”

²² Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.’

²³ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard *that God is with you.*” ’ ”

Zechariah 10:8-10 – Restoration of Judah and Israel

Zec 10⁸ **I will whistle for them and gather them, For I will redeem them;**

And they shall increase as they once increased.

⁹ “I will sow them among the peoples, And they shall remember Me in far countries;

They shall live, together with their children, **And they shall return.**

¹⁰ **I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, And gather them from Assyria.**

I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no *more room* is found for them.

Isaiah 43:5-6 – The Redeemer of Israel

Is 43⁵ Fear not, for I *am* with you;

I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west;

⁶ **I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’**

Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—

Psalms 107:1-3 – Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Great Works of Deliverance

Ps 107¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

³ **And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.**

Ezekiel 36:8-12 – Blessing on Israel

Ez 36⁸ But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to **My people Israel, for they are about to come.** ⁹ For indeed I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰ **I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it;** and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. ¹¹ I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; **I will make you inhabited as in former times,**

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and do better *for you* than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. ¹² Yes, **I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children.**”

Ezekiel 39:25-29 – Israel Restored to the Land

Ez 39 ²⁵ “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘**Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel;** and I will be jealous for My holy name— ²⁶ after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their *own* land and no one made *them* afraid. ²⁷ **When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands,** and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, ²⁸ then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also **brought them back to their land,** and left none of them captive any longer. ²⁹ And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,’ says the Lord GOD.”

Ezekiel 34:11-14 – God, the True Shepherd

Ez 34 ¹¹ ‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will **I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.** ¹³ **And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land;** I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

Jeremiah 16:14-15 – God Will Restore Israel

Jer 16 ¹⁴ “Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ ¹⁵ but, ‘**The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.**’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

Ezekiel 36:22-24,28-30,33--36 – The Renewal of Israel

Ez 36 ²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³ And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For **I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.**

...
²⁸ **Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;** you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. ³⁰ And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.

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³³ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, **I will also enable you to dwell in the cities,** and the ruins shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵ So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and **the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.**’ ³⁶ Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.”

Jeremiah 29:13-14 – Jeremiah’s Letter to the Captives

Jer 29 ¹³ And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, says the LORD, and **I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the**

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places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

Jeremiah 31:3-11 – The Remnant of Israel Saved

Jer 31 ³The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*:

“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; **Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.**

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel!

You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

⁵ You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; The planters shall plant and eat *them* as ordinary food.

⁶ For there shall be a day *When* the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim,

‘Arise, and let us go up *to* Zion, To the LORD our God.’ ”

⁷ For thus says the LORD: “Sing with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations;

Proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save Your people, The remnant of Israel!’

⁸ Behold, **I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth,**

Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together;

A great throng shall return there.

⁹ They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them.

I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble;

For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim *is* My firstborn.

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say,

‘**He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd *does* his flock.**’

¹¹ **For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,**

Psalms 147:1-2 – Praise to God for His Word and Providence

Ps 147 ¹ Praise the LORD! For *it is* good to sing praises to our God; For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; **He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.**

Isaiah 27:12-13 – The Restoration of Israel

Is 27 ¹² And it shall come to pass in that day *That* the LORD will thresh,

From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt;

And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

¹³ So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown;

They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria,

And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt,

And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Isaiah 54:7-8 – A Perpetual Covenant of Peace

Is 54 ⁷ “For a mere moment I have forsaken you, But **with great mercies I will gather you.**

⁸ With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,”

Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

Jeremiah 24:4-7 – The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs

Jer 24 ⁴ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own* good, into the land of the Chaldeans. ⁶ **For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this**

land; I will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷ Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to

Me with their whole heart.

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Jeremiah 30:3,10-11 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ³ For behold, **the days are coming,**’ says the LORD, **‘that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,**’ says the LORD. ‘And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’ ”
... ¹⁰ ‘Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel;

For behold, **I will save you from afar,** And your seed from the land of their captivity.

Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid.

¹¹ For I *am* with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you;

Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you.

But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.’

Jeremiah 32:37 – God’s Assurance of the People’s Return

Jer 32 ³⁷ Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; **I will bring them back to this place,** and I will cause them to dwell safely.

Jeremiah 33:4,6-9 – Excellence of the Restored Nation

Jer 33 ⁴ “For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah, ⁶ Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. ⁷ **And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first.** ⁸ I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. ⁹ Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.’

Jeremiah 46:27 – God Will Preserve Israel

Jer 46 ²⁷ “But do not fear, O My servant Jacob, And do not be dismayed, O Israel!

For behold, **I will save you from afar, And your offspring from the land of their captivity;**

Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; No one shall make *him* afraid.

Ezekiel 11:17 – God Will Restore Israel

Ez 11 ¹⁷ Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: **“I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered,** and I will give you the land of Israel.” ’

Ezekiel 20:34 – God Will Restore Israel

Ez 20 ³⁴ **I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered,** with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. ...⁴⁰ For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me; there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things. ⁴¹ I will accept you as a sweet aroma **when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered;** and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles. ⁴² Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.

Ezekiel 28:25-26 – Israel’s Future Blessing

Ez 28 ²⁵ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: **“When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered,** and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. ²⁶ And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.” ’ ”

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Ezekiel 38:10-13 – Gog and Allies Attack Israel

Ez 38 ¹⁰ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: ¹¹ You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’— ¹² to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places *that are again* inhabited, and **against a people gathered from the nations**, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. ¹³ Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’ ” ’

Hosea 3:4-5 – Israel Will Return to God

Hos 3 ⁴ For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ephod or teraphim. ⁵ **Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God** and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 8:10 – The Apostasy of Israel

Hos 8 ¹⁰ Yes, though they have hired among the nations, **Now I will gather them;**

Micah 2:12 – Israel Restored

Mic 2 ¹² “I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, **I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;** I will put them together like sheep of the fold, Like a flock in the midst of their pasture; They shall make a loud noise because of *so many* people.

Joel 3:1-2 – God Judges the Nations

Joel 3 ¹ “For behold, **in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,** ² I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

Zephaniah 3:17-20 – Joy in God’s Faithfulness

Zep 3 ¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” ¹⁸ “I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, *To whom* its reproach *is* a burden. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, **And gather those who were driven out;** I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame. ²⁰ At that time **I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you;** For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, **When I return your captives before your eyes,”** Says the LORD.

Zechariah 2:6-7 – Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations

Zec 2 ⁶ “**Up, up! Flee from the land of the north,**” says the LORD; “for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven,” says the LORD. ⁷ “**Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.**”

Isaiah 56:6-8 – Salvation for the Gentiles

Is 56 ⁶ “**Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,** And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— ⁷ **Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,** And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *Will be* accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

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⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,
“Yet I will gather to him *Others* besides those who are gathered to him.”

Isaiah 66:7-8 – The Lord Vindicates Zion

Is 66 ⁷“Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.

⁸Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?

Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? *Or* shall a nation be born at once?

For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

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Reestablishment of Israel (May 14, 1948)

<https://christinprophecy.org/sermons/the-miracle-of-israel/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E-P4FG7Utc>

The nation of Israel is God's timepiece. God sees the beginning from the end and knows all things. God has a schedule and has appointed times for events to happen, and he has lovingly given us a look at His schedule so that we won't get caught off guard when these events take place. He has appointed Israel as His prophetic timepiece – If you want to know what time it is on God's schedule, all you have to do is look at what's happening in Israel. God uses the nation of Israel as a sign to the world that His return is near!

The Ottoman Turks controlled Israel's ancient homeland at the beginning of the 20th century. However, they picked the wrong side in World War I. When they lost, the French and British governments divided up the land of the former Ottoman Empire and the British government was given oversight of Palestine. As a result, on November 2nd, 1917, the Balfour Declaration (a public statement by the British government) announced support for the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine. Jews and Christians who held to a literal interpretation of Scripture saw this as a first real sign of Israel's re-establishment – and along with it, the first sign that the world was entering into the end times.

30 years later, after the World War II holocaust, the world softened toward the suffering Jewish people. And on November 29th, 1947 the United Nations voted to create the promised state for them. Then on May 14th, 1948 the modern nation of Israel was officially born. Having barely survived the holocaust, and having experienced persecution everywhere they went, the Jewish people declared themselves a nation in a single day.

For the 1st time in history, an extinct nation has come back into existence. After almost 1900 years, Israel was again declared a sovereign nation and officially reestablished in the promised land – exactly as God had promised. This is important to us because of the fig tree parable – this restarts the clock, it starts the end times.

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Ezekiel 36:24,28-30,33-36 – The Renewal of Israel

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²⁸ **Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;** you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. ³⁰ And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.

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³³ 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, **I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.** ³⁴ The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵ So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and **ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.**' ³⁶ Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have **rebuilt the ruined places** and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*."

Ezekiel 36:8-12 – Blessing on Israel

Ez 36 ⁸ But you, **O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel,** for they are about to come. ⁹ For indeed I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰ I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and **the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.** ¹¹ I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better *for you* than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. ¹² Yes, I will cause men to walk

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on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them *of children*.”

Ezekiel 37:11-14 – The Dry Bones Live

Ez 37 ¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, O My people, **I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.**’ ¹³ Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴ I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and **I will place you in your own land.** Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the LORD.’ ”

Ezekiel 37:21-22a – One Kingdom, One King

Ez 37 ²¹ “Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and **bring them into their own land;** ²² **and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel;**

Isaiah 60:19-22 – God the Glory of His People

Is 60 ¹⁹ “The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

²⁰ Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself;

For the LORD will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.

²¹ Also your people *shall* all *be* righteous; **They shall inherit the land forever,**

The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

²² A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.”

Jeremiah 16:14-15 – God Will Restore Israel

Jer 16 ¹⁴ “Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ ¹⁵ but, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For **I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.**

Jeremiah 23:3-8 – The Branch of Righteousness

Jer 23 ³ “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and **bring them back to their folds;** and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴ I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD.

⁵ “Behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;

Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

⁷ “Therefore, behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ ⁸ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ **And they shall dwell in their own land.**”

Jeremiah 30:3 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ³ For behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,’ says the LORD. ‘**And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.**’ ”

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Jeremiah 31:3-5 – The Remnant of Israel Saved

Jer 31 ³The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*:

“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel!

You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

⁵You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; The planters shall plant and eat *them* as ordinary food.

Ezekiel 11:17 – God Will Restore Israel

Ez 11 ¹⁷Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and **I will give you the land of Israel.**” ’

Ezekiel 20:34 – God Will Restore Israel

Ez 20 ³⁴I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. ...⁴⁰For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “**there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land,** shall serve Me; there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things. ⁴¹I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles. ⁴²**Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.**

Ezekiel 28:25-26 – Israel’s Future Blessing

Ez 28 ²⁵‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then **they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.** ²⁶And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.” ’

Deuteronomy 30:1-5 – The Blessing of Returning to God

Dt 30 ¹“Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, ²and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. ⁵**Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.**

Ezekiel 34:11-14 – God, the True Shepherd

Ez 34 ¹¹‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and **will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,** in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 38:10-13 – Gog and Allies Attack Israel

Ez 38 ¹⁰‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: ¹¹You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwallled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’— ¹²to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against **the waste places that are again inhabited,** and against a people gathered from the

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nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. ¹³ Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’ ”

Amos 9:11-15 - Israel Will Be Restored

Am 9 ¹¹ “On that day **I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;** ¹² That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the LORD who does this thing.

¹³ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD,

“When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow *with it*.

¹⁴ I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

¹⁵ I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,” Says the LORD your God.

Isaiah 66:7-8 – The Lord Vindicates Zion

Is 66 ⁷ “Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.

⁸ Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?

Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? **Or shall a nation be born at once?**

For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

Ezekiel’s 2520 Prophecy – Date of Israel’s Return Prophesized

Israel’s history as recorded in the Bible is a continuing cycle of blessing and punishments for Israel’s obedience and disobedience to God’s law. Throughout times of victory and defeat, kings and judges, priests and prophets, restoration and exile – the Israelites are blessed when they obey God and disciplined when they do not.

- Ez 4:4-15 Siege of Jerusalem symbolized – Ezekiel lays on his side, 1 day for each year of their sin
 - 390 days Judgement against Israel – LF side
 - + 40 days Judgement against Judah – RT side
 - 430 years Total judgement against the nation of Israel

- In 606 BC, Israel (Judah) was taken into captivity by Babylon for exactly 70 years
 - 430 years Total judgement against the nation of Israel
 - 70 years Judgement fulfilled during the Babylonian captivity
 - 360 years Years remaining in judgement against the nation of Israel

- Leviticus 26 Blessings and Curses
 - Reward for Obedience (Blessings) – 11 verses, 13 blessings
 - Punishment for Disobedience (Curses) – 36 verses, 98 curses
 - 18 " 'If after all this you will not listen to me, **I will punish you for your sins seven times over.**
 - 21 " 'If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, **I will multiply your afflictions seven times over,** as your sins deserve.
 - 23 " 'If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, 24 I myself will be hostile toward you and **will afflict you for your sins seven times over.**
 - 27 " 'If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, 28 then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and **I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over.**
 - 33 I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. 34 Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest

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and enjoy its sabbaths. 35 All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it.

○ 7X Factor

360 years	Years remaining in judgement against the nation of Israel
<u>x 7</u>	The prophetic '7X' factor
2,250	Years of judgement remaining against the nation of Israel

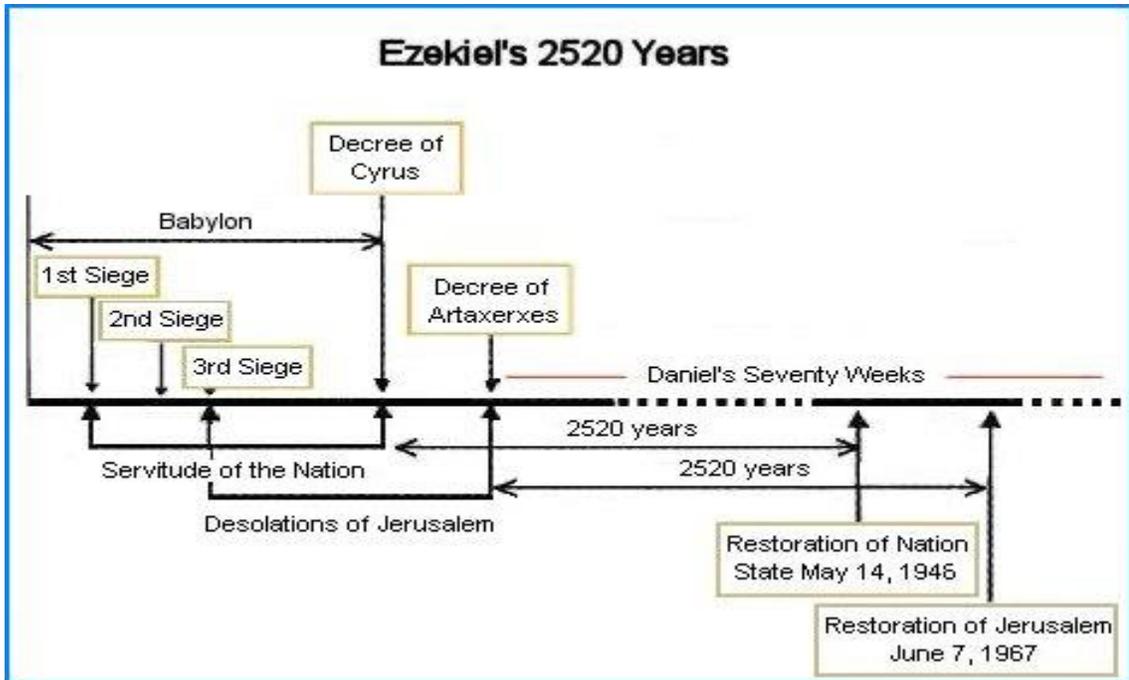
2,250 years	Years of judgement remaining against the nation of Israel
<u>x 360 days</u>	Days / year on the Jewish calendar
907,200 days	Days of judgement remaining against the nation of Israel after the Babylonian captivity

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<u>/ 365.25 days</u>	Convert to the Julian calendar (the .25 adjusts for the leap years)
2,483.78 years	Years of God's judgement remaining against the nation of Israel

606 BC	Israel taken into Babylonian captivity – first time (Israel no longer a sovereign nation)
<u>- 70 years</u>	
536 BC	End of the 1 st 70 years of judgement (-536 in math for BC)
+ 2,483	Years remaining of God's judgement
<u>+ 1 year</u>	There is no "0" BC or AD
1948 AD	Israel restored as a sovereign nation

586.62 BC	Israel taken into Babylonian captivity – last time (Jerusalem and Temple destroyed) In the tenth month of the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the month August 14, 586 B.C. (226 th day of the year) = 586.62
<u>- 70 years</u>	
516.62 BC	End of the 1 st 70 years of judgement (-516.62 in math for BC)
+ 2,483	Years remaining of God's judgement
<u>+ 1 year</u>	There is no "0" BC or AD
1967.38 AD	Restoration of Jerusalem

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Resurgence of Israel as a Military Strength

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-resurgence-of-the-israeli-military/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E-P4FG7Utc>

Literally within hours of Israel's declaration of independence on the afternoon of May 14, 1948, five Arab armies began invading the new nation (Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon and Iraq). The Israeli forces consisted of, at most, 30,000 rag-tag underground fighters who were ill-trained and poorly equipped. They had just barely survived the holocaust a few years earlier. The Arab armies, particularly the Jordanians, were well equipped and trained. Egypt, Iraq and Syria had air forces. Egypt and Syria also had tank forces. All had modern artillery. But despite the overwhelming odds against them, the infant Jewish state prevailed. The Israelis ended up not only with the territory that had been allotted to them by the UN, but also with control of 60% of the area that had been proposed for an Arab state. The only key area that the Israelis were unable to conquer was the Old City of Jerusalem. Overall, the war resulted in an incredible, miraculous victory for Israel. Since then, Israel has faced no less than 11 wars or major conflicts - always from her neighbors. And after every one of those attacks, she has grown militarily stronger and often claimed more land.

Fast forward to today. According to an international survey by the US News & World Report in July of 2018, Israel was ranked as the eighth most powerful nation in the world for the second year in a row. The survey ranked 80 countries on a range of issues - including power, cultural influence, economy and entrepreneurship – with the categories adding up to an overall “best countries” ranking. Israel was ranked 30th on the best countries list. But in the power ranking Israel was ranked inside the top ten. Israel also made the top ten in the list of “movers” — up and coming economies — where it was ranked 10th. Israel garnered a 7.9/10 for its political influence and was deemed to have strong international alliances and to be fairly economically influential.

In terms of perception of the strength of its military, Israel garnered a 9.8/10. They have truly been like a “fiery torch in the sheaves” in war after war.

[Zechariah 12:1-9 – The Coming Deliverance of Judah](#)

Zec 12 ¹ Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: ² “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ³ And it shall happen in that day that **I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces**, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

...

⁶ In that day I will make the **governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves**; they shall **devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left**, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem. ⁷ “The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. ⁸ In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and **the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.** ⁹ **It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**

[Micah 4:11-13 – Zion's Future Triumph](#)

Mic 4 ¹¹ Now also many nations have gathered against you, Who say, “Let her be defiled, And let our eye look upon Zion.”

¹² But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, Nor do they understand His counsel; **For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor.**

¹³ “**Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion;**

For I will make your horn iron, And I will make your hooves bronze;

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**You shall beat in pieces many peoples; I will consecrate their gain to the LORD,
And their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.”**

Isaiah 41:14-16 – Israel Assured of God’s Help

Is 41 ¹⁴“Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men of Israel!

I will help you,” says the LORD And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵“Behold, **I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth;**

You shall thresh the mountains and beat *them* small, And make the hills like chaff.

¹⁶ **You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away, And the whirlwind shall scatter them;**

You shall rejoice in the LORD, *And* glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 48:3-8 – The Glory of God in Zion

Ps 48 ³God *is* in her palaces; He is known as her refuge. ⁴For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.

⁵ **They saw *it*, and so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.**

⁶ **Fear took hold of them there, *And* pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,**

⁷ **As *when* You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.**

⁸ As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God:

God will establish it forever. *Selah*

Jeremiah 1:10 – The Prophet Is Called

Jer 1 ¹⁰ ...See, **I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,**

To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

Isaiah 60:10-12 – The Gentiles Bless Zion

Is 60 ¹⁰ “The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you;

For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.

¹¹ Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night,

That *men* may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.

¹² **For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And *those* nations shall be utterly ruined.**

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Reoccupation of Jerusalem (June 6, 1967)

The 6-day war of 1967 was nothing short of another miracle. In her 1948 war for independence, Israel held her enemies at bay for months and survived. In 1967, she defeated enemies on all sides in a mere 6 days. Like David and Goliath, Israel – a tiny country, the size of New Jersey – beat a group of much larger foes.

In the early 1960s, the President of Egypt decided to establish his nation as the leader of the Arab world. Part of that strategy was the demonization of Israel. After several years of gaining Arab support, he announced:

The armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are poised on the borders of Israel... while standing behind us are the armies of Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Sudan and the whole Arab nation... the critical hour has arrived. We have reached the stage of serious action and not declarations.

The Israeli leaders decided it would be suicidal to wait for the attack, and so, on June 5, the Prime Minister gave the order to launch a preemptive attack on Egypt. The entire Israeli Air Force, except 12 planes assigned to defend Israel's air space, took off in the early morning, and in less than two hours they destroyed over 300 Egyptian aircraft sitting on the ground. A few hours later, they destroyed all the Jordanian air force and half of Syria's on the ground.

These overwhelmingly successful surprise attacks guaranteed an Israeli victory before the ground war could get started. After just six days of fighting, the Israeli forces on the ground had captured the Sinai, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and the Golan Heights. Most importantly, they were able to conquer the Old City of Jerusalem and regain control of the sacred Temple Mount. It was clear that God was with her.

There is no other city on the face of the earth as important as Jerusalem. What other city can claim to the "city of God" or "the city of the Great King?" It is mentioned in Scripture more than any other city – about 800 times!

- 660 verses in 2/3 of the OT books
- 142 verses in almost ½ of the NT books
- **2 Chronicles 6⁶ Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there.**
- **Ps 132¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His dwelling place:**
- **Ps 48⁸ In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever**
- **Is 60¹⁴ ...And they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

God loves Jerusalem and He intends to dwell in it eternally.

- Jerusalem is where the Son of God shed his precious blood
- It is where Jesus ascended into heaven
- It is where Jesus will return to be crowned king of kings
- It is the city from which Jesus will reign over all the nations of the world
- It will be the scene of history's last battle when Satan rallies the nations at the end of the millennium and leads them in revolt against the Lord
- And finally, Jerusalem is where God himself will come to reside eternally with the redeemed

It is no wonder Jerusalem has always been such an important topic in Bible prophecy! Do not be misled by current events – Jerusalem belongs to the Lord and His people! And Jesus said that the Jewish re-occupation of Jerusalem would be one of the surest signs of his imminent return. From 70 AD until this 6 day Arab-Israeli War, Jerusalem had been under Gentile control. Now it is back in control of the Jews.

- **Lk 21²⁴ ... And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**
- **Ez 39²³ The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴ According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them.” ’ ²⁵“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob,**

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and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name ...²⁹ And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

Exodus 15:17-18 – The Song of Moses

Ex 15 ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, In the place, O LORD, *which* You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands have established.

¹⁸ "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

2 Chronicles 6:3-6 – Solomon's Speech upon Completion of the Work

2Ch 6 ³ Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. ⁴ And he said: "Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands *what* He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying, ⁵ 'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel *in which* to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. ⁶ **Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there,** and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.'

Zechariah 3:1-2 – Vision of the High Priest

Zec 3 ¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! **The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!** *Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?*"

Zechariah 12:6 – The Coming Deliverance of Judah

Zec 12 ⁶ In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but **Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.**

Joel 3:1-3 – God Judges the Nations

Joel 3 ¹ "For behold, **in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,** ² I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; **And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel,** Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land. ³ They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

Zechariah 14:1-2,10-11 – The Day of the Lord

Zec 14 ¹ Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

² For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;

The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished.

Half of the city shall go into captivity, But **the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.**

...

¹⁰ All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. **Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in her place** from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

¹¹ **The people shall dwell in it;** And no longer shall there be utter destruction, But **Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.**

Micah 4:7-8 – Zion's Future Triumph

Mic 4 ⁷ I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation;

So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever.

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⁸ And you, O tower of the flock, The stronghold of the daughter of Zion,
To you shall it come, Even **the former dominion shall come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.**"

Psalm 132:13-16 – The Eternal Dwelling of God in Zion

Ps 132 ¹³ For **the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:**

¹⁴ "This *is* My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Zechariah 2:10-13 – Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations

Zec 2 ¹⁰ "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," says the LORD. ¹¹ "Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. ¹² **And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.** ¹³ Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!"

Zechariah 8:2-8 – Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

Zec 8 ² "Thus says the LORD of hosts: '**I am zealous for Zion** with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.'

³ "Thus says the LORD: '**I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

⁴ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: '**Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem,**

Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age.

⁵ The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.'

⁶ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,

Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts.

⁷ "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Behold, **I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west;**

⁸ **I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.**

They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'

Psalm 68:15-16 – The Glory of God in His Goodness to Israel

Ps 68 ¹⁵ A mountain of God *is* the mountain of Bashan; A mountain *of many peaks is* the mountain of Bashan.

¹⁶ Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of *many peaks*?

This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in; Yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

Psalm 48:1-8 – The Glory of God in Zion

Ps 48 ¹ Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised **In the city of our God, In His holy mountain.**

² Beautiful in elevation, **The joy of the whole earth,**

Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.

³ God *is* in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.

⁴ For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.

⁵ They saw *it, and* so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.

⁶ Fear took hold of them there, *And* pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,

⁷ *As when* You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard, So we have seen

In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah

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Psalm 87:1-3 – The Glories of the City of God

Ps 87 ¹ His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

² The **LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

³ Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! *Selah*

Psalm 102:12-16 – The Lord’s Eternal Love

Ps 102 ¹² But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.

¹³ **You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion;** For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

¹⁴ For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.

¹⁵ So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

¹⁶ **For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.**

Psalm 126:1-3 – A Joyful Return to Zion

Ps 126 ¹ When the **LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,** We were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing.

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us, *And* we are glad.

Isaiah 52:1-10 – God Redeems Jerusalem

Is 52 ¹ **Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion;**

Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city!

For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you.

² Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem!

Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion!

...

⁸ Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices, With their voices they shall sing together;

For they shall see eye to eye **When the LORD brings back Zion.**

⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem!

For the LORD has comforted His people, **He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

¹⁰ The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations;

And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Isaiah 60:14 – The Gentiles Bless Zion

Is 60 ¹⁴ ...**And they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Ezekiel 5:5 – A Sword Against Jerusalem

Ez 5 ⁵ “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘**This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her.**’

Ezekiel 20:40-42 – God Will Restore Israel

Ez 20 ⁴⁰ **For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me;** there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things. ⁴¹ I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles. ⁴² Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.

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Jeremiah 30:18 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30¹⁸ “Thus says the LORD:

‘Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob’s tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places;

The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

Daniel 9:27 – The Seventy-Weeks Prophecy

Dan 9²⁷ Then he [Antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

- Indicates that Israel will have a temple in Jerusalem where they are making sacrifices and offerings.

Matthew 24:15-16 – The Great Tribulation

Mt 24¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **standing in the holy place**” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

- Indicates that Israel will have a temple in Jerusalem

Luke 21:24 – The Destruction of Jerusalem

Lk 21²⁴ ... And **Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

Prophecy of 10 Jubilees – Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel (1217 AD)

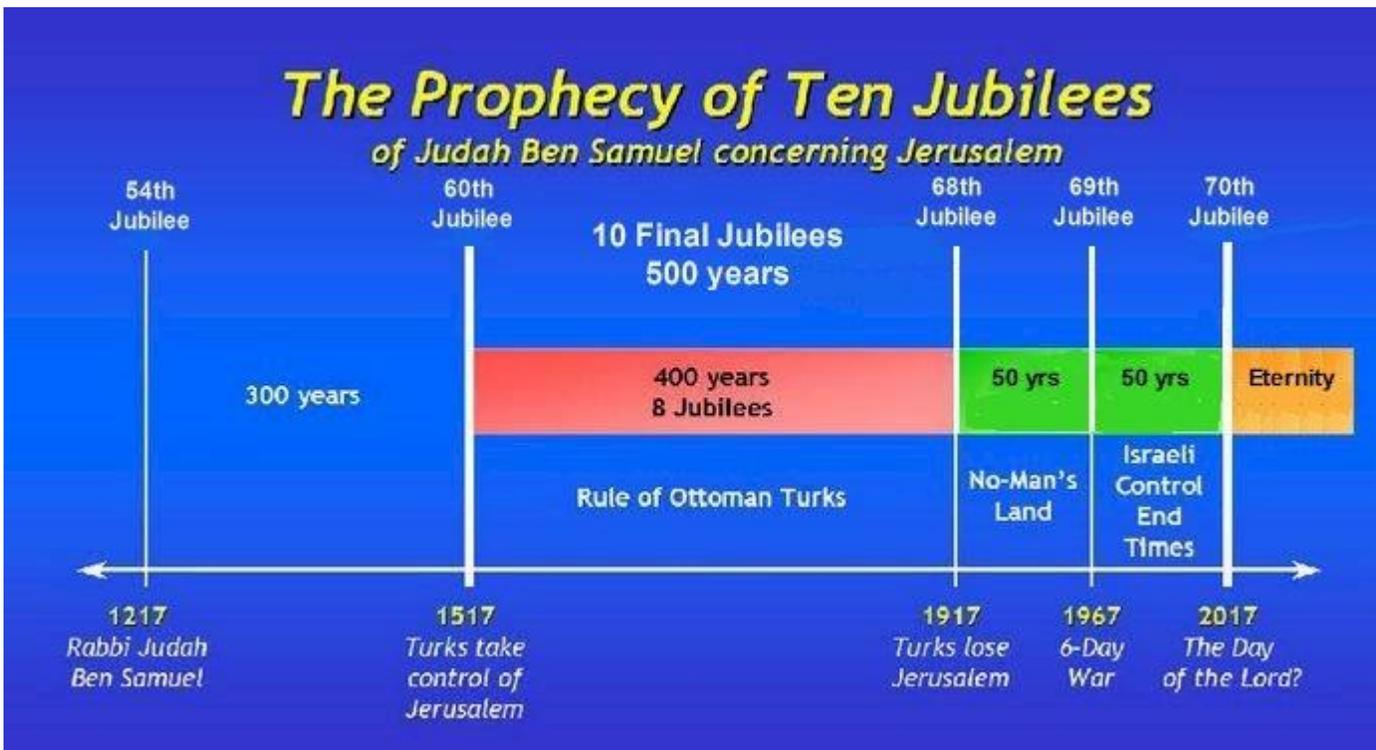
“When **the Ottomans (Turks)** – who were already a power to be reckoned with on the Bosphorus in the time of Judah Ben Samuel – conquer Jerusalem they **will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees**. **Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man’s land for one jubilee**, and **then in the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation** – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time.”

- Prophet
 - Dt 18²¹ And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’— ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
 - Was Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel one of God’s real prophets? Have his words come to pass?
- Jubilee = 50 years
 - Lev 25¹⁰ And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you;
- **Turks will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees**
 - 8 x 50 = 400 years
 - 1517 – Turks take control of Jerusalem
 - 1917 – Turks lose control of Jerusalem (exactly 400 years later)
 - In the year Judah Ben Samuel died, 1217, he prophesied that the Ottoman Turks would rule over the holy city of Jerusalem for eight Jubilees. Now, keep in mind, he made this prediction 300 years before the Turks seized control of Jerusalem in 1517. In fact, the Ottoman Empire, as it would become to be known, did not even really exist yet in 1217. Exactly 400 years after the Ottoman Turks took control of Jerusalem in 1517, they were driven out of the city and the Holy Land in 1917 by the Allied forces under the command of Gen. George Allenby – on Hanukkah, by the way. 1917 was a Jubilee year.
- **Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man’s land for one jubilee**
 - Israel under the British Mandate 1917-1947 (30 years)
 - Israel under the Jordanian Rule 1947-1967 (20 years)
 - The rabbi also prophesied that Jerusalem would be a “no-man’s land.” This is exactly what happened from 1917 to 1967, due to the fact that the Holy Land was placed under British Mandate in 1917 by the

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League of Nations and literally “belonged” to no nation. Even after Israel’s war of independence in 1948-49, Jerusalem was still divided by a strip of land running right through the heart of the city, with Jordan controlling the eastern part of the city and Israel controlling the western part. That strip of land was considered and even called “no-man’s land” by both the Israelis and the Jordanians.

- In the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation
 - After the 6-day War in 1967, the Israelis regained control of Jerusalem
 - It was not until the Six Day War in 1967 when the entire “west bank” of the holy land was conquered by the Israeli army that the whole city of Jerusalem passed back into the possession of Israel. So once again the prophecy made by the rabbi 750 years previously was fulfilled to the letter. 1967 was a Jubilee year.
 - Luke 21²⁴ ... And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
- Signify the beginning of the Messianic end time
 - Judah Ben Samuel also prophesied that during the 10th Jubilee Jerusalem would be under the control of the Jews and the Messianic "end times" would begin. If he's right, the 10th Jubilee began in 1967 and will be concluded in 2017.
 - Sept 23, 2017 – The Great Sign of Revelation 12:1-2
 - Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.



Ezekiel’s 2520 Prophecy – Date of Israel’s Return Prophesized

Israel’s history as recorded in the Bible is a continuing cycle of blessing and punishments for Israel’s obedience and disobedience to God’s law. Throughout times of victory and defeat, kings and judges, priests and prophets, restoration and exile – the Israelites are blessed when they obey God and disciplined when they do not.

- Ez 4:4-15 Siege of Jerusalem symbolized – Ezekiel lays on his side, 1 day for each year of their sin
 390 days Judgement against Israel – LF side

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+ 40 days Judgement against Judah – RT side
 430 years Total judgement against the nation of Israel

- In 606 BC, Israel (Judah) was taken into captivity by Babylon for exactly 70 years
 - 430 years Total judgement against the nation of Israel
 - 70 years Judgement fulfilled during the Babylonian captivity
 - 360 years Years remaining in judgement against the nation of Israel

- Leviticus 26 Blessings and Curses

- Reward for Obedience (Blessings) – 11 verses, 13 blessings
- Punishment for Disobedience (Curses) – 36 verses, 98 curses
 - 18 " 'If after all this you will not listen to me, **I will punish you for your sins seven times over.**
 - 21 " 'If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, **I will multiply your afflictions seven times over,** as your sins deserve.
 - 23 " 'If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, 24 I myself will be hostile toward you and **will afflict you for your sins seven times over.**
 - 27 " 'If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, 28 then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and **I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over.**
 - 33 I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. 34 Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. 35 All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it.

- 7X Factor

360 years Years remaining in judgement against the nation of Israel
x 7 The prophetic '7X' factor
 2,250 Years of judgement remaining against the nation of Israel

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x 360 days Days / year on the Jewish calendar
 907,200 days Days of judgement remaining against the nation of Israel after the Babylonian captivity

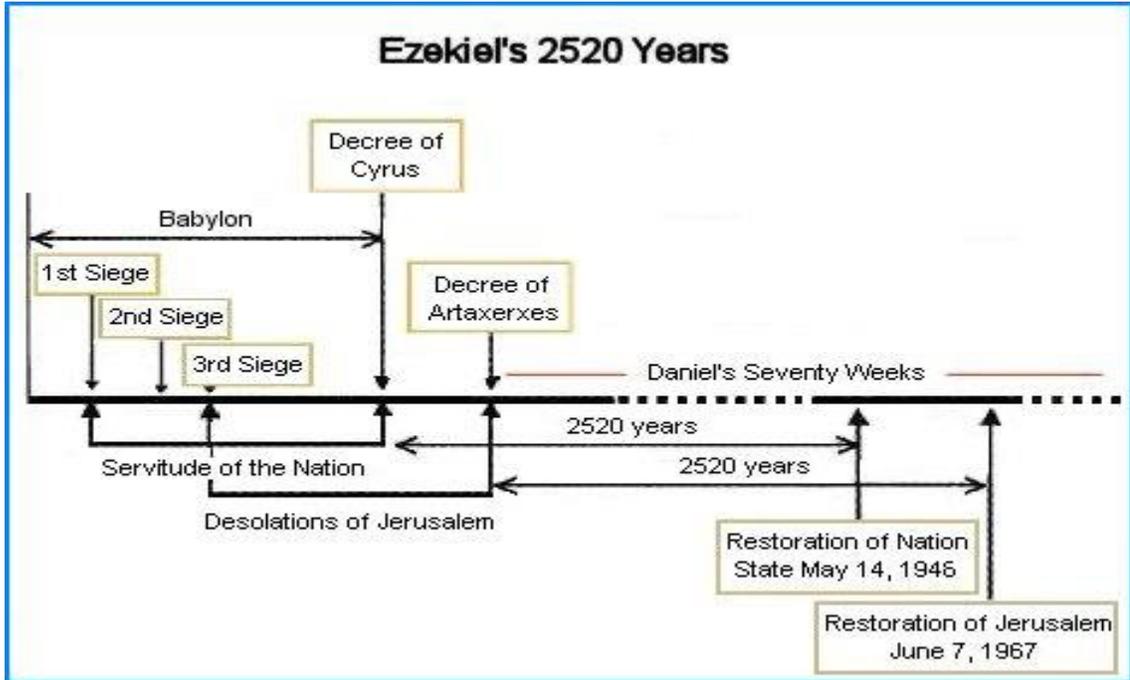
907,200 days Days of judgement remaining against the nation of Israel after the Babylonian captivity
/ 365.25 days Convert to the Julian calendar (the .25 adjusts for the leap years)
 2,483.78 years Years of God's judgement remaining against the nation of Israel

606 BC	Israel taken into Babylonian captivity – first time (Israel no longer a sovereign nation)
<u>- 70 years</u>	
536 BC	End of the 1 st 70 years of judgement (-536 in math for BC)
+ 2,483	Years remaining of God's judgement
<u>+ 1 year</u>	There is no "0" BC or AD
1948 AD	Israel restored as a sovereign nation

586.62 BC	Israel taken into Babylonian captivity – last time (Jerusalem and Temple destroyed) In the tenth month of the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the month August 14, 586 B.C. (226 th day of the year) = 586.62
<u>- 70 years</u>	

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+ 1 year	There is no "0" BC or AD
1967.38 AD	Restoration of Jerusalem



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Israel's Prosperity

Jeremiah 31:4-7,12-14 – The Remnant of Israel Saved

Jer 31 ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel!

You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

⁵ **You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; The planters shall plant and eat *them* as ordinary food.**

⁶ For there shall be a day *When* the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim,

‘Arise, and let us go up *to* Zion, To the LORD our God.’ ”

⁷ **For thus says the LORD: “Sing with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save Your people, The remnant of Israel!’**

...

¹² **Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of the LORD—**

For wheat and new wine and oil, For the young of the flock and the herd;

Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, And they shall sorrow no more at all.

¹³ **“Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together;**

For I will turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, And make them rejoice rather than sorrow.

¹⁴ **I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance,**

And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 33:4-11 – Excellence of the Restored Nation

Jer 33 ⁴ “For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah, ⁶ **Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.**

⁷ And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. ⁸ I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. ⁹ **Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.’**

¹⁰ “Thus says the LORD: ‘**Again there shall be heard in this place—**of which you say, “*It is desolate, without man and without beast*”—**in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem** that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, ¹¹ **the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: “Praise the LORD of hosts, For the LORD *is* good, For His mercy endures forever”—**and of those *who will* bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,’ says the LORD.

¹⁰ “Thus says the LORD: ‘**Again there shall be heard in this place—**of which you say, “*It is desolate, without man and without beast*”—**in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem** that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, ¹¹ **the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: “Praise the LORD of hosts, For the LORD *is* good, For His mercy endures forever”—**and of those *who will* bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,’ says the LORD.

Isaiah 60:19-22 – God the Glory of His People

Is 60 ¹⁹ “The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you;

But the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

²⁰ Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself;

For the LORD will be your everlasting light, **And the days of your mourning shall be ended.**

²¹ **Also your people *shall all be* righteous; They shall inherit the land forever,**

The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

²² **A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.”**

Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Joy in God's Faithfulness

Zep 3 ¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all *your* heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ **The LORD has taken away your judgments,** He has cast out your enemy.

The King of Israel, the LORD, *is* in your midst; **You shall see disaster no more.**

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¹⁶ In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “**Do not fear; Zion,** let not your hands be weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save;

He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

¹⁸ “I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, *To whom* its reproach *is* a burden.

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you;

For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth,

When I return your captives before your eyes,” Says the LORD.

Jeremiah 30:3-4,10-11,18-19 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ³ For behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,’ says the LORD. ‘And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’ ”

⁴ Now these *are* the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah.

...

¹⁰ ‘Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel;

For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity.

Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid.

¹¹ For I *am* with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you;

Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you.

But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.’

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¹⁸ “Thus says the LORD:

‘Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob’s tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places;

The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

¹⁹ **Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry;**

I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

Ezekiel 38:10-13 – Gog and Allies Attack Israel

Ez 38 ¹⁰ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: ¹¹ You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’— ¹² **to take plunder and to take booty**, to stretch out your hand against the waste places *that are again* inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, **who have acquired livestock and goods**, who dwell in the midst of the land. ¹³ Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘**Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’** ” ’

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Reclamation of the Land of Israel

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God promised that with the re-establishment of the nation, the land would bloom again. These prophecies proclaim that the desolate land would again become like the garden of Eden.

Ez 36 ³⁴The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵**So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’** ³⁶Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.”

Joel 2 ²¹**Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice,** For the LORD has done marvelous things!

²²Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the **open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.**

²³Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God;

For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you...

²⁴**The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.**

²⁵**“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten...**

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you;

- Israel is once again a land of milk and honey
 - Quite literally a land of milk, in fact. Israeli technology has made the country’s “Super Cows” world famous, as they produce much more milk than other countries’ cows, up to 10.5 tons a year, 10% more than in the U.S. and almost 50% more than in Germany
- Over 300 million trees were planted during the 20th century
- Rainfall during that century increased 450%
- The former malaria-infested swamps have been converted into cultivated land
- Water from the Sea of Galilee has been channeled to the deserts, causing them to bloom

Isaiah 51:3 – The Lord Comforts Zion

Is 51 ³For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places;

He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD;

Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

Isaiah 27:6 – The Restoration of Israel

Is 27 ⁶Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob;

Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.

Isaiah 35:1-2,6-8 – The Future Glory of Zion

Is 35 ¹**The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,**

And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

²**It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice,** Even with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.

...

⁶Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

For **waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.**

⁷**The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water;**

In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*

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⁸ A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others.

Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

Ezekiel 36:24,28-36 – The Renewal of Israel

Ez 36 ²⁴ For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

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²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the **grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.** ³⁰ **And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.**

...
³³ Thus says the Lord GOD: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable *you* to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ **The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.** ³⁵ **So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’** ³⁶ Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and **planted what was desolate.** I, the LORD, have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.”

Joel 2:18-27 – The Land Refreshed

Joel 2 ¹⁸ Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people.

¹⁹ The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, **I will send you grain and new wine and oil,**

And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

²⁰ “But I will remove far from you the northern *army*, And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, With his face toward the eastern sea And his back toward the western sea;

His stench will come up, And his foul odor will rise, Because he has done monstrous things.”

²¹ Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the LORD has done marvelous things!

²² Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; **For the open pastures are springing up,**

And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

²³ Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God;

For **He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you—**

The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.

²⁴ **The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.**

²⁵ “**So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,**

The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

²⁶ **You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,** And praise the name of the LORD your God,

Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

²⁷ Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel: I *am* the LORD your God

And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

Zechariah 8:11-13 – Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

Zec 8 ¹¹ But now I *will not treat* the remnant of this people as in the former days,’ says the LORD of hosts.

¹² ‘**For the seed shall be prosperous, The vine shall give its fruit,**

The ground shall give her increase, And the heavens shall give their dew—

I will cause the remnant of this people To possess all these.

¹³ And it shall come to pass *That* just as you were a curse among the nations,

O house of Judah and house of Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing.

Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.’

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Joel 3:18 – God Blesses His People

Joel 3 ¹⁸ And it will come to pass in that day *That* the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD And water the Valley of Acacias.

Amos 9:11-15 – Israel Will Be Restored

Am 9 ¹¹ “On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; ¹² That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the LORD who does this thing.

¹³ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD,

“When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow *with it*.

¹⁴ I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*;

They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

¹⁵ I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,” Says the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 32:13-14 – The Song of Moses

Dt 32 ¹³ “He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields;

He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock;

¹⁴ **Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.**

Ezekiel 34:11-14 – God, the True Shepherd

Ez 34 ¹¹ ‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and **will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.** ¹⁴ **I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.**

Deuteronomy 33:13-17 – Moses’ Final Blessing on Israel

Dt 33 ²⁴ And of Asher he said: “Asher *is* most blessed of sons;

Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil.

²⁵ Your sandals *shall be* iron and bronze; As your days, *so shall* your strength *be*.

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He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, ‘Destroy!’

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In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew.

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The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty!

Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places.”

Psalms 126:3-6 – A Joyful Return to Zion

Ps 126 ³ The LORD has done great things for us, *And* we are glad.

⁴ Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

⁵ **Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.**

⁶ **He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing,**

Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

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Ezekiel 28:25-26 – Israel’s Future Blessing

Ez 28 ²⁵ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. ²⁶ **And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards;** yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.” ’ ”

Ezekiel 36:8-12 – Blessing on Israel

Ez 36 ⁸ But you, **O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel,** for they are about to come. ⁹ For indeed I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and **you shall be tilled and sown.** ¹⁰ I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. ¹¹ I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better *for you* than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. ¹² Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them *of children.*”

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Natural Resources found in Israel

Oil and Gas – It used to be said that “Israel is famously low on natural resources” and that the country’s economic stability is largely due to its advanced high-tech and medical sectors. But in recent years things have changed with the discovery of incredibly significant oil and gas reserves. As Israel’s natural resources of gas and oil are developed, they will bring Israel to energy independence, and will even enable Israel to be a net energy exporter.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called the gas “a gift from nature” that could earn Israel \$60 billion in tax and royalties. A gift from ‘nature’? Some see these natural resources as part of God’s future blessing of Israel. Before Moses died, he blessed the tribes of Israel and some of these blessings involved blessing of the sea and the land. Joseph was to be blessed with ‘precious things from the deep lying beneath’, Asher was to ‘dip his foot in oil’ and Zebulun and Issachar were to find ‘hidden treasures in the sand’. The tribe of Zebulun would live at the seashore and go out in ships to engage in trade and make a profit. Today, this trade could be gas and shale oil.

In 2019, Israel to start pumping gas from Leviathan, making country an energy powerhouse. Located in the Mediterranean Sea 125 kilometers (77 miles) west of Haifa, the Leviathan field is estimated to hold 22 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas, and a potential half a million barrels of oil, according to estimates provided by the partners in the field. With the flow of the gas, “Israel will reach energy independence, and become an exporter of gas”. The nearby Tamar field — Israel’s second largest find — started producing gas in 2013 and has been supplying the country. It holds some 10 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of natural gas, half of the amount held in Leviathan. These two fields, along with the smaller Karish and Tanin fields that are set to start production in 2021, are seen as a bonanza for a nation that has traditionally been starved of natural resources. They also provide a stable source of locally produced energy from four different fields, leading to a more secure supply that is enough to feed all of Israel’s electricity needs for decades.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/start-of-leviathan-natural-gas-production-seen-as-major-milestone-for-israel/>

Dead Sea Minerals - In addition to the oil and gas, Israel is rich in Dead Sea Minerals. Following thousands of years of evaporation, the Dead Sea now contains some 45,000 million tons of salts rich in minerals. From a health point of view, minerals extracted from the water (such as calcium, magnesium and potassium) are said to improve the metabolism, stimulate circulation and aid in the natural repair of body cells. Some minerals are known to have unique qualities, giving a feeling of relaxation, nourishing the skin, activating the blood systems, healing rheumatic diseases and metabolic disorders. Even Dead Sea mud is believed to have benefits for deep cleansing and stimulation of the skin. Not surprisingly, the Dead Sea area has become a major center for health research and treatment, and thousands of people from all over the world come every year to the Dead Sea for healing, recovery, spa, and cosmetic treatment.

Gold and Diamonds: Gold has been found in Israel since biblical times, and a survey around 1950 claimed that King Solomon’s copper mines had been discovered in Southern Israel. Although Israel does not produce rough diamonds, the country is one of the world’s leading diamond cutting, polishing and trading centers. Companies specialize in large, high-value gemstones.

Deuteronomy 33:13-29 – Moses’ Final Blessing on Israel

Dt 33 ¹³ And of Joseph he said: “**Blessed of the LORD is his land,**

With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath,

¹⁴ With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months,

¹⁵ With the best things of the ancient mountains, **With the precious things of the everlasting hills,**

¹⁶ **With the precious things of the earth and its fullness,** And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.

Let *the blessing* come ‘on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him *who was* separate from his brothers.’

¹⁷ His glory *is like* a firstborn bull, And his horns *like* the horns of the wild ox;

Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth;

They *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.”

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¹⁸ And of Zebulun he said: “Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents!
¹⁹ They shall call the peoples *to* the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness;
For they shall partake *of* the **abundance of the seas And of treasures hidden in the sand.**”

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Let him be favored by his brothers, **And let him dip his foot in oil.**
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Genesis 49:13,22,26 – Jacob’s Last Words to His Sons

Ge 49 ¹³ “Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea; **He shall become a haven for ships,**

...
²² “Joseph ... **And by the Almighty who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,** Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
²⁶ The blessings of your father Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors,
Up to the **utmost bound of the everlasting hills.**

Isaiah 45:3-4 – Cyrus, God’s Instrument

Is 45 ³ **I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places,**
That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call *you* by your name, *Am* the God of Israel.
⁴ For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect,
I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

Deuteronomy 32:13-14 – The Song of Moses

Dt 32 ¹³ “He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields;
He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock;
¹⁴ Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,
With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.

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Israeli–Palestinian Conflict (World Politics Focused on Jerusalem)

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-middle-east-crisis-in-biblical-perspective/>

At the heart of Israel's role in world politics is the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. This has captured the world's attention and just about everyone has chosen a side. Through the guise of social justice – and thanks to Bible illiteracy – Satan has convinced the masses that Israel has no right to the land. But God definitively states that Israel belongs to Himself & His people, the Jews. So where do the Arabs fit into end time Bible prophecy? Just as God made a covenant with the Jews through Abraham's son Isaac and his son Jacob, God also made a promise to the Arab people.

Genesis 16:6-12 – Hagar and Ishmael

Ge 16 ⁶ So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid *is* in your hand; do to her as you please.” And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence. ⁷ Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ And He said, “Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” ⁹ The Angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.” ¹⁰ Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.” ¹¹ And the Angel of the LORD said to her:

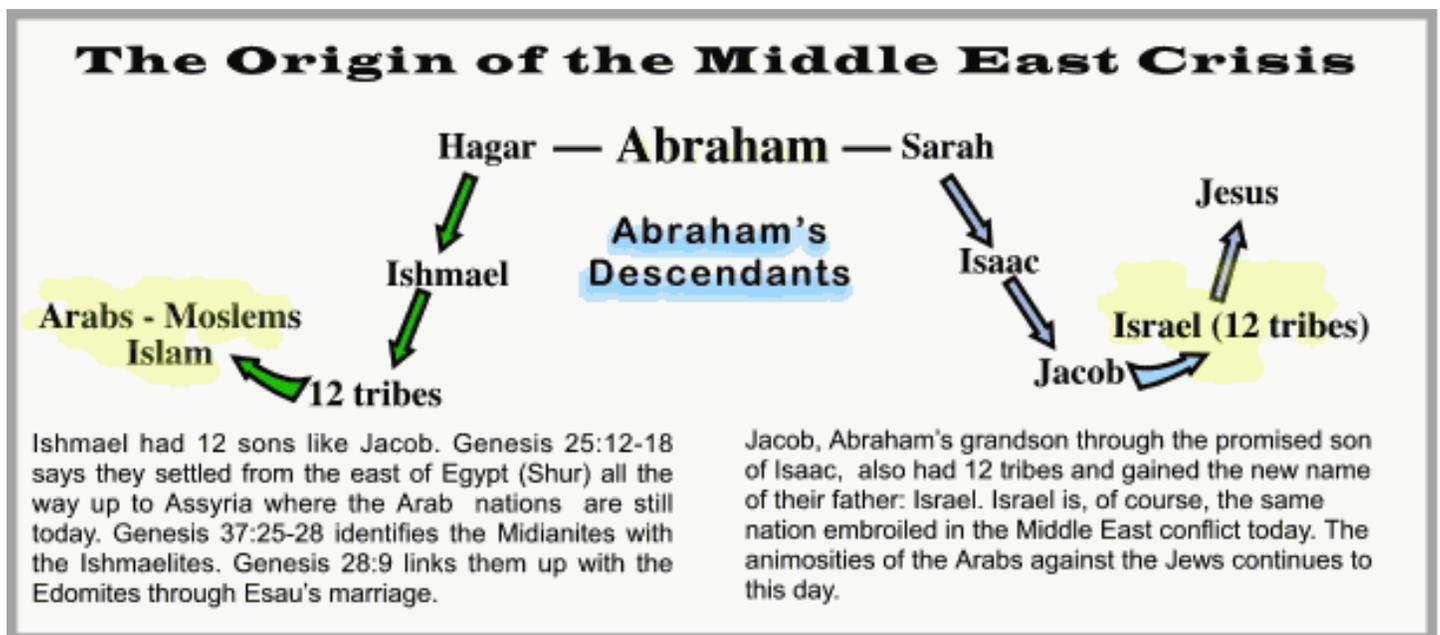
“Behold, you *are* with child, And you shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.

¹² He shall be a wild man; His hand *shall be* against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”

Genesis 17:17-20 – The Sign of the Covenant

Ge 17 ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall *a child* be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?” ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!” ¹⁹ Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after him. ²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.



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And God has fulfilled these promises to the Arabs. God promised to increase Ishmael's descendants exceedingly and make them into a great nation.

- Today there are more than 427 million Arabs inhabiting 22 Arab nations in the Middle East and North Africa
- The Arab's control 5.3 million square miles of oil rich land.
- God compared the personality of the Arabs to that of a wild donkey – living in hostility towards everyone. The Arabs are indeed characterized by an inability to get along with anyone, even including themselves. If Israel were to disappear tomorrow, there would still be wars in the Middle East between each other. The Arabs cannot even get along with each other, much less the rest of the world.

By comparison, there is only one Jewish state with a population of 9 million who are squeezed into a living area of only 8,500 square miles. That is a population ratio of 47 to 1, and a land ratio of 623 to 1! You would think with those such overwhelming numbers the Arabs would be satisfied with the land they have! But no, they want all of Israel's territory as well. In truth, they yearn to destroy their half-brother Israel.



What is Palestine?

Israel began to be known as Palestine after the Second Jewish Revolt (AD 132–135) – a Jewish rebellion against Roman rule in Judaea. The revolt was preceded by years of clashes between Jews and Romans in the area. Finally, in AD 132, the misrule of Tinnius Rufus, the Roman governor of Judaea, combined with the Emperor Hadrian's intention to found a Roman colony on the site of Jerusalem and his restrictions on Jewish religious freedom and observances (which included a ban on the practice of male circumcision), roused the last remnants of the Jews to revolt. A bitter struggle ensued. Bar Kokhba became the leader of this Second Jewish Revolt. Although at first successful, his forces proved no match against the methodical and ruthless tactics of the Roman general Julius Severus. The battle proved to be costly to both sides (although the Judeans suffered worse casualties with over 500,000 combatants killed, not counting many others). With the fall of Jerusalem and then Bethar (a fortress on the seacoast south of Caesarea where Bar Kokhba was slain), the rebellion was crushed in 135.

The Emperor Hadrian was so enraged by Jewish resistance that he re-named the province Syria Palaestina (after the two traditional enemies of the Jews, the Syrians and the Philistines) in an attempt to remove any trace of Jewish sovereignty. He banished all Jews from the region and built his city Aelia Capitolina on the ruins of Jerusalem. He replaced the shrines of the Jewish Temple and the Sepulcher of Christ in Jerusalem with temples to pagan deities. This was the last of the Jewish-Roman Wars and, afterwards, Rome held the region without further serious incident.

Philistine has no connection to modern day Palestine. Philistine covered a different land area. And the original Philistines were not Middle Eastern at all, they were European peoples from the Adriatic sea next to Greece (Ageans) – a people group who died out 3,000 years ago. So the original "Palestinians" had nothing to do, whatsoever, with Arabs.

Who are the 'Palestinians'?

For 2,000 years the Jews were dispersed from the land which God gave them, and during that long period of time there was never an Arab state in the area that the world called Palestine. The Arabs who lived in the land considered themselves Syrians. They had no consciousness as Palestinians, and no effort was ever made to create a Palestinian state.

Most of the Arabs that were there were absentee landlords because the area was a wasteland (see section on [Desolation](#)). When the Jews began returning in this century, the Arabs gleefully sold them the land at inflated prices because it was considered worthless.

It was World War I that changed the Arab viewpoint. When the Ottoman Turks lost control of Israel's ancient homeland after WWI, the British government was given oversight of Palestine. On November 2nd, 1917, the Balfour Declaration called for the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine. Suddenly, the Arabs were confronted with the prospect of a Jewish state, and they began to dig in their heels, claiming the land as their own. The British gave

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in to Arab pressure, and in 1922 they gave two-thirds of Palestine to the Arabs, creating the state of Jordan. This was land that they had promised to the Jews. But this action did not satisfy the Arab appetite. They wanted all the land. But after the World War II holocaust, the world softened toward the suffering Jewish people, and on November 29th, 1947 the United Nations voted to create a state for them. Then on May 14th, 1948 the modern nation of Israel was officially born.

Having barely survived the holocaust, and having experienced persecution everywhere they went, the Jewish people declared themselves a nation in a single day. Do you know why the Arabs in the new Israeli state left? It wasn't that Israel ejected them. They left at the behest of the ARAB nations – Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and Egypt. A coalition force from those five nations invaded Israel the moment Israel was formed, with the intent of destroying the Jewish State from inception and giving the entire land to Arabs. The Arabs who left assumed the coalition would easily kill the Jews so they could return and take over their homes and businesses and property and wealth – except Israel won. So the Arabs, who sided with the losers, have no right to demand they get to go back in and take anything from the Israelis.

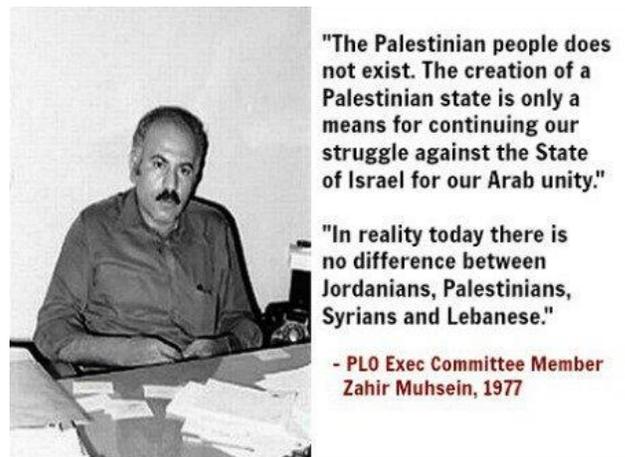
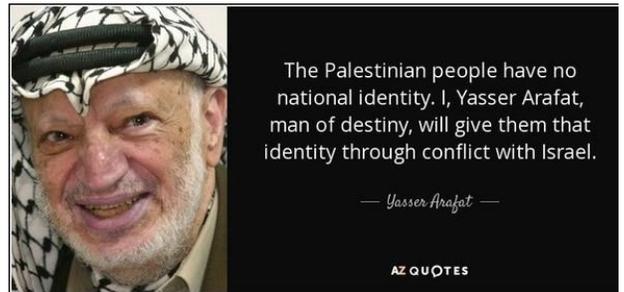
The Arabs tried again in 1967 and lost even worse. Israel won a large increase in territory, including the Sinai, the West Bank, Golan Heights and Jerusalem. The Israelis retained some of this territory because it was used by Arabs to stage and launch both terrorist attacks and outright military invasions. However, Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt, and gave Gaza to the PLO, which has continued an endless pattern of terrorism and intolerance against Israel. Again, the Palestinians had no claim to anything because they were on the losing side of a war and the Arabs were the aggressors, not the victims.

In all history, there has never been any Palestinian identity. There has never been an Arab kingdom or nation of Palestine, nor an actual ethnic group known as “Palestinians”. The Arabs living in Gaza are indigenous to Egypt. Those living in the West Bank are indigenous to Jordan. There is no indigenous Arab population to Israel. There has never been a Palestinian culture. There was never any Palestinian language. It just simply doesn't exist! The term was invented in 1968 by Yasser Arafat, an Egyptian, to give a name to the motley collection of Syrians, Egyptians, Yemenis and Jordanians who he was leading in an effort to destroy the Jewish State of Israel. The idea of a Palestinian state, a people who were illegally displaced by the Jews, is pure propaganda developed by the Arabs after the Six Day War in 1967.

There was no Palestine organization until 1964 and no Palestine cause until 1970. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), led by Yasser Arafat, began the movement of radical Islam terrorism that exists to this day. The Israelis are not colonizers – there is no ‘occupied’ Palestinian land. When Palestinians refer to the ‘illegal occupation’, they are referring to the entire state of Israel. Palestinians, led by Hamas, say that their firing of rockets at Israel will end when Israel ends the ‘occupation’. What this means is that the Palestinians will stop waging war as soon as Israel ceases to exist. According to them, peace is defined as every Jew vacating the land and allowing Arabs to control 100% of it.

There is a propaganda war going on now with regard to the term “Palestine.” At one time it might have been argued that Palestine was an innocuous designation of the Middle Eastern area, that is generally thought of as the Holy Land. During the last few decades, however, the term Palestine has been adopted by Arabs living in Israel in the area west of the Jordan River. It is specifically employed to avoid the use of the name Israel, and must be considered an anti-Israel term. Palestine is the term now used by those who want to deny the legitimate existence of Israel as a genuine nation among the family of nations.

It is very important to keep in mind that the Palestinians already have a state. If there is any land that belongs to the Palestinians, it is Jordan, which was given to them in 1922. Some 75% of all the people who live in Jordan consider



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themselves Palestinians. So, when the Palestinians cry out to the world that they need a state, the truth is, they already legally have a state.

Ezekiel 35:2-13 – Judgment on Mount Seir

Ez 35² “Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it...⁵ “Because **you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity**, when their iniquity *came to an end*, ...¹⁰ “Because **you have said, ‘These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess them,’** although the LORD was there, ¹¹ **therefore, as I live,**” says the Lord GOD, “**I will do according to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.** ¹² Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. **I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, ‘They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.’** ¹³ Thus with your mouth you have boasted against Me and multiplied your words against Me; I have heard *them*.”

Ezekiel 36:1-8 – Blessing on Israel

Ez 36¹ “And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD! ² Thus says the Lord GOD: “**Because the enemy has said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,’**” ³ therefore prophesy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because they made *you* desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people”— ⁴ therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around— ⁵ therefore **thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.”**’ ⁶ “Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “**Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.**”’ ⁷ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “**I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.**” ⁸ But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.

Joel 3:1-2 – God Judges the Nations

Joel 3¹ “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, ² **I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.**

Who Does Jerusalem Belong To?

Despite all logic and Biblical proof, the world remains divided on who Israel – and specifically Jerusalem – belongs to. And through Satanic leading, many people are siding against the Jews. In fact, on December 21, 2017, the United Nations united as one to stand against one city on the planet: Jerusalem. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution condemning US President Donald Trump's decision to name Jerusalem the capital of Israel. A total of 128 countries voted in favor of the measure, nine voted against it and 35 countries abstained.

- The vote confirms international hostility towards a Jewish Jerusalem
- The vote reminds us that the biblical authors were inspired when predicting that an end-time coalition of nations would come against a Jewish Jerusalem
- The vote tells us that, just as Scripture indicates, the city of Jerusalem is the whole world's business

The entire world is attempting to divide God's covenant land Israel in half (via the “Two-State Solution”). This division of land is supported by all major nations and the United Nations itself – literally, all the nations are attempting to sever Israel from Judah, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights. Amazingly, the Bible takes this prophecy a step further and indicates that the “boundary stone” the nations try to move will include Jerusalem.

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[Zechariah 12:1-3 – The Coming Deliverance of Judah](#)

Zec 12 ¹The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: ²“Behold, **I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.** ³**And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.**

- This “Two-State Solution” is the event that the Bible describes as the catalyst for God's coming judgement on all the nations. Even Pope Francis used part of his 2017 Christmas message to the world as a call for a "two-state" solution regarding Israel and the Palestinians.

[Zechariah 14:1-3 – The Day of the Lord](#)

Zec 14 ¹Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

²**For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;**

The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished.

Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

³Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

[The World Will Be Against Israel](#)

[Jeremiah 30:14 – Restoration of Israel and Judah](#)

Jer 30 ¹⁴**All your lovers have forgotten you; They do not seek you;**

For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, With the chastisement of a cruel one,

For the multitude of your iniquities, *Because* your sins have increased.

[Ezekiel 38-39 – Gog and Allies Attack Israel](#)

- No one comes to the aid of Israel – God alone fights the battle for Israel.
- The most that any nation does is question the purpose of the attacking alliance.

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Peace and Safety

Israel has signed several peace treaties through the years.

United Nations (1945)

The United Nations came into being in 1945, following the devastation of the Second World War, with one central mission: the maintenance of international peace and security. The UN does this by working to prevent conflict; helping parties in conflict make peace; peacekeeping; and creating the conditions to allow peace to hold and flourish. (except when it comes to Israel)

Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty (1979)

The Egypt–Israel peace treaty was signed in Washington, D.C on March 26, 1979, following the 1978 Camp David Accords. It was signed by Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin, and witnessed by United States president Jimmy Carter.

The peace treaty between Egypt and Israel was signed 16 months after Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel in 1977, after intense negotiations. The main features of the treaty were mutual recognition, cessation of the state of war that had existed since the 1948 Arab–Israeli War, normalization of relations and the withdrawal by Israel of its armed forces and civilians from the Sinai Peninsula, which Israel had captured during the Six-Day War in 1967. Egypt agreed to leave the Sinai Peninsula demilitarized. The agreement provided for free passage of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal, and recognition of the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba as international waterways. The agreement also called for an end to Israeli military rule over the Israeli-occupied territories and the establishment of full autonomy for the Palestinian inhabitants of the territories, terms that were not implemented but which became the basis for the Oslo Accords.

The agreement notably made Egypt the first Arab state to officially recognize Israel.

Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty (1994)

The Israel–Jordan peace treaty (formally the "Treaty of Peace Between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan"), sometimes referred to as the Wadi Araba Treaty is an agreement that ended the state of war that has existed between the two countries since the 1948 Arab–Israeli War and established mutual diplomatic relations. In addition to establishing peace between the two countries, the treaty also settled land and water disputes, provided for broad cooperation in tourism and trade, and obligated both countries, to prevent their territory being used as a staging ground for military strikes by a third country.

The signing ceremony took place at the southern border crossing of Arabah on October 26, 1994. Jordan was the second Arab country, after Egypt, to sign a peace accord with Israel.

In 1987 Israeli Foreign Affairs Minister Shimon Peres and King Hussein tried secretly to arrange a peace agreement in which Israel would concede the West Bank to Jordan. The two signed an agreement defining a framework for a Middle Eastern peace conference. The proposal was not consummated due to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's objection. The following year Jordan abandoned its claim to the West Bank in favor of a peaceful resolution between Israel and the PLO.

Discussions began in 1994. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres informed King Hussein that after the Oslo Accords with the PLO, Jordan might be "left out of the big game". Hussein consulted with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad. Mubarak encouraged him, but Assad told him only to "talk" and not sign any accord. U.S. President Bill Clinton pressured Hussein to start peace negotiations and to sign a peace treaty with Israel and promised him that Jordan's debts would be forgiven. The efforts succeeded and Jordan signed a nonbelligerency agreement with Israel. Rabin, Hussein and Clinton signed the Washington Declaration in Washington, DC on July 25, 1994. The Declaration says that Israel and Jordan ended the official state of enmity and would start negotiations in order to achieve an "end to bloodshed and sorrow" and a just and lasting peace.

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Abrahamic Accords (2020)

In recent days, the Arab world is joining sides with Israel against a new mutual enemy, Iran.

The Abraham Accords Declaration

We, the undersigned, recognize the importance of **maintaining and strengthening peace in the Middle East** and around the world **based on mutual understanding and coexistence**, as well as respect for human dignity and freedom, including religious freedom. We encourage efforts to promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue to advance a culture of peace among the three Abrahamic religions and all humanity. We believe that the best way to address challenges is through cooperation and dialogue and that **developing friendly relations among States** advances the interests of lasting peace in the Middle East and around the world. We seek **tolerance and respect** for every person in order to make this world a place where all can enjoy a life of dignity and hope, no matter their race, faith or ethnicity. We support science, art, medicine, and commerce to inspire humankind, maximize human potential and bring nations closer together. We **seek to end radicalization and conflict** to provide all children a better future. **We pursue a vision of peace, security, and prosperity in the Middle East and around the world.** In this spirit, we warmly welcome and are encouraged by the progress already made in establishing diplomatic relations between Israel and its neighbors in the region under the principles of the Abraham Accords. We are encouraged by the ongoing efforts to consolidate and expand such friendly relations based on shared interests and a shared commitment to a better future.

- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Bahrain
- Morocco
- Sudan
- Oman
- Qatar

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²⁶ “*There is* no one like the God of Jeshurun, *Who* rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds.

²⁷ The eternal God *is your* refuge, And underneath *are* the everlasting arms;

He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, ‘Destroy!’

²⁸ **Then Israel shall dwell in safety,** The fountain of Jacob alone,

In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew.

²⁹ Happy *are* you, O Israel! Who *is* like you, a people saved by the LORD,

The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty!

Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places.”

Zechariah 14:10-11 – The Day of the Lord

Zec 14 ¹⁰ All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. *Jerusalem* shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin’s Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananel to the king’s winepresses.

¹¹ ***The people shall dwell in it; And no longer shall there be utter destruction, But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.***

Ezekiel 38:10-13 – Gog and Allies Attack Israel

Ez 38 ¹⁰ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: ¹¹ You will say, ‘I will go up against a **land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates**’— ¹² to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places *that are again* inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. ¹³ Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of

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Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’ ” ’

Jeremiah 30:10-11 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ¹⁰ ‘Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity.

Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid.

¹¹ For I *am* with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you;

Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.’

Jeremiah 23:3-8 – The Branch of Righteousness

Jer 23 ³ “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴ I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD.

⁵ “Behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

⁶ **In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;**

Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

⁷ “Therefore, behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ ⁸ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”

Jeremiah 46:27 – God Will Preserve Israel

Jer 46 ²⁷ “But do not fear, O My servant Jacob, And do not be dismayed, O Israel!

For behold, I will save you from afar, And your offspring from the land of their captivity;

Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; No one shall make *him* afraid.

Jeremiah 32:37 – God’s Assurance of the People’s Return

Jer 32 ³⁷ Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and **I will cause them to dwell safely.**

Ezekiel 28:25-26 – Israel’s Future Blessing

Ez 28 ²⁵ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. ²⁶ **And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them.** Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.” ’ ”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – The Day of the Lord

1Th 5 ¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ **For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.** ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to

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wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Daniel 9:27 – The Seventy-Weeks Prophecy

Dan 9 ²⁷ Then he [Antichrist] shall **confirm a covenant** with many for one week;

- Rev 6 ¹ Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.
 - White horse – Victory
 - Bow (no arrow) – Enforced peace
 - Crown – Royal authority
- Confirm – means that there is already something in place.
 - You don’t confirm a hotel reservation that you haven’t made yet.
 - Hebrew word for confirm also holds the idea of ‘make greater’ – perhaps the 3rd Temple?
- Covenant – Victory through enforced peace

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Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars

God Made Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars for Signs and Seasons

Genesis 1:14-15 – The History of Creation

Genesis 1¹⁴ Then God said, “**Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens** to divide the day from the night; and **let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;**”¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. ¹⁶ Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.

The Meanings of The Words "seasons" & "signs" in the Bible:

- The basic meaning of the Hebrew word translated “*seasons*” in Genesis 1:14 and Leviticus 23:4 is “moade” meaning a **divinely appointed time, or a holy convocation** and it is translated as such. In Leviticus 23:4 it is translated both as “*feasts*” and “*seasons*” in the same verse.
 - Leviticus 23:4 ‘These *are* the *feasts* of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their *appointed times*.
 - Psalms 104:19 He appointed the moon for *seasons*; The sun knows its going down.
 - Daniel 11:35 And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the *appointed time*.
 - Psalm 102:13 You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, *the set time*, has come.
- The Hebrew word translated “*signs*” in Genesis 1:14 is “owth,” meaning a **signal, a distinguishing mark, a warning, an omen is coming or proof of something; it is one thing that points to or signifies something else**. It is found in 77 verses of the Old Testament. It can be a manmade banner or ensign, natural phenomenon such as a rainbow or miraculous signs.
 - Genesis 9:13 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the *sign* of the covenant between Me and the earth.
 - Genesis 17:11 This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a *sign* of the covenant between Me and you.
 - Exodus 4:8 “Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first *sign* [a rod that turned to a serpent], that they may believe the message of the latter *sign*. [Moses' hand that turned white] 9 And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two *signs*, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour *it* on the dry *land*. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry *land*.”
 - Exodus 7:3 And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My *signs* and My wonders in the land of Egypt.
 - Exodus 12:13 Now the blood shall be a *sign* for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.
 - Jeremiah 10:2 Thus says the LORD: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the *signs* of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.
 - Psalm 65:8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your *signs*;

Jeremiah 10:2 – Idols and the True God

Jer 10² Thus says the LORD: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles;
Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them

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Psalm 136:4-9 – Thanksgiving to God for His Enduring Mercy

Ps 136 ⁴To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁵To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁶To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁷**To Him who made great lights**, For His mercy *endures* forever—
⁸**The sun to rule by day**, For His mercy *endures* forever;
⁹**The moon and stars to rule by night**, For His mercy *endures* forever.

Psalm 104:19-24 – Praise to the Sovereign Lord for His Creation and Providence

Ps 104 ¹⁹**He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down.**
²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.
²¹The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God.
²²*When* the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens.
²³Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.
²⁴O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 – A New Covenant

Jer 31 ³⁵Thus says the LORD, **Who gives the sun for a light by day,**
The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night,
Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts *is* His name):
³⁶“If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD,
Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”

Psalm 8:3-5 – The Glory of the Lord in Creation

Ps 8 ³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, **The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**
⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?
⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Psalm 148:1-6 – Praise to the Lord from Creation

Ps 148 ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!
²Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!
³**Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!**
⁴**Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!**
⁵**Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.**
⁶He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

Matthew 24:29-31 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Mt 24 ²⁹“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰**Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Psalm 74:15-17 – A Plea for Relief from Oppressors

Ps 74 ¹⁵You broke open the fountain and the flood; You dried up mighty rivers.
¹⁶**The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.**
¹⁷You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

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Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars that Have Already Happened

Blood Moon Tetrads

Joel 2:30-32 – God’s Spirit Poured Out

Joel 2 ³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

³² And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

Act 2:19-21 – Peter’s Sermon

Acts 2 ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

²¹ And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’

What is a Blood Moon?

http://www.watchmansview.com/Blood_Red_Moons.html

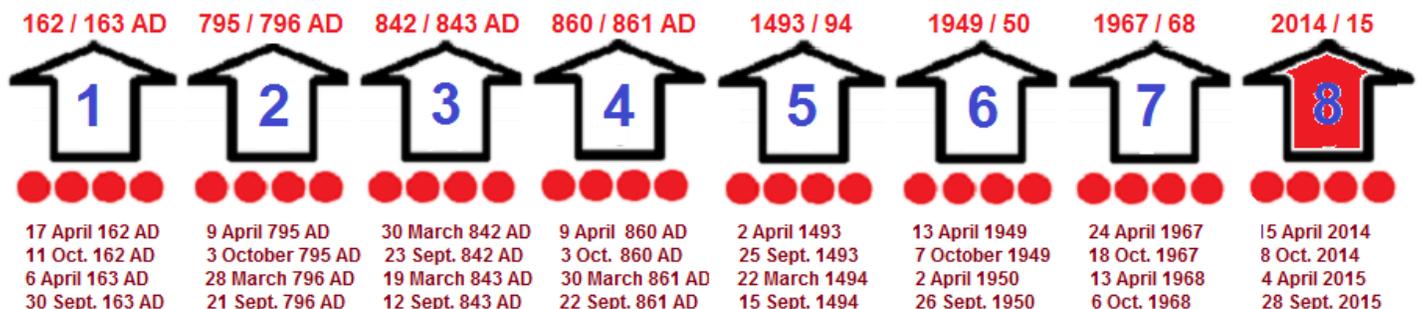
A lunar eclipse occurs when the earth passes between the sun and the moon. This blocks the sun’s rays from reflecting off the moon as normal. However, some of the sun’s rays curve around the earth causing the moon to appear red during a total eclipse. Because of its vivid color, a total lunar eclipse is often referred to by NASA as a Blood Red Moon. The occurrence of blood moons normally happens twice per year. Most of us have seen the moon when its appearance has changed to red. When four full blood moons happen in close succession, NASA refers to this as a tetrad. Tetrads are rather rare, only taking place fifty-five times since 1 AD. Tetrads falling on Jewish feast days has only happened eight times – and each of those eight times has signified significant events for Israel.

Blood Moons Tetrads

When four consecutive full blood moons fall on Jewish feast days, a major event affecting the Jewish people will occur in close proximity to that time. There have been eight of these tetrads since the time of Christ that fell on the first and last of the “feasts of the LORD” of Leviticus 23, that is, Passover and Tabernacles.

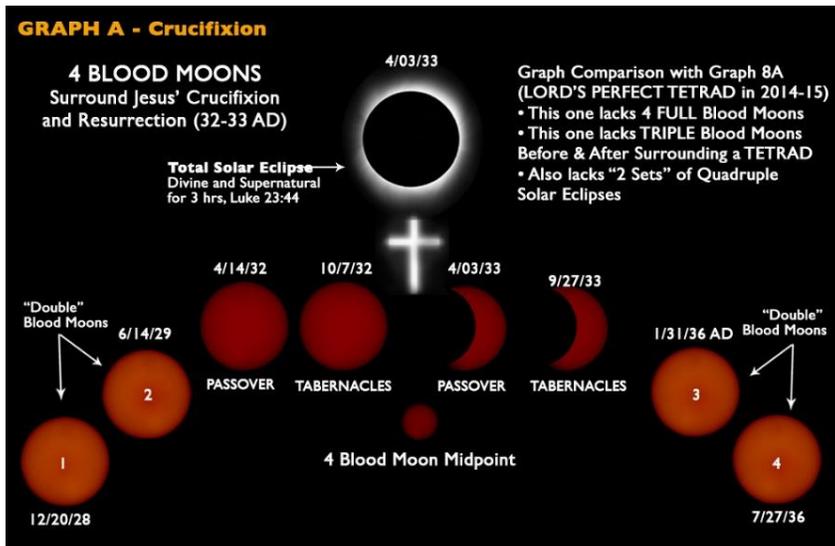
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Tetrad 32-33 – Crucifixion of Jesus (Incomplete)

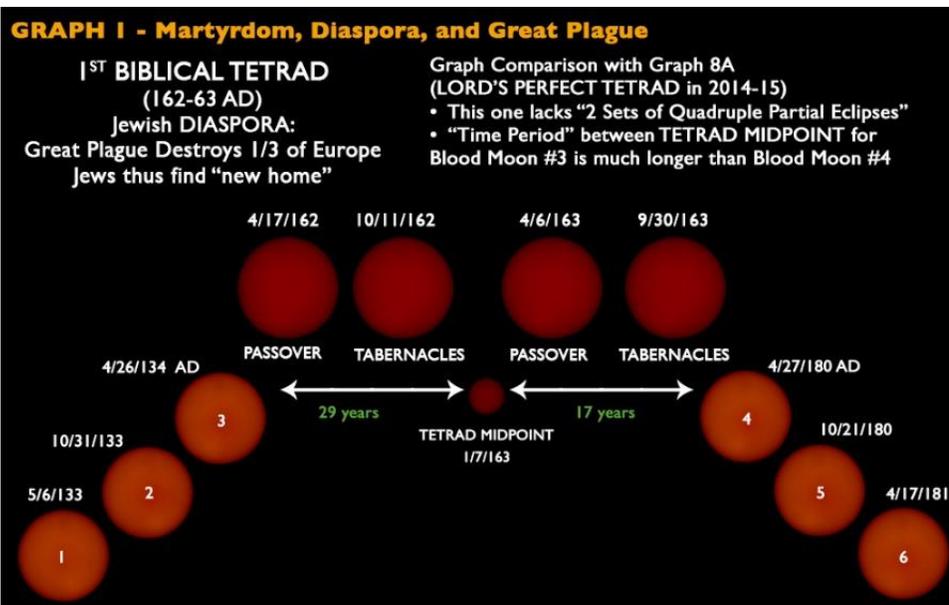


Notice the two singular Blood Moons preceding and following the date of the crucifixion. You can see that the tetrad pattern is established with lunar eclipses on the feasts of Passover & Tabernacles, but the third and fourth lunar tetrads are not total, but partial.

The total solar eclipse that is recorded in Luke 23:44 is a miraculous event which is not cataloged by NASA.

<https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEcat5/catalog.html>

1. Tetrad 162-163 – Martyrdom, Diaspora, Great Plague



Occurred on the Jewish Passover and Feast of Tabernacles; coincided at the height of the worst persecution of Jews and Christians in the history of the Roman Empire. Thousands were martyred in Rome's arenas.

Rome was suddenly flooded by the Tiberas River in the spring of 162 AD, leading to severe famine and a plague that killed 1/3 of the Roman Empire's population.

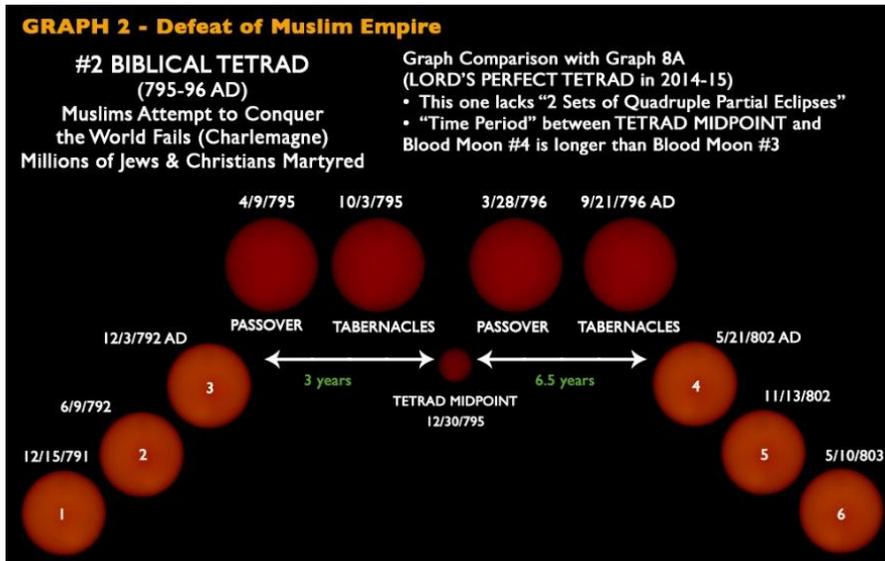
Prophetic significance: Jews remain scattered.

162 AD - 163 AD Jewish Eclipses - Famine - Plague Timeline



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2. Tetrad 795-796 – Defeat of the Muslim Empire



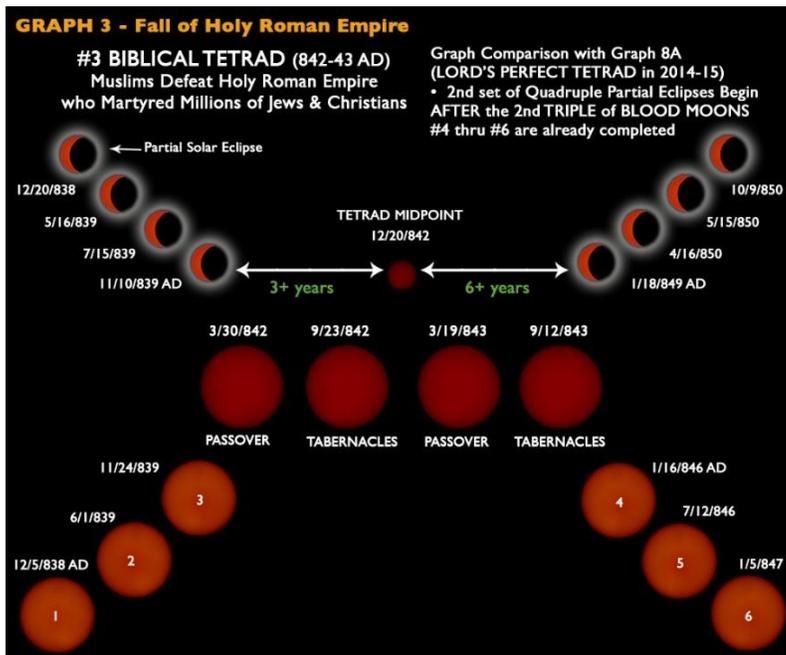
Occurred on the Jewish Passover and Yom Kippur; coincided with King Charlemagne of the Holy Roman Empire establishing a buffer zone between France and Spain which halted Islamic invasions into Western Europe. This was a key turning point in spread of Christianity in Europe and stability of Jews in the region.

Prophetic significance: Jews remain scattered.

795 AD - 796 AD Jewish Holiday Eclipse Timeline



3. Tetrad 842-843 – Fall of the Holy Roman Empire



Occurred on the Jewish Passover and Yom Kippur; coincided with the break-up of the Carolingian Empire in Europe, weakening the position of Jews in Europe and setting the stage for their future persecution. This also led to Rome being sacked and the Vatican being looted by Islamic armies.

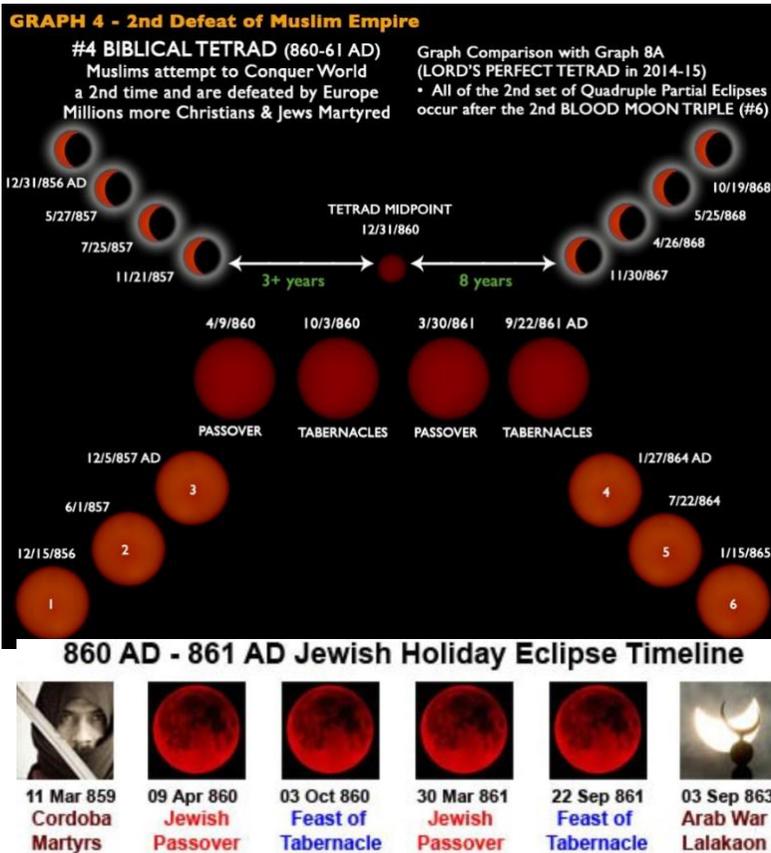
Prophetic significance: Jews remain scattered.

842 - 843 AD Jewish Holiday Eclipse Timeline



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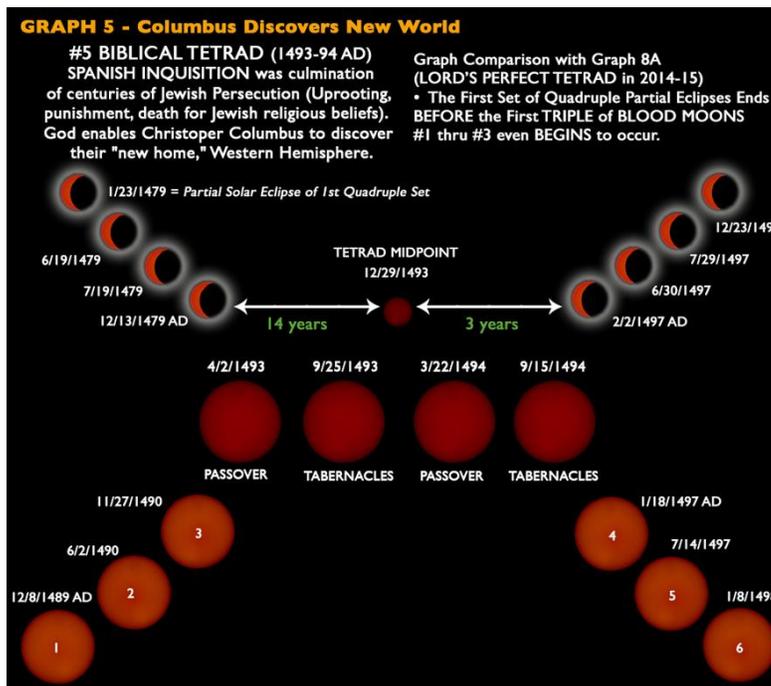
4. Tetrad 860-861 – 2nd Defeat of the Muslim Empire



Occurred on the Jewish Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles; coincided with the Greeks of the Byzantine Empire permanently stopping the Islamic invasion of Eastern Europe. This kept Islam confined to Asia Minor and the Middle East, allowing the continued spread of Christianity in Europe, thus allowing Jews to live in relatively security.

Prophetic significance: Jews remain scattered.

5. Tetrad 1493-1494 – Spanish Inquisition / Columbus finds America

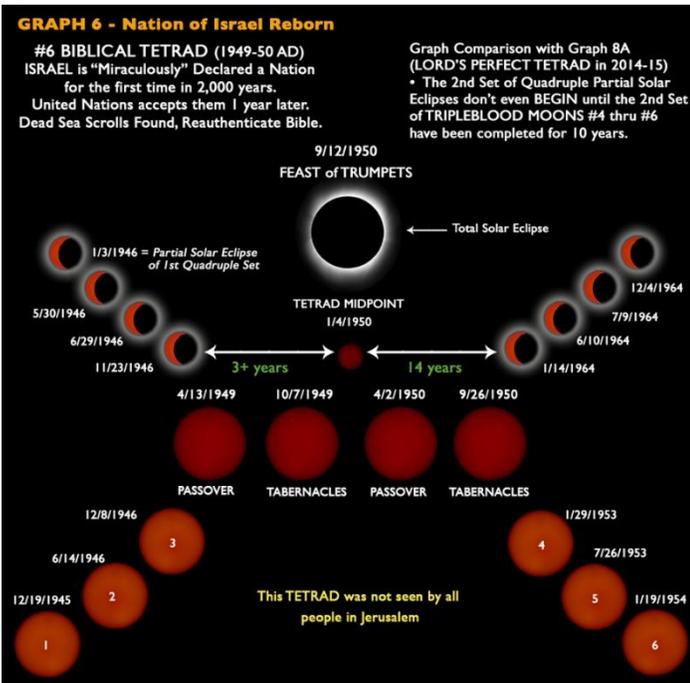


Occurred on the Jewish Passover and the Feast of Trumpets; coincided with the Spanish Inquisition when the King of Spain ordered all Jews to leave the country. The Jews had settled in the region about 200 AD and thus Spain became a second Jewish homeland. This also coincided with Christopher Columbus' discovering of America, which is home today for more than 5 million Jews outside Israel.

Prophetic significance: Jews remain scattered.

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6. Tetrad 1949-1950 – Israel Reborn May 14, 1948



Occurred on the Jewish Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles; coincided with

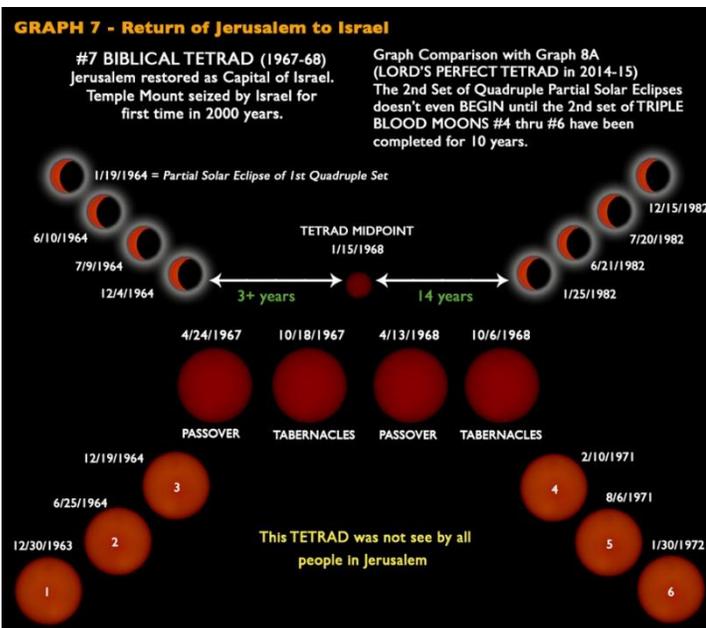
- (1) the rebirth of Israel as an independent nation on May 14, 1948,
- (2) the winning of the Israeli War for Independence and the first official permanent government on January 25th, 1949, and
- (3) the Knesset passing the "Law of Return" on July 5, 1950 which gave Jews the right to settle in Israel and obtain citizenship .

Prophetic significance: Jews regathered, Israel a nation.

1948 - 1950 Jewish Lunar Eclipse Tetrad Timeline



7. Tetrad 1967-1968 – Jerusalem Recaptured June 7, 1967



Occurred on the Jewish Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles; coincided with the "6-Day War" of June 5-10, 1967 with Israel retaking of Jerusalem and capturing critical portions of land including Judea, Samaria, the Sinai Peninsula, the West Bank and the Golan Heights.

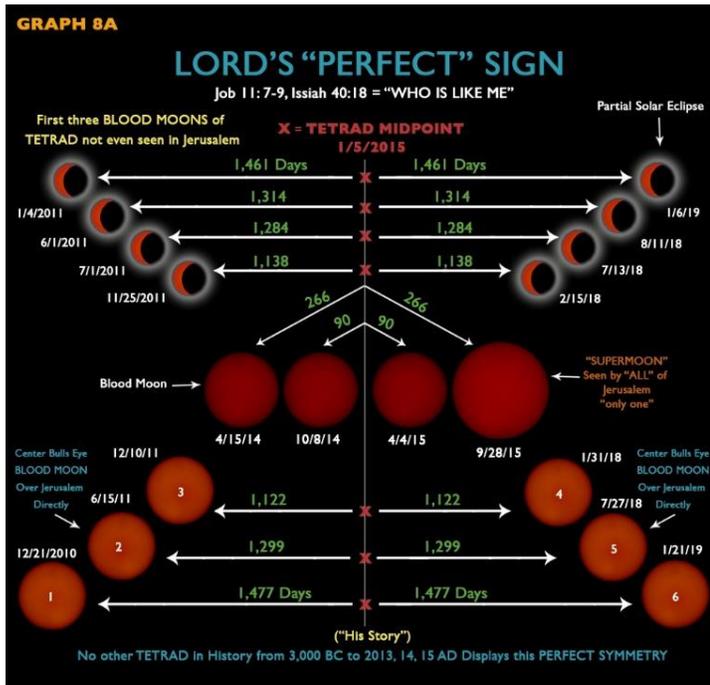
Prophetic significance: Jews regathered, Israel a nation, Jerusalem regained.

1967 - 1968 Jewish Holiday Eclipse Schedule

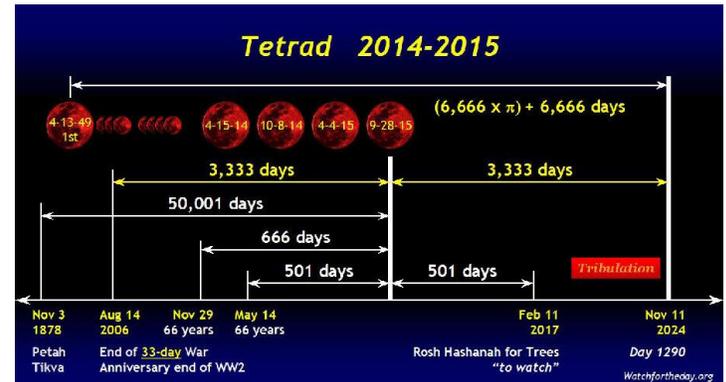


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8. Tetrads 2014-2015 – Lord’s Perfect Sign



And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.
—Joel 2:30-31, NKJV



2013 - 2015 Eclipse & Comet Schedule



There have been 7 tetrads since Christ’s First Coming that fell on "the feasts of the LORD" (Leviticus 23:2, 4, 37, 44). The 8th occurs in 2014/15, and then there are no more for 549 years. This Tetrad will also be accompanied by 2 solar eclipses.

- April 15, 2014 -- Feast 1: Passover -- Total Lunar Eclipse (Nisan 14, 5774)
- October 8, 2014 -- Feast 7: Tabernacles -- Total Lunar Eclipse (Tishrei 14, 5775)
- March 20, 2015 -- New Year for Feast Days -- Total Solar Eclipse (Nisan 1, 5775)
- April 4, 2015 -- Feast 1: Passover -- Total Lunar Eclipse (Nisan 14, 5775)
- September 13, 2015 -- Feast 5: Trumpets (Civil New Year) -- Partial Solar Eclipse (5775 ends & 5776 begins on Tishri 1)
- September 28, 2015 -- Feast 7: Tabernacles -- Total Lunar Eclipse (Tishrei 14, 5776)

This is the 8th Tetrad – The number 8 is of great importance. It symbolizes **new life, resurrection, a new covenant, and new beginnings.**

- God spoke 8 words to bring forth creation (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26).
- Jesus rose on the 8th day—the first day of the week (Sun. Apr. 5, 33 AD).
- Eight people were resurrected besides Jesus’s own resurrection.

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- If you take the numerical value of Jesus's name, it comes to 888.

Statistician Paul Grevas has determined that the timing of this unusual lunar tetrad is so rare, "The probability of successfully predicting 4 consecutive BLOOD MOONS to fall on these 2 Holy Days beginning ... with Passover ... on the first of the 2014-2015 BLOOD MOONS is INDESCRIBABLE: 1 chance in 1.85×10^{139} . Yes, that is 139 consecutive zeroes."

Luke 21 ²⁵ "And there will be signs [a signal, a distinguishing mark, a warning, an omen is coming or proof of something] in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Lord's Perfect Sign 2010-2019 – A Prophecy

<https://444prophecynews.com/the-lords-perfect-sign-ends-january-21-2019-holy-spirit-wind/>

The sign that I have given started on Dec. 21st 2010, on your calendar and it will be completed Jan. 21st 2019 on your calendar, at 12:12 am EST. The time of its ending significant, this number means total completeness of the warning time that I have given before the greater judgments begin: earthquakes, the fiery kick off event, economic collapse, famine, disease, and then the great war begins. This warning alone has lasted 8 years and one month; some would like more time but what would be done with more time if I gave it? I have been warning the world through My servants the prophets for over 100 years that you are in the last days. There are very few hearing My warnings right now. My chosen few have heard plenty of My warnings and they grow weary of them. Let it not be said that I am not merciful and longsuffering. The time of the end of the age has truly come!

My little flock, I also want to tell you about the "Super-Blood-Wolf Moon Eclipse" which will happen soon (July 27, 2018). First, "super" means that this will be even more significant than some similar signs in the past. "Blood" signifies that there will be blood spilled and judgment across the land where it is visible. "Wolf" is symbolic of the son of perdition, Barack Obama who will return as America's leader after the fiery kick-off event. The people will look to him as their savior after this but he will reveal who he really is after a short time.

THEN HE WILL BEGIN THE PERSECUTION AND SLAUGHTER OF MY SHEEP WHO ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE DECEIVED BY HIM AND EVEN THOSE WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT HE IS WHO I HAVE SAID HE IS. THOSE WHO HAVE SIN IN THEIR LIVES WILL BE PURIFIED BY THE FIRE PERSECUTION. MY SHEEP WILL CRY OUT TO ME IN TRUE REPENTANCE, WITH ALL OF THEIR HEARTS. THE GOOD SHEPHERD WILL SAVE THEM FROM ETERNAL DEATH! UNDERSTAND, THE REASON THAT THINGS MUST HAPPEN IN THIS WAY IS BECAUSE MOST OF MY SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY. THE REMNANT/BRIDE WHO HAVE BEEN PURIFIED; REMAINED HOLY AND SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD AND ALL OF ITS SIN AND CLEANSED BY MY BLOOD WILL BE PROTECTED AND HIDDEN IF I HAVE WORK FOR THEM TO DO OR BE TAKEN HOME. MY PRECIOUS ONES WHO ARE CLOSE TO MY HEART, YOU WILL BE STRENGTHENED, HEALED, DELIVERED, TRANSFORMED, COMPLETELY INFUSED WITH MY SPIRIT WITHOUT MEASURE AND FILLED TO OVERFLOWING WITH MY SUPERNATURAL, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE THAT WILL POUR OUT OF YOU AND TOUCH EVEN YOUR ENEMIES. YOU WILL WALK IN POWER, HUMILITY, URGENCY, IN MY PERFECT WILL AND LOVE AS YOU SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST. AFTER THIS WORK IS DONE WE CELEBRATE OUR MARRIAGE FEAST!

MY CHILDREN, BE READY! AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE THERE IS NO MORE TIME! ALL OF THE END TIME SIGNS, INCLUDING THE SIGN OF THE WOMAN IN THE HEAVENS, HAVE SIGNIFICANCE. ALL THE SIGNS I HAVE TOLD YOU TO LOOK FOR ARE OCCURRING AND THEY HAVE CONVERGED INTO THE TIME THAT YOU ARE IN. SOON THERE WILL BE NO MORE TIME BUT WITH THE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT SEEK ME LIKE NEVER BEFORE! DRAW CLOSE TO ME AND I WILL DRAW CLOSE TO YOU AND COVER YOU WITH MY FEATHERS. THE

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SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL BE YOUR DWELLING PLACE AND THE SHADOW OF MY WINGS SHALL BE YOUR REFUGE UNTIL YOU ARISE AND SHINE.

THE END COMES NOT BY THE WILL OF MAN BUT BY THE WILL OF MY FATHER ONLY! NONE WILL STOP IT!

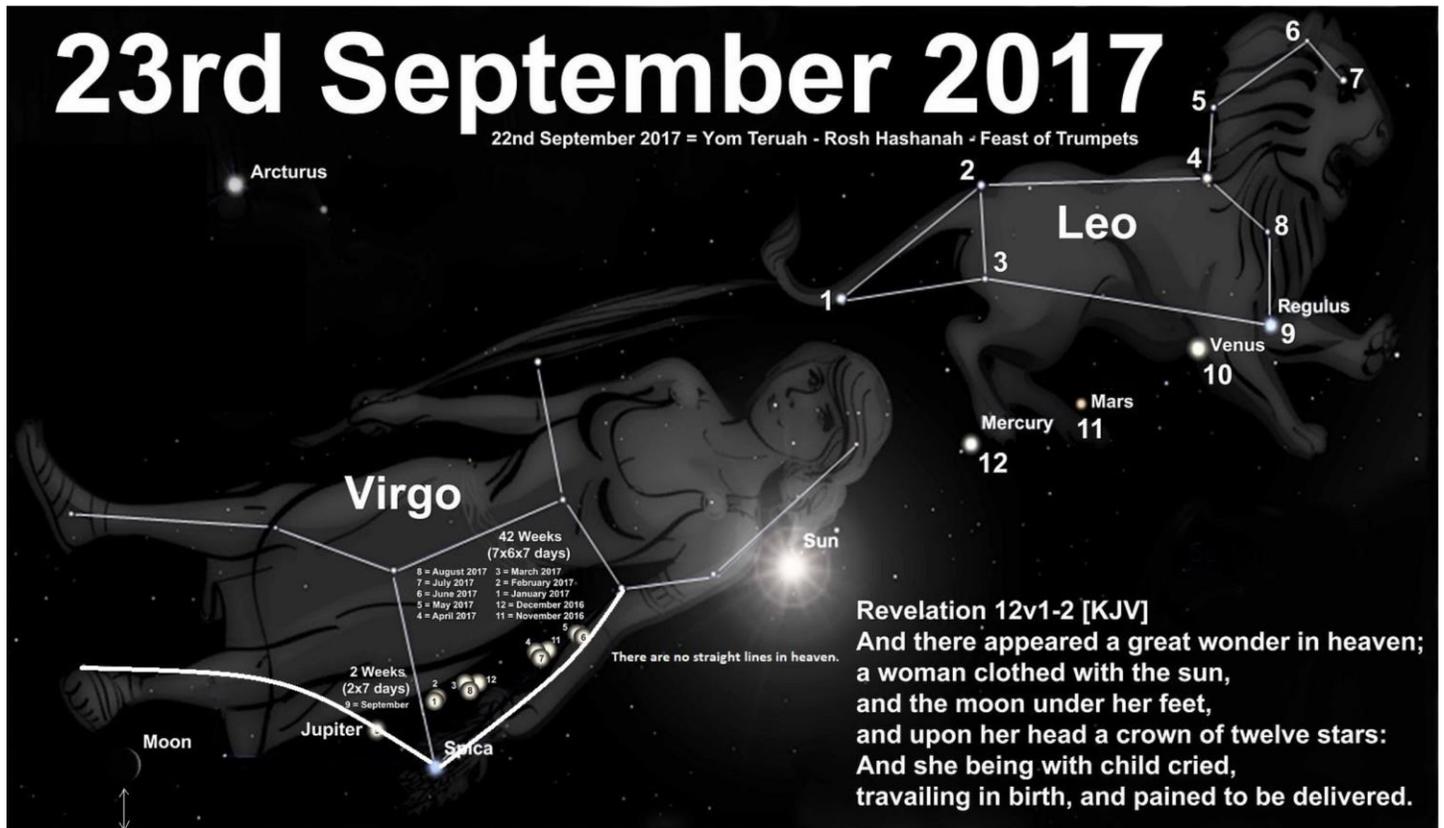
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Revelation 12 Alignment – September 23, 2017

Revelation 12:1-2 – The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

Rev 12 ¹Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ²Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ... ⁵She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.



- Celestial alignment
 - The sun will be in the zodiac constellation Virgo—“a woman clothed with the sun”.
 - The moon will be at the feet of Virgo—“with the moon under her feet”.
 - The ‘nine’ stars of the zodiac constellation Leo, plus three planets (Mercury, Venus, and Mars), will be at the head of Virgo—“on her head a garland of twelve stars”.
 - Jupiter (the King planet) remains ‘in the womb’ of the virgin (Virgo) for 42 weeks due to retrograde motion
 - Jupiter is the largest of the planets, the “king” of the planets—“She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.”
 - Jupiter was known by the Jews as the planet of the Messiah.
 - Jupiter enters Virgo on August 27, 2016, which coincides with a close conjunction of Venus.
 - See Star of Bethlehem below for the significance of this.
 - On November 20, 2016, Jupiter enters into the body (womb) of the constellation Virgo (the virgin)
 - November 20, 2016 is the Feast of Christ the King. It is also the very day that Pope Francis’ declared “Year of Mercy”, comes to an end.
 - Due its retrograde motion, Jupiter (king) spends the next 9 ½ months within the womb of Virgo (the virgin). This length of time corresponds with gestation period of a normal late-term baby.

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- On September 23, 2017, Jupiter exits Virgo to the east, past her feet, so to speak—“ **Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth**”.
- This information has been sealed up until the time of the end (Dan 12:9). Only now do we have the technology (computer software) to know when this will happen. Since she will be 'clothed in the sun', we will not actually see it. Only now, in the time of the end, do we know that it is happening.

Supporting evidence of possible significance

Festival of Trumpets (Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year)

- Sept 21-22, 2017
- Year of Mercy (jubilee) ends and new year begins

Jubilee Year (Year of Mercy)

- Revelation 12 Sign Begins on the Very Day Year of Mercy Ends
- Lev 25:8-13 Jubilee, Year of Mercy – Forgive all debts
- To understand the theory, we must know what a Jubilee is.
 - A year of Jubilee was to be observed after seven cycles of seven years (49 years total). This fiftieth year is a time of celebration and rejoicing for the Israelites.
 - The ram's horn is blown on the tenth day of the seventh month to start a year of **universal redemption**.
 - The year of the Jubilee involved a release from indebtedness (Leviticus 25:23–38) and all types of bondage (verses 39–55). Every captive was set free, slaves were released, debts were forgiven, and lands and properties were returned to the families of the original owners.
 - In addition, all labor was to cease for that year, and those bound by labor contracts were released from their obligations. The year of Jubilee was similar to a sabbatical year (or shemittah) in that the fields and vineyards were left fallow (verses 4–7). During the Jubilee both the land and the people had rest.
- Sept 20, 2017 = last day of the jubilee year = 29 Elul 5777
 - 5 is a number signifying grace,
 - 7 speaks of perfection, maturation, divine completion
 - 5777 – divine completion of grace
- The idea that Jesus will return during a year of Jubilee comes from some calculations made by Rabbi Judah ben Samuel in AD 1217. According to the rabbi, there would be a certain number of Jubilees from ben Samuel's time until the Messianic kingdom would begin. The year 2017 is said to be the end of that predicted period; thus, some people look for Jesus' return during Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles) in 2017 (October 4—11). The Messiah will return to give His people rest and cause great jubilation among His redeemed.

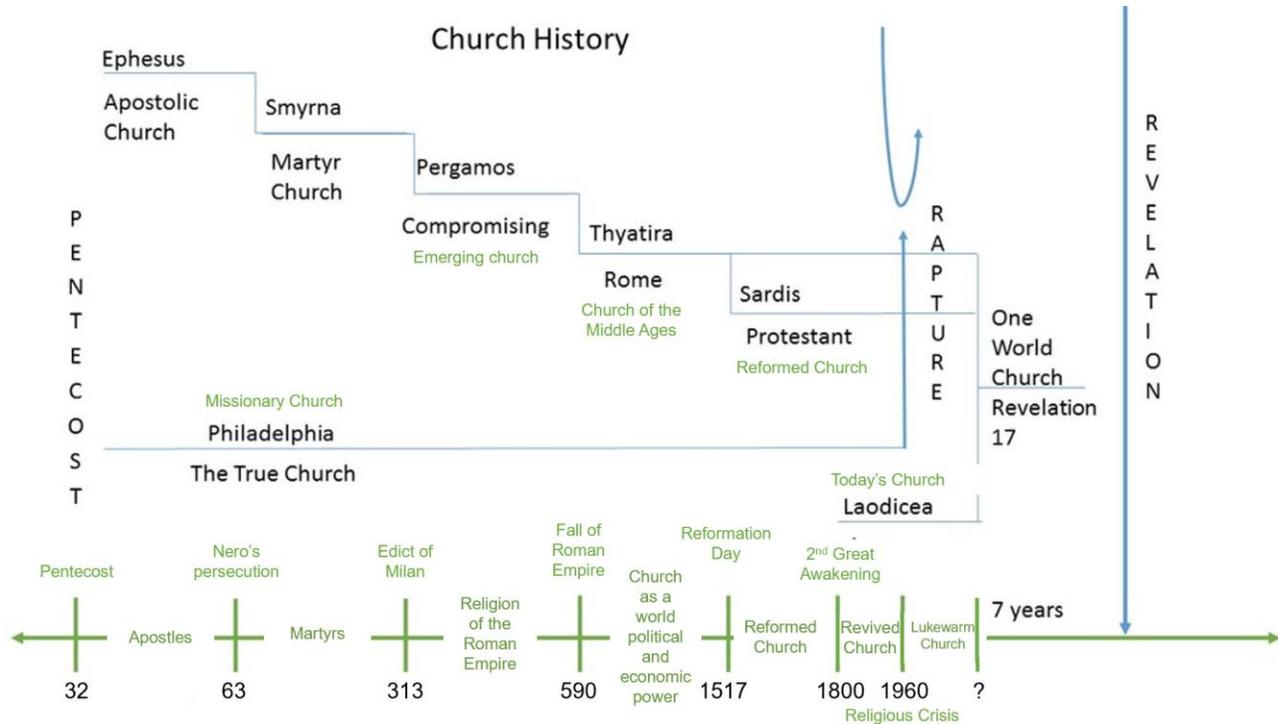
500 years since...Prophecy of 10 Jubilees started

- See [Prophecy of 10 Jubilees – Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel \(1217 AD\)](#)

500 years since...1517 Protestant Revolution

- Seven ages of the church
 - The Seven Ages simply refer to that space of time wherein God gives the Gentiles (apart from the Jews) an opportunity to hear the Gospel - the Good News of Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. This "space of time" is divided into "Seven" phases or Ages which is simply called "Church" Ages - each with it's own Messenger and Message from the Word of God, showing what our Lord Jesus is doing in Grace and/or Judgement in a particular Age. In every Age, the predestinated Sons and Daughters of God always recognized their day, their Messenger and the Message.

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- The Bible also refers to these Seven Ages as "The Fullness of the Gentiles" - it is one and the same. Running parallel with the Seven Ages (or the Fullness of the Gentiles) is a period referred to in Scripture as ""The Times of the Gentiles"

100 years since...1917 Our Lady of Fatima (Miracle of the Sun)

Pope Leo XIII had a vision in which Satan would be given one hundred years to attempt to destroy the church. In 1884, after saying Mass on the morning of, according to at least one source, October 13th, as he was leaving the Altar, the 74 year old and frail Pope Leo XIII fell to the ground as if dead. He related that he had experienced a sort of vision, in which he heard two voices, one of which he took to be that of Christ, gentle and kind, and the other that of Satan, guttural and harsh. Satan said, "I could destroy Your Church if I had the time, and more power over those who give themselves over to my service." **And then Pope Leo heard Christ to answer, "You have the power, you have the time: 100 years.** The events of 1917 opened up an unprecedented century of evil in the world.

- Another sign in the sun, moon and stars – Our Lady of Fatima (also known as the Miracle of the Sun) – 1917
- 2017 is 100 years since the first apparitions at Fatima. The miraculous nature of the events at Fatima have been affirmed by the church and most of the popes of the last century have had a strong personal and seemingly apocalyptic association with the prophecies given to the three children.
- [These extraordinary events](#) in 1917 can be seen as ushering in the catastrophic twentieth century.
 - By 1917 the first World War was grinding on with horrors never before imagined by the human race.
 - The lady of Fatima predicted another war if mankind did not repent. This war would be presaged by a heavenly sign. This took place with an amazing display in the night sky across Europe on January 25, 1938– just before Europe was plunged into another war.
 - The rest of the century would witness untold misery and bloodshed in genocide, atomic warfare, terrorism, famine, natural disaster and the rise of technologies that would poison nature, destroy the family and set humanity on a course of self destruction.

Star of Bethlehem

Same star alignment as the Star of Bethlehem in 2 BC - the stars Jupiter (king planet) and Venus (mother planet) came together so close that they could not be separated by the naked eye. What John saw in his visions in Revelation, is exactly what happened at 2 BC at the conception of Jesus.

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- In 3/2 B.C., there occurred a rare triple conjunction of Jupiter (the king planet, through its retrograde motion) and Regulus (the king star). The Magi likely interpreted this rare triple conjunction as a giant neon sign in the heavens blinking KING-KING-KING. This all began at the Jewish New year and all within the constellation of Leo (the lion, a symbol of the tribe of Judah). So it heavily symbolized Jewish King from the tribe of Judah, a clear indication for those familiar with the Messiah. Further, rising right behind Leo was the constellation Virgo, with the sun behind and the moon at her feet.
- After this incredible triple conjunction, Jupiter began moving westward in the sky, eventually coming into conjunction with Venus, a planet long symbolically associated with motherhood. The conjunction of the king planet and the motherhood planet was so close, that no man alive had ever seen anything like it and together it formed the brightest object in the sky.
- All this symbolism of a Jewish king from Judah and a Virgin was enough to get the well-versed Magi moving to Jerusalem, but you can understand why the average citizen of Jerusalem missed it. Jupiter continued its western movement in the sky until it finally stopped. When it stopped (as seen from Jerusalem), it stopped directly south, directly over the small village of Bethlehem, on December 25 of 2 B.C. This may be easily seen with modern star programs that can show you the night sky on any date in history from any perspective. It is the advent of such computer programs that now allows us to not only look at the past, but to look at the skies of the future.
- The last time that this sign appeared was 2000 years ago at the conception of Jesus in September of 3 BC (as seen from Babylon). See Star of Bethlehem <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGUIWa2r-bk&t=9s>.

What Does it all mean?

I have no idea – but I do know that it means something because Scripture told us to take note of this GREAT sign.

- Rev 12 ¹Now a **great sign** appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ²Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ... ⁵She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.

Solar Eclipses

Solar eclipses traditionally viewed as bad omens.

Destruction of Nineveh

Solar Eclipses During The Jewish Days of Mourning:

The 3 years before that (2008, 2009 & 2010) there were solar eclipses during the Jewish Days of Mourning that commemorate the destruction of the Temple in 586 BC and 70 AD. I also checked out eclipses that fell on Purim. All lunar eclipses that fell in March during the 20th Century fell on Purim or Passover.

The 9th of Av on the Jewish calendar is a day of fasting and mourning for the destruction of both Temples, first by the Babylonians in 586 B.C (9th of Av), and again by the Romans in 70 AD (9th of Av). The Jews still observe 21 days of mourning from 17 Tammuz to 9 Av in commemoration of the Roman General Titus' breach of the outer walls of Jerusalem on 17 Tammuz, and his order on the 9th of Av to leveled the Temple to the ground (4 Aug 70 AD). The Nine Days are the darkest days on the Jewish calendar. They are the final 9 days of the days of mourning. There were total solar eclipses for 3 years straight on the first day of the Nine Days on the 1st of Av in 2008, 2009 and 2010 as follows:

August 1, 2008 was the 1st of Av 5768. This Biblical day began at sunset on August 1st and ended at sunset on the 2nd.
July 22, 2009 was the 1st of Av 5769. Day began at sundown on July 21st and ended at sundown on the 22nd.
July 11, 2010 was the 1st of Av 5770. Day began at sunset, July 11th and ended at sunset on the 12th.

Eclipses on the Feast of Purim:

In the book of Esther after Ahasuerus, King of Persia, had given command that the Jews should defend themselves against wicked Haman's Holocaust plot to destroy them, and thus they were able to defeat their enemies. Since those days till now they have celebrated Purim (Esther 9:15-19).

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Here it is important to note that self defence is a natural right. It was on May 15, 1948, after Israel had declared her independence that she again exercised this natural right when several Arab nations attacked her. During 2 of the 5 lunar tetrads that fell on the first and last of the feast of the LORD during the 20th Century (1949-50 & 1967-68) Israel was exercising this natural right. It was during the 20th Century that Israel was re-established as a Nation after 1,878 years of exile from their land, and in 1967 she regained her Capital, Jerusalem. Both times Israel was attacked first and Israel fought and gained more land. I take this as a prophetic sign in the heavens of God's protection of Israel.

On 8 March, 2012 (which was the 1st of the 2 days of Purim) while verifying the 2 tetrads that fell on the feast days in the 20th Century at the NASA web site, I noticed that Purim frequently fell in March. I became curious and checked every time there was a lunar eclipse in March during the 20th Century. There were 21 eclipses in March during the 20th Century that fell on Purim ($7 + 7 + 7 = 21$). There were 2 eclipses in 1904, one on Purim and the other on Passover. They were the 7th and 8th lunar eclipses of the 20th Century.

It finally dawned on me that the dates of Purim, Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles all follow the lunar calendar established by God for Israel, and fall on the 14th or 15th of their respective months which is when the moon is full and lunar eclipses naturally fall in accordance with God's astronomical clockwork. It is only at this time when it is possible for the earth to come between the sun and moon causing an eclipse.

US total solar eclipse – August 21, 2017

Americans donned special glasses to witness the first total solar eclipse in the 48 contiguous states since 1979. The path of the total eclipse ran from Oregon southeast across the country to South Carolina. It has also been determined that the US will receive another total solar eclipse in exactly 7 years. The two eclipses will form a perfect 'X' across the US.

Regarding Solar Eclipses, history has revealed judgement on the nations who attempt to harm Israel. (Genesis 12:3)

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3 blue moons in succession (2017-2018)

The Dec. 3 full moon is the first of three consecutive supermoons, including a lunar eclipse. The other supermoons will happen on Jan. 1 and end with a super Blue Blood Moon on January 31, 2018. Supermoons occur when the moon is closer to the earth in its rotation, making it appear bigger than usual. The moon will appear up to 14 percent bigger and 30 percent brighter. The moon appears blue due to Earth's dark shadow. These unique astronomical occurrences have some religious leaders speculating that they could be prophetic signs.

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Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars that Will Happen in the Future

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 – Seek God in Early Life

Ec 12 ¹ **Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come,**

And the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them”:

² **While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened,** And the clouds do not return after the rain;

Luke 21:25-28 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Lk 21 ²⁵ **“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars;** and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the **powers of the heavens will be shaken.** ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ **Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”**

Matthew 24:29-31 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Mt 24 ²⁹ **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they will gather together His elect from the four winds,** from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:24-27 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Mk 13 ²⁴ **“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.** ²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ **And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds,** from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

Revelation 6:12-17 – Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

Rev 6 ¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the **sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.** ¹³ **And the stars of heaven fell to the earth,** as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, **“Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!** ¹⁷ **For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”**

Isaiah 13:9-11 – Proclamation Against Babylon

Is 13 ⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

¹⁰ **For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light;**

The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

¹¹ **“I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity;**

I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Jeremiah 4:23-29 – Sorrow for the Doomed Nation

Jer 4 ²³ **I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light.**

²⁴ I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth.

²⁵ I beheld, and indeed *there was* no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

²⁶ I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land *was* a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down

At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.

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²⁷ For thus says the LORD: “The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸ **For this shall the earth mourn, And the heavens above be black, Because I have spoken. I have purposed and will not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.**

²⁹ The whole city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen.

They shall go into thickets and climb up on the rocks.

Every city *shall be* forsaken, And not a man shall dwell in it.

Psalm 121:5-6 – God the Help of Those Who Seek Him

Ps 121 ⁵ The LORD *is* your keeper; The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.**

⁷ **The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;** He shall preserve your soul.

Ezekiel 32:6-8 – Lamentation for Pharaoh and Egypt

Ez 32 ⁶ “I will also water the land with the flow of your blood, *Even* to the mountains; And the riverbeds will be full of you.

⁷ **When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark;**

I will cover the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give her light.

⁸ **All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you, And bring darkness upon your land,”**

Says the Lord GOD.

Joel 2:10-11 – God’s Spirit Poured Out

Joel 2 ¹⁰ The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble;

The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.

¹¹ The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

Joel 3:14-16 – God Judges the Nations

Joel 3 ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

¹⁵ **The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.**

¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem;

The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

Job 9:4-10 – Job: There Is No Mediator

Job 9 ⁴ *God is* wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened *himself* against Him and prospered?

⁵ He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger;

⁶ He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble;

⁷ **He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars;**

⁸ He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea;

⁹ He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;

¹⁰ He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number.

Isaiah 24:19-23 – Impending Judgment on the Earth

Is 24 ¹⁹ The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.

²⁰ The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut;

Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

²¹ It shall come to pass in that day *That* the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.

²² They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit,

And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished.

²³ **Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed;**

For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.

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Habakkuk 3:10-11 – The Prophet's Prayer

Hab 3 ¹⁰ The mountains saw You *and* trembled; The overflowing of the water passed by. The deep uttered its voice, *And* lifted its hands on high.

¹¹ **The sun and moon stood still in their habitation;**

At the light of Your arrows they went, At the shining of Your glittering spear.

Revelation 8:12 – Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Struck

Rev 8 ¹² Then the fourth angel sounded: And a **third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.**

Revelation 8:10-11 – Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck

Rev 8 ¹⁰ Then the third angel sounded: And a **great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.** ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

Revelation 16:8 – Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

Rev 16 ⁸ Then the fourth angel **poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.** ⁹ **And men were scorched with great heat,** and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

Isaiah 30:26 – God Will Be Gracious

Joel 30 ²⁶ Moreover the **light of the moon will be as the light of the sun,** And the **light of the sun will be sevenfold,** As the light of seven days, In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people And heals the stroke of their wound.

Isaiah 60:19-20 – God the Glory of His People

Is 60 ¹⁹ **“The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you;** But the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

²⁰ Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself;

For the LORD will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.

Revelation 21:22-25 – The Glory of the New Jerusalem

Rev 21 ²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ **The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.** ²⁴ **And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light,** and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

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Other Miscellaneous Fulfilled Prophecies in Our Generation

[Cedars of Lebanon Will Burn – Zechariah 11:1-2, Ezekiel 47:6-12, Zechariah 14:8-9](#)

<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/22/935885394/climate-change-closes-in-on-lebanons-iconic-cedar-trees#>

<https://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News/2020/Oct-29/513665-lebanons-cedar-trees-burn-as-wildfires-reach-record-altitudes.ashx>

[Zechariah 11:1-2 – Desolation of Israel](#)

Zec 11 ¹Open your doors, **O Lebanon, That fire may devour your cedars.**

²**Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen, Because the mighty trees are ruined.**

[Psalm 29:3-11 – Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty](#)

Ps 29 ³The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD *is* over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; The voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.

⁵**The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.**

⁶**He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷**The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.**

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

¹⁰The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

[Massive Animal Deaths – Hosea 4:1-3, Zephaniah 1:2-3](#)

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/1/150113-mass-die-off-disease-animals-environment-science/>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/mysterious-mass-animal-deaths/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOoliXokICA&t=50s>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwSnAe7L_6g&t=690s

[Hosea 4:1-3](#)

Hos 4 ¹Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. ²By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. ³**Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.**

[Zephaniah 1:2-3 – The Great Day of the Lord](#)

Zep 1 ²“I will utterly consume everything From the face of the land,” Says the LORD;

³“I will consume man and beast; **I will consume the birds of the heavens, The fish of the sea,**

And the stumbling blocks along with the wicked.

I will cut off man from the face of the land,”

Says the LORD.

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Snake at Temple Mount

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10c-0XeaZdU>

Jackals in Northern Israel – Jeremiah 10:22

<https://www.israel365news.com/186752/jeremiahs-vision-of-jackals-appearing-in-northern-israel/>

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/nine-people-treated-in-hospitals-due-to-jackal-bites-657624>

Jeremiah 10:22 – The Coming Captivity of Judah

Jer 10²² Behold, the noise of the report has come,
And a **great commotion out of the north country,**
To make the cities of Judah desolate, a den of jackals.

Fox at Temple Mount – Lamentations 5:5-21

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/foxes-seen-walking-near-the-western-wall-fulfilling-biblical-promise-598053>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpsAIG2dCYM&t=789s>

Lamentations 5:5-21 – Prayer for Restoration

Lam 5¹⁵ The joy of our heart has ceased; Our dance has turned into mourning.
¹⁶ The crown has fallen *from* our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned!
¹⁷ Because of this our heart is faint; Because of these *things* our eyes grow dim;
¹⁸ **Because of Mount Zion which is desolate, With foxes walking about on it.**
¹⁹ You, O LORD, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation.
²⁰ Why do You forget us forever, *And* forsake us for so long a time?
²¹ Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be restored; Renew our days as of old,

Vaccine --> Mark of the Beast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tz6OzgZoAbA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2W0hiPJzv8&t=174s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITKFhvp-5JM>

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvqLYgaRStAF4uezJQJIMg>

Destruction of America

Babylon (confusion, Affront to God) took over the government on 1/20

Refusal of courts to hear cases

Nation (house) divided can not stand

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Prophecies Happening Now

2 Timothy 3:1-9 – Perilous Times and Perilous Men

2Ti 3 ¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

1 Timothy 4:1-5 – The Great Apostasy

1Ti 4 ¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

- 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- Matthew 12:36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
- Romans 14:12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.
- Proverbs 6:16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
- James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
- Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.
- Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, **knowing the righteous judgment of God**, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also **approve of those who practice them**.
- Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your

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name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

- Matthew 13:40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Partially Fulfilled, but Still Ongoing, Prophecies

See [Aliyah – Jews return in unbelief](#)

See [Antisemitism](#)

See [Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars that Will Happen in the Future](#)

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Convergence of Escalating Birth Pains

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-exponential-curve/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7cUipwXZEY>

The disciples asked Jesus ‘what *will be* the sign of Your coming’? There are 3 primary texts given in the synoptic Gospels that answer this question. In His answer, he describes the condition of the end-time age. He gives many things to WATCH for to know the season of His return. And describes them as birth pains – increasing in frequency and intensity.

Watch for these signs

- Birth pains – Increase in frequency and intensity

Deception

Wars and rumors of wars – kingdom against kingdom

Nation will rise against nation

- Word for nation is ‘ἔθνος (ethnos), which means ‘people groups’
- Could be translated ‘people group will rise against people group’

Famines

Pestilences

Earthquakes in various places

Christian persecution

Hatred

Lawlessness

Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars

Days will be shortened

Days of Noah and Lot

Fear / Distress

Jerusalem surrounded by enemies

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age - There are

3 primary texts - Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13

Matthew 24

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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The Great Tribulation

¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

²³ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand.

²⁶ “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!’ do not believe *it*. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

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²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

³² “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! ³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

⁴⁵ “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. ⁴⁷ Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸ But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will

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come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 21

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Lk 21 ⁷ So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?”

⁸ And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He*,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them. ⁹ But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will not come* immediately.”

¹⁰ Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. ¹³ But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. ¹⁴ Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head shall be lost. ¹⁹ By your patience possess your souls.

The Destruction of Jerusalem

²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. ²² For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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²⁵ “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

The Parable of the Fig Tree

²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

The Importance of Watching

³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole

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earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. ³⁸ Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

Mark 13

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mk 13 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”

⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. *These are the beginnings of sorrows.*

⁹ “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³ And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

The Great Tribulation

¹⁴ “So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹ For *in those days* there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. ²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

²¹ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!’ do not believe it. ²² For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

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²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

²⁸ “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! ³⁰ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

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No One Knows the Day or Hour

³² “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. ³⁴ *It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

Supporting Texts

Isaiah 13:6-8 – Proclamation Against Babylon

Is 13 ⁶ Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

⁷ Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man’s heart will melt,

⁸ And **they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;** They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames.

Jeremiah 30:5-7 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

Jer 30 ⁵ “For thus says the LORD:

‘We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace.

⁶ Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child?

So why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins

Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale?

⁷ Alas! For that day *is* great, So that none *is* like it;

And it *is* the time of Jacob’s trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

Luke 17:20-37 – The Coming of the Kingdom

Lk 17 ²⁰ Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

²² Then He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see *it*. ²³ And they will say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after *them* or follow *them*. ²⁴ For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. ²⁵ But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ **And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.**

³¹ “In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. ³² Remember Lot’s wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two *men* in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁵ Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. ³⁶ Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.” ³⁷ And they answered and said to Him, “Where, Lord?” So He said to them, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

Romans 8:18-25 – From Suffering to Glory

Ro 8 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself

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also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.** ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Revelation 22:12 – Jesus Testifies to the Churches

Rev 22 ¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

- Quickly = ταχύ tachy (takh-oo')
 - ταχύ does not mean "immediately" or necessarily "in a very short time", but rather "without any delay"
 - Root word is that same word that we get our word ‘tachometer’ from – Jesus will return when things are getting ‘revved up’.

Mt 24: 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pangs.

Lk 21:25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The frequency and intensity of these end-times signs are increasing rapidly.

Jesus told us that we are to watch for general indicators that will be a signal to Christians that we are, indeed, in the end times and that the rapture is near.

- Economic losses from natural disasters since 2000 are over \$2.5 trillion, a figure at least 50% higher than previous international estimates
- The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction warned in a 246-page report that economic losses from floods, earthquakes and drought will continue to escalate.
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon launched the report saying the review of disaster losses in 56 countries clearly demonstrates “economic losses from disasters are out of control”
- A new global risk model developed by the UN office demonstrates that average losses just from earthquake and cyclonic wind damage are expected to be about \$180 billion per year throughout this century – and this figure doesn’t include damage from floods, landslides, fires and storms.

End-time birthpains

Birth pains increase in frequency and intensity

Mt 24:8

Mark 13:8

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1Th 5:3

Rev 12:1-2

Is 26:17-18

Hos 13:13

Mic 5:3

Is 13:8

Ps 48:6

Jer 13:21

Jer 22:23

Jer 49:24

Jer 50:43

Is 21:3

Jn 16:21

Isaiah 42:14

Jeremiah 6:24

Isaiah 26:17-18

Jeremiah 4:31

Romans 8:22

Jeremiah 48:41

Jeremiah 49:22

Micah 4:9

Micah 4:10

Galatians 4:19

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 - Quickly - ταχως [ta'-khos]
 - Same word that we get tachometer from
 - Jesus is coming when things are getting ‘revved up’

Rev 3:20

- Is 26¹⁶ LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer *when* Your chastening *was* upon them.
¹⁷ As a woman with child Is in pain and cries out in her pangs,
When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD.
¹⁸ We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind;
We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

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¹⁹ Your dead shall live; *Together with my dead body they shall arise.*

Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you;

Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past.

²¹ For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

- Is 66 ⁷ “Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.
⁸ Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?
Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? *Or* shall a nation be born at once?
For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.
⁹ Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” says the LORD.
“Shall I who cause delivery shut up *the womb*?” says your God.
¹⁰ “Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her;
Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;
¹¹ That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom,
That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory.”
- Jer 4 ³¹ “For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, The anguish as of her who brings forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing herself;
She spreads her hands, *saying*, ‘Woe *is* me now, for my soul is weary Because of murderers!’
- Jer 49 ²⁰ Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Edom,
And His purposes that He has proposed against the inhabitants of Teman:
Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; Surely He shall make their dwelling places desolate with them.
²¹ The earth shakes at the noise of their fall; At the cry its noise is heard at the Red Sea.
²² Behold, He shall come up and fly like the eagle, And spread His wings over Bozrah;
The heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.
- Hos 13 ¹² “The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; His sin *is* stored up.
¹³ The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him.
He *is* an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born.
- Micah 3 ³ Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.
- Mt 24 ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.
- Jn 16 ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ²¹ A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.
- Ro 8 ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

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- 1Th 5 ³For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.
- Gal 4 ¹⁹My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.
- Rev 12 ¹Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ²Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.
- Deception
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Nation against nation (people group against people group)
- Kingdom against kingdom
- Famines
- Pestilence/Disease
- Earthquakes
- Christian persecution
- Lawlessness
- Love grows cold – betrayal, hatred
- Signs in sun, moon and stars
- Dismay among the nations of the earth
- Men fainting for fear and expectation for what is coming upon the world
- Powers of the heavens will be shaken
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The days of Noah and Lot

Luke 17:26-37 – The Coming of the Kingdom

Lk 17 ²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Matthew 24:36-39 – No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mt 24 ³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

2 Peter 2:4-11 – Doom of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and **did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;** ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked* ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹ **then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,** ¹⁰ and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, ¹¹ whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

How Much Longer, Lord?

<https://yesterdayprophecy.com/how-much-longer-lord/>

Because the world is given over to this grand deception and currently lies under a veil of blindness, it (the world) is unable to accept the reality that our day is almost identical to the conditions of Noah and Lot’s day. Think about it this way: if God and the Bible are true, (they are), then why else is it so hard for people to accept Creationism as our point of origin? Instead they believe in preposterous and completely unprovable theories like *Darwinian Evolution* or “the Big Bang.” The truth is that if the world acknowledged biblical creation, then they would also have to acknowledge Noah and Lot’s day.

Imagine for a moment, that we lived in a world where there was no spiritual blindness, and all the government and academic institutions actively sought to understand what the world was like before the Noahic flood. How much could we know? *A lot more than we do now!* Then we would come to understand that the conditions today (population, technology, intelligence, spirituality, etc.) are almost identical to what it was then.

Yet, the world we currently live in mocks and scoffs at the idea of biblical creation. They mock and scoff at the idea of a global flood. They mock and scoff at the idea of a place like Sodom and Gomorrah being destroyed for sexual perversity. The world is given over to an intentional, demonic spiritual blindness that refuses to accept the truth. Because of this, like righteous Lot, we too are *oppressed and tormented* by the unrighteousness that currently surrounds us.

2Pe 2:7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw

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and heard)— 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

Not only is this world today full of violence and sexual immorality, including homosexuality. These evils have now been turned into ENTERTAINMENT!! This world is now ENTERTAINED by the very things that God DESTROYED the old world and Sodom for in Noah's and Lot's day!

Days of Noah

What was it like in the days of Noah?

The biblical account of Noah begins in [Genesis 6](#). Approximately 1,600 years had passed since the creation of Adam and Eve ([Genesis 1:26–27](#)). As the earth's population exploded in number, it also exploded with evil. Long forgotten was the righteous sacrifice of Abel ([Genesis 4:4](#)) as “the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” ([Genesis 6:5](#)). Verses 11 and 12 say, “Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.” However, “Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord” (verse 8).

When Jesus described the events that will surround His second coming, He said, “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and [the flood](#) came and destroyed them all” ([Luke 17:26–27](#)). Jesus was pointing out that, although the people of Noah's day were totally depraved, they were not the least bit concerned about it. They were carrying on the events of their lives without a single thought of the judgment of God. Noah is described as a “[preacher of righteousness](#)” ([2 Peter 2:5](#)), meaning he had spent years warning his friends and neighbors what the Holy God was about to do. No one listened.

The depravity and ungodly lifestyles of the entire world at that time were enough to cause the Lord to “regret that He had made man” ([Genesis 6:6](#)). Many scholars believe that part of the need to destroy every human being except Noah and his family was the sin mentioned in [Genesis 6:1–4](#), when “the Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them.” As evil reproduced and overtook the world, the most merciful act God could perform was to [start over](#).

It is interesting that God allowed Noah nearly one hundred years to complete the building of the ark. Through all that time, God patiently waited ([1 Peter 3:20](#)). Scripture seems to imply that Noah preached to the people of that time about what was coming ([Hebrews 11:7](#)). They did not believe Noah and were content with their wickedness and idolatry. Their hearts were hard and their ears dull. No one repented, and no one cared to seek God.

Jesus said that the world will be much the same before He returns to set up His earthly kingdom ([Matthew 25:31–33](#)). He warned us to “be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” [Second Timothy 3:1–4](#) gives us a clear picture of the state of the world before Jesus comes and most likely also describes the world in the days of Noah. That verse says, “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.” It is becoming increasingly obvious that, to understand what the world was like in the days of Noah, we only need to watch the evening news.

DNA being tampered with – Nephilim

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0TfrJ1RRHE&t=14s>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16z7pZYofW8&t=1352s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfjawButmsQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVLtgL00dug>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxIa6IEGjLw&t=26s>

Genesis 6:1-4 – The Wickedness and Judgment of Man

Ge 6 ¹ Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that **the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.** ³ And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet **his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.**” ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

Jude 1:6 – Old and New Apostates

Jude 1 ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Isaiah 28:14-19 – Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem

Is 28 ¹⁴ Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, Who rule this people who *are* in Jerusalem, ¹⁵ **Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement.** When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.”

¹⁶ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

¹⁷ Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet;

The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place.

¹⁸ **Your covenant with death will be annulled, And your agreement with Sheol will not stand;**

When the overflowing scourge passes through, Then you will be trampled down by it.

¹⁹ **As often as it goes out it will take you; For morning by morning it will pass over,**

And by day and by night; It will be a terror just to understand the report.”

Earth was corrupt and filled with violence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vSxMwdMD5Q>

Genesis 6:5-8 – The Wickedness and Judgment of Man

Ge 6 ⁵ Then the LORD saw that the **wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, “**I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.**” ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ... ¹¹ **The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.** ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for **all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.**

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World-Wide Flooding

Genesis 6:17 – The Ark Prepared

Ge 6 ¹⁷ And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

Genesis 7:17-24 – The Great Flood

Ge 7 ¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, **on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.** ¹² And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. . . . ¹⁷ Now **the flood was on the earth forty days.** The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. ¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The **waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.** ²¹ **And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.** ²² **All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.** ²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained *alive*. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Psalms 104:3-9 – Praise to the Sovereign Lord for His Creation and Providence

Ps 104 ³ He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,
Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,
⁴ Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.
⁵ *You who* laid the foundations of the earth, So *that* it should not be moved forever,
⁶ **You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.**
⁷ **At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.**
⁸ **They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them.**
⁹ **You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth.**

Days of Lot

Homosexuality

Genesis 19:1-5 – Sodom's Depravity

Ge 19 ¹ Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. ² And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." ³ But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ⁴ **Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.** ⁵ And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*."

Jude 1:7 – Old and New Apostates

Jude 1 ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, **having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

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Wickedness

Genesis 13:12-13 – Abram Inherits Canaan

Ge 13 ¹² Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tent even as far as Sodom. ¹³ **But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.**

Ezekiel 16:48-50 – More Wicked than Samaria and Sodom

Ez 16 ⁴⁸ “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done. ⁴⁹ Look, **this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.** ⁵⁰ **And they were naughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.**

Jeremiah 23:14 – False Prophets and Empty Oracles

Jer 23 ¹⁴ Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; **They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.**

Genesis 18:16-21 – Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

Ge 18 ¹⁶ Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. ¹⁷ And the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, ¹⁸ since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.” ²⁰ And the LORD said, **“Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,** ²¹ I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

Isaiah 3:9-12 – Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

Is 3 ⁹ The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And **they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves.**

¹⁰ “Say to the righteous that *it shall be well with them*, For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

¹¹ Woe to the wicked! *It shall be ill with him*, For the reward of his hands shall be given him.

¹² *As for My people, children are their oppressors, And women rule over them.*

O My people! Those who lead you cause *you* to err, And destroy the way of your paths.”

Genesis 19:12-13 – Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

Ge 19 ¹² Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take *them* out of this place! ¹³ **For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.**”

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God will Save the Righteous

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- The word translated **temptations** is the same word translated **tribulation**
- Noah is a picture of the Jewish remnant that will indeed go through the tribulation. They will be refined with fire and at last come to Jesus as a result. Enoch is the picture of the church, raptured before the flood.
- See Promises to [Believers: Pre-Tribulation Rapture: Biblical Typology](#)

Psalms 37:39-40 – The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

Ps 37 ³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.
⁴⁰ **And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.**

Jude 1:5-7 – Old and New Apostates

Jude 1 ⁵ But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having **saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.** ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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Deception – Satan

In reality, the only weapon Satan has at his disposal is deception. The world, the universe, are all constructs that God created. For Satan to convince people to reject their Creator, he has to construct false narratives about who we are, where we came from, and where we are going after we die. If you think about it, the devil has to work far harder to keep the truth from bleeding through; then we do exposing it. However, this does not seem very easy at present.

Signs of the Times and the End of the Age – Deception

The number one thing that Jesus mentions – and re-emphasizes – is deception.

Luke 21:7-8 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Lk 21 ⁷ So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And He said: “**Take heed that you not be deceived.**

Matthew 24:3-5,11 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “**Take heed that no one deceives you.** ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ...¹¹ Then **many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

Mark 13:3-6 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mk 13 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?” ⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “**Take heed that no one deceives you.** ⁶ **For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.**

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Who is Satan?

What does the world say about Satan?

Satan has taken many forms through the ages

3rd century AD - Pagan demons

For the first several hundred years of Christianity, there was little need to depict the devil in religious art. Christians believed rival pagan gods like the Egyptian Bes and the Greek Pan were, in fact, demons, responsible for wars, disease and other human and natural disasters. Hundreds of years later, when the devil arrived in Western artwork, some depictions feature these gods' physical attributes – such as Bes's facial hair and Pan's goat legs.

Medieval devil (1260)

In the middle ages, a more recognizable portrait of the devil emerged. It was a time of immense hardship, made worse by the outbreak of the black death, which killed millions across Europe. With the church seemingly unable to protect its followers from the disease, depictions of Satan focused on the gruesome horrors of hell, reflecting the mood of the time and reminding believers to refrain from sin. In this mural in Florence, he oversees the grotesque torture of sinners.



Florence Baptistery mural, created c.1260, by Coppo di Marcovaldo

Devilish propaganda (1535)

There is a long tradition of associating the devil with the enemies of Christianity inside and outside the church. When the church split during the Reformation, both Catholics and Protestants accused each other of being influenced by the devil. Propaganda used playful and grotesque imagery to show this corruption at work. This leaflet shows the devil playing the head of a monk, implying that the Catholic Church was an instrument of Satan.



Spells and seduction (1500 – 1600)

In the early modern period, people were put on trial accused of making pacts with the devil and practising witchcraft. Satan was often depicted as a seducer, with women considered particularly vulnerable to his villainy. Images depict women in sexual cahoots with the devil, tapping into a tradition which decried women as the weaker sex, more likely to sin as they were governed by their carnal desires. If Satan could corrupt women's bodies, he threatened a community's safety, sanctity and even fertility.



A woodcut showing a woman riding alongside the devil on horseback

An enlightened devil (1600-1800)

Enlightenment writers and thinkers reinterpreted the devil's story to fit the political preoccupations of their age. John Milton drew a psychologically complex portrait of Lucifer in his poem, *Paradise Lost*, which tells the story of Satan's fall from grace. While earlier religious texts examined Satan's motivations to condemn him, Milton's Satan is an attractive and sympathetic figure, embodying the rebellious sentiments of 17th-century Republicanism. For some Enlightenment and Romantic artists, he was a noble rebel locked in a fight against God's tyrannical authority.



William Blake's depiction of Lucifer in *Paradise Lost*, rallying his rebel angels, 1808

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Political animal (1900-2000)

With science to explain death, disease and natural disasters, the devil came under threat. How would Satan fit into a secular world? An urbane and sophisticated devil took center stage. Following a long tradition of identifying him with political and religious enemies, the devil was used to illustrate political opposition in caricature and satire. But the devil also became a byword for sinful indulgence in a commercial world – used to sell cars, confectionery and other luxury items.



Cartoon depicting Cambodian dictator Pol Pot (The Sun, 17 Apr 1998)

Now (2000-now)

Most American Christians Do Not Believe that Satan or the Holy Spirit Exist

<https://www.barna.com/research/most-american-christians-do-not-believe-that-satan-or-the-holy-spirit-exist/>

The Devil? Seriously? How can people believe the manifestly absurd?

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-secular-life/201509/the-devil-seriously>

Tempers Flare at Debate on the Devil

<https://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/story?id=7170007&page=1>

In Western culture now, say the word “Satan” or “devil” and a popular image will immediately come to mind. It features a demonic being with a pointy tail, horns, and cloven hooves, wearing red tights and carrying a pitchfork.



Match.com commercial (2020)

Surprisingly, the imagery is derived from both ancient Greek mythology and the Book of Revelation.

Horns

Revelation 13:11 “Then I saw another beast which rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon”

Cloven hooves

One of the largest influences of the modern depiction of Satan is the Greek god Pan. He was known as a god of the wilderness and many stories associate him with lust. Christians saw all pagan deities as incarnations of the devil, but Pan’s sinful activities and grotesque, goat-footed appearance made him a perfect symbol.

Pointy tail

Revelation 12:3-4 “a great red dragon ... His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth”

Pitchfork

Also known as a bident, the pitchfork-like staff was used by the Greek god of the underworld, Hades, and represented his sovereignty over the dead. Since Satan is viewed as the “lord” of Hell, he is frequently depicted with a bident.

Red tights

The wearing of red tights is more of a recent invention, highly influenced by Disney’s animation of “devils.” At the same time, it is also derived from the fact that in medieval morality plays the figure of Satan was played by an actor wearing a red outfit.

Christian author C.S. Lewis criticized the comic looking devil, writing in his [Screwtape Letters](#) (from the viewpoint of a demon), “The fact that ‘devils’ are predominately comic figures in the modern imagination will help you. If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade

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him that since he cannot believe in that (it is an old textbook method of confusing them) he therefore cannot believe in you.” Lewis suggests that a comedic devil has contributed to the belief that the demonic does not exist.

Remember: The devil's goal isn't just to do bad things occasionally. His goal is to block God's plans in every way he possibly can. Don't be deceived; the devil hates us, and all his promises are lies. One of Satan's cleverest schemes is to deceive us into thinking he doesn't exist. But he does, and the evidence is all around us. Yes, Satan is real, and he is our enemy. But he also is a defeated foe. By his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ conquered sin and death and hell and Satan, and someday his victory will be complete. - Dr. Graham

Satan is real and his cleverest scheme is to deceive us into thinking he doesn't exist

<https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/politics/article/Satan-is-real-and-his-cleverest-scheme-is-to-4689680.php>

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What does the Bible Say about Satan?

Isaiah 14:12-21 – The Fall of Lucifer

Is 14 ¹²“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

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¹⁹ But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, *Like* the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot.

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Genesis 3:1-13 – The Temptation and Fall of Man

Ge 3 ¹ Now **the serpent [nawchash] was more cunning** than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

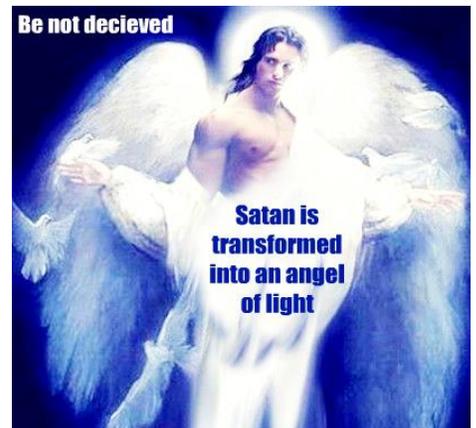
⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

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¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?”

The woman said, “**The serpent deceived me**, and I ate.”

The word *nawchash* literally means a shining one. The personality that approached the mother of us all in the garden was not a snake, evidently inferior to herself, but a shining one, apparently superior. When Paul referred to the matter, he said among other things, “The serpent beguiled Eve,” and later in the same connection he said “Even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light.” Personally I am convinced that it was this guise that he appeared to Eve. --George Campbell Morgan



2 Corinthians 11:13-15 – Paul and False Apostles

2Co 11 ¹³ For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

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2 Corinthians 11:3-4 – Concern for Their Faithfulness

2Co 11 ³ But I fear, lest somehow, as **the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Ezekiel 28:11 – Lamentation for the King of Tyre

Ez 28 ¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹² “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:

“**You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**

¹³ **You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering:**

The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold.
The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

¹⁴ “**You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you;**

You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

¹⁵ **You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.**

¹⁶ “**By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned;**

Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God;

And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.

¹⁷ “**Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;**

You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;

I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

¹⁸ “**You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading;**

Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you,

And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.

¹⁹ All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you;

You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.” ’ ’

Job 1:6-7 – Satan Attacks Job’s Character

Job 1 ⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So **Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”**

Zechariah 3:1-2 – Vision of the High Priest

Zec 3 ¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, **and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.** ² **And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?”**

Ephesians 2:1-3 – By Grace Through Faith

Ep 2 ¹ And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,** ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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1 Peter 5:8-10 - Submit to God, Resist the Devil

1Pe 5 ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

James 4:7-8 – Humility Cures Worldliness

Jam 4 ⁷ Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

John 10:7-10 – Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jn 10 ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ **All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers**, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.** I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

John 8:42-47 – Abraham’s Seed and Satan’s

Jn 8 ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

Matthew 13:18-23 – The Parable of the Sower Explained

Mt 13 ¹⁸ “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is he who received seed by the wayside. ²⁰ But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²² Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³ But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 – Forgive the Offender

2Co 2 ¹⁰ Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ **lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

2 Timothy 2:24-26 – Approved and Disapproved Workers

2Ti 2 ²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ **and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.**

1 John 3:4-9 – Sin and the Child of God

1Jn 3 ⁴ Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸ **He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God**

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was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

Hebrews 2:14-15 – Bringing Many Sons to Glory

Heb 2 ¹⁴Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy **him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,** ¹⁵**and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

Ephesians 4:25-32 – Do Not Grieve the Spirit

Ep 4 ²⁵Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. ²⁶“Be angry, and do not sin”: **do not let the sun go down on your wrath,** ²⁷**nor give place to the devil.** ²⁸Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 – Longing to See Them

1Th 2 ¹⁷But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. ¹⁸Therefore **we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.**

1 Corinthians 7:4-5 – Principles of Marriage

1Co 7 ⁴The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. ⁵Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again **so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.**

Luke 10:17-20 – The Seventy Return with Joy

Lk 10 ¹⁷Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸And He said to them, “**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.** ¹⁹**Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.** ²⁰Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Romans 16:17-20 – Avoid Divisive Persons

Ro 16 ¹⁷Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰**And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.**

Revelation 12:7-12 – Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

Rev 12 ⁷And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,** ⁸**but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.** ⁹**So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for **the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.** ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell

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in them! **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.**"

Satan is the ruler of this world and he rules by deception

In reality, the only weapon the devil has at his disposal is deception. The world, the universe, are all constructs that God created. For Satan to convince people to reject their Creator, he has to construct false narratives about who we are, where we came from, and where we are going after we die. If you think about it, the devil has to work far harder to keep the truth from bleeding through; then we do exposing it. However, this does not seem very easy at present.

The Bible is clear that once Adam and Eve fell, man surrendered the title deed of the earth over to the fallen angel Lucifer (albeit temporarily). This is how Lucifer (titled *Satan the Accuser*) could legitimately offer Christ all the kingdoms of the world: Luke 4:1-13. **Jesus did not dispute this point when being offered the world.** Instead, He rebuked Satan using Scripture.

John calls Satan the Antichrist but also acknowledges that 'many' antichrists have and will come as well. This is acknowledging, not only confirms, the physical manifestation of the coming Antichrist but also the power behind him (Satan), who leads the fallen armies of angelic principalities and powers in this world.

1 John 2 ¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ...²² **Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.** ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Jesus acknowledges at present, that Satan is the '*ruler of this world.*' Paul calls him the '*god of this age,*' who deceives and blinds the whole world. Peter calls him the "*roaring lion*" who walks about seeking whom he can destroy.

Luke 4:1-13 – Satan Tempts Jesus

Lk 4 ¹ Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "

⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, ⁹ "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' ¹¹ and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' "

¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – The Light of Christ's Gospel

2Co 4 ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ **whose minds the god of this age [Satan] has blinded, who do not believe,** lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ¹ Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

John 14:29-31 – The Gift of His Peace

Jn 14 ²⁹ “And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for **the ruler of this world is coming**, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

John 12:31 – Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross

Jn 12 ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; **now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**

1 John 5:18-19 – Knowing the True—Rejecting the False

1Jn 5 ¹⁸ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**

James 4:1-4 – Pride Promotes Strife

Jam 4 ¹ Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members? ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

Romans 12:1-2 – Living Sacrifices to God

Ro 12 ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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Galatians 4:8-11 – Fears for the Church

Gal 4 ⁸ But then, indeed, **when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.** ⁹ But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to

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which you desire again to be in bondage? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years. ¹¹ I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

John 17:13-16 – Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Jn 17 ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should **keep them from the evil one.** ¹⁶ **They are not of the world,** just as I am not of the world.

Ephesians 6:10-13 – The Whole Armor of God

Ep 6 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** ¹² **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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Revelation 13:1-10 – The Beast from the Sea

Rev 13 ¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. **The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.** ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.

And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ **So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast;**

and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who

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dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ **All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.** ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

John 16:8-11 – The Work of the Holy Spirit

In 16 ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because **the ruler of this world is judged.**

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Deception – What Does the Bible Say?

Beware of the Deception

Question: "Why does God allow deception?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/God-allow-deception.html>

Answer: God's desire is that all people repent and be saved (2 Peter 3:9). At the same time, Satan, the "father of lies" (John 8:44), deceives the very people who need to accept the truth. "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Surely, God could stop Satan's lies and give people a fighting chance.

The Bible presents a consistent picture of how sin and deception are related. What's revealed is that the way we tend to think of deceit is, well, a bit deceived. Spiritually speaking, deception is deeper than merely being tricked or lied to. In order to be saved, one does not need any particular level of intelligence, philosophical ability, or wisdom (Galatians 3:28; 1 Corinthians 1:20, 26). In fact, mankind has an unfortunate habit of using increased knowledge to develop more sophisticated ways to sin.

Key to understanding spiritual deception is the fact that we often choose what we *want* to believe rather than what we *should* believe, even in the face of the evidence (Luke 16:31). "Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him" (John 12:37). Notice that they *would not* believe Jesus, despite the miracles. Their unbelief was willful.

Eve's fall into sin is the earliest example of how spiritual deception works. When the serpent asks her, "Did God really say . . . ?" Eve responds by quoting what God had said, although she added to the command (Genesis 3:1–3). She knows what to do and what not to do. The serpent then tempts her with what she can gain by eating from the tree (Genesis 3:4–5), and she notices other attractive aspects of the fruit (Genesis 3:6). Eve was lied to, and the serpent was cunning (2 Corinthians 11:3), but she ultimately chose to disobey God, even though she knew the commandment.

When confronted with her sin, Eve said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate" (Genesis 3:13). The original Hebrew word for "deceived" implies trickery and craftiness. Eve was tricked, but she also had a choice in the matter. She exercised her God-given free will to make a wrong choice, seeking pleasure and personal promotion over what God had willed for her.

The same dynamic is at work today. Satan appeals to our natural desires and urges us to fulfill them in ways that dishonor God. Our desire for self-satisfaction makes Satan's deception all the more potent.

God has sent the Savior (John 3:16), He fills the world with signs of Himself (Romans 1:20), He makes Himself available to those who seek Him (Deuteronomy 4:29), and He secures anyone who comes to Him (John 6:37). When people reject what is "clearly seen" of God (Romans 1:20), it leads to a downward spiral of "foolish hearts" made dark (verse 21), idolatry (verse 23), and sexual impurity (verse 24). Finally, mankind "exchanged the truth of God for a lie" (verse 25). In other words, the spiritual deception of mankind is the direct result of rejecting readily apparent truth. The unbeliever has made an exchange—the truth for a lie—and the devil is happy to facilitate the swap by presenting the sinner with a wide array of lies from which to choose.

Anyone who resists God risks falling into spiritual deception (2 Thessalonians 2:8–10). Nature abhors a vacuum, and the void created by the eviction of truth will soon be filled by something less than true. Give up the truth, and you'll believe just about anything.

Eve didn't sin because she was hopelessly outmatched by a demonic force, making her do wrong when she thought she was doing right. Yes, she was lied to, but she chose to listen to the lie. That was followed by her longing look at what was forbidden and, finally, her taking the fruit in hopes of a better life.

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All human sin is based in human choice ([1 Corinthians 10:13](#)). When we reject the truth, we make ourselves vulnerable to the lie. Repeated rejection of spiritual truth brings spiritual deception as a divine consequence.

God often allows spiritual deception as a form of punishment for willful sin, and in order to cultivate an awareness in our lives of how badly we need the One who is Himself Truth, our Lord Jesus Christ ([John 14:6](#)).

What we are witnessing now in these final moments, is the hardening and quickening of this deception. It is being cemented into the minds of the unbelievers that anything and everything but the truth, is believable.

[Matthew 24:3-25 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age](#)

Mt 24 ³ And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “**Take heed that no one deceives you.** ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and **will deceive many.** ... ¹¹ Then **many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** ... ²⁴ For **false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand.

[2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 – The Great Apostasy](#)

2Th 2 ³ **Let no one deceive you by any means;** for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,** ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

[2 Corinthians 4:2-4 – The Light of Christ’s Gospel](#)

2Co 4 ² But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. ³ But even **if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,** ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

[2 Timothy 3:12-13 – The Man of God and the Word of God](#)

2Ti 3 ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ **But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.**

[Ephesians 4:14-15 – Walk in Unity](#)

Ep 4 ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love,

[Ephesians 5:1-7 – Walk in Love](#)

Ep 5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person,

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nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶**Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.** ⁷**Therefore do not be partakers with them.**

1 John 2:24-29 – Let Truth Abide in You

1Jn 2 ²⁴Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. ²⁶**These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.** ²⁷But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. ²⁸And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1 John 2:15-16 – Do Not Love the World

1Jn 2 ¹⁵**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** ¹⁶**For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.** ¹⁷**And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;** but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Matthew 13:18-23 – The Parable of the Sower Explained

Mt 13 ¹⁸“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. ²⁰But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²²**Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.** ²³But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Romans 12:2 – Living Sacrifices to God

Ro 12 ²And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Psalms 32:1-2 – The Joy of Forgiveness

Ps 32 ¹Blessed *is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.*

²**Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Ephesians 2:1-3 – By Grace Through Faith

Ep 2 ¹And **you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,** ²**in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,** ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

1 John 1:5-10 – Fellowship with Him and One Another

1Jn 1 ⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶**If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.** ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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Ephesians 6:10-13 – The Whole Armor of God

Ep 6 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** ¹² **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places.** ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Colossians 2:8 – Not Philosophy but Christ

Col 2 ⁸ **Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.**

Romans 16:17-20 – Avoid Divisive Persons

Ro 16 ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, **note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.** ¹⁸ **For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.** ¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

Galatians 6:1-5 – Bear and Share Burdens

Gal 6 ¹ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ **For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.** ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.

James 1:21-22 – Doers—Not Hearers Only

Jam 1 ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

Psalms 24:3-5 – The King of Glory and His Kingdom

Ps 24 ³ **Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?**

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, **Nor sworn deceitfully.**

⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Jeremiah 5:26-31 – The Justice of God's Judgment

Jer 5 ²⁶ 'For among My people are found wicked *men*;

They lie in wait as one who sets snares; They set a trap; They catch men.

²⁷ As a cage is full of birds, **So their houses are full of deceit. Therefore they have become great and grown rich.**

²⁸ They have grown fat, they are sleek; **Yes, they surpass the deeds of the wicked;**

They do not plead the cause, The cause of the fatherless; Yet they prosper, And the right of the needy they do not defend.

²⁹ Shall I not punish *them* for these *things*?' says the LORD. 'Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?'

³⁰ 'An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land:

³¹ The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their *own* power; And My people love *to have it so*.

But what will you do in the end?

1 John 3:4-10 – Sin and the Child of God

1Jn 3 ⁴ Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ⁷ **Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.** ⁸ **He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ **In this the children of God and the children of**

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the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

John 8:42-47 – Abraham’s Seed and Satan’s

Jn 8 ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ **Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.** ⁴⁴ **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

1 John 2:18-19 – Deceptions of the Last Hour

1Jn 2 ¹⁸ Little children, **it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.** ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

2 John 1:7-11 – Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

2Jn 1 ⁷ **For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.** ⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward. ⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ **If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;** ¹¹ **for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.**

Revelation 12:7-12 – Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

Rev 12 ⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ **So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.**”

Revelation 20:1-3 – Satan Bound 1,000 Years

Rev 20 ¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² **He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;** ³ **and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.** But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Defining evil

Question: "What does the Bible say about good versus evil?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/good-versus-evil.html>

Answer: Among the most universal beliefs across all humanity is the concept of “good versus evil.” Every culture in every era has held to some version of this struggle. The definitions of the terms *good* and *evil* vary wildly, as do opinions on how they interact. Still, belief in some difference between that which is “good” and that which is “evil” pervades all of mankind. When all options and ideas are compared, only the Bible provides a perspective on good and evil that is fully coherent and fully livable ([Psalm 25:6–15](#)).

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According to the Bible, “good versus evil” is not a matter of opinion. Nor is it an evenly matched struggle between two beings or forces. Scripture does not indicate that the boundaries of good and evil change. Nor does it claim the conflict between them will last forever. Of special importance is that the Bible does not suggest some people are good, while other people are evil.

Rather, the Bible teaches that good and evil are defined in reference to a perfect and unchanging God. Every person must grapple individually with the presence and temptations of evil. Scripture notes that all evil, without exception, will ultimately be punished and defeated. And it tells us there is an ultimate standard of goodness to which we should aspire—a standard grounded in a person, rather than a theory.

Good and Evil Are Objectively Distinct

According to the Bible, there is a real difference between good and evil. Some worldviews claim all moral distinctions are based purely on preference. Atheism, for instance, allows no objective basis for defining anything as “good” or “evil.” In a godless universe, there are only things a person prefers and things a person does not prefer. This is a key reason why philosophies embracing atheism always tend toward violence and tyranny: there is no sense of higher authority and no reason to moderate the whims of those in power.

The idea that defining good and evil depends on preferences or situations is commonly called [moral relativism](#). Scripture rejects this idea as false. The Bible defines some things as “good” and other things as “evil” ([Isaiah 5:20](#); [Romans 12:9](#)). This dichotomy is reflected in the consistent use of themes such as light versus darkness ([Isaiah 9:2](#); [Matthew 4:16](#); [John 1:5](#); [Ephesians 5:8](#)). The ultimate fate of all people depends on whether they are aligned with a good God or opposed to Him ([1 Corinthians 6:9–11](#); [Revelation 21:8](#)).

Discerning between good and evil is possible only in reference to a single, unchanging standard: the perfect nature of God. God is not subject to morality, since He is the source and benchmark for it. Nor is morality subject to change, since God’s perfect nature is eternal and unchanging. Counters such as [Euthyphro’s dilemma](#) fail, since they do not distinguish between an eternal, unchanging God and the fickle deities of ancient Greek religion.

Good and Evil Are Not Balanced

A frequent component of fiction and fantasy is the idea that good and evil are equally balanced, evenly matched forces. According to this view, neither is ultimately in control. Either may eventually win. This is the concept of [dualism](#), which suggests a perpetual balance between the forces of good and evil. In some cases, dualism implies that opposing beings, such as God and Satan, are deadlocked in a struggle for control and power.

Some worldviews teach that all good and evil will eventually be balanced. This is related to Eastern ideas such as karma, which implies that good and evil are inherently imbalanced but will one day be evened out.

Scripture rejects dualism as false. The Bible indicates that God is absolutely supreme and in no danger whatsoever of being defeated ([Job 42:2](#); [Psalm 89:8](#); [Galatians 6:7](#)). What Satan does, he is “allowed” to do, but he cannot act to overpower God ([Job 1:12](#); [Revelation 9:1](#); [20:7](#)). Biblically, evil is destined only for defeat and destruction. Not one single act of evil will escape judgment; every sin will either be [paid for by Christ](#) on the cross ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)) or by those who reject Christ ([John 3:36](#)) as they experience an eternity in hell ([Revelation 20:11–15](#)).

Good and Evil Are Not External

Evidence that humanity holds to a basic concept of good versus evil is obvious ([Romans 1:18–20](#)). This explains why moral reasoning—separating “what is” from “what ought to be”—is a universal facet of humanity. Of course, that does not mean all people hold the same views on good and evil. We are not examining morality from the outside, as neutral observers; all moral discussions by definition involve the person(s) who discuss them, as well.

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A unique aspect of the Bible's teaching on good and evil is that all people, without exception, are subject to sin and evil ([Romans 3:10; 3:23](#)). The biblical concept of a [sin nature](#) means that the line between good and evil cannot be drawn between people. Rather, it is drawn *within* every person. This fact of human nature is critical to understand ([Matthew 15:19–20](#)). As Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn famously said, "If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?"

In simpler language, C.S. Lewis noted, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you" (see [Matthew 6:14–15](#)).

One truth found in the gospel is that all people, without exception, are sinners in need of a Savior. Biblical Christianity does not see good versus evil as a battle to be fought on earth ([John 18:36](#)), an issue to resolve by revenge or retribution ([Romans 12:20–21](#)), or a philosophical position to be considered. The Bible says every person is created for a good purpose ([Genesis 1:27; Galatians 3:28](#)) but suffers from an evil heart ([Romans 7:15–25](#)), which can only be remedied by faith in Jesus Christ ([John 14:6](#)). Redemption is available to anyone ([Matthew 7:7–8; Revelation 22:15](#)), regardless of his past or the depth of his sin ([1 Corinthians 6:9–11](#)).

Good versus Evil Requires "Right Judgment"

Another key aspect of the Bible's teaching on "good versus evil" is that no person is infallible, even on spiritual matters. Those who are guided by the Holy Spirit are better equipped to judge spiritual matters ([1 Corinthians 2:14](#)), and they ought to do so. Scripture is clear that all people are subject to sin, and it is just as clear that all people are subject to correction ([Hebrews 12:5–11](#)), learning ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)), and limitations ([1 Samuel 16:7](#)).

In [Matthew 7](#) Jesus gives an extensive explanation of how to properly discern between good and evil: to "judge" in the correct way; that is, to use "right judgment" ([John 7:24](#)). The Bible commends examination ([Acts 17:11](#)), commands putting things to the test ([1 John 4:1](#)), and promotes accountability ([1 Peter 3:15](#)) and a commitment to truth ([Galatians 1:8–9](#)).

Scripture does not imply that "good versus evil" is a simplistic, binary concept. Since only God is ultimately perfect, the Bible allows for a "good versus better" spectrum. God called His initial creation "good" ([Genesis 1:24](#)), then after more creating called it "very good" ([Genesis 1:28](#)). Some of the good things God has given us have more than one use, and not all uses are automatically good or evil ([1 Timothy 4:4](#)). The biblical understanding of good versus evil does not imply that all things are either perfectly holy or wholly satanic. Rather, there can be good and bad aspects of many of the freedoms God gives us ([1 Corinthians 6:12](#)). Likewise, while all sin leads to separation from God, Scripture does speak of some sins as being [more heinous](#) than others.

The Bible acknowledges that not every moment in human experience will come with a clear, black-and-white moral answer. Scripture focuses only on the most important points we need to know, not every imaginable scenario ([John 21:25](#)). This means even the most sincere, Bible-believing, [born-again](#) Christians might disagree on an ethical question ([1 Corinthians 10:23–33](#)). The Bible's answer—when the issue is not covered overtly in God's Word ([1 Corinthians 5:6](#))—is for tolerance and patience ([Titus 3:9](#)). We're given a conscience for a reason ([Romans 14:23](#)).

Truth is [objective](#); for any given opinion or interpretation, someone is right, and someone is wrong. But human beings lack the moral perfection of God; this is reflected in the Bible's teaching on good versus evil and our role in applying good judgment.

Scripture encourages believers not to apply terms like *good*, *evil*, *sin*, and so forth to issues where there is room for doubt ([Romans 14:1–12](#)). Contrary to what some think, the Bible admits that human beings might not always be correct in our moral judgments. We are not to avoid all judgment ([John 7:24](#)), but the Bible teaches us to carefully consider when and

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how we judge ([Ephesians 5:10](#)).

Good versus Evil Demands a Response

The Bible's teaching on good versus evil leads to a challenging conclusion: that every person is obligated to make a fundamental choice between the two. That choice is entirely determined by our response to God, who is both the definition of good and our Creator. Moment by moment, that means either following His will or rebelling and choosing to sin ([1 Corinthians 10:13](#)). Eternally, this means we either choose to accept Him and His salvation ([John 3:16](#); [14:6](#)) or align ourselves against Him ([John 3:36](#)). While we may be imperfect and fallible, we cannot be neutral in our approach to good versus evil. Our hearts are either seeking the goodness of God ([Matthew 7:7-8](#); [Romans 2:4](#)) or the selfishness of evil ([1 Peter 3:10-12](#)).

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice

What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy

³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ **Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them.**

laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking

Lev 19 ¹¹ **You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.**

¹³ **You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him.** The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. ¹⁴ **You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD.**

¹⁵ **You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.**

¹⁷ **You shall not hate your brother in your heart.** You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. ¹⁸ **You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.**

evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. ²⁰ These are the things which defile a man,

They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

³ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, *And* the tongue that speaks proud things,

⁴ Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?"

⁵ "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,

Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

⁶ The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

⁷ You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

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⁸The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

- Abominable
- Adulterers
- Backbiters
- Boasters
- Contentions
- Covetousness
- Cowardly
- Deception
- Disobedient to parents
- Dissensions
- Drunkards
- Drunkenness
- Envy
- Evil-mindedness
- Extortioners
- Fornicators
- Gossipers
- Haters of God
- Haters
- Heresies
- Homosexuals
- Hypocrites
- Idolaters
- Inventors of evil things
- Jealousies
- Lewdness
- Liars
- Luke-warm Christians
- Lust
- Maliciousness
- Murderers
- Outbursts of wrath
- Passion
- Pride
- Revilers
- Selfish ambitions
- Sexually immoral
- Sodomites
- Sorcerers
- Drug users
- Strife
- Thieves
- Those that cause division in the church
- Unbelieving

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- Uncleaness
- Undiscerning
- Unforgiving
- Unloving
- Unmerciful
- Unrighteousness
- Untrustworthy
- Violent
- Wickedness

Leviticus 19:11-18 – Moral and Ceremonial Laws

Lev 19 ¹¹ ‘You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD.

¹³ ‘You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob *him*. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I *am* the LORD.

¹⁵ ‘You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I *am* the LORD.

¹⁷ ‘You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

Psalms 12 – Man’s Treachery and God’s Constancy

Psalms 12 ¹ Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

² They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

³ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things,

⁴ Who have said, “With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?”

⁵ “For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,

Now I will arise,” says the LORD; “I will set *him* in the safety for which he yearns.”

⁶ The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

⁷ You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

⁸ The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

Psalms 52 – The End of the Wicked and the Peace of the Godly

Psalms 52 ¹ Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

² Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

³ You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness. *Selah*

⁴ You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.

⁵ God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

⁶ The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,

⁷ “Here is the man who did not make God his strength,

But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

⁸ But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

⁹ I will praise You forever, Because You have done *it*; And in the presence of Your saints

I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good.

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Proverbs 6:16-19 – The Wicked Man

Pro 6 ¹⁶ **These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:**
¹⁷ **A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,**
¹⁸ **A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,**
¹⁹ **A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.**

Proverbs 11:1-12 – The Folly of Wickedness

Pro 11 ¹ **Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.**
² **When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.**
³ **The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.**
⁴ **Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.**
⁵ **The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.**
⁶ **The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.**
⁷ **When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes.**
⁸ **The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.**
⁹ **The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.**
¹⁰ **When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.**
¹¹ **By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.**
¹² **He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.**

Proverbs 12:22 – The House of the Righteous Shall Stand

Pro 12 ²² **Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.**

Proverbs 24:28-29 – Further Sayings of the Wise

Pro 24 ²⁸ **Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, For would you deceive with your lips?**
²⁹ **Do not say, “I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.”**

Isaiah 5:20-25 – Impending Judgment on Excesses

Is 5 ²⁰ **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

²¹ **Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!**
²² **Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink,**
²³ **Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!**

²⁴ **Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff,
So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust;
Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**
²⁵ **Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused against His people; He has stretched out His hand against them
And stricken them, And the hills trembled. Their carcasses were as refuse in the midst of the streets.**

Isaiah 29:15-16 – The Blindness of Disobedience

Is 29 ¹⁵ **Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD,
And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”**
¹⁶ **Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;
For shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me”?
Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?**

Isaiah 47:8-15 – The Humiliation of Babylon

Is 47 ⁸ **“Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, Who dwell securely,
Who say in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me;**



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I shall not sit *as* a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of children’;

⁹ But these two *things* shall come to you In a moment, in one day: The loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness Because of the multitude of your sorceries, For the great abundance of your enchantments.

¹⁰ “For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, ‘No one sees me’; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you;

And you have said in your heart, ‘I *am*, and *there is* no one else besides me.’

¹¹ Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises.

And **trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off.**

And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, Which you shall not know.

¹² “**Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries,**

In which you have labored from your youth— Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.

¹³ **You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers,**

And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.

¹⁴ **Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them;**

They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame;

***It shall not be* a coal to be warmed by, *Nor* a fire to sit before!**

¹⁵ Thus shall they be to you With whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth;

They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.

Ezekiel 18:4-9 – A False Proverb Refuted

Ez 18 ⁴ “Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine;

The soul who sins shall die.

⁵ But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right;

⁶ If he has **not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols** of the house of Israel,

Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife, Nor approached a woman during her impurity;

⁷ If he has **not oppressed anyone**, *But* has restored to the debtor his pledge;

Has **robbed no one by violence**, *But* has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing;

⁸ If he has **not exacted usury Nor taken any increase**,

But has withdrawn his hand from iniquity *And* executed true judgment between man and man;

⁹ *If* he has walked in My statutes And kept My judgments faithfully—*He is just; He shall surely live!*” Says the Lord GOD.

Matthew 5:21-22 – Murder Begins in the Heart

Mt 5 ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and **whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.**’ ²² But I say to you that **whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.** And **whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.**

Matthew 5:27-30 – Adultery in the Heart

Mt 5 ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** ²⁹ **If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.** ³⁰ **And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.**

Matthew 15:18-20 – Defilement Comes from Within

Mt 15 ¹⁸ But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹ **For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.** ²⁰ **These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”**

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Matthew 18:21-35 – The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Mt 18 ²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, **how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?** Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ... ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ **Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”**

Matthew 23:15 – Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

Mt 23 ¹⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Matthew 24:48-51 – The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

Mt 24 ⁴⁸ But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ **the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Mark 7:20-23 – Defilement Comes from Within

Mk 7 ²⁰ And He said, “**What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man.**”

Mark 10:17-19 – Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

Mk 10 ¹⁷ Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘**Do not commit adultery, ‘Do not murder, ‘Do not steal, ‘Do not bear false witness, ‘Do not defraud, ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”**

Romans 1:28-32 – God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness

Ro 1 ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**

Romans 8:12-13 – Sonship Through the Spirit

Ro 8 ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ **For if you live according to the flesh you will die;** but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God

Romans 12:9-21 – Love in Action

Ro 12 ⁹ Love must be sincere. **Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.** ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live

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in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ **Do not repay anyone evil for evil.** Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ **Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath,** for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Romans 14:11-14 – Put on Christ

Ro 14 ¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us **cast off the works of darkness,** and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, **not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.** ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Romans 16:17-20 – Avoid Divisive Persons

Ro 16 ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note **those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.** ¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and **by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.** ¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but **I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.** ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 – Do Not Sue the Brethren

1Co 6 ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. **Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.** ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 5:19-21 – Walking in the Spirit

Gal 5 ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries,** and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Galatians 6:7-10 – Be Generous and Do Good

Gal 6 ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For **he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption,** but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Ephesians 4:25-32 – Do Not Grieve the Spirit

Ep 4 ²⁵ Therefore, **putting away lying,** "Let each one of *you* speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. ²⁶ "**Be angry, and do not sin**"; **do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.** ²⁸ **Let him who stole steal no longer,** but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹ **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth,** but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ **Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.** ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

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Ephesians 5:1-7 – Walk in Love

Ep 5 ¹Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³But **fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you**, as is fitting for saints; ⁴**neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this you know, that **no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Colossians 3:5-11 – Not Carnality but Christ

Col 3 ⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: **fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry**. ⁶**Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience**, ⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

⁸But now you yourselves are to **put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth**. ⁹**Do not lie to one another**, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 – God’s Final Judgment and Glory

2Th 1 ⁶since **it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation** those who trouble you, ⁷and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸**in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁹**These shall be punished with everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

James 4:13-17 – Do Not Boast About Tomorrow

Jam 4 ¹³Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; ¹⁴whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” ¹⁶But now you **boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil**. ¹⁷Therefore, **to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin**.

1 Peter 2:1-3 – Our Inheritance Through Christ’s Blood

1Pe 2 ³Therefore, **laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking**, ²as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

3 John 1:11 – Diotrephes and Demetrius

3Jn ¹¹Beloved, **do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God**.

Revelation 3:14-21 – The Lukewarm Church

Rev 3 ¹⁴“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ...¹⁵“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶So then, **because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth**. ¹⁷**Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—** ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. **Therefore be zealous and repent**. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹**To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne**, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

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Revelation 21:7-8 – All Things Made New

Rev 21 ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

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Deception – In Our World

Lies that the **Unsaved** World Believes

The Deception is for the UNSAVED

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason **God will send them strong delusion**, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Isaiah 66:3-4 – True Worship and False

Is 66 ³ ...Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations, ⁴ So will **I choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them;**
Because, when I called, no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear;
But they did evil before My eyes, And chose *that* in which I do not delight.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – The Light of Christ’s Gospel

2 Corinthians 4 ³ But even **if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing**, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age [Satan] has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Hosea 4:6 – God’s Charge Against Israel

Hos 4 ⁶ **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.**
Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Romans 12:1-2 – Living Sacrifices to God

Ro 12 ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Galatians 4:16-17, 5:7-10 – Fears for the Church, Love Fulfills the Law

Gal 4 ¹⁶ Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? ¹⁷ They zealously court you, *but* for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

...
Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment,

...
¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**” ¹⁵ **But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!**

Lies that the World Believes → One-World Antichrist Kingdom

Every deception is working toward one goal - the Antichrist kingdom

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Divide and Conquer

- Conservatives vs Liberals
- White vs Black
 - Critical Race Theory
 - Black Lives Matter (BLM)
 - White Supremacy
- Man vs Woman
 - Toxic Masculinity
- Rich vs Poor
- Child vs Parent
 - Levine pushing transgender reassignments in minors without parental consent
- Sexual preference
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Destroy the current systems

- Abolish Constitution
 - End of free speech (1st Amendment)
 - Religion is not essential - stay home (1st Amendment)
 - Government is trying to take away our guns (2nd Amendment)
- Cancel History
- Cancel Culture

Create one-world Antichrist kingdom

- Socialism/Communism/Marxism
- World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Open borders
 - Climate crisis creating refugees
- Reduce Population on earth by 95%
 - UN Agenda 2030
 - Abortion

We have been in a civil war with the left for almost a year. The left, BLM and Antifa have been:

- Promoting riots and destruction
 - And the left pays to get the rioters out of jail (Harris is paying large amounts of money to put them back on the streets)
 - Funded and organized by the far left (Soros, Obama, Clintons, Gates)
- Promoting violence and lawlessness
 - Burning the cities (peaceful protests?)
 - Empty the prisons (because of covid? no)
 - Defunding the police (police driving past shootings as they are happening?)
 - Calling for the terrorizing and hurting/murdering the people you don't agree with
 - Destroying people's homes and businesses
- Promoting abortion
 - How else will they have enough fetal tissue for their mandatory vaccines?

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- Reestablishing racism
 - We do NOT live in a racist society when we just tolerated 8 years of a horrifically bad black president
 - White privilege BS? I grew up in a trailer home - I don't think so!
- Destroying the nuclear family - no such thing as a mother, father and children - stated objective of BLM
- Promoting sexual deviance
 - Homosexuality / LGBTQ+
 - Transgender dysphoria
 - Legalized pedophilia
 - Child sex trafficking allowed to continue
- Destruction of absolute truths
 - Biology (boys are boys, girls are girls - there are only 2 and you don't get to choose!)
 - Past - Canceling culture so they can rewrite history as lies that promote their views
- Persecuting Christians and Republicans - anyone that disagrees with their insane views
 - Businesses intentionally targeted by LGBTQ+ because of their Christian beliefs
 - Forcing Christian organizations to go against their beliefs and pay for abortions and sex changes
- Anti-Israel / Anti-God
- Promoting a Marxist society - stated objective of BLM
 - IF Harris is allowed to take office, we will be at a one-world government within the year. Unfortunately, this is the more Biblically accurate scenario.
 - WEF - Great reset - You will have nothing and like it - and Harris is completely on board
- Pushing all children into liberal brainwashing education, no homeschooling option
- Promoting open borders
 - ILLEGAL immigrants taking our jobs and benefits
 - That's OK - soon their going to have to close the borders from people running away from this insanity. I am ashamed to say that I am part of this corrupt, Godless society.
- Using a virus as an excuse to force a vaccine that will have tracking information attached to it.
 - Using the masks as a way to condition the people to obey
 - You already can't buy or sell with a mark (mask) - we're a fraction of a step away from Revelation 13.

We have had it! Normal, rational, thinking people are done tolerating this insanity! Are ANY of the left held accountable for their actions? Why isn't Hilary in jail? or Obama? or Hunter? or Joe? Trump's biggest mistake was not holding them accountable. And now they want US to be accountable for a confirmed Antifa-lead breach?? They want to impeach Trump - who tweeted that the protesters should remain peaceful, even though they removed his Twitter account so no one could see it? We have had it! Trump won this election, by a LOT! There are a LOT more of us than them - and we have the guns (They'll be trying to decide which bathroom to use that day). The people will not tolerate horrific stated objectives of the Harris/Biden administration. War is already here, but a bloody war is around the corner.

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DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Matthew 12:25 – A House Divided Cannot Stand

Mt 12 ²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Galatians 5:13-15 – Love Fulfills the Law

Gal 5 ¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Rich vs Poor

<http://blog.gdi.manchester.ac.uk/countering-divide-conquer-build-human-economy/>

Have we all been “divided and conquered” by the super-rich? Political divides and polarisation were highly apparent in the UK and the US in 2016, and are highly prominent elsewhere in Europe. Votes for Brexit and Donald Trump have brought renewed attention to major cleavages within society – along economic, social, cultural, urban/rural lines. This has fostered disagreement and tensions amongst people who encounter each other in their daily lives, distracting attention from the almost mythical super-rich, with their almost impossible-to-relate-to amount of wealth. While such divides amongst the 99% (or even 99.9%) have grown and need to be addressed, stealthily the global super-rich seem to get wealthier and wealthier.

Oxfam’s flagship annual report of global inequalities, timed to coincide with the Davos World Economic Forum meeting reveals its most shocking-yet figures in terms of global wealth inequality – the combined wealth of the wealthiest 8 people (all men) on the planet is equivalent to that of the bottom 50% of the global population. The report valuably refocuses attention on where the starkest inequalities lie – between the super-rich and the rest.

The report contains a range of staggering statistics on various inequalities. A few that stand-out include:

- The World’s richest 1% own more than the other 99% combined
- While two buses were needed a couple of years ago to fit those people who own more than the poorest half of humanity, now only a large golf buggy is needed
- Between 1988 and 2011 the incomes of the poorest 10% increased by just \$65, while the incomes of the richest 1 percent grew by \$11,800 – 182 times as much.
- A FTSE-100 CEO earns as much in a year as 10,000 people in working in garment factories in Bangladesh.
- On current trends, it will take 170 years for women to be paid the same as men.

Conservatives vs Liberals

White vs Black

Critical Race Theory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvLFFfKIE8c>

Critical race theory (CRT) is the view that the law and legal institutions are inherently racist and that race itself, instead of being biologically grounded and natural, is a socially constructed concept that is used by white people to further their economic and political interests at the expense of people of colour. According to critical race theory (CRT), racial inequality emerges from the social, economic, and legal differences that white people create between “races” to maintain elite white interests in labour markets and politics, giving rise to poverty and criminality in many minority communities. (Britannica)

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Black Lives Matter (BLM)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8J68p5l-gjQ>

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer. Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, Inc. is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives. (<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/>)

Many see the slogan ‘Black Lives Matter (BLM) as a noble plea for equal treatment under the law. It’s a cry to secure the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for everyone.

But what does the BLM organization actually stand for? To find out, look no further than their leaders – Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi. Here is Cullors in a revealing

I actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia, in particular, are trained organizers - **we are trained Marxists**. -- Patrisse Cullors in a 2015 interview

Visit the BLM website and read the list of demands to get a sense of how deep a transformation they seek. One of those demands proclaimed “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another”

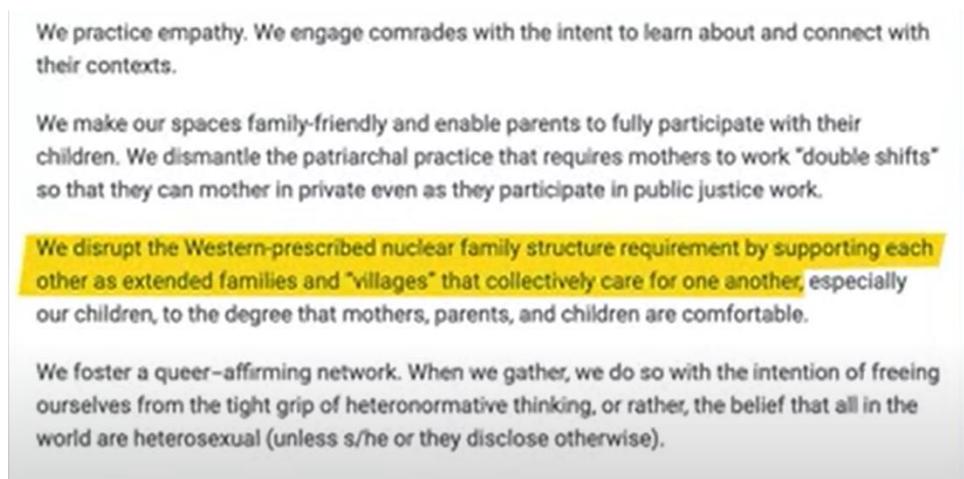
We can’t be certain but it’s hard to believe that this radical agenda is what most signed up for when they made that # Black Lives Matter social media post. Or that every employee, customer or shareholder at Nike endorses a “disruption of the family”.

Garza first coined the phrase in 2013, the day George Zimmerman was acquitted of murdering Trayvon Martin. Her friend Cullors added the hashtag and joined the words so it could travel through social media. Tometi created the digital platform blacklivesmatter.com.

According to Robert Stilson of the Capital Research Center, the group became a self-styled global network in 2014, and a “fiscally sponsored project” of a separate progressive non-profit in 2016.

When Black Lives Matter is used to refer to an organization, it typically means the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation (BLM Global Network Foundation). This is the central group that **traces its beginnings** to “three radical Black organizers — Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi,” and operates the BlackLivesMatter.com website.

The group has been a fiscally sponsored project of **Thousand Currents**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, since 2016. What this means in practice is that the organization does not have its own IRS tax-exempt status but is operating as a “project” of an organization that does. In the case of 501(c)(3) fiscally sponsored projects, this allows for tax-deductible donations.



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Thousand Currents says on its [website](#) that the official name of this Black Lives Matter entity is “Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, Inc.,” which is also the name the group has used on [recent press releases](#).
(https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2020/06/21/the_various_faces_of_black_lives_matter.html)

This evolution has helped embolden an agenda vastly more ambitious than a “national defunding of police”. The goals of the Black Lives Matter organization go far beyond what most people think. They're hiding in plain sight – there for the world to see. If only we would read beyond the slogans and the summaries of the movement they helped to create. It's a distinction with a profound difference.

Their radical Marxist agenda is bent on supplanting the basic building blocks of society:

- replacing the family with the state
- destroying the economic system that has lifted more people from poverty than any other

Theirs is a blueprint for misery, not justice. It must be rejected.

White Supremacy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKk_e_-b7z8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1xESwa0Qn4>

Antifa (anti-fascist)

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/08/23/what-antifa-and-what-does-movement-want/593867001/>

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/09/23/trump-social-media-rightwing-news-stir-up-antifa-scares>

What is antifa and what does the movement want? Antifa – short for "anti-fascist" – is the name for loosely affiliated, left-leaning, anti-racist groups that monitor and track the activities of local neo-Nazis. The movement has no unified structure or national leadership but has emerged in the form of local bodies nationwide, particularly on the West Coast.

Trump has said the federal government would designate antifa as a “terrorist organization” and blamed it for violence at protests against racial injustice and police brutality. Now, the Biden administration has decided that antifa is OK, but the conservative Christians are domestic terrorists because we do not believe the lies – we believe that boys are boys, girls are girls, and you don't get to choose.

Man vs Woman

Toxic Masculinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICVs3yIDOkQ>

Child vs Parent

Levine pushing transgender reassignments in minors without parental consent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qmhc11qB4ug>

Sexual preference

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[DESTROY THE CURRENT SYSTEMS](#)

[Separation of church and state](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQPQIwcPYrU&t=1432s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSmF2-nH4EI>

Separation of church and state is not a Constitutional separation. It was mentioned in a private letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists and stated that:

“legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church & State.”

Though this has been deceptively misrepresented and used as the basis for many Supreme Court rulings that have removed God from our government.

[Jefferson's Letter to the Danbury Baptists](#)

<https://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9806/danpre.html>

The Final Letter, as Sent

To messers. Nehemiah Dodge, Ephraim Robbins, & Stephen S. Nelson, a committee of the Danbury Baptist association in the state of Connecticut.

Gentlemen

The affectionate sentiments of esteem and approbation which you are so good as to express towards me, on behalf of the Danbury Baptist association, give me the highest satisfaction. my duties dictate a faithful and zealous pursuit of the interests of my constituents, & in proportion as they are persuaded of my fidelity to those duties, the discharge of them becomes more and more pleasing.

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their **legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church & State.** Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.

I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection & blessing of the common father and creator of man, and tender you for yourselves & your religious association, assurances of my high respect & esteem.

Th Jefferson
Jan. 1. 1802.

[Judeo-Christian Roots of America's Founding Ideals and Documents](#)

<https://nccs.net/blogs/articles/judeo-christian-roots-of-americas-founding-ideals-and-documents>

Principle: Reliance on the Providence of God

American Founding Ideal

- "We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good

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people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; ... And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

--Declaration of Independence

--See also John Eidsmoe, *Christianity and the Constitution*, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1987, pp. 355-377

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- Isaiah 54 ¹⁰ For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed,
But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,"
Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.
¹¹ "O you afflicted one, Tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted,
Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, And lay your foundations with sapphires.
¹² I will make your pinnacles of rubies, Your gates of crystal, And all your walls of precious stones.
¹³ All your children *shall be* taught by the LORD, And great *shall be* the peace of your children.
¹⁴ In righteousness you shall be established;
You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you.
¹⁵ Indeed they shall surely assemble, *but* not because of Me.
Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake.
¹⁶ "Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire,
Who brings forth an instrument for his work; And I have created the spoiler to destroy.
¹⁷ No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment
You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness *is* from Me,"
Says the LORD.

Principle: Law of God forms basis of good human laws

American Founding Ideal

- "Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Eutopia, what a Paradise would this region be." --John Adams, February 22, 1756 (Federer, William J., *America's God and Country Encyclopedia Of Quotations* , FAME Publishing, Coppel, Texas, 1994, p.5)
- "These laws laid down by God are the eternal immutable laws of good and evil This law of nature dictated by God himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times: no human laws are of any validity if contrary to this... "The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures ... [and] are found upon comparison to be really part of the original law of nature. Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these. --William Blackstone (Federer, p.52)

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- Ps 19 ⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;

Principle: Religion and Morality form basis of Liberty

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- "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." --John Adams (Federer, p. 10)
- "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible" --George Washington (Federer, p.660)
- "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion ... Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail to the exclusion of religious principle." --George Washington's Farewell Address

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- Leviticus 25¹⁰ ...proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land to all its inhabitants.
- Jeremiah 24¹⁷ "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother and every one to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim liberty to you,' says the LORD
- 2 Chronicles 7¹⁴ ...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- John 8³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Principle: The Equality of Man

American Founding Ideal

- "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." --Declaration of Independence
- "No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States" --U.S. Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 9, Paragraph 8

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- Deuteronomy 1¹⁶ "Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. ¹⁷ You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment *is* God's. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.'
- Leviticus 19¹⁵ 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.
- Acts 10³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.
- Galatians 3²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Principle: God-Given Human Rights

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- ".that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." --Declaration of Independence

Judeo-Christian Roots

- Genesis 1²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- Exodus 20¹³ "You shall not murder.
¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵ "You shall not steal.
¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
¹⁷ "You shall not covet

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Principle: Government authority by Consent of the Governed

American Founding Ideal

- ".governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." -- Declaration of Independence
- "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government" --U.S Constitution, Art. IV, Section 4

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- Deuteronomy 16 ¹⁸“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment.
- Deuteronomy 1 ¹³Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.’ ¹⁴And you answered me and said, ‘The thing which you have told *us* to do *is* good.’ ¹⁵So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes.

Principle: Sanctity of Contract

American Founding Ideal

- "No state shall pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts." --U.S Constitution, Art. I, Section 10, Paragraph 1

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- Numbers 30 ²If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Principle: Two Witnesses

American Founding Ideal

- "No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court." --U.S Constitution, Art. III, Section 3, Paragraph 1

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- Deuteronomy 17 ⁶Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

Principle: No Corruption of Blood

American Founding Ideal

- ".but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood or forfeiture except during the life of the person attainted." --U.S Constitution, Art. III, Section 3, Paragraph 2

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- Deuteronomy 24 ¹⁶“Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

Principle: Sabbath Day Excepted

American Founding Ideal

- "If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it." --U.S Constitution, Art. I, Section 7, Paragraph 2

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- Exodus 20 ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work

Principle: Separation of Church and State

American Founding Ideal

- "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. -- First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

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- Luke 20 ²⁵ And He said to them, “Render^[1] therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Principle: Teaching the Law of Liberty to Next Generation

American Founding Ideal

- "Let [the Constitution] be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges, let it be written in primers, in spelling books and in almanacs, let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation." --Abraham Lincoln, "The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions", January 27, 1838

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Deuteronomy 6 ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Supreme Court Rulings that have removed God from our country

Engel v. Vitale (1962) – Removed prayer from schools

Engel v. Vitale, 370 U.S. 421 (1962), was a landmark United States Supreme Court case in which the Court ruled that it is unconstitutional for state officials to compose an official school prayer and encourage its recitation in public schools.

In a 6–1 decision, the Supreme Court held that reciting government-written prayers in public schools was unconstitutional, violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

In his opinion for the Court, Justice Black explained the importance of separation between church and state by giving a lengthy history of the issue, beginning with the 16th century in England. He noted that prayer is a religious activity by its very nature, and that prescribing such a religious activity for school children violates the Establishment Clause.

The Court rejected the defendant's arguments that students were not asked to observe any specific established religion, that the traditional heritage of the nation was religious, and that the prayer was voluntary. The Court held that the mere promotion of a religion is sufficient to establish a violation, even if that promotion is not coercive. The Court further held that the fact that the prayer is vaguely-enough worded not to promote any particular religion is not a sufficient defense, as it still promotes a family of religions (those that recognize "Almighty God"), which still violates the Establishment Clause.

In a concurring opinion, Justice Douglas argued that the Establishment Clause is also violated when the government grants financial aid to religious schools.

In his dissenting opinion, Justice Stewart contended that the Establishment Clause was originally written to abolish the idea of a state-sponsored church, and not to stop a non-mandatory "brief non-denominational prayer".

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Submit to Governing Authorities – What does the Bible Say?

We **ARE** to submit to the governing authorities that submit to the higher authority of God.

We **ARE NOT** to submit to the governing authorities when they reject God's authority (promote evil).

Romans 13:1-5 – Submission to Governing Authorities

Romans 13 ¹ **Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.** ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. **They are God's servants**, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

Hebrews 13:16-17 – Concluding Religious Directions

Heb 13 ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. ¹⁷ **Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account.** Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

John 19:10-11 – Pilate's Decision

Jn 19 ¹⁰ Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" ¹¹ Jesus answered, "**You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.** Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

Daniel 2:19-21 – God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Dan 2 ¹⁹ Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.

²¹ And He changes the times and the seasons; **He removes kings and raises up kings;**

He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

1 Peter 2:13-16 – Submission to Government

1Pe 2 ¹³ Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ **For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—** ¹⁶ **as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.**

Proverbs 29:2 – Happy Is He Who Keeps the Law

Pro 29 ² **When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.**

Isaiah 3:11-12 – Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

Is 3 ¹¹ Woe to the wicked! *It shall be ill with him*, For the reward of his hands shall be given him.

¹² *As for* My people, children *are* their oppressors, And women rule over them.

O My people! **Those who lead you cause you to err, And destroy the way of your paths."**

Acts 4:17-20 – The Name of Jesus Forbidden

Acts 4 ¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name." ¹⁸ So **they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of**

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Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

Acts 5:25-29 – The Apostles Persecuted

Acts 5 ²⁵ Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. ²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ **“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”** ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: **“We must obey God rather than human beings!**

Titus 3:1-2 – Graces of the Heirs of Grace

Tit 3 ¹ Remind them to be **subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,** ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

Quotes by Founding Fathers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4UvOGqcHNg> 8:56

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles--" Of what? "Christianity." He said it. I didn't. "Without religion, meaning Christianity this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company." I mean what? Hell. So in other words you remove Christianity, what's it going to turn into? And that's what happened today. "The Christian religion," he said, "above all religions that have ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity, and humanity." John Quincy Adams says, "My hopes of a future life are all founded--" On what? "--the Gospel of Christ. In the chain of human events the birthday of the nation is linked forever with the birthday of the Savior Jesus Christ." Listen. "The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government." Upon what? "The first precepts of Christianity." Patrick Henry said, "Being a Christian is a character I prize far above all else this world has or can boast. Righteousness alone can exalt America as a nation. The great pillars of all government and social life are virtue, morality and religion. This is the armor, my friend," this meaning Christianity, "is what renders us invincible." John Jay. This came from the US Supreme Court. Listen. "Mercy, and grace," the Chief Justice said this, "mercy and grace and favor" did come by who? The Supreme Court. "Jesus Christ by conveying the Bible to people--" we're ruin their lives, we're being intolerant bigots. Oh, I'm sorry wrong translation. What does he say there? "We certainly do to them the most interesting act of kindness." The Supreme Court said this. "The most effectual means of securing the continuance of our civil, and religious liberties is to always remember with reverence and gratitude the source from which they flow." Where does it flow from? "The Bible, the best of all books for it is the Word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world, and in the next. Continue therefore," from the

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Supreme Court says, "to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts. Providence," meaning God, "has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." Benjamin Rush the father of public schools under the Constitution. "The Gospel of--" Who? "Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules and just conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations." "The great enemy of salvation of man, Satan," he said, "in my opinion has never invented a more effective means of eliminating Christianity from the world than--" What? "--by persuading mankind that it was--" What? "--improper to read the Bible at school." You tell me that's not what's happened. He said, "That came from Satan." Right? He said, "Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and in proportion as mankind adopts its principles, obeys its precepts they will be wise and happy." Listen. "The Bible should be read in our schools in preference to all other books." That's straight from our Founding Fathers.

>>[clapping]

>>And they want us to believe that separation of church and state, which is not in the Bill of Rights, it's not in the Constitution and it's ripped out of historical context, means keep Christianity out. That's a lie from the pit of Hell. But let's take a look at a couple more, we'll move on. Noah Webster. Listen: "The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of--" What? "--Christ and His Apostles. This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government. The moral principles and precepts found in the scriptures ought to form the basis of--" What? "--all our civil constitutions in law. And I'm persuaded that no civil government of a republican form can exist and be durable in which the principles of Christianity have not a controlling influence in." And finally the nail in the coffin, we could be here all day but this is the Congress, the US House Judiciary Committee 1854 said this, "Had the people during the Revolution, the American Revolution had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity that revolution would have been strangled in its cradle." Why? "Because in this age there can be no substitute for Christianity--" Listen. "--that was the religion of the founders of the republic." Listen, "And they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." In other words you and I. They built our country on Jesus Christ, on God and the Bible. And that was the success that was the foundation they were laying, not just for their time but for our time as well. And the reason why we're going down the tubes is because we've got off that foundation. We bought into a lie. We listen to the Atheists instead of our own true heritage. And we've let them take God out of our whole system. In fact I want to give you another one. We even have presidents, presidents who were involved in such Christian activities as this. Watch this video.

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>>You see the statue to the left of the door over there?

That white marble statue. That is President James A. Garfield. President Garfield was one of the young Major Generals in the Civil War. He was a war hero. He became Speaker of the House. He became the 20th President of the United States. And by the way that man founded Howard University. General O. O. Howard took it over after he founded it, just a really cool guy. But what we never hear about that President of the United States is that he was a minister during the Second Great Awakening. This is actually one of his letters signed James A. Garfield, 1858. In this letter President Garfield recounts that he had just finished preaching a revival service where he had preached the Gospel 19 times in the revival. He says as a result of his preaching he said that 34 folks came to Christ and he baptized 31 of them. Now, that doesn't seem like a typical presidential activity today. That's what we used to do with presidents in the past. Again, you'd walk through you'd see a statue you'd think, "Oh, there's a president." You'd never think there's a minister. We've so compartmentalized Christianity to such a small box that we don't realize our military leaders, our ministers, our educators, our presidents used to be ministers. That's why I say about one-fourth of these statues are ministers of the Gospel.

>>But we've compartmentalized it. And we don't even know it because we have rolled over and played dead. We have believed a lie. Once the axiom in the history; those who don't learn their history-- Are what? Doomed to repeat it. We don't even know our own history in America. We've been lied to folks. This is our presidents. This is the foundation that our country was built upon. They not only believed in Jesus Christ, the Founding Fathers, as their Lord and Savior, they clearly built the foundation of our nation. That's what made our country so great. And we have so rolled over and played dead on this. Church we're the ones that need to lead the way back. We need to get back to that foundation. The lost aren't going to do it, it's us. But we have so rolled over that the previous administration when they went about mocking God, and Jesus Christ and the Bible, we let him get away with it. Remember this video? Watch this one. This still burns me to this day. Let's take a look.

Abolish Constitution

End of free speech (1st Amendment)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNIxatQ0fKU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pza9fRxW5WM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4d2Ye5yT0g>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFEPzVXeflU>

Religion is not essential - stay home (1st Amendment)

Government is trying to take away our guns (2nd Amendment)

Cancel History

Cancel Culture

(what they are saying, why they are doing it)

Close the Churches

Nonessential

Redefine Family

Redefine Biology (Sexual Immorality)

- LGBTQ (how they started, what their pushing), transgender confusion (how that started and what they're pushing, esp through the federal courts), rise of pedophilia (esp what they're doing in Hollywood)

See [Sexual Immorality](#)

LGBTQ

Covid and the vaccine

What is God doing in America

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDQRtb4CeVo>

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CREATE ONE-WORLD ANTICHRIST SYSTEM

See [One World - Government](#) for the United Nations (UN) and World Economic Forum (WEF) agendas

Socialism/Communism/Marxism

Socialism - <http://aynrandlexicon.com/lexicon/socialism.html>

Socialism is the doctrine that man has no right to exist for his own sake, that his life and his work do not belong to him, but belong to society, that the only justification of his existence is his service to society, and that society may dispose of him in any way it pleases for the sake of whatever it deems to be its own tribal, collective good.

The essential characteristic of socialism is the denial of individual property rights; under socialism, the right to property (which is the right of use and disposal) is vested in “society as a whole,” i.e., in the collective, with production and distribution controlled by the state, i.e., by the government.

The alleged goals of socialism were: the abolition of poverty, the achievement of general prosperity, progress, peace and human brotherhood. The results have been a terrifying failure—terrifying, that is, if one’s motive is men’s welfare. Instead of prosperity, socialism has brought economic paralysis and/or collapse to every country that tried it. The degree of socialization has been the degree of disaster.

When one observes the nightmare of the desperate efforts made by hundreds of thousands of people struggling to escape from the socialized countries of Europe, to escape over barbed-wire fences, under machine-gun fire—one can no longer believe that socialism, in any of its forms, is motivated by benevolence and by the desire to achieve men’s welfare. No man of authentic benevolence could evade or ignore so great a horror on so vast a scale.

Socialism is not a movement of the people. It is a movement of the intellectuals, originated, led and controlled by the intellectuals, carried by them out of their stuffy ivory towers into those bloody fields of practice where they unite with their allies and executors: the thugs.

The fallacies and contradictions in the economic theories of socialism were exposed and refuted time and time again, in the Nineteenth Century as well as today. This did not and does not stop anyone: it is not an issue of economics, but of morality. The intellectuals and the so-called idealists were determined to make socialism work. How? By that magic means of all irrationalists: somehow.

There is no difference between communism and socialism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism—by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.

Both “socialism” and “fascism” involve the issue of property rights. The right to property is the right of use and disposal. Observe the difference in those two theories: socialism negates private property rights altogether, and advocates “the vesting of ownership and control” in the community as a whole, i.e., in the state; fascism leaves ownership in the hands of private individuals, but transfers control of the property to the government.

Ownership without control is a contradiction in terms: it means “property,” without the right to use it or to dispose of it. It means that the citizens retain the responsibility of holding property, without any of its advantages, while the government acquires all the advantages without any of the responsibility.

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Open borders

Climate crisis creating refugees

Reduce Population on earth by 95%

UN Agenda 2030

Abortion

(including why planned parenthood was founded, where they are located, Gates family and their eugenist agenda)

All paths lead to God

(including foundational differences in Islam that call for the murder of 'infadels' in the Koran)

Dystopian Society Rising

1984 by George Orwell – Fiction or Satanic prophecy?

Ministry of Truth

Deception – COVID-19 Plandemic

THE PLAN TO DEPOPULATE 95% OF THE WORLD - COVID-19 VACCINE

See [United Nations \(UN\) Agenda 21](#)

In 2019, the WEF said that they were going to use COVID to enable the Great Reset.

<https://vernoncoleman.org/videos/covid-19-vaccines-are-weapons-mass-destruction-and-could-wipe-out-human-race>

Covid-19 Vaccines Are Weapons of Mass Destruction - and Could Wipe out the Human Race - Dr. Vernon Coleman

If you have been reading my articles for a while you will know that I never exaggerate. You will also know that for the last year my predictions, assessments and interpretations have been absolutely accurate.

Do you remember in 2015, Bill Gates told us that we are not ready for a coronavirus outbreak?

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Af6b_wyiwI
- Coronavirus: Bill Gates predicted pandemic in 2015 – April 3, 2015
<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/03/25/coronavirus-bill-gates-predicted-pandemic-in-2015/>
- Bill Gates Warns Of Epidemic That Could Kill Over 30 Million People – February 19, 2017
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2017/02/19/bill-gates-warns-of-epidemic-that-will-kill-over-30-million-people/?sh=744f4e1b282f>

We all know that the evil elite, the **Agenda 21 and Great Reset promoters, have all along intended to kill between 90% and 95% of the world's population.** Sadly, I fear it is probably too late to save many of those who have had the vaccine. Millions are doomed and I fear that many will die when they next come into contact with the coronavirus.

But something has gone seriously wrong with the plans of the elite. And the result is that now those of us who haven't had the vaccine also appear to be in serious danger. We need to keep our immune systems in tip top condition by eating wisely

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and taking vitamin D supplements. And we may at some point need to keep away from those who have had the vaccine. They are, I believe, now a very real danger to the survival of the human species.

For longer than I like to think about it, I have been warning about the dangers of the covid-19 vaccines. I know that they should not really be called vaccines (although one official definition has been changed to accommodate them) but if I call them gene therapy then the people who we are trying to reach, who have been told that they are vaccines, won't know what I'm talking about.

Almost exactly a year ago I warned that the reason that the coronavirus risk was being exaggerated was partly to set up a mandatory vaccination programme. **The covid-19 fake pandemic was created, in part, to find an excuse for the vaccines – rather than the vaccine being created as a solution to the alleged threat posed by covid-19.** I've been warning for months that the experimental vaccines are dangerous and produce many potentially deadly side effects. The celebrities, and many doctors, are wrong in providing reassurance. I was right to suggest that the vaccines could kill more people than covid-19. **But it now seems likely that the vaccines may be responsible for the death of hundreds of millions who have not been vaccinated.**

My long-term thinking has always been that **the covid-19 fraud was planned with a purpose: to kill as many of the elderly and the frail as possible and to introduce mandatory vaccinations.** That was what I said in my first video in mid-March 2020. There was, of course, also the **plan to destroy and then reinvent the economy to satisfy the requirements of Agenda 21 and the Great Reset.**

Days after that video first appeared I was furiously attacked on the internet. My Wikipedia entry was dramatically changed. Details of all my books, TV series and columns were removed. I was described as a discredited conspiracy theorist. I made a video explaining just how the **Wikipedia entry was altered to demonise and to discredit.** Many others who have questioned the official line on covid-19 have suffered the same way. And, of course, the BBC and the national press have joined in by attacking those daring to question the official line by airing unacceptable truths.

But I now fear that the genocidal lunatics, the horsemen of the Apocalypse who planned this fraud are leading us into Armageddon. I have long believed that the architects of the fraud expected that millions would die. However, I now believe that the evil minds who created this fraud dramatically under-estimated the danger of the experimental vaccines which they have been promoting with such vigour. **Millions who have received one of the covid-19 vaccines may die as a result of those vaccinations.** I'll explain how and why in a moment.

The fraud started, of course, with the **wild predictions made by Ferguson** of Imperial College. Ferguson is a mathematical modeler with an appalling track record. The people planning the fraud knew that Ferguson's predictions were absurd. They must have known that Ferguson's track record was embarrassingly bad. But nevertheless his predictions **were used as an excuse for the lockdowns, the social distancing, the masks and the closure of schools and hospital departments.** This was all utter madness. The logical thing to do was to isolate individuals who had the infection – in the same way that people with flu are told to stay at home – and to protect the most vulnerable people, largely the elderly with heart or chest disorders. **But the politicians and the advisors did everything wrong. And those who questioned what was happening were demonised and silenced.**

The fact is that the immune systems of healthy people are boosted through interactions with others. Healthy children and young adults have very powerful immune systems. It's really **only the elderly who are most likely to be threatened by a new virus.** And yet the world's politicians and their advisors deliberately led us into a mass vaccination programme.

The public were originally assured that only through a huge vaccination programme could they possibly win back some of their lost freedoms. This was always dangerous nonsense. However, **the experimental vaccines** which were approved so quickly were never going to do what people were told they would do. They weren't designed to prevent infection or transmission. The vaccines **don't stop people getting covid-19 and they don't stop them passing it on if they do get it. The vaccines merely help limit the seriousness of the symptoms for some** of those who are injected. That's not what most people believe, of course. The vast majority of people who have been vaccinated believe that they have been protected against the infection. It was another fraud.

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Apart from the rather important fact that they don't do what people think they do, there are three huge problems with the vaccines.

The first problem, of course, is that **these experimental vaccines have already proved to be desperately dangerous** – killing many people already and producing serious adverse events in many more. The size of this particular problem can be judged by the fact that **even the authorities admit that probably only 1 in 100 vaccine related deaths and serious injuries will be reported. It is impossible to estimate how many will die of allergy problems, heart trouble, strokes, neurological problems or how many will be blinded or paralysed.** There is a list on my website of people known to be injured or killed by the vaccine and it is a terrifying list to read. The death toll is terrifying but most authorities keep insisting that these are all coincidences. When someone died within 60 or 28 days of a positive covid-19 test – even if the test result was false - they were automatically treated as a covid-19 death to push up the numbers. But when healthy young people die within hours of having a vaccination the deaths are dismissed as just coincidences. What a lot of tragic coincidences there have been.

The second problem is the immune system problem known as **pathogenic priming or a cytokine storm.** What happens is that the immune system of the person who has been vaccinated will be primed to respond in a very dramatic way if that individual comes into contact with the virus in the future. The result can be catastrophic and this is what I fear will happen in the **autumn and during next winter. The people who had the vaccine are going to be in real trouble when they next come into contact with a coronavirus. Their immune systems will overreact and that's likely to be when there will be lots of deaths.**

Patients haven't been officially warned about this problem although the evidence was published in the International Journal of Clinical Practice for October 2020. The paper is entitled 'Informed consent disclosure to vaccine trial subjects of risk of covid-19 vaccines worsening clinical disease.' But there has been no informed consent for patients and I suspect that most doctors remain ignorant of the risks.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33113270/>

The elderly and those with poor immune systems are particularly likely to be killed. And what will give you a poor immune system? Wearing a mask, being isolated from other people and not getting enough sunshine are three obvious causes. Drinking too much alcohol and smoking too much tobacco while under house arrest don't help.

The extra deaths will probably occur in the autumn, when vaccinated individuals are most likely to be exposed to the virus. The coronavirus spreads most rapidly in autumn and winter. As a result of the epidemic of illnesses and deaths that will take place, Governments will start promoting the next round of vaccinations. There will be much talk of mutations, of course, and new hurriedly prepared vaccines will be produced and heavily promoted by celebrities who don't know anything about medicine or vaccines. Doctors who understand the dangers and who have doubts about the vaccines will, as usual, be silenced.

Amazingly, I believe that the people behind this fraud were aware that this would happen. It was part of their evil plan. They knew that there would be an increase in deaths in the autumn and next winter. They always planned to blame the deaths on a new version of covid-19 – one of the many thousands of mutations which will be around by the autumn. I have long suspected that they would eventually be promoting vaccinations every couple of months – or even more frequently; every month or so. My original use of the word hoax was intended to criticise the response to a flu-like viral infection. The response was wildly exaggerated.

I suspect that this was what Bill and Melinda Gates were smirking about when they implied that we might not take the first pandemic seriously – but that we would treat the next pandemic far more seriously. And I believe that they, and all the others involved in this fraud, assumed that they would be perfectly safe because they wouldn't actually have the vaccines. I suspect that many of the elite, and the more important celebrities, were given a placebo instead of one of the experimental vaccines. They were never at risk of being killed by the vaccine, being severely injured by it or developing pathogenic priming – and then being incredibly vulnerable the next time they came into contact with the virus infection. I think the elite thought they were safe. I think they devised a plan that would result in millions of deaths but which would not harm them. But I believe they made a huge, crucial mistake.

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And this brings us to the third problem – a problem I don't think they expected.

This problem has just been outlined by Dr Geert Vanden Bossche who is a very eminent vaccine specialist. Indeed, I was originally sceptical about what he said because Dr Bossche has previously worked with GAVI and the Gates Foundation. He is the last person in the world who could be described as being opposed to vaccination. Dr Bossche has pointed out that the vaccines which are currently being used are the wrong weapons to use for the war against this virus infection.

Disastrously, **by giving vaccines to millions we are teaching the virus how to mutate and to become stronger and more deadly.** Trying to devise new vaccines for new mutations simply makes things worse because the scientists cannot possibly get ahead of the mutated viruses. And the people who have been vaccinated are now sharing mutated viruses with those around them. **The mutations are becoming stronger and deadlier. Ending the lockdowns will be perfectly timed to ensure that new mutations of the covid-19 virus are spread far and wide.**

There's another associated problem too. Normally our bodies contain white blood cells which help us defeat infections. Cells called NK cells – the NK stands for natural killers – help kill off invading bad cells. Once the NK cells have done their work our antibodies appear and clear up the mess. However, Dr Bossche explains that the **covid-19 vaccines are triggering the production of very specific antibodies which compete with the natural defences of the individuals who had the vaccines. The natural defence systems of those who have been vaccinated are being suppressed because the specific antibodies which have been produced by the vaccine just take over.** And these specific antibodies, the ones produced by the vaccines, are permanent. They are there for ever within the bodies of the vaccinated.

The disastrous result is that **the natural immune systems of the tens or hundreds of millions who are having the vaccines are being effectively destroyed.** Their immune systems will not be able to fight any mutated variation of the virus which develops within their bodies. And those mutated viruses can spread out into the community. I believe **this is why new virus variations are appearing in areas where the vaccine has been given to lots of people.**

The bottom line is that giving **the vaccines will give the virus an opportunity to become infinitely more dangerous. Every vaccinated individual has the potential to become a mass murderer because their bodies are becoming laboratories making lethal viruses. And worse still, some of the vaccinated individuals may become asymptomatic carriers – spreading lethal viruses around them.**

And the people who have had the vaccine won't be able to respond to the mutations because their immune systems have been taken over by an artificial defence system, given to them by the vaccine and designed to combat the original form of the covid-19 virus. The vaccinated individuals are going to be very much at risk when the new mutations start to spread. Their bodies are permanently and exclusively geared to defend against a form of the virus which is rapidly becoming out of date. Giving new vaccines won't help because the mutated virus will not be vulnerable. The scientists who are making vaccines won't be able to get ahead of the mutating virus. This should have been foreseen. It's why flu vaccines often don't work.

The politicians and their advisors will lie and blame those who haven't had the vaccine for the development of new mutations and for the rise in deaths that is going to take place. But if Dr Bossche is right, and I believe he is, then **it is the vaccinated individuals who are going to threaten mankind.** They will be a major threat to anyone who has been vaccinated. But they will also be a major threat to the unvaccinated because the viruses they are shedding are more dangerous than the original one.

We are in very dangerous territory. If we don't stop this vaccination programme now then it is no exaggeration to say that the very future of mankind is at risk. Is this what was in the mind of those trying to sell us the Great Reset? I don't know. Maybe their aim all along was to kill us all. Or maybe their evil plot has just got out of hand.

In the UK Ferguson, Hancock, Whitty and Vallance have always seemed to me to be entirely the wrong people to lead the nation's response. In the US, I believe that Dr Fauci was the wrong person. I have feared all along that they were picked because they are the wrong people. Everything they have done has been wrong for us but right for them and the evil cabal promoting Agenda 21 and the Great Reset.

The insistence on suppressing free debate has led us directly into this abyss. None of these people should have been allowed such control over our lives but by suppressing all questioning opposition in a way never done before and

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suppressing the facts the mainstream media and the internet giants have made things infinitely worse. Do they think they are going to be safe?

There is a real risk that instead of just killing 90%-95%, as the evil elite originally desired, they could kill everyone by mistake; they could wipe out mankind. We have very little time to save ourselves. **We have to boost our immune systems and, ironically, it is possible that we will need to keep away from the people who have been vaccinated.** I'll write an article in the next week or so on how you can boost your immune system.

Now do you see why this is the most important article I've written on covid-19 and the most important you've ever seen? I cannot reach the mainstream media which simply suppresses the truth and refuses any debate or discussion. YouTube, for example, won't take videos which question anything promoted by the evil establishment.

So send this article to doctors and to journalists, to friends and to relatives. Share, share, share. Maybe we can persuade people in power that they are not immune to the disaster which lies ahead. You can share easily from www.vernoncoleman.org

I hope Dr Bossche is wrong. I hope I'm wrong.

But everything in this article needs investigating. And if these fears are not publicised and investigated then we will know for absolute sure that the plan is to kill as many of us as possible. There can be no other conclusion.

https://brandnewtube.com/watch/dr-vernon-coleman-is-this-covid-19-fraud-ever-going-to-end_QGKUPAOUIYhI4Xh.html

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People say: Just get vaccinated. What's it gonna hurt? Nothing...but, I ask Why? With a 99 point something survival rate, I'll take my chances...I dont even do a flu shot!

1.- Can I stop wearing the mask?

Government: No

2.- Can they reopen restaurants, pubs, bars etc and everyone work normally?

Government: No

3.- Will I be resistant to covid?

Government Response - Maybe, but we don't know exactly, it probably won't stop you getting it

4.- At least I won't be contagious to others anymore?

Government Response - No, it doesn't stop transmission.

5.- If I am vaccinated, can I stop social distancing?

Government: No

6.- If I am vaccinated, can I stop disinfecting my hands?

Government: No

7.- If I vaccinate myself and my grandparents, can we hug each other?

Government: No

8.- Will cinemas, theatres and stadiums operate as per normal thanks to vaccines?

Government: No

9.- What is the benefit of the vaccine?

Government Response - Hoping the virus won't kill you.

10.- Are you sure it won't kill me?

Government: No

11.- If statistically the virus won't kill me anyway (99.7% survival rate) ... Why would I get vaccinated?"

Government Response - To protect others.

12.- So if I get vaccinated, I can protect 100% of people I come in contact with?

Government: No

13.- Can you guarantee that I won't experience adverse affects from taking the vaccine or die from the vaccine itself?

Government Response - No

14.- Since you're encouraging every American to get vaccinated then when people experience severe adverse reactions, long term effects (still unknown) or die from the vaccine will they or their families be compensated?

Government response: NO - the government and vaccine manufactures have 100% zero liability in experimental stages.

15.-How long does the vaccine last?

Government response- we aren't sure.

So to summarize, the Covid19 vaccine...

Does not give immunity.

Does not eliminate the virus.

Does not prevent death.

Does not guarantee you won't get it.

Does not stop you passing it on

Does not eliminate the need for travel bans.

Does not eliminate the need for business closures.

Does not eliminate the need for lockdowns.

Does not eliminate the need for masking.

[Vaccine Genocide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_stages_of_genocide)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_stages_of_genocide

The Stanton paper was presented at the State Department in 1996, shortly after the [Rwandan genocide](#), but it also analyzes the processes in [the Holocaust](#), the [Cambodian genocide](#), and other genocides. The preventive measures suggested are those that the United States, national governments, and [United Nations](#) could implement or influence other governments to implement.

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#	Stage	Characteristics	Preventive measures
1	Classification	People are divided into "them and us".	"The main preventive measure at this early stage is to develop universalistic institutions that transcend... divisions."
2	Symbolization	"When combined with hatred, symbols may be forced upon unwilling members of pariah groups..."	"To combat symbolization, hate symbols can be legally forbidden as can hate speech".
3	Discrimination	"Law or cultural power excludes groups from full civil rights: segregation or apartheid laws, denial of voting rights".	"Pass and enforce laws prohibiting discrimination. Full citizenship and voting rights for all groups."
4	Dehumanization	"One group denies the humanity of the other group. Members of it are equated with animals, vermin, insects, or diseases."	"Local and international leaders should condemn the use of hate speech and make it culturally unacceptable. Leaders who incite genocide should be banned from international travel and have their foreign finances frozen."
5	Organization	"Genocide is always organized... Special army units or militias are often trained and armed..."	"The U.N. should impose arms embargoes on governments and citizens of countries involved in genocidal massacres, and create commissions to investigate violations"
6	Polarization	"Hate groups broadcast polarizing propaganda..."	"Prevention may mean security protection for moderate leaders or assistance to human rights groups...Coups d'état by extremists should be opposed by international sanctions."
7	Preparation	"Mass killing is planned. Victims are identified and separated because of their ethnic or religious identity..."	"At this stage, a Genocide Emergency must be declared. Full diplomatic pressure by regional organizations must be invoked, including preparation to intervene to prevent genocide."
8	Persecution	"Expropriation, forced displacement, ghettos, concentration camps".	"Direct assistance to victim groups, targeted sanctions against persecutors, mobilization of humanitarian assistance or intervention, protection of refugees."
9	Extermination	"It is 'extermination' to the killers because they do not believe their victims to be fully human".	"At this stage, only rapid and overwhelming armed intervention can stop genocide. Real safe areas or refugee escape corridors should be established with heavily armed international protection."
10	Denial	"The perpetrators... deny that they committed any crimes..."	"The response to denial is punishment by an international tribunal or national courts"

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Deception – Climate Change

There are direct parallels between what is happening today and what the Bible says will happen when Jesus is about to return.

Climate change scientists say that this is no longer a wake-up call – we should all be awake concerning these changes. The Bible agrees – we need to awake out of sleep.

Romans 13 ¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.* ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

Satan, the great deceiver, often tried to ‘front-run’ God by giving people wrong ideas ahead of time about what is prophesied to happen. Satan has tricked mankind into believing that climate change is real, and in turn has blinded many people to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4 ² But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. ³ But even *if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,* ⁴ *whose minds the god of this age [Satan] has blinded,* who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Climate change is Satan’s counter to Jesus signs of His return and the end of this age. So when Jesus Christ warns us that, just before his second coming, there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places, you better believe that these occurrences are signs from God and that He is about to intervene! Don’t let Satan blind you to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The extreme weather that the world has been witnessing is not climate change – it is God letting us know our Lord and savior Jesus Christ is returning!

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Matthew 24 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And *what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?*”

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of *wars and rumors of wars.* See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be *famines, pestilences, and earthquakes* in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Impending Judgment on the Earth

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¹²In the city desolation is left, And the gate is stricken with destruction.
¹³**When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people,**
It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.

... But I said, “I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me!
The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.”

¹⁷Fear and the pit and the snare *Are* upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.
¹⁸And it shall be *That* he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit,
And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare;
For the windows from on high are open, And **the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

¹⁹**The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.**
²⁰**The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut;**
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

What the World Says	What the Bible Says
The world is warming up	Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched Revelation 16 ⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹ And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.
Extreme flooding	Matthew 24 ³⁷ But as the days of Noah <i>were</i> , so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
Severe storms Sea level rising	Psalm 107 ²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters, ²⁴ They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. ²⁵ For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea. ²⁶ They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble. Revelation 16 ¹⁷ Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” ¹⁸ And there were noises and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. ²⁰ Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
Droughts, crop failures and food shortages	Matthew 24 ⁷ And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth Revelation 6 ⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “ A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine. ”
Food shortages will lead to wars	Matthew 24 ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all <i>these things</i> must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

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	<p>Second Seal: Conflict on Earth Revelation 6 ³ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁴ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that <i>people</i> should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.</p>
Death and Illness	<p>Matthew 24 ⁷ And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.</p> <p>Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth Revelation 6 ⁷ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁸ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.</p>
Species Loss and Extinction	<p>Hosea 4 ¹ For the LORD <i>brings</i> a charge against the inhabitants of the land:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land. ² By swearing and lying, Killing and stealing and committing adultery, They break all restraint, With bloodshed upon bloodshed. ³ Therefore the land will mourn; And everyone who dwells there will waste away With the beasts of the field And the birds of the air; Even the fish of the sea will be taken away.</p>

Provided in the table are just a very few of the many extreme earth changes that were meant to be signs of the Lord’s soon return. See sections below for many many examples of end-time extreme weather that are meant to be signs for us to know that our Lord and savior Jesus Christ is returning!

[Romans 8:18-25 – From Suffering to Glory](#)

Ro 8 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.** ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the **creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.** ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

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[Birth Pains \(now\)](#)

[Matthew 24:7 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age](#)

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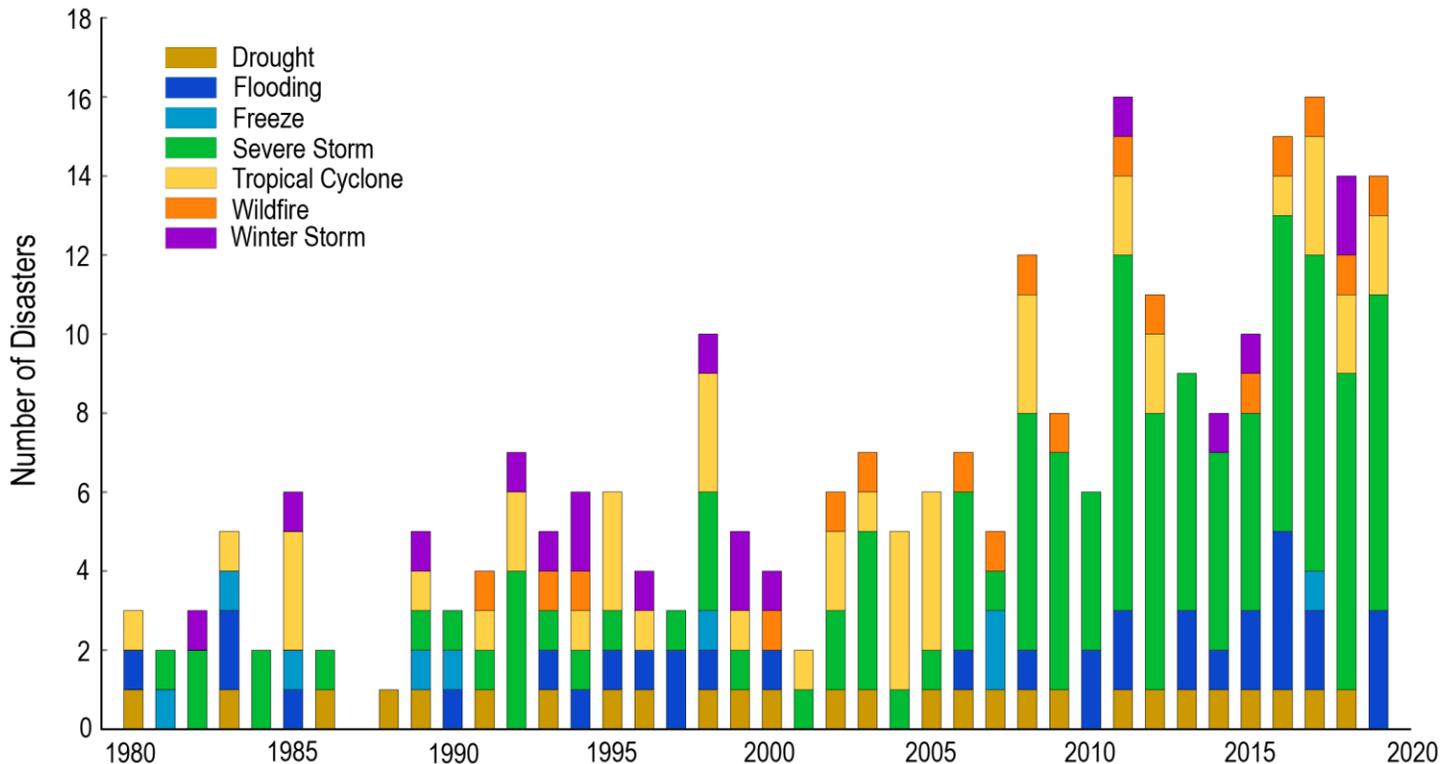
Mark 13:8 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mk 13 ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”... ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **earthquakes in various places**, and there will be famines and troubles. **These are the beginnings of sorrows.**

Luke 21:11, 25-28 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Lk 21 ⁷ So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?”... ¹¹ And there will be **great earthquakes in various places**, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. ... ²⁵“And there will be **signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars**; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the **sea and the waves roaring**; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the **powers of the heavens will be shaken**. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now **when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.**”

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Supporting Scripture

Isaiah 66:7-11 – The Lord Vindicates Zion

Is 66 ⁷ “**Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.**

⁸ Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?

Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?

For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

⁹ Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” says the LORD.

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“Shall I who cause delivery shut up *the womb?*” says your God.

¹⁰ **“Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her;**

Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;

¹¹ **That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom,**

That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory.”

Micah 5:2-3 – The Coming Messiah

Mic 5 ² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel,

Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.”

³ Therefore He shall give them up, **Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;**

Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.

Hosea 13:12-14 – Relentless Judgment on Israel

Hos 13 ¹² “The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; His sin *is* stored up.

¹³ **The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him.**

He *is* an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born.

¹⁴ **“I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death.**

O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.”

Isaiah 26:12-21 – A Song of Salvation

Is 26 ¹⁶ LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer *when* Your chastening *was* upon them.

¹⁷ **As a woman with child Is in pain and cries out in her pangs,**

When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD.

¹⁸ **We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind;**

We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

¹⁹ Your dead shall live; *Together with* my dead body they shall arise.

Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

²⁰ **Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you;**

Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past.

²¹ **For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;**

The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

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Jeremiah 49:20-22 – Judgment on Edom

Jer 49 ²⁰ Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Edom,

And His purposes that He has proposed against the inhabitants of Teman:

Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; Surely He shall make their dwelling places desolate with them.

²¹ The earth shakes at the noise of their fall; At the cry its noise is heard at the Red Sea.

²² Behold, He shall come up and fly like the eagle, And spread His wings over Bozrah;

The heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.

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Revelation 12 – The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

Rev 12 ¹Now a **great sign appeared in heaven**: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ²**Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.** ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And **the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.** ⁵**She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.** ⁶Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 – The Day of the Lord

1Th 5 ³**For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.**

Jeremiah 4:30-31 – Sorrow for the Doomed Nation

Jer 4 ³⁰“And *when you are* plundered, What will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, Though you adorn *yourself* with ornaments of gold, Though you enlarge your eyes with paint, In vain you will make yourself fair; *Your* lovers will despise you; They will seek your life. ³¹**“For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, The anguish as of her who brings forth her first child, The voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing herself; She spreads her hands, saying, ‘Woe is me now, for my soul is weary Because of murderers!’**

John 16:20-22 – Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

John 16 ²⁰Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ²¹**A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.** ²²Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

Impending Judgment on the Earth (near future)

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Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

²¹ It shall come to pass in that day

That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.

²² They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit,

And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished.

²³ Then **the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed;**

For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.

Isaiah 13:6-13 – Proclamation Against Babylon

Is 13 ⁶ Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

⁷ Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,

⁸ And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them*; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;

They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames.

⁹ **Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,**

To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

¹⁰ **For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light;**

The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

¹¹ **"I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity;**

I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

¹² I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore **I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place,**

In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

Joel 2:1-11 – The Day of the Lord

Joel 2 ¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:

² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,

Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains.

A people *come*, great and strong, The like of whom has never been;

Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations.

³ **A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns;**

The land *is* like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness;

Surely nothing shall escape them.

⁴ **Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run.**

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⁵ With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap,
Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.

⁶ Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color.

⁷ They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war;
Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks.

⁸ They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column.
Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down.

⁹ They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall;
They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief.

¹⁰ **The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble;**

The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.

¹¹ The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word.
For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

Isaiah 29:5-6 – Woe to Jerusalem

Is 29 ⁵ “Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust,
And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away;

Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.

⁶ **You will be punished by the LORD of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise,
With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.**

Ezekiel 38:18-23 – Judgment on Gog

Ez 38 ¹⁸ “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD,
“*that* My fury will show in My face. ¹⁹ For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘**Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, ²⁰ so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.**’ ²¹ I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. ²² And **I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who *are* with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.** ²³ Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.” ’

Jeremiah 4:23-29 – Sorrow for the Doomed Nation

Jer 4 ²³ **I beheld the earth, and indeed *it was* without form, and void; And the heavens, they *had* no light.**

²⁴ **I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth.**

²⁵ **I beheld, and indeed *there was* no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.**

²⁶ I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land *was* a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down
At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the LORD: “**The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end.**

²⁸ **For this shall the earth mourn, And the heavens above be black,** Because I have spoken.

I have purposed and will not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.

²⁹ The whole city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen.

They shall go into thickets and climb up on the rocks.

Every city *shall be* forsaken, And not a man shall dwell in it.

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Nahum 1:2-11 – God’s Wrath on His Enemies

Nah 1² God *is* jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and *is* furious.

The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;

³The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit *the wicked*.

The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.

⁴**He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers.**

Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts.

⁵**The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence,**

Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.

⁶Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger?

His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.

⁷The LORD *is* good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.

⁸**But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies.**

⁹What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end *of it*. Affliction will not rise up a second time.

¹⁰For while tangled *like* thorns, And while drunken *like* drunkards, They shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.

¹¹From you comes forth *one* Who plots evil against the LORD, A wicked counselor.

Habakkuk 3:3-12 – The Prophet’s Prayer

Hab 3³ His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise.

⁴*His* brightness was like the light; He had rays *flashing* from His hand, And there His power *was* hidden.

⁵Before Him went pestilence, And fever followed at His feet.

⁶He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations.

And **the everlasting mountains were scattered, The perpetual hills bowed.** His ways *are* everlasting.

⁷I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; The **curtains of the land of Midian trembled.**

⁸O LORD, were **You displeased with the rivers, Was Your anger against the rivers, Was Your wrath against the sea,**

That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation?

⁹Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over *Your* arrows. *Selah* You divided the earth with rivers.

¹⁰**The mountains saw You and trembled; The overflowing of the water passed by.**

The deep uttered its voice, *And* lifted its hands on high.

¹¹The **sun and moon stood still in their habitation;** At the light of Your arrows they went,

At the shining of Your glittering spear.

¹²You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled the nations in anger.

Psalms 46:1-3 – God the Refuge of His People and Conqueror of the Nations

Psa 46¹ God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,**

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³**Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. *Selah***

Psalms 77:16-19 – The Consoling Memory of God’s Redemptive Works

Psa 77¹⁶ The waters saw You, O God; **The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.**

¹⁷**The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about.**

¹⁸**The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹Your way *was* in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

Revelation 6:12-17 – Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

Rev 6¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, **there was a great earthquake;** and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its

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late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the **sky receded as a scroll** when it is rolled up, and **every mountain and island was moved out of its place.** ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Revelation 8:5-12 – The Trumpet Judgements

Rev 8 ⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And **there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.** ⁶ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck

⁷ The first angel sounded: And **hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth.** And a **third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck

⁸ Then the second angel sounded: And **something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.** ⁹ And a **third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.**

Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck

¹⁰ Then the third angel sounded: And a **great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.** ¹¹ The name of the star is **Wormwood.** A **third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.**

Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Struck

¹² Then the fourth angel sounded: And a **third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened.** A **third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.**

Revelation 11:15-19 – Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

Rev 11 ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ... ¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And **there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**

Revelation 16:1-21 – The Seven Bowls (3rd Woe)

Rev 16 ¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.” ...

Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood

³ Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the **sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.**

Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood

⁴ Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the **rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.** ⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying:

“You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be,
Because You have judged these things.

⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink.
For it is their just due.”

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⁷ And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.”

Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the **sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.** ⁹ **And men were scorched with great heat,** and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain

¹⁰ Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his **kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.** ¹¹ They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

¹² Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the **great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up,** so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. ¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty....

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken

¹⁷ Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” ¹⁸ And there were noises and **thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.** ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. ²⁰ Then **every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.** ²¹ **And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent.** Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

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Earthquakes

Isaiah 24:1-23 – Impending Judgment on the Earth

Is 24¹ Behold, **the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface** And scatters abroad its inhabitants.

...¹⁶ But I said, “I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me!

The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.”

¹⁷ Fear and the pit and the snare *Are* upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.

¹⁸ And it shall be *That* he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit,

And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare;

For the windows from on high are open, And **the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

¹⁹ **The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.**

²⁰ **The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut;**

Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

Isaiah 13:11-13 – Proclamation Against Babylon

Is 13¹¹ **“I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity;**

I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

¹² I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore **I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place,**

In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

Isaiah 29:5-6 – Woe to Jerusalem

Is 29⁵ “Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust,

And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away;

Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.

⁶ **You will be punished by the LORD of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise,**

With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.

Ezekiel 38:18-23 – Judgment on Gog

Ez 38¹⁸ “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “*that* My fury will show in My face. ¹⁹ For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘**Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel,** ²⁰ **so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.**’ ²¹ I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. ²² And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who *are* with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. ²³ Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.” ’

Jeremiah 4:23-31 – Sorrow for the Doomed Nation

Jer 4²³ I beheld the earth, and indeed *it was* without form, and void; And the heavens, they *had* no light.

²⁴ **I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth.**

²⁵ I beheld, and indeed *there was* no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

²⁶ I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land *was* a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down

At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the LORD: “**The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end.**

²⁸ **For this shall the earth mourn, And the heavens above be black,** Because I have spoken.

I have purposed and will not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.

²⁹ The whole city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen.

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They shall go into thickets and climb up on the rocks.
Every city *shall be* forsaken, And not a man shall dwell in it.

Habakkuk 3:6-12 – The Prophet's Prayer

Hab 3 ⁶ He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations.
And **the everlasting mountains were scattered, The perpetual hills bowed.** His ways *are* everlasting.
⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; The **curtains of the land of Midian trembled.**
⁸ O LORD, were *You* displeased with the rivers, *Was Your* anger against the rivers, *Was Your* wrath against the sea,
That *You* rode on *Your* horses, *Your* chariots of salvation?
⁹ *Your* bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over *Your* arrows. *Selah* *You* divided the earth with rivers.
¹⁰ **The mountains saw *You* and trembled;** The overflowing of the water passed by.
The deep uttered its voice, *And* lifted its hands on high.
¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; At the light of *Your* arrows they went,
At the shining of *Your* glittering spear.
¹² *You* marched through the land in indignation; *You* trampled the nations in anger.

Joel 2:10-11 – The Day of the Lord

Joel 2 ¹⁰ **The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble;**
The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.
¹¹ The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word.
For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

Psalms 18:4-15 – God the Sovereign Savior

Ps 18 ⁴ The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
⁵ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.
⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.
⁷ **Then the earth shook and trembled;**
The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.
⁸ Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.
⁹ He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.
¹⁰ And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.
¹¹ He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him *was* dark waters *And* thick clouds of the skies.
¹² From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.
¹³ The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.
¹⁴ He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.
¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen, **The foundations of the world were uncovered**
At *Your* rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of *Your* nostrils.

Psalms 60:1-3 – Urgent Prayer for the Restored Favor of God

Ps 60 ¹ O God, You have cast us off; You have broken us down; You have been displeased; Oh, restore us again!
² **You have made the earth tremble; You have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.**
³ You have shown *Your* people hard things; You have made us drink the wine of confusion.

Psalms 46:1-3 – God the Refuge of His People and Conqueror of the Nations

Ps 46 ¹ God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;**
³ *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, **Though the mountains shake with its swelling.** *Selah*

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Psalm 77:16-19 – The Consoling Memory of God’s Redemptive Works

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¹⁹ Your way *was* in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

Psalm 104:31-32 – Praise to the Sovereign Lord for His Creation and Providence

Ps 104 ³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.

³² **He looks on the earth, and it trembles;** He touches the hills, and they smoke.

Psalm 29:3-11 – Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty

Ps 29 ³ The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD *is* over many waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; The voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹ The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Job 9:1-10 – There Is No Mediator

Job 9 ¹ Then Job answered and said:

² “Truly I know *it is* so, But how can a man be righteous before God?

³ If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand.

⁴ *God is* wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened *himself* against Him and prospered?

⁵ **He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger;**

⁶ **He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble;**

⁷ He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars;

⁸ He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea;

⁹ He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;

¹⁰ He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number.

Job 28:5 – Job’s Discourse on Wisdom

Job 28 ⁹ He puts his hand on the flint; **He overturns the mountains at the roots.**

¹⁰ He cuts out channels in the rocks, And his eye sees every precious thing.

¹¹ He dams up the streams from trickling; *What is* hidden he brings forth to light.

Hebrews 12:25-27 – Hear the Heavenly Voice

Heb 12 ²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; **but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.”** ²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Nahum 1:2-6 – God’s Wrath on His Enemies

Nah 1 ² **God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious.**

The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;

³ The LORD *is* slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit *the wicked*.

The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.

⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers.

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Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts.

⁵ **The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.**

⁶ Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, **And the rocks are thrown down by Him.**

Isaiah 5:24-25 – Impending Judgment on Excesses

Is 5 ²⁴ Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff,
So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust;

Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

²⁵ Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused against His people; He has stretched out His hand against them
And stricken them, **And the hills trembled.** Their carcasses *were* as refuse in the midst of the streets.

Haggai 2:6-7 – The Coming Glory of God's House

Hag 2 ⁶ “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘**Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations,** and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.

Revelation 11:11-13 – The Witnesses Resurrected

Rev 11 ¹¹ Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³ **In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed,** and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 11:15-19 – Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

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Revelation 12:13-17 – The Woman Persecuted

Rev 12 ¹³ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. ¹⁶ **But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.** ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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Zechariah 14:1-10 – The Day of the Lord

Zec 14 ¹ Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.
...⁴ **And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.**

⁵ **Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.**
Thus the LORD my God will come, *And* all the saints with You.

⁶ It shall come to pass in that day *That* there will be no light; The lights will diminish.

⁷ It shall be one day Which is known to the LORD—Neither day nor night.

But at evening time it shall happen *That* it will be light.

⁸ And in that day it shall be *That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,
Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea;
In both summer and winter it shall occur.

⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—“The LORD *is* one,” And His name one.

¹⁰ **All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem.**

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Floods

See [The Days of Noah and Lot](#)

Matthew 24:36-39 – No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mt 24 ³⁶“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Luke 17:26-37 – The Coming of the Kingdom

Lk 17 ²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Ezekiel 38:18-23 – Judgment on Gog

Ez 38 ¹⁸“And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “that My fury will show in My face. ¹⁹ For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, ²⁰ so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ ²¹ I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. ²² And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. ²³ Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.” ’

Isaiah 28:1-4 – Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem

Is 28 ¹ Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower Which is at the head of the verdant valleys, To those who are overcome with wine!
² Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, Who will bring them down to the earth with His hand.
³ The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, Will be trampled underfoot;
⁴ And the glorious beauty is a fading flower Which is at the head of the verdant valley, Like the first fruit before the summer, Which an observer sees; He eats it up while it is still in his hand.

Psalms 29:3-11 – Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty

Ps 29 ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.
⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.
⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”
¹⁰ The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.
¹¹ The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Nahum 1:7-11 – God’s Wrath on His Enemies

Nah 1 ⁷ The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.
⁸ But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies.

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⁹ What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of *it*. Affliction will not rise up a second time.
¹⁰ For while tangled *like* thorns, And while drunken *like* drunkards, They shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.
¹¹ From you comes forth *one* Who plots evil against the LORD, A wicked counselor.

Psalm 107:23-29 – Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Great Works of Deliverance

Ps 107 ²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,
²⁴ They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.
²⁵ **For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.**
²⁶ **They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.**
²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.
²⁸ Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.
²⁹ He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

Psalm 74:13-17 – A Plea for Relief from Oppressors

Ps 74 ¹³ You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.
¹⁴ You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, *And* gave him *as* food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
¹⁵ **You broke open the fountain and the flood; You dried up mighty rivers.**
¹⁶ The day *is* Yours, the night also *is* Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.
¹⁷ You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

Revelation 12:13-17 – The Woman Persecuted

Rev 12 ¹³ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ **So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.** ¹⁶ **But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.** ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 77:16-19 – The Consoling Memory of God's Redemptive Works

Ps 77 ¹⁶ The waters saw You, O God; **The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.**
¹⁷ **The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about.**
¹⁸ **The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world;** The earth trembled and shook.
¹⁹ Your way *was* in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

Habakkuk 3:8-12 – The Prophet's Prayer

Hab 3 ⁸ O LORD, were *You* displeased with the rivers,
Was Your anger against the rivers, Was Your wrath against the sea,
That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation?
⁹ Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over *Your* arrows. *Selah* You divided the earth with rivers.
¹⁰ The mountains saw You *and* trembled; The **overflowing of the water passed by.**
The deep uttered its voice, *And* lifted its hands on high.
¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; At the light of Your arrows they went,
At the shining of Your glittering spear.
¹² You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled the nations in anger.

Matthew 7:24-27 – Build on the Rock

Mt 7 ²⁴ **“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”**

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Psalm 46:1-3 – God the Refuge of His People and Conqueror of the Nations

Ps 46¹ God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear,** Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ **Though its waters roar and be troubled,** *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. *Selah*

Psalm 32:6-7 – The Joy of Forgiveness

Ps 32⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found;

Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.

⁷ You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. *Selah*

1 Peter 3:18-22 – Christ's Suffering and Ours

1Pe 3¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when **once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.** ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us— baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

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Hail

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCP8D6abXU4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npNXqAbuXDE&t=1155s>

Job 38:22-30 – The Lord Reveals His Omnipotence to Job

Job 38 ²²“**Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail,**
²³**Which I have reserved for the time of trouble, For the day of battle and war?**

²⁴By what way is light diffused, *Or* the east wind scattered over the earth?

²⁵“Who has divided a channel for the overflowing *water*, Or a path for the thunderbolt,

²⁶To cause it to rain on a land *where there is* no one, A wilderness in which *there is* no man;

²⁷To satisfy the desolate waste, And cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass?

²⁸Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew?

²⁹From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth?

³⁰The waters harden like stone, And the surface of the deep is frozen.

Psalms 18:4-15 – God the Sovereign Savior

Psalms 18 ⁴The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

⁵The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God;

He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

⁷Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

⁸Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.

¹⁰And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him *was* dark waters *And* thick clouds of the skies.

¹²**From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.**

¹³**The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.**

¹⁴He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them.

¹⁵Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered

At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

Psalms 147:15-18 – Praise to God for His Word and Providence

Psalms 147 ¹⁵He sends out His command *to the* earth; His word runs very swiftly.

¹⁶**He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes;**

¹⁷**He casts out His hail like morsels; Who can stand before His cold?**

¹⁸He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

Ezekiel 13:10-16 – Woe to Foolish Prophets

Ezekiel 13 ¹⁰“Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, ‘Peace!’ when *there is* no peace—and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered *mortar*—¹¹ say to those who plaster *it* with untempered *mortar*, that it will fall. **There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down.** ¹² Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, ‘Where *is* the mortar with which you plastered *it*?’ ”

¹³ Therefore **thus says the Lord GOD: “I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it.** ¹⁴ So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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¹⁵ “**Thus will I accomplish My wrath** on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered *mortar*; and I will say to you, ‘The wall *is no more*, nor those who plastered it, ¹⁶ *that is*, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when *there is no peace*,’ ” says the Lord GOD.

[Ezekiel 38:18-23 – Judgment on Gog](#)

Ez 38 ¹⁸ “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “*that My fury will show in My face*. ¹⁹ For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, ²⁰ so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ ²¹ I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. ²² **And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.** ²³ Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.” ’

[Isaiah 28:1-3 – Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem](#)

Is 28 ¹ Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower Which *is* at the head of the verdant valleys, To those who are overcome with wine!

² **Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, Who will bring them down to the earth with His hand.**

³ The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, Will be trampled underfoot;

[Revelation 8:7 – First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck](#)

Rev 8 ⁷ The first angel sounded: And **hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

[Revelation 11:15-19 – Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed](#)

Rev 11 ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ... ¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And **there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**

[Revelation 16:21 – Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken](#)

Rev 16 ²¹ **And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.**

[Fires](#)

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[2 Peter 3:1-7 – God’s Promise Is Not Slack](#)

2Pe 3 ¹ Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), ² that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, ³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last

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days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ **But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

Joel 2:1-11 – The Day of the Lord

Joel 2 ¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:
² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,
Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains.
A people *come*, great and strong, The like of whom has never been;
Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations.
³ **A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns;
The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness;
Surely nothing shall escape them.**
⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run.
⁵ With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap,
Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.

Isaiah 24:6 – Impending Judgment on the Earth

Is 24 ⁶ Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate.
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are left.

Isaiah 29:5-6 – Woe to Jerusalem

Is 29 ⁵ “Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust,
And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away;
Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
⁶ **You will be punished by the LORD of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise,
With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.**

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⁵ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.
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He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.
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⁹ He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.
¹⁰ And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.
¹¹ He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him *was* dark waters *And* thick clouds of the skies.
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Psalms 9:17 – Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Lord’s Righteous Judgments

Ps 9 ¹⁷ **The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.**

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Zechariah 9:3-4 – Israel Defended Against Enemies

Zec 9³ For Tyre built herself a tower, Heaped up silver like the dust, And gold like the mire of the streets.

⁴ Behold, the Lord will cast her out; He will destroy her power in the sea, **And she will be devoured by fire.**

Nahum 1:6 – God’s Wrath on His Enemies

Nah 1⁶ Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger?

His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.

Psalms 104:3-4 – Praise to the Sovereign Lord for His Creation and Providence

Psa 104³ He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,

Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,

⁴ **Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.**

Psalms 29:3-11 – Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty

Psa 29³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ **The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.**

⁶ **He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ **The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.**

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹ The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

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Isaiah 43:1-3 – Israel’s Only Savior

Is 43¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

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Volcanoes

Psalm 104:31-32 – Praise to the Sovereign Lord for His Creation and Providence

Ps 104 ³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.

³² **He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.**

Psalm 144:3-4 – A Song to the Lord Who Preserves and Prospers His People

Ps 144 ³ LORD, what *is* man, that You take knowledge of him? *Or* the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

⁴ Man is like a breath; His days *are* like a passing shadow.

⁵ **Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.**

⁶ Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.

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Micah 1:3-4 – The Coming Judgment on Israel

Mic 1 ³ For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place;

He will come down And tread on the high places of the earth.

⁴ **The mountains will melt under Him, And the valleys will split**

Like wax before the fire, Like waters poured down a steep place.

Psalm 97:2-6 – A Song of Praise to the Sovereign Lord

Ps 97 ² Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne.

³ A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

⁴ His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.

⁵ **The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,** At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶ The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.

Isaiah 64:1-3 – A Prayer for Help

Is 64 ¹ Oh, that You would rend the heavens!

That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—

² **As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil—**

To make Your name known to Your adversaries,

That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

³ When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,

You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence.

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[Job 28:5 – Job’s Discourse on Wisdom](#)

Job 28⁵ *As for the earth, from it comes bread, But underneath it is turned up as by fire;*

[Revelation 8:5-12 – The Trumpet Judgements](#)

Rev 8⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. ⁶ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck

⁷ The first angel sounded: And **hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck

⁸ Then the second angel sounded: And **something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.** ⁹ And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

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<https://phys.org/news/2015-06-difference-asteroids-meteorites.html#:~:text=In%20simplest%20terms%20here%20are,often%20called%20a%20shooting%20star>.

[Matthew 24:29-31 – The Coming of the Son of Man](#)

Mt 24²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; **the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

[Revelation 6:Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances](#)

Rev 6¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³ **And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.** ¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

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Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck

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¹⁰ Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

Genesis 19:24-24 – Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

Ge 19 ²⁴ Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. (as it was in the days of Lot)

The difference between asteroids and meteorites

Asteroids, meteors, and meteorites ... It might be fair to say these rocks from space inspire both wonder and fear among us Earthlings. But knowing a bit more about each of them and how they differ may eliminate some potential misgivings. While all these rocks originate from space, they have different names depending their location—i.e. whether they are hurtling through space or hurtling through the atmosphere and impacting Earth's surface.

In simplest terms here are the definitions:

- Asteroid: a large rocky body in space, in orbit around the Sun.
- Meteoroid: much smaller rocks or particles in orbit around the Sun.
- Meteor: If a meteoroid enters the Earth's atmosphere and vaporizes, it becomes a meteor, which is often called a shooting star.
- Meteorite: If a small asteroid or large meteoroid survives its fiery passage through the Earth's atmosphere and lands on Earth's surface, it is then called a meteorite.
- Fireball: Another related term is bolide, which is a very bright meteor that often explodes in the atmosphere.

Let's look at each in more detail:

Asteroids

Asteroids are found mainly in the asteroid belt, between Mars and Jupiter. Sometimes their orbits get perturbed or altered and some asteroids end up coming closer to the Sun, and therefore closer to Earth. In addition to the asteroid belt, however, there have been recent discussions among astronomers about the potential existence of large number asteroids in the Kuiper Belt and Oort Cloud.

Asteroids are sometimes referred to as minor planets or planetoids, but in general, they are rocky bodies that do not have an atmosphere. However, a few have their own moons. Our solar system contains millions of asteroids, many of which are thought to be the shattered remnants of planetesimals – bodies within the young Sun's solar nebula that never grew large enough to become planets.

The size of what classifies as an asteroid is not extremely well defined, as an asteroid can range from a few meters wide – like a boulder—to objects that are hundreds of kilometers in diameter. The largest asteroid is asteroid Ceres at about 952 km (592 miles) in diameter, and Ceres is so large that it is also categorized as a dwarf planet.

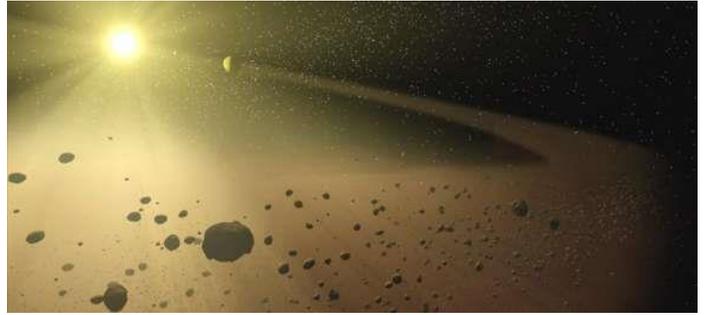
Most asteroids are made of rock, but as we explore and learn more about them we know that some are composed of metal, mostly nickel and iron. According to NASA, a small portion of the asteroid population may be burned-out comets whose ices have evaporated away and been blown off into space. Recently, astronomers have discovered some asteroids that mimic comets in that gas and dust are emanating from them, and as we mentioned earlier, there appears to be a large number of bodies with asteroid-like compositions but comet-like orbits.

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How Often Do Asteroids Hit Earth?

An artists impression of an asteroid belt. Credit: NASA

While we know that some asteroids pass very close to Earth's orbit around the Sun, we've been lucky in the history of humanity that we haven't had a large asteroid hit Earth in the past several thousand years. It wasn't until satellite imagery of Earth became widely available that scientists were able to see evidence of past asteroid impacts.



One of the more famous impact craters on Earth is Meteor Crater in Arizona in the US, which was made by an impact about 50,000 years ago. But there are about 175 known impact craters around the world – a few are quite large, like Vredefort Crater in South Africa which has an estimated radius of 190 kilometers (118 miles), making it the world's largest known impact structure on Earth. Another notable impact site is off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, and is believed to be a record of the event that led to the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

These days, asteroid impacts are less of a threat. NASA estimates that about once a year an automobile-sized asteroid enters Earth's atmosphere, creates an impressive fireball and disintegrates before ever reaching the surface. Studies of Earth's history indicate that about once every 5,000 years or so on average an object the size of a football field hits Earth and causes significant damage. Once every few million years on average an object large enough to cause regional or global disaster impacts Earth.

Meteors, Meteoroids and Bolides

Space debris smaller than an asteroid are called meteoroids. A meteoroid is a piece of interplanetary matter that is smaller than an asteroid and frequently are only millimeters in size. Most meteoroids that enter the Earth's atmosphere are so small that they vaporize completely and never reach the planet's surface. When they burn up during their descent, they create a beautiful trail of light known as a meteor, sometimes called a shooting star.

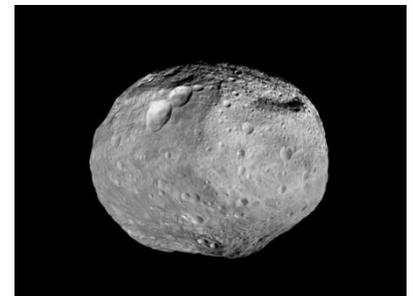
Mostly these are harmless, but larger meteors that explode in the atmosphere – sometimes called bolides—can create shockwaves, which can cause problems. In February 2013 a meteor that exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia shattered windows with its air blast. This meteoroid or bolide was estimated to be 18 meters (59 feet) in diameter. In 1908, a rocky meteoroid less than 100 meters in diameter is believed to have entered the atmosphere over the Tunguska region of Siberia in 1908 and the resulting shockwave knocked down trees for hundreds of square kilometers.

How often is Earth hit by meteoroids?

Because of the Chelyabinsk meteor in 2013, astronomers have acquired more information about the frequency of larger meteors that hit Earth, and there is now a growing consensus that the Earth gets hit by bigger space rocks more often than we previously thought.

The B612 foundation says that a Hiroshima-scale asteroid explosion happens in our atmosphere on average once a year, but many are not detected because they explode high in the atmosphere, or because most of the Earth's surface is water and even a large percentage of land is fairly uninhabited by humans.

The asteroid Vesta as seen by the Dawn spacecraft. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/UCAL/MPS/DLR/IDA



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Estimates vary of how much cosmic dust and meteors enter Earth's atmosphere each day, but range anywhere from 5 to 300 metric tons. Satellite observations suggest that 100-300 metric tons of cosmic dust enter the atmosphere each day. This figure comes from the rate of accumulation in polar ice cores and deep-sea sediments of rare elements linked to cosmic dust, such as iridium and osmium.

But other measurements – which includes meteor radar observations, laser observations and measurements by high altitude aircraft—indicate that the input could be as low as 5 metric ton per day.

Meteor Crater near Winslow, Arizona. Credit: NASA



Meteorite

If any part of a meteoroid survives the fall through the atmosphere and lands on Earth, it is called a meteorite. Although the vast majority of meteorites are very small, their size can range from about a fraction of a gram (the size of a pebble) to 100 kilograms (220 lbs) or more (the size of a huge, life-destroying boulder). Meteorites smaller than 2mm are classified as micrometeorites.

Meteorites have traditionally been divided into three broad categories, depending on their structure, chemical and isotopic composition and mineralogy. Stony meteorites are rocks, mainly composed of silicate minerals; iron meteorites that are largely composed of metallic iron-nickel; and, stony-iron meteorites that contain large amounts of both metallic and rocky material.

Meteorites have also been found on the moon and Mars and conversely, scientists have traced the origination of the meteorites found here on Earth to four other bodies: the moon, Mars, the asteroid 4 Vesta, and the comet Wild 2. Meteorites are the source of a great deal of the knowledge that we have about the composition of other celestial bodies.

A bright meteor from September 21, 1994. Credit: John Chumack



How Often Do Meteorites Hit Earth?

According to the Planetary Science Institute, it is estimated that probably 500 meteorites reach the surface of the Earth each year, but less than 10 are recovered. This is because most fall into water (oceans, seas or lakes) or land in remote areas of the Earth that are not accessible, or are just not seen to fall.

Summary

In short, the difference between asteroids and meteors all comes down to a question of location. Asteroids are always found in space. Once it enters an atmosphere, it becomes a meteor, and then a meteorite after it hits the ground. Each are made of the same basic materials – minerals and rock – and each originated in space. The main difference is where they are when they are being observed.

[Booms/trumpet sounds heard throughout the world](#)

Reports continue to emerge of booming sounds of mysterious origin echoing from the sky, from Colorado and Alabama to the Middle East, United Kingdom and Australia, according to News Corp Australia. A recent example occurred in Alabama, when a thunderous noise shook houses and frightened residents on Nov. 20. Other booms around the world, like the one in Alabama, remain unexplained. Locals in Cairns, Australia, were shaken by a loud rumble on Oct. 10. Then two

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weeks later, another boom was heard over the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia. Other mysterious sounds have been heard in as far reaching places as Michigan and Yorkshire, U.K. The strange sounds from the sky started back in 2008, are increasing and still being recorded today on videos by people all around the world. Some vary in intensity. Some resemble a loud engine, a rumbling, the slamming metallic door or even a lightning strike, others more like a groaning. So far scientists have not been able to give us a definitive explanation for the source of these strange noises.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – The Comfort of Christ’s Coming

1Th 4 ¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.** ¹⁷ **Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:20-54 – Our Final Victory

1Co 15 ⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—** ⁵² **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Matthew 24:29-31 – The Coming of the Son of Man

Mt 24 ²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ **And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

2 Peter 3:10-13 – The Day of the Lord

2Pe 3 ¹⁰ But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise**, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 11:15-19 – Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

Rev 11 ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ... ¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And **there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**

Psalms 77:16-19 – The Consoling Memory of God’s Redemptive Works

Psa 77 ¹⁶ The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; **The skies sent out a sound;** Your arrows also flashed about.

¹⁸ The voice of Your thunder *was* in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ Your way *was* in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

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Deception Apostasy – Deception Within the Church

Signs of the End of the Age

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ³Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,* ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹²that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 Timothy 4:1-3 – The Great Apostasy

1Ti 4 ¹Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving

Matthew 24:3-25 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”** ⁴And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵For **many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.** ...¹¹**Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** ...²³“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*. ²⁴**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand.

Luke 21:7-8 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Lk 21 ⁷So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And **what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?”** ⁸And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For **many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them.**

Mark 13:3-6, 21-23 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mk 13 ³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”** ⁵And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶For **many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.** ... ²¹“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe *it*. ²²**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** ²³But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

Apostasy

The English expression “apostasy” or “falling away” comes from the Greek noun *apostasia*.

- There are two major views on what is meant through the noun *apostasia*.
 - The majority view is that it is speaking of a spiritual departure, such as the unbelieving world embracing the Antichrist. Most Christians today believe that this is what is meant and that is the sign that Paul gives here.
 - Deception – False Gospel – Paul writes about deception in every letter

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- According to the second view, the apostasia is not a spiritual departure but rather represents a physical or spatial departure. If this latter view is accurate, Paul's simple point to the Thessalonian believers is that they could not possibly be in the Tribulation period because their physical departure, or the pretribulation rapture that he had already taught you about, has not yet transpired.

Physical Apostasy

2Th 2 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,*

- Andy Woods – The Falling Away
 - Woods, Andy. *The Falling Away: Spiritual Departure or Physical Rapture?: A Second Look at 2 Thessalonians 2:3*. Dispensational Publishing House. Kindle Edition.
 - “I believe that what is being spoken of here is not a spiritual departure but rather a physical departure, which would be a great source of evidence favoring the pretribulational view. What I would like to present are ten reasons why I believe that the physical or spatial understanding of apostasia in Second Thessalonians 2:3a is the correct interpretation, and why the spiritual departure view is an inadequate interpretation.”
 - 10 reasons why the Falling Away refers to a physical departure instead of a spiritual departure
 1. There have always been Doctrinal departures
 2. 2 Thessalonians was an early letter
 3. The definite article before the noun *apostasia*
 4. The noun *apostasia* can refer to a physical departure
 5. The verb *aphistēmi* can refer to a physical departure
 6. The extended context favors a physical departure interpretation of *apostasia*
 7. The immediate context favors a physical departure interpretation of *apostasia*
 8. 2 Thessalonians 2:3a is part of a review course
 9. Early Bible translations favor the physical departure view
 10. The physical departure view is held by credible scholars
- 1599 Geneva Bible translation of 2Th 2:3

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [speaking of the tribulation] shall not come, except there come a **departing** first, and that that man of sin be disclosed, even the son of perdition.

 - When is it that the translators changed the noun apostasy from departure or departing to falling away in the later translations?
 - Dr. Thomas Ice offers the following explanation:

Most scholars say that no one knows the reason for the translation shift. However, a plausible theory has been put forth by Martin Butalla in his Master of Theology thesis produced at Dallas Theology Seminary in 1998. It appears that the Catholic translation into English from Jerome's Latin Vulgate known as the Rheims Bible (1576) was the first to break the translation trend. “Apostasia was revised from ‘the departure’ to ‘the Protestant Revolt,’” explains Butalla. “Revolution is the terminology still in use today when Catholicism teaches the history of the Protestant Reformation. Under this guise, apostasia would refer to a departure of Protestants from the Catholic Church.” The Catholic translators appear eager to engage in polemics against the Reformation by even allowing it to impact Bible translation.
 - Thus, the shift from a physical to a spiritual understanding of apostasia in Second Thessalonians 2:3a in the Roman Catholic Rheims Bible English translation appears to have been theologically rather than exegetically motivated.

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- Let me just insert parenthetically that the campaign now with a dying Catholic church in these last days is come back home.
- Furthermore, in 1611 the King James translators translated apostasia in Second Thessalonians 2:3a with the expression, “falling away.” This is perhaps the second time that we begin to see a spiritual departure understanding of this verse enter an English translation. Why did the King James translators translate it as a spiritual departure when virtually everybody else, going back to Jerome, thought it was speaking of a physical departure? The answer most likely lies in the fact the KJV translation was created in the wake of the Protestant Reformation. Consequently, the translators wanted to apply the verse to the Roman Catholic Church, which represented a “falling away” from the truth. Thus, the translators of both the Rheims Bible and the KJV errantly embraced the theological interpretation “falling way” in lieu of the longstanding exegetical interpretation “departing” that had been faithfully handed down to them. Most modern translations follow the pattern established by the King James Version.
- What difference does it really make if Second Thessalonians 2:3a is speaking of a spiritual departure or a physical departure?
 - The reason it matters is because there has been for over at least the last century a vigorous debate amongst those who believe in a future Tribulation period and subsequent kingdom, concerning the question, “When the rapture will take place relative to the coming Tribulation period?”
 - Pre-tribulationists believe that the rapture takes place before the Tribulation period begins.
 - Mid-tribulationists believe that the rapture is going to take place in the middle of the tribulation period.
 - Post-tribulationists believe that the rapture will take place at the end of the tribulation period.
 - Prewrath rapturists contend that the rapture will take place at some point in the second half of the Tribulation period.
 - If verse 3a, is talking about a physical departure and not a spiritual departure, then the debate concerning when the rapture will transpire is all but over.
 - Paul says, “...that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first” (2 Thess. 2:3a).
 - The word translated “first” is the Greek adjective *prōton*, which means “first of all.”
 - If a physical departure must first transpire before the Day of the Lord can even begin, then it becomes a decisive victory for pretribulationism. Thus, how one interprets Second Thessalonians 2:3a is of grave consequence to the longstanding debate concerning the timing of the rapture.

[Spiritual Apostasy](https://christinprophecy.org/articles/apostasy-in-the-church/)

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/apostasy-in-the-church/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1Z8COt10wI>

Apostasy

- Come from the Greek word *apostasia*, meaning “a defiance of an established system or authority; a rebellion; an abandonment or breach of faith.”
- Apostasy is a rich word in the Greek. It carries the idea of a departure or a falling away, a forsaking of the truth, a defection from the truth, a revolt from the truth, and a swerving away from the truth.
- In every age there have been false prophets. There are two main types of spiritual apostasy.
 - The first form of apostasy—a denial of key Christian truths (such as the divinity of Christ) often begins a downhill slide into a full departure from the faith, which is the second form of apostasy.
 - The second form almost always begins with the first. A heretical belief becomes a heretical teaching that splinters and grows until it pollutes all aspects of a person’s faith, and then the end goal of Satan is accomplished, which is a complete falling away from Christianity.

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We are warned about those who preach another Jesus and a different spirit and a different gospel.

2Co 11 ⁴For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

But it's not just general warnings we want to deal with. There are specific prophecies that deal with last day apostasy.

- Humanism, materialism, and hedonism - Lovers of self is humanism, lovers of money is materialism, and lovers of pleasure is hedonism.

2Ti 3 ¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be **lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,** ³**unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,** ⁴**traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,** ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, **so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;** ⁹but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

- People will not endure sound doctrine

2Ti 4 ¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ²Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;** ⁴**and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.** ⁵But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1Ti 4 ¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** ²**speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,** ³**forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving**

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- People will deny Christ's return

2Pe 3 ³ knowing this first: that **scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,** ⁴**and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they***

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were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

In summary, this is what we're going to see in the end times according to this brief survey of Scripture.

- False prophets that seem like true prophets
- False Gospels contrary to the Biblical Gospel
- False concepts of Jesus Christ
- Substitute spiritualities
- A departure from sound teaching
- The embracing of religious myths
- A form of godliness without true spiritual power
- Humanism, materialism, and hedonism

Jude 1:3-4 – Contend for the Faith

Jude 1 ³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ **For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jude outlines how to recognize apostasy and strongly urges those in the body of Christ to contend earnestly for the faith.

- Contend earnestly
 - The Greek word translated “contend earnestly” is a compound verb from which we get the word *agonize*. It is in the present infinitive form, which means that the struggle will be continuous.
 - In other words, Jude says that there will be a constant fight against false teaching and that Christians should take it so seriously that we “agonize” over the fight in which we are engaged.
 - Moreover, Jude makes it clear that every Christian is called to this fight, not just church leaders, so it is critical that all believers sharpen their discernment skills so that they can recognize and prevent apostasy in their midst.
- In Jude 1:4, Jude provides Christians with three traits of apostasy and apostate teachers:
 - **Subtle** – First, Jude says that apostasy can be subtle – apostates have “crept” into the church.
 - In extra-biblical Greek, the term Jude uses describes the cunning craftiness of a lawyer who, through clever argumentation, infiltrates the minds of courtroom officials and corrupts their thinking.
 - The word literally means “slip in sideways; come in stealthily; sneak in.”
 - In other words, Jude says it is rare that apostasy begins in an overt and easily detectable manner. Instead, it’s only a single letter, the iota, differentiates the false teaching from the true.
 - Describing this aspect of apostasy and its underlying danger, [A. W. Tozer](#) wrote, “So skilled is error at imitating truth, that the two are constantly being mistaken for each another. It takes a sharp eye these days to know which brother is Cain and which is Abel.”
 - The apostle Paul also speaks to the outwardly pleasing behavior of apostates and their teaching: “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” ([2 Corinthians 11:13–14](#)). In other words, do not look for apostates to appear bad on the outside or speak dramatic words of heresy at the outset of their teaching. Rather than denying truth outright, apostates will twist it to fit their own

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agenda, but, as pastor R. C. Lensky has noted, “The worst forms of wickedness consist in perversions of the truth.”

- **Ungodly** – Second, Jude describes apostates as “ungodly” and as those who use God’s grace as a license to commit unrighteous acts. Beginning with “ungodly,” Jude describes eighteen unflattering traits of apostates: they are:
 - Jude 1 ⁴For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, **ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ...**
 - ⁸Likewise also these dreamers **defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.** ...
 - ¹⁰But these **speak evil** of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things **they corrupt themselves.**
 - ¹⁶These are **grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.**
 - ¹⁸how they told you that there would be **mockers** in the last time who would **walk according to their own ungodly lusts.** ¹⁹These are **sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.**
- **Deny** – Third, Jude says apostates “deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.” How do apostates do this?
 - Titus 1 ¹⁵To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. ¹⁶They profess to know God, but in works they deny *Him*, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.
 - Through their unrighteous behavior, the apostates show their true selves. Unlike an apostate, a true believer is someone who has been delivered from sin to righteousness in Christ and who refuses to continue in sin ([Romans 6:1–2](#)).
 - **Ultimately, the sign of an apostate is that he eventually falls away and departs from the truth of God’s Word and His righteousness.**
 - The apostle John signifies this is a mark of a false believer:
 - 1Jn 2 ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Ideas Have Consequences

Every New Testament book except Philemon contains warnings about false teaching. Why is this? Simply because ideas have consequences. Right thinking and its fruit produce goodness, whereas wrong thinking and its accompanying action result in undesired penalties.

- As an example, the Cambodian killing fields in the 1970s were the product of the nihilistic worldview of Jean Paul Sartre and his teaching. The Khmer Rouge’s leader, Pol Pot, lived out Sartre’s philosophy toward the people in a clear and frightening way, which was articulated in this manner: “To keep you is no benefit. To destroy you is no loss.”

Satan did not come to the first couple in the Garden with an external armament or visible weapon; instead, he came to them with an idea. And it was that idea, embraced by Adam and Eve, that condemned them and the rest of humankind, with the only remedy being the sacrificial death of God’s Son.

The great tragedy is that, knowingly or unknowingly, **the apostate teacher dooms his unsuspecting followers.** Speaking to His disciples about the religious leaders of His day, Jesus said, “Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, *both will fall into a pit*” ([Matthew 15:14](#), emphasis added). Alarming, it is not only

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false teachers who go to destruction, but their disciples follow them there. Christian philosopher [Søren Kierkegaard](#) put it this way: “For it has never yet been known to fail that one fool, when he goes astray, takes several others with him.”

[Apostasy – the Early Church till Today](#)

In AD 325, the [Council of Nicea](#) convened primarily to take up the issue of Arius and his teaching. Much to Arius’s dismay, the end result was his excommunication and a statement in the Nicene Creed that affirms Christ’s divinity: “We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten of his Father, of the substance of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father.”

Arius may have died centuries ago, but his spiritual children are still with us to this day in the form of cults like the [Jehovah’s Witnesses](#) and others who deny Christ’s true essence and person. Sadly, until Christ returns and every last spiritual enemy has been removed, tares such as these will be present among the wheat ([Matthew 13:24–30](#)). In fact, Scripture says apostasy will only get worse as Christ’s return approaches. “At that time [the latter days] many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another” ([Matthew 24:10](#)). Paul told the Thessalonians that a great falling away would precede Christ’s second coming ([2 Thessalonians 2:3](#)) and that the end times would be characterized by tribulation and hollow religious charlatans: “But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be . . . holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; avoid such men as these” ([2 Timothy 3:1–2, 5](#)).

It is critical, now more than ever, that every believer pray for [discernment](#), combat apostasy, and contend earnestly for the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints.

[Churches in the Last Days](#)

Jesus explains that the final three churches addressed in *the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches* (Revelation 3) come to three different situations based on this demonic deception.

- [Sardis Church](#): called the ‘dead’ church for their dead faith. They are rebuked for this and exhorted to “watch,” or they will be caught unaware of His coming.

The Dead Church (Tribulation Saints)

Rev 3¹ “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ²**Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die,** for I have not found your works perfect before God. ³Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore **if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.** ⁴You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. ⁶“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

- [Philadelphian Church](#): refuses to give into the world, and as a result, has little strength. They have not denied His name and remain true to God’s word. For this, they receive no condemnation and will be delivered before the global hour of testing.

The Faithful Church (Remnant to be raptured)

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Rev 3⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens’”:⁸ “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for **you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.** ⁹ Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.** ¹¹ **Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.** ¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name. ¹³ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ”

- Laodicean Church: given over to the world, acquires abundant luxuries, and claim they need nothing. In reality, they are poor, blind, and naked. They neither confirm nor deny anything that would cause them discomfort. Their lukewarmness makes Jesus nauseous.

The Lukewarm Church (Tares)

Rev 3¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because **you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.** ¹⁷ **Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—** ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²² “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ”

Because the Laodicean church seemingly becomes the final, dominant face of Christendom on the earth, their refusal to stand up for the truth (i.e., lukewarmness) results in an explosion of apostasy. Countless false teachers, false prophets, and false *messiahs* arise due to the churches inability or unwillingness to stand for the truth, and millions are led astray.

- Mt 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
- Mt 24:4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
- Mt 11:24 But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."
- 2Pe 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.
- Jude 1:4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

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- Act 20:28-31

Wheat, Tares and Chaff

Wheat and Chaff (Saved) and Tares (Unsaved)

Tares (False Wheat, weeds, darnels) – Fake Christians, Unsaved

- ζιζάνια [zizania]
 - A weed called lolium temulentum or 'darnel'.
 - Looks identical to wheat in the early stages of growth
 - A poisonous plant related to wheat and virtually indistinguishable from it until the ears form.
 - In some regions, the darnel is called 'false wheat'.
 - It is only in the later stages of growth that the difference between the two becomes apparent.
 - If you eat the seeds from the tare, it cause severe nausea, produces vomit, severe headaches, and a host of other illnesses.
- Jesus explains that the tares represent the "sons of the wicked one".
 - They are placed on purpose by Satan right alongside the children of the kingdom.
 - The enemy's purpose in sowing tares among the wheat was to destroy the wheat.
 - But the wise farmer would not allow the enemy to succeed. Instead, the farmer decided to sort it out at harvest time.
- Knowing that the darnel (tare) is virtually identical to the wheat for much of its life unlocks some great truths
 - Being identical will make it hard for us to discern the difference.
 - It is only once both mature that they no longer resemble each other making separation possible.
 - So spiritually speaking it is only once we grow and mature in the Lord that we will notice the difference between ourselves and the children of the wicked one, or the wolves in the body of Christ.
 - Also we can see that those who are still immature and cease to grow will continue to resemble the immature darnel (tare).

Wheat – True Christians, Saved

- A grain that is a staple of our diet.
- The Bible uses wheat as an allegory for true Christians.
- Wheat is not just gathered up and consumed, it must be processed first.
 - The edible part of the plant must be separated from the part that is considered unfit for human consumption. This process is called 'threshing' or 'sifting'.

Chaff – The wickedness that is removed from the true Christian

- During the sifting process or threshing, the inedible chaff is separated from the edible seed head
 - The seed heads of the wheat are violently beaten with instruments to separate the kernels from the unusable part of the plant which is called the chaff.
 - This chaff is sometimes used to feed livestock such as pigs. Could this be what the prodigal son ate when he was separated from the father?
- Once the wheat has been threshed or sifted the final process, winnowing is begun.
 - The chaff now lays mixed with the wheat on the threshing floor and must be separated for disposal by burning. This was accomplished by a winnowing fan which separated the lighter chaff from the wheat and is carried away by the wind.
 - It is only once the chaff is separated from the wheat by winnowing that the wheat is ready to be gathered from the threshing floor in the barn into the garner, or grain storage container.

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- When the wheat is ready for harvest, it must be harvested quickly as possible before bad weather ruins it.
 - The chaff was part of the wheat so spiritually speaking we can understand it to be the things in us that God has allowed Satan to work out of our lives through threshing/sifting.
 - But unlike the threshing/sifting process it is Christ Himself (not Satan) that does the winnowing.

Threshing Floor

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There are dozens of references to a “threshing floor” in the Bible, some literal and some symbolic. In biblical days there was no machinery, so after the harvest, the grain was separated from the straw and husks by beating it manually. First there had to be a flat surface that was smooth and hard, and this was known as the threshing floor. The process of threshing was performed generally by spreading the sheaves on the threshing floor and causing oxen and cattle to tread repeatedly over them, loosening the edible part of cereal grain (or other crop) from the scaly, inedible [chaff](#) that surrounds it ([Deuteronomy 25:4](#); [Isaiah 28:28](#)). On occasion, flails or sticks were used for this purpose ([Ruth 2:17](#); [Isaiah 28:27](#)). Then winnowing forks were used to throw the mixture into the air so the wind could blow away the chaff, leaving only the good grain on the floor.

Both the Old and New Testaments refer to the **threshing floor as a symbol of judgment**. Hosea prophesied that, because Israel has repeatedly turned from God to false idols, His judgment upon them would scatter them to the winds as the chaff from the threshing floor. “Therefore they will be like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears, like chaff swirling from a threshing floor, like smoke escaping through a window” ([Hosea 13:3](#)). Jeremiah pronounces a similar fate on the Babylonians who persecuted Israel, likening their fate to the trampled sheaves on the threshing floor ([Jeremiah 51:33](#)).

John the Baptist uses the imagery of the threshing floor to describe the coming Messiah who would separate the true believers from the false. The true followers of Christ will be gathered into the kingdom of God just as grain is gathered into barns, while those who reject Christ will be burned up “with unquenchable fire,” just as the worthless chaff is burned ([Matthew 3:12](#); [Luke 3:17](#)). The wicked are often described as chaff that the wind drives away ([Psalm 1:4](#); [Isaiah 17:13](#)). Similar imagery of the good grain being separated from the worthless weeds appears in the [parable of the wheat and the tares](#) ([Matthew 13:36-43](#)).

Wheat and Tares

Matthew 13:24-30 – The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

Mt 13 ²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’”

Matthew 13:36-42 – The Parable of the Tares Explained

Mt 13 ³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” ³⁷ He answered and said to them: “**He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.** ³⁸ **The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.** ³⁹ **The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.** ⁴⁰ **Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.** ⁴¹ **The Son of**

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Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Matthew 15:7-14 – Defilement Comes from Within

Matthew 15⁷ Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’ ” ¹⁰ When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹ Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” ¹² Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the **Pharisees were offended** when they heard this saying?” ¹³ **But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”**

Parable of the Wheat and Tares (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42)

This parable *clearly describes corruption among the people of God.*

For the second farmer to plant his seed in the same field was an out-right disrespect to the first farmer. Back then the only time that a second farmer planted on the same field as another represented a deep hatred. Problem was, the first farmer knew who their enemy was and could bring him to death for such. Times were too hard to have crops destroyed because of hostilities and hatred for one another. In today's world, that would be considered fighting grounds. In the political world, this act was a declaration of war.

It is easy to tell the difference between the wheat, tare, and the weed at harvest time.

- The wheat is longer, bigger, and stronger. The tare is shorter, medium sized, and weaker. The weed is the shortest, smallest, and the weakest
- The weed doesn't produce any seeds. The tare produces some seeds. The wheat produces the biggest seeds.

In the church

- From the distance and even close up, everyone looks like wheat.
 - Some ‘having the form of Godliness, but deny the power thereof’ (2Ti 3:5).
 - They look like they are saved, sanctified, and Holy Ghost filled until they reach the threshing floor
- The seeds from wheat are heavy and full. They look very different when full grown.
 - They bow to the wind. Therefore when you see the wheat at its peak, and ready for harvest, they all are bent according to which way the wind blew...
 - The Holy Spirit will cause us to stay on bended knees. These are those who spent time with the Lord and obeyed his WORD to the letter. They had no other choice because the seeds that were planted in them were too strong and mighty to stand upright with pride...
- The tare is prideful and boastful. They are stubborn, reprobated, and self endowed. They act like wheat, but if you eat the seeds from the tare, it cause severe nausea, produces vomit, severe headaches, and a host of other illnesses. **BE VERY CAREFUL SAINTS AS TO WHO YOU LET FEED YOUR SPIRIT.**
 - The tare's job is to choke the life out of the wheat.
 - Some of you sit next to these types of people in churches, at home, and in the workplace. This is the reason for sanctification.
- The threshing floor is a place where the seeds were separated from the vine. This is a painful time in a Christians life because it is where tests, trials, and tribulations comes to prove the faith. One can tell what Christian is victorious through the seeds produced.

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The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, or Tares, is filled with spiritual significance and truth. But, in spite of the clear explanation of the parable that Jesus gave ([Matthew 13:36-43](#)), this parable is very often misinterpreted. Many commentaries and sermons have attempted to use this story as an illustration of the condition of the church, noting that there are both true believers (the wheat) and false professors (the weeds) in both the church at large and individual local churches. While this may be true, Jesus distinctly explains that the field is not the church; it is the world (v. 38).

Even if He hadn't specifically told us the world is the setting of the story, it would still be obvious. The landowner tells the servants not to pull up the weeds in the field, but to leave them until the end of the age. If the field were the church, this command would directly contradict Jesus' teaching in [Matthew 18](#), which tells us how to deal with unrepentant sinners in the church: they are to be put out of the fellowship and treated as unbelievers. Jesus never instructed us to let impenitent sinners remain in our midst until the end of the age. So, Jesus is teaching here about "the kingdom of heaven" (v. 24) in the world.

In the agricultural society of Christ's time, many farmers depended on the quality of their crops. An enemy sowing weeds would have sabotaged a business. The tares in the parable were likely darnel because that weed, until mature, appears as wheat. Without modern weed killers, what would a wise farmer do in such a dilemma? Instead of tearing out the wheat with the tares, the landowner in this parable wisely waited until the harvest. After harvesting the whole field, the tares could be separated and burned. The wheat would be saved in the barn.

In the explanation of parable, Christ declares that He Himself is the sower. He spreads His redeemed seed, true believers, in the field of the world. Through His grace, these Christians bear the fruit of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:22-24](#)). Their presence on earth is the reason the "kingdom of heaven" is like the field of the world. When Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" ([Matthew 4:17](#); [Mark 3:2](#)), He meant the spiritual realm which exists on earth side by side with the realm of the evil one ([1 John 5:19](#)). When the kingdom of heaven comes to its fruition, heaven will be a reality and there will be no "weeds" among the "wheat." But for now, both good and bad seeds mature in the world.

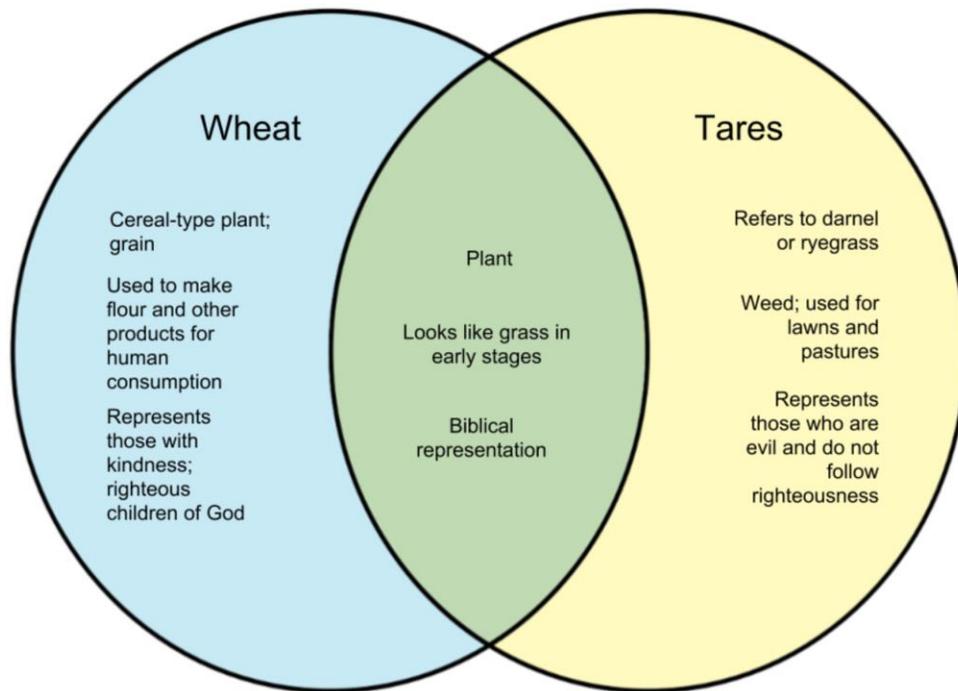
The enemy in the parable is Satan. In opposition to Jesus Christ, the devil tries to destroy Christ's work by placing false believers and teachers in the world who lead many astray. One has only to look at the latest televangelist scandal to know the world is filled with professing "Christians" whose ungodly actions bring reproach on the name of Christ. But we are not to pursue such people in an effort to destroy them. For one thing, we don't know if immature and innocent believers might be injured by our efforts. Further, one has only to look at the Spanish [Inquisition](#), the [Crusades](#), and the reign of "[Bloody Mary](#)" in England to see the results of men taking upon themselves the responsibility of separating true believers from false, a task reserved for God alone. Instead of requiring these false believers to be rooted out of the world, and possibly hurting immature believers in the process, Christ allows them to remain until His return. At that time, angels will separate the true from false believers.

In addition, we are not to take it upon ourselves to uproot unbelievers because the difference between true and false believers isn't always obvious. Tares, especially in the early stages of growth, resemble wheat. Likewise, a false believer may resemble a true believer. In [Matthew 7:22](#), Jesus warned that many profess faith but do not know Him. Thus, each person should examine his own relationship with Christ ([2 Corinthians 13:5](#)). First John is an excellent test of salvation.

Jesus Christ will one day establish true righteousness. After He raptures the true church out of this world, God will pour out His righteous wrath on the world. During that tribulation, He will draw others to saving faith in Jesus Christ. At the end of the tribulation, all unbelievers will be judged for their sin and unbelief; then, they will be removed from God's presence. True followers of Christ will reign with Him. What a glorious hope for the "wheat"!

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	Wheat	Tares
Definition	A grain/cereal-type plant that is processed for food	A type of weed that resembles wheat during early stages of growth
Taxonomy	Plantae> Angiosperms> Monocots> Commelinids> Poales> Poaceae> Pooideae> Triticum L. > various species	Plantae> Angiosperms> Monocots> Commelinids> Poales> Poaceae> Pooideae> Lolium> L. temulentum
Functions	Processed into flour, malt, semolina, groats, bran, and many more products for human consumption	A weed also known as "false wheat"; in modern sciences, the pollen is used to make medicine while the weed can be used as pasture grass or a sod for home lawns. The seeds contain soporific poison.
Physical Traits	Has long, slender leaves and a brush-like seed head. Wheat can grow up to 1.2 meters tall. The seeds are brown. Wheat resembles grass in early stages and displays a golden color at adulthood when it is ready for harvest.	Grows up to a meter tall and grows purple grain upon maturity. Has black seeds. The stems are erect and elongated.
Historical/biblical references	The wheat is depicted in the Bible as good seed that is sowed by man unto a field. After letting it grow with the tares/weeds, the man has the wheat stored in his barn.	In the Bible parable, an enemy of the owner of the field sowed tares with the wheat, which the owner let grow along with his crops. Once everything was harvested, the tares were bundled up and burned. Historically, Roman laws did prohibit sowing the darnel plants together with the wheat of enemies.
Biblical interpretation	The wheat represents the good children of God -those who are righteous and kind.	The tares represent those who are evil and who do not treat their fellow man with kindness; those who do not follow the righteous path



Wheat and Chaff

Jeremiah 23:25-28 – False Prophets and Empty Oracles

Jer 23 ²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed **they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart,** ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. ²⁸ **“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?”** says the LORD. →

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Matthew 3:11-12 – John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Matthew 3 ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² **His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**”

Luke 3:15-17 – John Preaches to the People

Lk 3 ¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ **His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.**”

Wheat

1 Samuel 6:13 The Ark Returned to Israel

1Sam 6 ¹³ Now *the people of Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted their eyes and saw the ark,* and rejoiced to see it.

Luke 22:31-32 – Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

Lk 22 ³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, **Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.** ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.”

John 12:23-26 – The Fruitful Grain of Wheat

Jn 12 ²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.** ²⁵ **He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

Chaff

Isaiah 33:10-13 – Impending Judgment on Zion

Is 33 ¹⁰ “Now I will rise,” says the LORD; “Now I will be exalted, Now I will lift Myself up.
¹¹ **You shall conceive chaff, You shall bring forth stubble; Your breath, as fire, shall devour you.**
¹² **And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; Like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire.**
¹³ Hear, you *who are* afar off, what I have done; And you *who are* near, acknowledge My might.”

Isaiah 41:14-16 – Israel Assured of God’s Help

Is 41 ¹⁴ “Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men of Israel!
I will help you,” says the LORD And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
¹⁵ “Behold, **I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth;**
You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, And make the hills like chaff.
¹⁶ **You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away, And the whirlwind shall scatter them;**
You shall rejoice in the LORD, *And* glory in the Holy One of Israel.

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Isaiah 17:12-14 – Proclamation Against Syria and Israel

Is 17 ¹² Woe to the multitude of many people *Who* make a noise like the roar of the seas,
And to the rushing of nations *That* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!
¹³ The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But *God* will rebuke them and they will flee far away,
And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
¹⁴ **Then behold, at eventide, trouble! And before the morning, he is no more.**
This is the portion of those who plunder us, And the lot of those who rob us.

Psalms 83:13-18 – Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy Against Israel

Ps 83 ¹³ **O my God, make them like the whirling dust, Like the chaff before the wind!**
¹⁴ **As the fire burns the woods, And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,**
¹⁵ **So pursue them with Your tempest, And frighten them with Your storm.**
¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.
¹⁷ Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,
¹⁸ That they may know that You, whose name alone *is* the LORD, *Are* the Most High over all the earth.

Job 21:17-19 – Job’s Discourse on the Wicked

Job 21 ¹⁷ “How often is the lamp of the wicked put out?
How often does their destruction come upon them, The sorrows *God* distributes in His anger?
¹⁸ **They are like straw before the wind, And like chaff that a storm carries away.**
¹⁹ *They say*, ‘God lays up one’s iniquity for his children’; Let Him recompense him, that he may know *it*.

Psalms 1:1-5 – The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

Ps 1 ¹ Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.
⁴ **The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.**
⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Psalms 35:1-6 – The Lord the Avenger of His People

Ps 35 ¹ Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.
² Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.
³ Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, “I *am* your salvation.”
⁴ Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life;
Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.
⁵ **Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase them.**
⁶ **Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.**

Isaiah 29:5-6 – Woe to Jerusalem

Is 29 ⁵ “Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust,
And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
⁶ **You will be punished by the LORD of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise,**
With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.

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Hosea 13:2-3 – Relentless Judgment on Israel

Hos 13 ² Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves molded images, Idols of their silver, according to their skill; All of it *is* the work of craftsmen.

They say of them, “Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!”

³ **Therefore they shall be like the morning cloud And like the early dew that passes away, Like chaff blown off from a threshing floor And like smoke from a chimney.**

Tares (Weeds) – False Christians

1 John 1:5-10 – Fellowship with Him and One Another

1Jn 1 ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ **If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.** ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Titus 1:16 – The Elders’ Task

Tit 1 ¹⁶ **They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him,** being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Tares (Weeds) – False Teachers

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 – A New Prophet Like Moses

Dt 18 ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ ²¹ And if you say in your heart, ‘**How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?**’— ²² **when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.**

2 Peter 3:16-17 – Be Steadfast

2Pe 3 ¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are **some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.** ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

Isaiah 8:19-20 – Fear God, Heed His Word

Is 8 ¹⁹ And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?* ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! **If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**

Deuteronomy 13:1-5 – Punishment of Apostates

Dt 13 ¹ “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, **of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’** ³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all

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your soul. ⁴You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. ⁵But **that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall ^lput away the evil from your midst.

Isaiah 29:13-16 – The Blindness of Disobedience

Is 29 ¹³Therefore the Lord said:

“Inasmuch as **these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,**

¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”

¹⁶**Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me”? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?**

Matthew 23:15 – Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

Mt 23 ¹⁵“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Tares (Weeds) – False Teachers and the Fall of Jerusalem

Jeremiah 14:13-15 – Sword, Famine, and Pestilence

Jer 14 ¹³Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, the prophets say to them, ‘You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD said to me, “**The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.** ¹⁵Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, ‘Sword and famine shall not be in this land’—‘By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed!

Jeremiah 5:30-31 – The Justice of God’s Judgment

Jer 5 ³⁰“An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land:

³¹**The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so.** But what will you do in the end?

Jeremiah 23:9-29 – False Prophets and Empty Oracles

Jer 23 ⁹**My heart within me is broken Because of the prophets; All my bones shake. ...**

¹¹“For **both prophet and priest are profane**; Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness,” says the LORD.

¹²“Therefore their way shall be to them Like slippery ways;

In the darkness they shall be driven on And fall in them;

For I will bring disaster on them, The year of their punishment,” says the LORD.

¹³“And **I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria:**

They prophesied by Baal And caused My people Israel to err.

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¹⁴ Also **I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness.** All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

¹⁵ “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets:
‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, And make them drink the water of gall;
For **from the prophets of Jerusalem Profaneness has gone out into all the land.**’ ”

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts:

“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.

They make you worthless; **They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD.**

¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The LORD has said, “You shall have peace” ’;

And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”

¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word?

Who has marked His word and heard *it*?

¹⁹ **Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—A violent whirlwind!**

It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.

²⁰ **The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart.**

In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

²¹ “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words,

Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.

²³ “*Am I a God near at hand,*” says the LORD, “*And not a God afar off?*”

²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the LORD;

“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

²⁵ **“I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.**

²⁸ “**The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream;**

And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully.

What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD.

²⁹ “*Is not My word like a fire?*” says the LORD,

“*And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?*”

³⁰ “Therefore behold, **I am against the prophets,**” says the LORD, “who steal My words every one from his neighbor. ³¹ Behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’ ³² Behold, **I am against those who prophesy false dreams,**” says the LORD, “**and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,**” says the LORD.

[Lamentations 2:13-14 – God’s Anger with Jerusalem](#)

Lam 2 ¹³ How shall I console you? To what shall I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem?

What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion?

For your ruin *is* spread wide as the sea; Who can heal you?

¹⁴ **Your prophets have seen for you False and deceptive visions;**

They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives,

But have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.

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Ezekiel 22:23-31 – Israel’s Wicked Leaders

Ez 22 ²³ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²⁴ “Son of man, say to her: ‘You *are* a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.’ ²⁵ The **conspiracy of her prophets** in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. ²⁶ **Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things**; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. ²⁷ Her princes in her midst *are* like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. ²⁸ **Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ when the LORD had not spoken.** ²⁹ The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. ³⁰ So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. ³¹ **Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath**; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads,” says the Lord GOD.

Micah 3:9-12 – Wicked Rulers and Prophets

Mic 3 ⁵ **Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets Who make my people stray;**

Who chant “Peace” While they chew with their teeth,

But who prepare war against him Who puts nothing into their mouths:

⁶ “Therefore **you shall have night without vision, And you shall have darkness without divination;**

The sun shall go down on the prophets, And the day shall be dark for them.

⁷ So the **seers shall be ashamed, And the diviners abashed;**

Indeed they shall all cover their lips; For *there is* no answer from God.”

⁸ But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, And of justice and might,
To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.

⁹ Now hear this, You heads of the house of Jacob

And rulers of the house of Israel, Who abhor justice And pervert all equity,

¹⁰ Who build up Zion with bloodshed And Jerusalem with iniquity:

¹¹ Her heads judge for a bribe, **Her priests teach for pay, And her prophets divine for money.**

Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, “Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us.”

¹² Therefore **because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the temple Like the bare hills of the forest.**

Ezekiel 13:3-23 – Woe to Foolish Prophets

Ez 13 ³ Thus says the Lord GOD: “**Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!** ⁴ O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. ⁵ You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD. ⁶ **They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD!’ But the LORD has not sent them;** yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. ⁷ Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? **You say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not spoken.**” ⁸ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “**Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I *am* indeed against you,**” says the Lord GOD.

¹⁰ “Because, indeed, because **they have seduced My people, saying, ‘Peace!’ when *there is* no peace**—and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered *mortar*— ¹¹ say to those who plaster *it* with untempered *mortar*, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear *it* down. ¹² Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, ‘Where *is* the mortar with which you plastered *it*?’ ”

¹³ **Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume *it*.** ¹⁴ So I will break down the wall you have

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plastered with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

¹⁵ “Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered *mortar*; and I will say to you, ‘The wall *is* no *more*, nor those who plastered it, ¹⁶ *that is*, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when *there is* no peace,’ ” says the Lord GOD.

¹⁷ “Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, ¹⁸ and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “**Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls!** Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? ¹⁹ And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?”’ ”

²⁰ “**Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds.** I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. ²¹ I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

²² “**Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.** ²³ Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.” ’ ”

Isaiah 56:9-12 – Israel’s Irresponsible Leaders

Is 56 ⁹ All you beasts of the field, come to devour, All you beasts in the forest.

¹⁰ **His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs,**
They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

¹¹ Yes, *they are* greedy dogs *Which* never have enough. **And they are shepherds Who cannot understand;**
They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own territory.

¹² “Come,” *one says*, “I will bring wine, And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink;
Tomorrow will be as today, *And* much more abundant.”

Tares (Weeds) – False Teachers in the End Times

1 Timothy 4:1-3 – The Great Apostasy

1Ti 4 ¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** ² **speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,** ³ **forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving**

2 Peter 2:1-3 – Destructive Doctrines

2Pe 2 ¹ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as **there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.** ² **And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.** ³ **By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;** for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

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2 Corinthians 11:12-15 – Paul and False Apostles

2Co 11 ¹² But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. ¹³ **For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.** ¹⁴ **And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.** ¹⁵ **Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.**

2 Timothy 4:1-5 – Preach the Word

2Ti 4 ¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;** ⁴ **and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.** ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 – Concern for Their Faithfulness

2Co 11 ³ But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.** ⁴ **For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!**

Galatians 1:6-10 – Only One Gospel

Gal 1 ⁶ **I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,** ⁷ **which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.** ⁸ **But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.** ⁹ **As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.** ¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 – Error and Greed

1Ti 6 ³ **If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,** ⁴ **he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,** ⁵ **useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of gain*.** From such withdraw yourself.

Galatians 4:8-11 – Fears for the Church

Gal 4 ⁸ **But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.** ⁹ **But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, *how is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?** ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years. ¹¹ I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

2 Peter 3:3-7 – God's Promise Is Not Slack

2Pe 3 ³ knowing this first: that **scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,** ⁴ **and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.”** ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with

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water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, **so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;** ⁹ but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

Jude 1:16-19 – Apostates Predicted

Jude 1 ¹⁶ **These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.** ¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸ **how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.** ¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

2 Peter 2:4-11 – Doom of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to **reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,** ¹⁰ **and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,** ¹¹ whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

2 Peter 2:18-22 – Deceptions of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ¹⁸ For **when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.** ¹⁹ **While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.** ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²² But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

Jude 1:3-4 – Contend for the Faith

Jude 1 ³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ **For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Colossians 2:4-8 – Not Philosophy but Christ

Col 2 ⁴ Now this I say **lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.** ⁵ For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your *good* order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. ⁸ **Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.**

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Acts 20:28-30 – The Ephesian Elders Exhorted

Act 20 ²⁸ Therefore **take heed to yourselves and to all the flock**, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ **For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.** ³⁰ **Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.** ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Matthew 7:15-20 – You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

Mt 7 ¹⁵ **“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.** ¹⁶ **You will know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Ephesians 4:11-16 – Spiritual Gifts

Ep 4 ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ **that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,** ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

1 John 1:5-10 – Fellowship with Him and One Another

1Jn 1 ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ **If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.** ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** ⁹ **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** ¹⁰ **If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

Mark 7:5-9 – Defilement Comes from Within

Mk 7 ⁵ Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

⁶ He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.

⁷ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸ For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” ⁹ He said to them, “*All too* well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

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1 John 4:1-6 – Love for God and One Another

1Jn 4 ¹ Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.** ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and **every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ **They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.** ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

2 Timothy 3:1-7 – Perilous Times and Perilous Men

2Ti 3 ¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ **having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!** ⁶ For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

John 8:37-47 – Abraham's Seed and Satan's

Jn 8 ³⁷ **"I know that you are Abraham's [physical] descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸ I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."**

³⁹ They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children [spiritual descendants], you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ **You do the deeds of your father.**"

Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God." ⁴² Jesus said to them, **"If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."**

Romans 16:17-20 – Avoid Divisive Persons

Ro 16 ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, **note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.**

2 Peter 2:12-17 – Depravity of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ¹² But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, **speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³ and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as** those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children. ¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he was

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rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, **for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**

James 1:26-27 – Doers—Not Hearers Only

Jam 1 ²⁶**If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.** ²⁷Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Jude 1:7-11 – Old and New Apostates

Jude 1 ⁷as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

⁸**Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.** ⁹Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰**But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.** ¹¹Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Jude 1:12-15 – Apostates Depraved and Doomed

Jude 1 ¹²These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, **servicing only themselves.** *They are* clouds without water, **carried about by the winds**; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³raging waves of the sea, **foaming up their own shame**; **wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.** ¹⁴Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

2 Timothy 3:10-17 – The Man of God and the Word of God

2Ti 3 ¹⁰But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹²Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³**But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.** ¹⁴But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 24:3-25 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³ "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" ⁴And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵**For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.** ... ¹¹Then many **false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** ... ²³"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*. ²⁴**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand.

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[Luke 21:7-8 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age](#)

Lk 21 ⁷ So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And **what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?**” ⁸ And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For **many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them.**

[Mark 13:21-23 – The Great Tribulation](#)

Mk 13 ²¹ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe it. ²² **For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** ²³ But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

[2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 – The Great Apostasy](#)

2Th 2 ³ **Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,*** ⁴ **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

[Matthew 7:21-23 – I Never Knew You](#)

Mt 7 ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² **Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’** ²³ **And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

Deception Apostasy – Replacement Theology (Covenant Theology)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zSsCav0Zis>

<https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-evil-of-replacement-theology/>

Replacement theology is also known as covenant theology or supersessionism. This is a Christian doctrine which asserts that the New Covenant, through Jesus Christ, supersedes the Old Covenant, which was made exclusively with the Jewish people.

Replacement theology is a theological view on the current status of the church in relation to the Jewish people and Judaism. It holds the view that the Christian Church has replaced the Israelites as the definitive people of God or it holds the view that the New Covenant has replaced or superseded the Mosaic covenant. This view directly contrasts with dual-covenant (or dispensationalist) theology which holds that the Mosaic covenant remains valid for Jews and Christians have been grafted in and adopted.

[Are Israel and the church the same thing? Does God still have a plan for Israel?](#)

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Israel-church.html>

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This topic is one of the more controversial in the Church today, and it has significant implications regarding the way we interpret Scripture, especially concerning the end times. More importantly, it has great significance in that it affects the way we understand the very nature and character of God Himself.

[Romans 11:16-36](#) records the illustration of the olive tree. This passage speaks of Israel the (“natural” branches) being broken off from the olive tree, and the Church (“wild” branches or shoots) being grafted into the olive tree. Since Israel is referred to as branches, as well as the Church, it stands to reason that neither group is the “whole tree,” so to speak; rather, the whole tree represents God’s workings with mankind as a whole. Therefore, God’s program with Israel and God’s program with the Church are part of the outworking of His purpose among men in general. Of course, this is not intended to mean that either program is of little significance. As many commentators have noted, more space is given in the Bible regarding God’s programs with Israel and with the Church than any of God’s other dealings!

In [Genesis 12](#), God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation (the Jews), the Jews would possess a land, that nation would be blessed above all other nations, and all other nations would be blessed from Israel. So, from the beginning God revealed that Israel would be His chosen people on the earth, but that His blessing would not be limited to them exclusively. [Galatians 3:14](#) identifies the nature of the blessing to come to all the other nations: “That the [blessing of Abraham](#) might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” All the nations of the world were blessed by Israel, through whom the Savior of the world came.

God’s plan of redemption is built upon the finished work of Jesus Christ, a descendant of David and Abraham. But Christ’s death on the cross is sufficient for the sins of the entire world, not just the Jews! [Galatians 3:6-8](#) states, “Consider Abraham: ‘He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’” Finally, [Galatians 3:29](#) says, “If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” In other words, in Christ, believers are counted righteous by faith in the same way that Abraham was ([Galatians 3:6-8](#)). If we are in Christ, then we are partakers of the blessing of Israel and all nations in the redemptive work of Christ. Believers become the spiritual descendants of Abraham. Believers do not become physical Jews, but they may enjoy the same type of blessings and privileges as the Jews.

Now, this does not contradict or nullify the revelation given in the Old Testament. God’s promises in the Old Testament are still valid, and God’s relationship with Israel as a chosen people points to the work of Christ as a Redeemer of the whole world. The Mosaic Law is still mandatory for all Jews who have not yet accepted Christ as their Messiah. Jesus did what they could not do—fulfill the Law in all its details ([Matthew 5:17](#)). As New Testament believers, we are no longer under the curse of the Law ([Galatians 3:13](#)), because Christ has taken that curse upon Himself on the cross. The Law served two purposes: to reveal sin and mankind’s inability (on his own merit) to do anything about it, and to point us to Christ, who fulfills the Law. His death on the cross completely satisfies God’s righteous requirement of perfection.

God’s unconditional promises are not invalidated by the unfaithfulness of man. Nothing we do is ever a surprise to God, and He does not need to adjust His plans according to the way we behave. No, God is sovereign over all things—past, present and future—and what He has foreordained for both Israel and the Church will come to pass, regardless of circumstances. [Romans 3:3-4](#) explains that Israel’s unbelief would not nullify His promises concerning them: “What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God’s faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: ‘So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge.’”

Promises made to Israel are still going to be kept in the future. We can be sure that all God has said is true and will take place, because of His character and consistency. The Church does not replace Israel and should not expect a symbolic fulfillment of the promises of the Old Covenant. As one reads Scripture, it is necessary to keep Israel and the Church separate.

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Romans 11:11-Israel's Rejection Not Final

Ro 11 ¹¹I say then, **have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.** ¹²Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

¹³For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

¹⁶For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches were broken off, and **you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,** ¹⁸**do not boast against the branches.** But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.

¹⁹You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰Well *said*. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. ²¹**For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.** ²²Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And they also, **if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.** ²⁴**For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?**

²⁵For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** ²⁶**And so all Israel will be saved,** as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

²⁷For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

²⁸Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable.

God's covenant with the Jews is eternal (unbreakable)

Genesis 17:3-8 – The Sign of the Covenant

Ge 17 ³Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷**And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant,** to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸**Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."**

Psalms 105:8 – The Eternal Faithfulness of the Lord

Ps 105 ⁸**He remembers His covenant forever,** The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,

1 Chronicles 16:13-19 – David's Song of Thanksgiving

1Ch 16 ¹³O seed of Israel His servant, You **children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

¹⁴He *is* the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth.

¹⁵**Remember His covenant forever,** The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

¹⁶*The covenant which* He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

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¹⁷ **And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant,**

¹⁸ Saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,”

¹⁹ When you were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 – A New Covenant

Jer 31 ³⁵ Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day,

The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night,

Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts *is* His name):

³⁶ **“If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD,**

Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”

³⁷ Thus says the LORD:

“If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath,

I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

- Have you seen the sun, moon or stars today? If so, you can know that the nation Israel still has a place in God’s plan because this passage clearly states that so long as the sun keeps coming up God will never reject the Jewish people (‘descendants of Israel’) – no matter what they do.

Romans 11:1-2 – Israel’s Rejection Not Total

Ro 11 ¹ I say then, **has God cast away His people? Certainly not!** For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² **God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.**

Jeremiah 30, 31, and 33

Jeremiah 30, 31, and 33: **This prediction of the New Covenant promises a restoration of the Jews in the land of Israel that includes spiritual blessings and physical blessings which will never end once started.** Note that the New Covenant that God promises in these passages is a covenant with the Jewish people, not the Gentile nations, something the apostle Paul was anxious that Gentile Christians not forget (Romans 11) – it is God’s amazing mercy to now ‘graft’ Gentiles into this salvation promised to the Jews, but Gentile Christians do not replace the Jews!

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Do Jews have any advantage with God?

- Historically the Church has answered the first question with a “No!” Paul, however, answers it by saying:
 - Romans 1 ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, **for the Jew first and also for the Greek.**
 - Romans 3 ¹ **What advantage then has the Jew**, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? ² **Much in every way!** Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. ³ For what if some did not believe? **Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?** ⁴ **Certainly not!** Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar.

- God’s promises to the Jews are not contingent on their obedience, but rather the eternal promises of God, based on God’s character.
 - Deuteronomy 4 ¹ (for the LORD your God *is* a merciful God), **He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.**
 - Romans 3 ³ For what if some did not believe? **Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?** ⁴ **Certainly not!** Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar.
 - Romans 9 ¹ I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, **to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;** ⁵ of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.
 - Here Paul declares that the covenants and the promises **still** belong to Israel – present tense! Paul said this during the Church Age! Thus, based on this passage alone Replacement Theology is refuted – God has not cut the Jewish people out of the covenant He made with them, nor is He planning to give the blessings He promised to the Jews to the Church instead (though, of course, the Church will certainly share in many of the blessings that God will give the Jews).
 - Galatians 3 ¹⁵ Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though *it is* only a man’s covenant, yet *if it is* confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. ¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ **And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.** ¹⁸ **For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.**

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[Replacement Theology Has Led to Rampant Antisemitism](https://christinprophecy.org/articles/anti-semitism/)

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The Holocaust was the product of 1,900 years of virulent Christian antisemitism. The roots of Replacement Theology and its fruit of antisemitism go back to the very beginning of Christianity. This is ironic when you consider the fact that the Church began as a Jewish institution. It was founded in Judea by Jews who were followers of a Jewish Messiah, and all its founding documents were written by Jews.

But the distinctive Jewish flavor of early Christianity was not to last long. As the Church began to spread beyond Judea, its message was embraced by more and more Gentiles who had no interest in maintaining contact with the Church's Jewish roots. Even worse, the new Gentile leaders began to turn against the Jews by characterizing them as "Christ killers."

Consider the following examples:

- Ignatius of Antioch (ca 50-117 AD)
 - Taught that those who partake of the Passover are partakers with those who killed Jesus.
- Justin Martyr (100-106 AD)
 - Claimed God's covenant with Israel was no longer valid and that the Gentiles had replaced the Jews.
- Irenaeus (ca 130-202 AD)
 - Declared the Jews were disinherited from the grace of God.
- Tertullian (ca 155-230 AD)
 - Blamed the Jews for the death of Jesus and argued they had been rejected by God.
- Origen (185-254 AD)
 - He was responsible for much antisemitism, all of which was based on his assertion that the Jews were responsible for killing Jesus.
- The Council of Elvira (305 AD in Spain)
 - Prohibited Christians from sharing a meal with a Jew, marrying a Jew, blessing a Jew or observing the Sabbath.
- The Council of Nicea (325 AD in Turkey)
 - Changed the celebration of the Resurrection from the Jewish Feast of First Fruits to Easter in an attempt to disassociate it from Jewish feasts. The Council stated: "For it is unbecoming beyond measure that on this holiest of festivals we should follow the customs of the Jews. Henceforth let us have nothing in common with this odious people..."
- Eusebius (ca 275-339 AD)
 - Taught that the promises of Scripture were meant for the Gentiles and the curses were meant for the Jews. Asserted that the Church was the "true Israel."
- John Chrysostom (349-407 AD)
 - Preached a series of sermons against the Jews in which he stated, "The synagogue is not only a brothel and a theater, it is also a den of robbers and lodging place for wild beasts... Jews are inveterate murderers possessed by the Devil. Their debauchery and drunkenness gives the manners of a pig." He denied that Jews could ever receive forgiveness. He claimed it was a Christian duty to hate Jews. He claimed that Jews worshiped Satan. And this man was canonized a saint!
- Jerome (ca 347-420 AD)
 - Described the Jews as "... serpents wearing the image of Judas. Their psalms and prayers are the braying of donkeys... They are incapable of understanding Scripture..."
- St. Augustine (354-430 AD)
 - Asserted that the Jews deserved death but were destined to wander the earth to witness the victory of the Church over the synagogue."

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The Middle Ages

By the Middle Ages, two erroneous concepts had become established Church doctrine:

- The Jews should be considered “Christ killers” and should be mistreated accordingly.
- The Church has replaced Israel, and God has no future purpose for the Jews.

These concepts were reinforced throughout the Middle Ages through the Crusades, the Inquisition, passion plays, the black plague epidemic, and blood libels.

In 1095 Pope Urban II called for a crusade to rid the Holy Land of its Muslim rulers. Although the prime goal of the crusade was to liberate Jerusalem from the Muslims, Jews were a second target. The accumulated hatreds and fears resulting from charges of deicide (the murder of God) exploded with this call to arms. The abbot of Cluny asked why Christians should travel to “the ends of the world to fight the Saracens, when we permit among us other infidels a thousand times more guilty toward Christ than the Mohammedans?” Religious passion, greed, and the vulnerability of Jews led to the rise of violent mobs who murdered thousands of Jews to the cry of “Conversion or death!” This behavior continued for eight additional crusades until the 9th in 1272.

Passion plays abounded during the Middle Ages, and they were used to cultivate hatred toward the Jewish people. Jews were depicted as demons who knew full well that Christ was the son of God. In each play, as Christ carried the cross, he was tortured by bloodthirsty, cursing devils with hooked noses, horns and tails. The Jews were made to seem as evil as Christ was divine.

Throughout the Middle Ages, professing Christians spread myths which helped to heighten popular hatred and fear of the Jewish people. As a result, it became commonplace among Christian groups to think of Jews as agents of Satan. One of the most popular anti-Jewish myths that gained widespread acceptance was the notion that Jews murdered Christians each year around the time of Passover in order to get blood needed to perform satanic rites. This became known as the charge of ritual murder or “blood libel.” Another common myth that circulated during these years was that Jews would steal the wafers used in communion and stab them with knives, thus killing Christ once again!

The Black Plague in the middle of the fourteenth century killed approximately one-third of the population of Europe. At the time, it was not known how the illness spread, but stories and rumors circulated that Jews had poisoned the wells. Although the accusation was totally unfounded, many Christians believed the myth. One reason it was easy to believe is because the Jews were not impacted by the plague as much as were the Gentiles. But this was due to the sanitary laws of the Bible which the Jews carefully followed. This accusation led to severe consequences for Jews. More than sixty Jewish communities were burned to the ground with all their occupants killed, and in some places, Jews were tortured and burned to death in bonfires.

In 1478, Pope Sixtus IV granted the monarchs of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, the right to establish a special inquisition in Spain to deal with baptized Jews who were suspected of remaining faithful to Judaism. Thousands were burned at the stake by order of the Spanish Inquisition. In 1492, King Ferdinand decided that all Spanish Jews should be banned from Spain. It was feared that Jews were a danger to Christianity. Approximately 150,000 Jews were forced to leave Spain.

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The Impact of the Reformation

Unfortunately, the Reformation produced no changes in attitude. In fact, the hatred of the Jews was reinforced and intensified by the writings of Martin Luther, the very man who launched the Reformation. Initially, Luther was sympathetic toward the Jews because he believed their rejection of the Gospel was due to their recognition of the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church. But when they continued to reject the Gospel, Luther turned on them with a vengeance.

In 1543 he wrote a pamphlet entitled “Concerning The Jews and Their Lies.” The document was an antisemitic diatribe. In it, he referred to the Jews as:

- “A miserable and accursed people”
- “Stupid fools”
- “Miserable, blind and senseless”
- “Thieves and robbers”
- “The great vermin of humanity”
- “Lazy rogues”
- “Blind and venomous”

Having dehumanized and demonized them, Luther then proceeded to make some startling proposals for dealing with them:

- Their synagogues and schools should be burned.
- Their houses should be destroyed.
- Their Talmudic writings should be confiscated.
- Their Rabbis should be forbidden to teach.
- Their money should be taken from them.
- They should be compelled into forced labor.

Needless to say, the Nazis gleefully quoted Luther as they rose to power and launched the Holocaust. In his book *Mein Kampf*, published in 1925, Adolf Hitler referred to Martin Luther as “a great warrior, a true statesman, and a great reformer.” Keep in mind that Hitler was a professed Christian.

In 1924 at a Christian gathering in Berlin, Hitler spoke to thousands and received a standing ovation when he made the following proclamation: “I believe that today I am acting in accordance with the will of Almighty God as I announce the most important work that Christians could undertake — and that is to be against the Jews and get rid of them once and for all.”

Hitler then proceeded to talk about the influence of Luther on his life: Martin Luther has been the greatest encouragement of my life. Luther was a great man. He was a giant. With one blow he heralded the coming of the new dawn and the new age. He saw clearly that the Jews need to be destroyed, and we’re only beginning to see that we need to carry this work on.

At the Nuremberg trials after World War II, the Nazi leader, Julius Streicher, defended himself by saying, “I have never said anything that Martin Luther did not say.”

The terrible truth that Christians do not like to face, and which many are unaware of, is that the Holocaust was the product of 1,900 years of virulent Christian antisemitism.

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The New Antisemitism

<https://www.newantisemitism.com/>

The horror of the Holocaust tended to mute the most radical forms of antisemitism among Christian leaders. But in reality, antisemitism continues today in a new sophisticated form called anti-Zionism. Whereas antisemitism sought to drive out the Jews from the lands where they lived, anti-Zionism refuses to accept their right to live in their own land.

A good example of the new antisemitism can be found in a document issued by Dr. James Kennedy's Knox Theological Seminary in 2002. It took the form of an open letter to Evangelicals concerning the land of Israel. It has since been endorsed by hundreds of theologians and pastors, including such luminaries as R. C. Sproul.

The document begins by denouncing those who teach that the Bible's promises concerning the land of Israel are being fulfilled today "in a special region or 'Holy Land,' perpetually set apart by God for one ethnic group alone." It then proceeds to proclaim that the promises made to Abraham "do not apply to any particular ethnic group, but to the church of Jesus Christ, *the true Israel*".

The document then specifically denies the Jew's claim on any land in the Middle East: "The entitlement of any one ethnic or religious group to territory in the Middle East called the 'Holy Land' cannot be supported by Scripture." Then, incredibly, the document asserts that "the land promises specific to Israel in the Old Testament were fulfilled under Joshua."

Adding salt to the wounds, the document concludes with the following observation:

The present secular state of Israel... is not an authentic or prophetic realization of the Messianic kingdom of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, a day should not be anticipated in which Christ's kingdom will manifest Jewish distinctives, whether by its location in 'the land,' by its constituency, or by its ceremonial institutions and practices.

And so you have it — an overview of the sad and sordid history of Christian antisemitism that is rooted in Replacement Theology and which continues to this day under the guise of anti-Zionism.

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Replacement Theology forces a twisted and 'spiritualized' interpretation of the NT

Replacement theology is unbiblical and forces a twisted and 'spiritualized' interpretation onto huge chunks of prophetic Scripture. Hundreds of passages are affected. For Replacement theology to qualify as a biblical doctrine there needs to be "positively, passages which clearly teach it and negatively, no passages which actually exclude it." On both counts, Replacement theology fails.

What Replacement Theology says

Christians are God's chosen people
Christian Church will be blessed – Israel is a spiritual entity that one enters into by faith in Christ not by physical heritage through Abraham
After Pentecost, the term "Israel" refers to the church
The Mosaic covenant is replaced by the new covenant

The Jews rejected Jesus, so God rejects the Jews – the promises to the Jews are null and void – Christians now inherit the promises
Paul is really praying for the church.

Satan was bound at Christ's First Coming
Rebirth of Israel is accidental and irrelevant
Christ's millennial reign is symbolic and already here

All prophecies have already been fulfilled

What the Bible says

The Jews are God's chosen people
Israel will be restored to its land and the promises to the Jews will be realized.

After Pentecost, the term "Israel" refers to the Jews
The Mosaic covenant (Exodus 20) is separate from the new covenant (Luke 22:20)
God is faithful and will fulfill His promises to the Jews, regardless of their unfaithfulness (Romans 3:3)

Romans 10:1 Paul recognizes that the nation of Israel needs to accept Jesus as their Messiah and needs to accept His offer of redemption
Satan will be bound at the end of Revelation
Rebirth of Israel was predicted in the Bible to the day
Christ's millennial reign is literal and will start after the tribulation
All prophecies have **NOT** already been fulfilled

Christians and Jews are distinct people groups

Nowhere in the entire Bible are Christians said to have replaced the Jewish people. Replacement theologians call the Church the 'new Israel,' because in their theology the Church has replaced the Jewish people. The New Testament, however, never once uses the term 'Israel' to refer to someone who is not an ethnic Jew. Thus by very definition, calling the Church the 'new Israel' is unbiblical since it's not actually in the Bible. Let me repeat this: **nowhere in the entire Bible is it ever stated that the Church is the 'new Israel,' and nowhere in the entire Bible are Christians said to have replaced the Jewish people.**

The view that Israel and the church are different is clearly taught in the New Testament. Biblically speaking, the church is distinct from Israel, and the terms church and Israel are never to be confused or used interchangeably. We are taught from Scripture that the church is an entirely new creation that came into being on the day of Pentecost and will continue until it is taken to heaven at the rapture.

- Ephesians 1⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 1⁰ that **in the dispensation of the fullness of the times** He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 1¹ **In Him also we have obtained an inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 1² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory
- Ephesians 3 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the **dispensation of the grace of God** which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that **the Gentiles should be fellow heirs**, of the same body, and **partakers** of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

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- The church has no relationship to the curses and blessings for Israel. The covenants, promises, and warnings of the Mosaic Covenant were valid only for Israel. Israel has been temporarily set aside in God’s program during these past 2,000 years of dispersion (see Romans 11).
- The NT distinguishes between Jews and Christians
 - Matthew 19²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, **you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - Romans 1¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, **for the Jew first and also for the Greek**.
 - Romans 11²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**.²⁶ **And so all Israel will be saved**
- Replacing the words ‘the Church’ wherever Israel is mentioned in the NT makes things become silly and nonsensical. The term ‘Israel’ is used seventy-three times in the New Testament and always refers to ethnic Jews. The vast majority of these refer to national, ethnic Israel while a few refer specifically to Jewish believers, rather than all Jews in general (for example, Gal 6:16). Try replacing the words ‘the Church’ wherever Israel is mentioned in the New Testament and things become silly and nonsensical.
 - 1 Corinthians 10¹⁸ **Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?**
 - If you put ‘the Church’ where Israel is mentioned in this passage, the whole thing becomes nonsensical: have sacrifices ever been a part of Church practice? Are there altars for offering sacrifices in churches? Of course not! Paul is clearly here talking about the Jewish people when he says ‘Israel,’ and the same is true everywhere else in the New Testament wherever the word ‘Israel’ is used.
 - Romans 10¹ **Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.**
 - If you put “the Church” where Israel is mentioned, then it is redundant. The Church is the body of saved believers, so how could Paul’s prayer be for the Church to be saved?
 - In the Book of Acts, both Peter and Paul keep referring to their fellow Jewish people as “Israelites” and admonishes them to accept Jesus.
 - But if the Church is the “new Israel” calling “Israelites” to repentance is redundant.
 - In Acts 2, Paul calls for his hearers to repent and accept Jesus.
 - Listen to how he addresses them, “Men of Israel” and “Men *and* brethren”. Is he speaking to Jewish people or Church people?
- The New Testament consistently refers to national Israel as ‘Israel’ even after the establishment of the church (Acts 3:12; 4:10; 5:21, 31, 35; 21:28), while all the time maintaining a distinction between Israel and the Church.
 - In Acts, both Israel and the Church exist simultaneously – ‘Israel’ is used twenty times and ekklesia (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct.
 - Acts 13²⁶ **“Men *and* brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.**
- Ephesians 2:11–18 is the summation of the relationship that must exist between the Jewish people and the Gentiles.
 - Ephesians 2¹¹ **Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, **who has made both one, and has broken down the****

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middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to **create in Himself one new man from the two**, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and **that He might reconcile them both to God** in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

- **The Gentile Church, “the Uncircumcision”**—who “*have now been brought near by the blood of Christ*”(v.13)—**does not replace “what is called the Circumcision”** (v.11). Messiah, our peace, has made the Jew and the Gentile one. He has broken down the middle wall of separation to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, that He might reconcile them both to Himself in one body through the cross. Through Yeshua, we both have access by one Spirit to the Father (vv.14–18).
- **The Church’s identity with God must not cause us to overlook His continuing plan for Israel.** The existence of the Church does not negate the existence and purpose of Israel. The Church’s identity does not depend on a denial of original Israel, but it is established in Messiah and is intertwined with Israel. The Church does not replace Israel; they are joined to Israel and the two become one.
- **The Jewish people can only be restored and redeemed—not replaced.** There are promises in the New Testament to the Jewish people that are not equaled by any other nation or people.
 - **Romans 11** ²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:
“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
²⁷ For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”
- **Jews are Jews, Israel is still Israel, and the Church is the Church.** The Jewish people are forever God’s covenant people, and through them, all nations have been blessed. Has Israel been replaced?
 - **Romans 11** ¹ I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! ... ² God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. ... ⁵ Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ... ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, ... ²⁷ For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.” ... ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable.³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Modern day fulfillment of promises to Israel

The Old Testament clearly states repeatedly that **at the end of the Age God will bring the Jewish people back into the land of Israel (this has already happened) and raise them to a position of tremendous blessing and honor and prosperity among the nations (this has not yet happened)**, as His special possession on the earth forever.

- Replacement theology says that God no longer has a covenant with the Jewish people and that Israel no longer has a unique part to play in God’s future plans for the earth. It cannot explain the continued existence of the Jewish people, nor the miraculous rebirth of the state of Israel in 1948.
- Prophecy has proved the fallibility of Replacement Theology in history. End-time prophecies, which are being fulfilled at an ever-increasing pace, continue to give overwhelming support for the complete deliverance of the Jewish people, restoration of the Jewish people to their Land, and a restored relationship to their Lord.
 - See below for the hundreds of fulfilled prophecies about Israel
- According to Replacement theology God is finished with the Jews (as of the New Testament). Thus, people who believe Replacement theology cannot give glory to God for the many astounding miracles that have occurred in the past century with respect to the rebirth of the modern state of Israel because, according to their theology, God wouldn’t do that for the Jews.

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- Thus, Replacement theology has the effect of repudiating one of the greatest proofs for the existence of God in the world today – the miraculous rebirth of the nation of Israel.
 - <https://christinprophecy.org/articles/israel-as-proof-of-gods-existence/>

Replacement theology is an abomination. It is unbiblical and has resulted in violent antisemitism, which in turn has resulted in the deaths of millions of Jews.

If you are Christian, and replacement theology is true
and He is done with the Jew,
what makes you think he isn't through with me and you.

When God makes a promise he cannot lie – so we know the promises he made to the Jews and to the Christian church will be fulfilled.

- Titus 1² in hope of eternal life which God, **who cannot lie**, promised before time began,
- Heb 6¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

There is no reason for the church to be covetous of the promises that God has made to the Jewish people. He has also made some glorious promises to the church:

- Rapture
- We will reign with him over all the nations of the world during his Millennial Kingdom
- We will live with him eternally on a new earth, in a new Jerusalem, in new glorified bodies
- 1Co 2⁹ But as it is written:
“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

The coming 7-year tribulation is for the salvation of the Jewish nation.

Zec 12¹⁰ “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

1/3 of the Jewish people will be brought through the tribulation and saved

Zec 13⁸ And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the LORD,
“That two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die, But *one*-third shall be left in it:
⁹ I will bring the *one*-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them.
I will say, ‘This *is* My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD *is* my God.’ ”

The Jewish people will receive Yeshua as their messiah and they will cry out "Burach Haba B'Shem Adonai" (blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord).

Lk 13³⁵ See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

Christians have been grafted into the Holy Vine to provoke the Jewish people to jealousy and so be saved.

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Deception Apostasy – Roman Catholicism

There is great error and apostasy found within "Christianity" around the world. The Roman Catholic Church has the largest number of members with over 1 billion, and yet the Bible reveals this church to be apostate. And we now also have many of the Protestant churches heading back to Rome, back to the "mother" (Mother of harlots). So while the world is preaching ecumenism, driven by the Catholic Church, we remain steadfast upon the truth, upon the Rock which is Christ Jesus, and we say, come out of her and stay separate, because God is going to pour out His wrath upon her and anyone who continues to commit fornication with her. Please study the truth for yourself and find out about God's end time remnant church. Follow Jesus, not Jezebel! To those who overcome, God will grant them to rule over the nations with Jesus.

Revelation 2:18-29 – The Corrupt Church

Rev 2 ¹⁸“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,

‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: ¹⁹“I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first. ²⁰Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. ²²Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. ²³I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

²⁴“Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. ²⁵But hold fast what you have till I come. ²⁶And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

²⁷ ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron;
They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—

as I also have received from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star.

²⁹“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

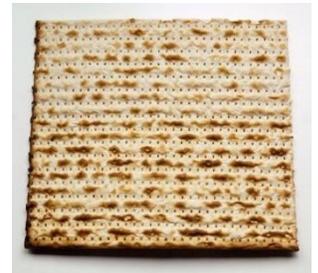
- The name Thyatira means "sacrifice"
 - A Greek word meaning "the castle of Thya."
 - An alternative meaning of "sacrifice offering" was suggested by "Hitchcock's New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible" and by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum in his book "Footsteps of the Messiah."
 - The first part of the word means continual, unwary, never tiring.
 - The second part means sacrifice.
 - Put them together and this is a place where they never tire of sacrificing something over & over again.
 - This represents the Mass of a Catholic church service.
- Rome claims that she is the only true church – she is the spokesman and the Pope is infallible
 - But when you begin to study Rome, you will find that the heart of Catholicism is none other than Babylonian worship
 - In the Pergamos age, we saw how paganism got into Rome through the Pergamos church
 - Julius Caesar asked to be Maximus Pontifex in 33 BC – which made him the God king of the Babylonian worship system, which was passed from Caesar to Caesar
 - In 376 AD, because of Christian influence, Emperor Gratian refused to wear the pagan crown

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- It lay for 2 years until Damascus (the Bishop of Bishops in Rome) decided to wear the crown.
- In 378 AD, the head of the Christian church in Rome became the worldwide head of the pagan mysteries
 - Those mysteries became mixed and commingled with Christian doctrine until you can hardly tell them apart
- So once again we see the introduction of idols in worship relics to be worshiped and idols to be kissed or prayed to

Eucharist

- Catholic church's roots in Eucharist are in heathen religions and not in teaching of the Bible.
- Round IHS communion
 - On the Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III, there are priests. One holds the wine and one holds a plate with three round cross buns. Have you ever wondered why they use round wafers for communion?
 - At Passover unleavened, rectangular bread with holes and baking stripes was used.
 - The entire Passover meal is a description of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - The bread is unleavened. Leaven represents sin. The bread or Christ is without sin.
 - The baking stripes represent the stripes inflicted upon Jesus during His beating before the crucifixion – the stripes by which the Bible says we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).
 - The holes represent the piercing Jesus received in His hands and feet from the nails, the thorns on His brow, and the spear in His side.
 - The wine represents the blood shed as the covering for all sin.
 - So why do they use round wafers?
 - They mixed pagan mass with Christian communion and the wafers took the place of the bread.
 - They are images of the sun god, Baal.
 - A Catholic communion wafer – See the sun god surrounding the wafer?
 - The Babylonians worshipped Baal using the small, thin, round wafers as a symbol of the sun god.
 - People in Egypt worshipped sun. On the altars of Egypt were circular sun shaped wafers made from unleavened bread.
 - This bread represented the body of sun god and in middle were initialing IHS (Isis, Horus, Seb – Egyptian trinity).
 - Transubstantiation
 - (especially in the Roman Catholic Church) the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remaining.
 - Egyptians priests prayed above their round wafers, to make them as holy. Then they told to the people, that miracle had taken place. They said that wafers have changed for the flesh of sun god Osiris. And after the change, the nation ate its god.
 - This Egyptian bread god ritual points out perfectly Roman Catholic Church Eucharist, in which catholic priests pray over the bread and changes the wafer to Jesus Christ.



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- IHS
 - Catholic church of Rome says these letters is for the Latin: "*Iesus Hominum Salvatore*", which mean Jesus Saviour of the people.
 - The letters I H S stand for the Egyptian unholy trinity of Isis, Horus and Seb.
 - Because teaching of Roman catholic Church is exactly similar as in heathen religions, so maybe IHS letters are "dedicated" also to Egyptian trinity?
- Pope Francis Coat of Arms
 - Note the sun and IHS designation
- Jezebel taught people to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
 - What do Christians eat as an act of worship? Bread and wine. If the Lord instituted the eating of the bread and drinking of the wine in church, how can they become things sacrificed unto idols?
 - If the bread is not alive it cannot be sacrificed. In order for something to be sacrificed it must be put to death. How was bread made living?
 - Sin is in the spirit and the mind. The moment someone believes the bread to be the actual living flesh of Christ they begin to worship an idol (the bread).
 - If the bread is then eaten it becomes a living sacrifice. The person believes they are sacrificing Christ again.
 - This mass goes on thousands of times a day. Instead of having faith in a living savior, people choose to believe in a repetitive piece of bread.
- Communion should be symbolic
 - Lk 22 ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
 - If you are remembering someone he is not there - he is gone.
 - 1Co 11 ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.
 - This implies He is not here because He will come later.
 - Scripture tells us the bread is symbolic.
 - Some may argue saying, "But He said it is His body."
 - Jesus also said He is the door. When you see Him do you expect Him to have a knob for a nose?
 - He said He is the way. Do you think He is made of bricks and people are walking around on Him?
 - He said He was a Shepherd though He did not take care of the animals we know as sheep. He was a spiritual Shepherd.
 - He said He is the vine, but that does not mean His skin had a green tint to it.
 - He used these words as ways of helping people understand.
 - People take the terminology of the bread and abuse it's meaning.
 - He said I am the bread as He was physically sitting there holding it.
 - He said this is my body. If it were His body then it would have sufficed as the final sacrifice and Jesus never would have had to go to the cross - sin would have been covered by the bread.
 - From the first Passover, the Jewish people have held pieces of bread up saying this is the Messiah.
 - Jesus proclaimed I am the Messiah – I am the bread.
 - That is what the bread symbolizes.
 - You say I shouldn't judge Catholic mass that way. I'm not, the scripture is.
 - Let us see what Catholics say about us.
 - Canon 1 from the Council of Trent 1563 says, "If anybody shall deny that the blood and the body together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and therefore entire Christ are truly and really and substantially contained in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist and say He is only in it as a figure let him be accursed that is damned."
 - This was ratified by Vatican 2 council 1963 and is still in effect as the official position of the Pope.



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Roman Catholic Popes (Papacy)

- Rome is a deceiver and a liar. She will try to tell people the first Pope was Peter and the church was once under his leadership.
- The first leader of the church after the death of Christ was not Peter. It was in fact, James, Jesus' half brother.
 - Peter was not even available to run the church. He was traveling all over the known world doing missionary work.
- There has never been a time in the history of the Christian church when the bishop of Rome ruled the entire church.
 - He never ruled the east, he never ruled all of Africa, he never ruled the Coptic church, and even in the west where his power reigned supreme, he never ruled all of the people there.
 - The Waldensians and the Albigians had their own Bible and their own evangelical faith, but the Catholic church had armies that hunted these people down and slaughtered them.
 - When I was in Rome I attended a local Methodist service. I met a man there who was attending the Waldensian Bible College. He told me that it was only within the last 100 years that they had the freedom to be known in public. In Italy the Waldensians have never been under the authority of Rome.

The Sovereign Pontiff

- Catholicism view the Pope as the sovereign pontiff, the representative of divinity on earth, the infallible, who's laws cannot be revoked, as was the case with Esther during the times of the Medes and the Persians.
 - The pope is addressed as "Your Holiness"
 - His slipper is often kissed.
 - He holds the keys of Janus and Cybele (on his robe), Peter's keys to heaven, although Peter was probably never in Rome.
- History has confused the Pagan statue of Jupiter with Peter.
 - It is curious that the title of the high priest of Babylon was pronounced "Peter."
 - He was the grand interpreter, Roma.

Peter

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Peter-first-pope.html>

Was Peter the first pope? The answer, according to Scripture, is a clear and emphatic “no.”

The Roman Catholic Church sees Peter as the first pope upon whom God had chosen to build His church ([Matthew 16:18](#)). It holds that he had authority (primacy) over the other apostles. The Roman Catholic Church maintains that sometime after the recorded events of the book of Acts, the Apostle Peter became the first bishop of Rome, and that the Roman bishop was accepted by the early church as the central authority among all of the churches. It teaches that God passed Peter's apostolic authority to those who later filled his seat as bishop of Rome. This teaching that God passed on Peter's apostolic authority to the subsequent bishops is referred to as “apostolic succession.”

The Roman Catholic Church also holds that Peter and the subsequent popes were and are infallible when addressing issues “ex cathedra,” from their position and authority as pope. It teaches that this infallibility gives the pope the ability to guide the church without error. The Roman Catholic Church claims that it can trace an unbroken line of popes back to St. Peter, citing this as evidence that it is the true church, since, according to their interpretation of [Matthew 16:18](#), Christ built His church upon Peter.

But while Peter was central in the early spread of the gospel (part of the meaning behind [Matthew 16:18-19](#)), the teaching of Scripture, taken in context, nowhere declares that he was in authority over the other apostles, or over the church (having primacy). See [Acts 15:1-23](#); [Galatians 2:1-14](#); and [1 Peter 5:1-5](#). Nor is it ever taught in Scripture that the bishop of Rome, or any other bishop, was to have primacy over the church. Scripture does not even explicitly record Peter ever being in Rome. Rather there is only one reference in Scripture of Peter writing from “Babylon,” a name sometimes applied to Rome ([1 Peter 5:13](#)). Primarily upon this and the historical rise of the influence of the Bishop of Rome come the Roman Catholic Church's teaching of the primacy of the bishop of Rome. However, Scripture shows that Peter's authority was shared by the other apostles ([Ephesians 2:19-20](#)), and the “loosing and binding” authority attributed to him

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was likewise shared by the local churches, not just their church leaders (see [Matthew 18:15-19](#); [1 Corinthians 5:1-13](#); [2 Corinthians 13:10](#); [Titus 2:15](#); [3:10-11](#)).

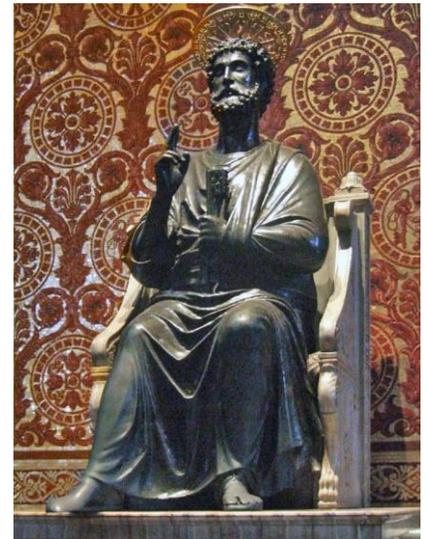
Also, nowhere does Scripture state that, in order to keep the church from error, the authority of the apostles was passed on to those they ordained (the idea behind apostolic succession). Apostolic succession is “read into” those verses that the Roman Catholic Church uses to support this doctrine ([2 Timothy 2:2](#); [4:2-5](#); [Titus 1:5](#); [2:1](#); [2:15](#); [1 Timothy 5:19-22](#)). Paul does NOT call on believers in various churches to receive Titus, Timothy, and other church leaders based on their authority as bishops or their having apostolic authority, but rather based upon their being fellow laborers with him ([1 Corinthians 16:10](#); [16:16](#); [2 Corinthians 8:23](#)).

What Scripture DOES teach is that false teachings would arise even from among church leaders, and that Christians were to compare the teachings of these later church leaders with Scripture, which alone is infallible ([Matthew 5:18](#); [Psalm 19:7-8](#); [119:160](#); [Proverbs 30:5](#); [John 17:17](#); [2 Peter 1:19-21](#)). The Bible does not teach that the apostles were infallible, apart from what was written by them and incorporated into Scripture. Paul, in talking to the church leaders in the large city of Ephesus, makes note of coming false teachers. To fight against their error does NOT commend them to “the apostles and those who would carry on their authority”; rather, Paul commends them to “God and to the word of His grace” ([Acts 20:28-32](#)). It is Scripture that was to be the infallible measuring stick for teaching and practice ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)), not apostolic successors. It is by examining the Scriptures that teachings are shown to be true or false ([Acts 17:10-12](#)).

Was Peter the first pope? The answer, according to Scripture, is a clear and emphatic “no.” Peter nowhere claims supremacy over the other apostles. Nowhere in his writings (1 and 2 Peter) did the Apostle Peter claim any special role, authority, or power over the church. Nowhere in Scripture does Peter, or any other apostle, state that their apostolic authority would be passed on to successors. Yes, the Apostle Peter had a leadership role among the disciples. Yes, Peter played a crucial role in the early spread of the gospel (Acts chapters 1-10). Yes, Peter was the “rock” that Christ predicted he would be ([Matthew 16:18](#)). However, these truths about Peter in no way give support to the concept that Peter was the first pope, or that he was the “supreme leader” over the apostles, or that his authority would be passed on to the bishops of Rome. Peter himself points us all to the true Shepherd and Overseer of the church, the Lord Jesus Christ ([1 Peter 2:25](#)).

Bronze statue of St. Peter holding the keys of heaven in his Basilica in Rome

- It shows Peter with a halo that looks more like a wagon wheel.
 - The Roman god Janis rides the chariot across the sky.
- The keys in the hand of the "keeper of the keys".
 - This is he who knew the mysteries before and after the flood.
- This statue was modeled after Janis not Peter.
- Notice how shiny his toes are.
 - This is because Catholics get on their knees and kiss the foot of that statue. It's foot has been replaced once, and the current ones toes are so smooth you cannot see any separation in them.
- Bending down to kiss a statue is idolatry.
 - I watched these people kiss statues of popes gone by.
 - I witnessed them kissing the dead popes' coffins and crypts.
 - I saw them go into a special room where there was a communion wafer they would spend hours praying to because they were told it was the Lord Jesus Christ and He would die for their sins that day.



Spiritual fornication

- When a person is married he or she belongs to their companion.
 - Any sexual relationship outside of this union is fornication and adultery.

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- While a man belongs to his wife, he also belongs to God. God alone can receive worship.
 - Anytime honor, praise, or worship is given to a person, place, or thing spiritual fornication is committed.
 - God will not share any glory or honor with a statue, a place, a thing or person.
 - Titles belonging to God are only given to God.
 - Behavior patterns of divinity are only His.
- Examples of spiritual fornication
 - Calling the Pope "His Holiness"
 - Kissing the Pope's ring
 - Bowing down before statues.
- Places with many statues will find many demons hanging around. I went to the shrine of the Immaculate Conception outside of Washington D.C. and saw 50+ statues of the Virgin Mary.
 - That night as I lay sleeping I had nightmares. I was in 53 places where demons were waiting for people to bow down and worship.
 - You do not want to spend your time praying around statues. You may excite some demon enough to come home with you. You will get your prayer answered, but it will not be from God.
 - There is only one you can bow down to and worship – the one true God.
- Have you ever wondered why the Pilgrims wore such big black hats?
 - The King of England was also the head of the church. He demanded everyone to remove their hats and bow down in homage to him. The Pilgrims made the biggest, and blackest hats they could. When the King passed by they would not remove them. They wanted him to know they would not give to man that which belonged to God.

Mary

- Mary is a person who should be honored for obeying God and doing His will, but she is a person just like the rest of us. Jesus said several things in the Bible to deflect goddess worship from her. God will not tolerate you putting a human before Him.
- The Roman Catholic church is still putting the emphasis on Mary.
 - The Catholic Charismatic and other groups are pressuring the Pope to declare Mary as the Co-Redemptrix with Jesus. This means they believe Mary could redeem you as well as Jesus. What blasphemy!
 - **Heb 9 ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**
- This would also mean that all prayers must go through Mary to be heard and answered.
 - Do you know if you prayer through Mary instead of Christ your prayers are going to the dead letter box? Mary cannot receive, answer or respond to prayer. She is a spirit in heaven and her body is buried somewhere in the world.
 - It is a lie she has ascended up to heaven. There is no provision in the Bible for her ascension. She is waiting for the Rapture just as we are.
 - **1Ti 2 ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all,**

Necromancy

- Necromancy is communicating with the dead.
- Do you know God outlawed this?

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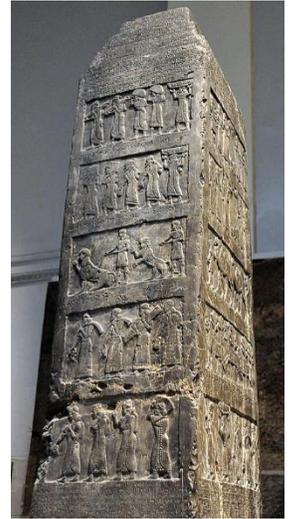
- Lev 19 ³¹“Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God. (ESV)
- 1Ch 10 ¹³ So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. ¹⁴ But *he* did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.
- Dt 18 – Avoid Wicked Customs – ⁹“When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹ or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹² For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³ You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴ For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.
- Mic 5 ¹² and I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes;
- You are not permitted to talk to the dead or try to get them to talk back to you.
- Christians are not mediums for the dead to flow through.
- Anytime you have a dead person talking through a live person there is demonic activity.
- Once a Christian is dead they cannot contact the world.
 - Their body is dead and their soul is in the presence of the Lord.
 - Mary cannot hear or answer prayer and she cannot leave heaven to walk the earth.
- There is a group of nuns called cloistered nuns who spend their whole life praying to the Virgin Mary for the men in Purgatory.

Queen of Heaven

- Mary is not the Queen of Heaven – The Queen of Heaven is Semiramis
 - Nimrod, Semiramis and Tammuz (Tower of Babel)
 - Semiramis – Nimrod’s wife
 - Tammuz – Son of Nimrod and Semiramis
 - In this legend, Nimrod was torn to pieces. Although they found most of his body and cremated it, only his reproductive organ was preserved. Following his death, Semiramis found she was pregnant. The child she bore was named Tammuz. Semiramis said Nimrod was the sun god and Tammuz was actually Nimrod reborn. Semiramis herself became known as Queen of Heaven and both she and Tammuz became the originators of the mother and child cult.
 - The legend of Nimrod and Semiramis (his wife) and their son Tammuz moved across the Middle East and came to Egypt where they became the Egyptian sun god Osiris and his wife Isis; their son was named Horus.

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- The legends of Nimrod, Semiramis and Tammuz are almost identical to Osiris, Isis and Horus. Both husbands died and the wife had a son following the husband's death, which they said was the husband Nimrod in Babylon and Osiris in Egypt. Both gods and both reborn in their son.
- Hence, the obelisks we see in Egypt and elsewhere are representations of Nimrod's/Osiris; the god's phallus.
- Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III
 - The Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III is a black limestone Assyrian sculpture with many scenes in bas-relief and inscriptions. It comes from Nimrud (ancient Kalhu), in northern Iraq, and commemorates the deeds of King Shalmaneser III (reigned 858–824 BC). It is on display at the British Museum in London, and several other museums have cast replicas.
 - It is the most complete Assyrian obelisk yet discovered, and is historically significant because it is thought to display the earliest ancient depiction of a biblical figure – Jehu, King of Israel. The traditional identification of "Yaw" as Jehu has been questioned by some scholars, who proposed that the inscription refers to another king, Jehoram of Israel. Its reference to Parsua is also the first known reference to the Persians.
 - Tribute offerings are shown being brought from identifiable regions and peoples.
 - Engraved in this obelisk is a picture of Jeru, the last king of Israel before the Assyrian god king. There is a wagon wheel in the sky representing the chariot of fire or Nimrod. There are a few representations of Baal. There is a cup in his hand. The next side shows priests. One holds the wine and one holds a plate with three round cross buns.



Immaculate Conception

- The Catholic church teaches Mary was immaculately conceived? The Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church which states that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception.
- It proved highly controversial in the Middle Ages, but revived in the 19th century and was adopted as church dogma when Pope Pius IX promulgated Ineffabilis Deus in 1854. The move had the overwhelming support of the church's hierarchy, although a few, including the Archbishop of Paris, warned that it is not stated in the New Testament and could not be deduced from it.
- Protestants overwhelmingly rejected Ineffabilis Deus as an exercise in papal power and the doctrine itself as without foundation in Scripture,
- Orthodox Christianity, although it reveres Mary in its liturgy, called on the Roman church to return to the faith of the early centuries.
- The iconography of the Virgin of the Immaculate Conception shows her standing, with arms outspread or hands clasped in prayer, and her feast day is 8 December.
- Immaculate Conception is a title worn by the fertility goddesses.
 - Do you know what Immaculate Conception means? It does not mean Christ was immaculately conceived. The Catholics say it was Mary who was conceived that way. She was born without sin. If that were so, she would have been the savior, but she needed salvation just like you and I.

Lady Day

- In Pagan Rome, March 25th was a holiday celebrating the annunciation of the virgin, in honor of Cybele, the mother of the Babylonian messiah.
- Consequently, on the Pope's calendar, March 25th is Lady Day, the day to observe the miraculous conception and annunciation of the Virgin Mary.
- Since the birthdays of the two respective messiahs is the same, one might expect that the day of their conception might be celebrated exactly nine months before their birth.

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Catholic Holy Days

- The Feast of the Nativity of St. John
 - The next point of interest on the Papal Calendar is June 24th, midsummer day, The Feast of the Nativity of St. John.
 - In ancient Babylon, June 24th had commemorated the Festival of Tammuz – son of Nimrod and Semiramis – which celebrated his death and resurrection (during June, the month of Tammuz).
 - Hislop writes, "When the papacy sent its emissaries over Europe, towards the end of the sixth century, to gather in the pagans into its fold, this festival was found in high favor in many countries... the famous advice of Pope Gregory I, that by all means they should meet the Pagans half-way, and so bring them into the Roman Church."
 - So, to appease the Pagans, this festival was adopted by the church, but they did not want to use the name Tammuz, and there was no event of Christ's life to commemorate in June. Therefore, they contrived the scheme to celebrate this holiday as the birth of John the Baptist, since it conveniently coincided with a date six months prior to the celebration of the birth of Christ.
 - Also, the name that the Babylonians used for Tammuz after he had been slain was Oannes. Conveniently, the name John, or Joannes, therefore satisfied both the Christians and the Pagans.
 - In France and Ireland, this festival was celebrated with huge bonfires of purifying fire, across which children were thrown. This coincided with the Babylonian ritual in Jeremiah 32:35 which tells of the children being passed through the fire to the god Moloch.
 - **Jer 32 ³⁵ And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'**
- Festival of St. Dionysius
 - October 9th is the festival of St. Dionysius (and St. Eleuther and St. Rustic).
 - Dionysius was also known as St. Denys, the patron saint of Paris who was beheaded and is said to have carried his head in his hands to his grave.
 - This festival was abolished in 1789, but somewhat revived in the 20th century.
 - The origin of this Christian myth was also from Nimrod, who was said to have been beheaded and worshipped.
 - This led to the famous statues in Rome of the man holding his head in his hands.
- Feast of the Assumption
 - The Feast of the Assumption is observed by the Catholic Church on August 15th to honor the Virgin Mary as the omnipotent goddess who was perfect on earth and now resides in heaven.
 - In Babylon, Bacchus rescued his mother in hell and took her to heaven. The Chinese also celebrate a feast in August, in honor of a mother.
 - The Holy Virgin in ancient times was the wife of Pluto, the god of hell. She experienced the Immaculate Conception and was absolutely immaculate.
 - In Rome, Madonna and her child are honored in the form of graven image statues.
- The date of October 7th on the Papal calendar is set apart to be observed in honor of St. Bacchus the Martyr, the martyr of the fire worshippers

Indulgences – Works-Based Salvation

- Another common doctrine shared by ancient Babylonians and Catholicism is the doctrine of justification by works.
- “fear of the scales” – Merits and demerits are measured in the balance of God's justice
 - by Anubis, the god of the scales, in ancient Babylon
 - by St. Michael, the Archangel, in Catholicism
 - The priests were the judges, and the people had to pay to compensate for their demerits.

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- This led to the "fear of the scales" in the Catholic Church, as well as to the practice of absolution by paying indulgences
- Practice of absolution by paying indulgences
 - Moloch, the god of barbaric blood, in ancient Babylon, Greece, Rome, Egypt, Assyria, and Phoenicia, claimed that he was not satisfied without groans and sighs, lacerations of the flesh, tortures of the body, and penances including whippings and scourges.
 - From the first to the third centuries, Christianity recognized this practice as purely Pagan.
 - After that, Catholicism claimed that God was not satisfied without groans and sighs, lacerations of the flesh, tortures of the body, and penances including whippings and scourges.
 - It was common practice for Catholics to crawl on their bare knees over sharp rocks in order to pay for their displeasing of God. The Flagellants would even publicly scourge themselves.
- This is one of the things that Martin Luther found so revolting about the Catholic Church.
 - Indulgences were, from the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, a target of attacks by Martin Luther and other Protestant theologians.

Purgatory

- Purgatory is an intermediate state after physical death for expiatory purification.
- The word "purgatory" has come to refer also to a wide range of historical and modern conceptions of postmortem suffering short of everlasting damnation and is used, in a non-specific sense, to mean any place or condition of suffering or torment, especially one that is temporary.
- The Catholic Church holds that "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" undergo the process of purification which the Church calls purgatory, "so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven".
- It has formulated this doctrine by reference to biblical verses that speak of purifying fire (1 Corinthians 3:1, 1 Corinthians 3:15 and 1 Peter 1:7) and to the mention by Jesus of forgiveness in the age to come (Matthew 12:32).
- It bases its teaching also on the practice of praying for the dead, in use within the Church ever since the Church began, and mentioned in 2 Macc 12:46
- It is a part of Celtic and Greek mythology. It does not belong in Christianity.
- Purgatory does not exist.
 - **2Co 5 ⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**
- People say the rosary in front of a statue in Mexico of a man in flames. A loose translation of the inscription says, "while you are sitting there your loved ones are in Purgatory- help get them out by putting money in the box."
- Your loved ones are in Purgatory. This is the message you get from the Catholic church. No one knows how long they will be there.
- It is said by one of the Reformers in Germany, if a person did everything the Catholic church has to offer to reduce time spent in Purgatory, five million years would be taken away. So just how long does a person have to stay in Purgatory?
- There is a group of nuns called cloistered nuns who spend their whole life praying to the Virgin Mary for the men in Purgatory.



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Pilate's Judgment Hall

- These are the steps to Pilate's judgment hall. The statuary tells the story of Pilate finding no fault in Jesus and Judas' betrayal kiss on the cheek.
- The church moved these steps from Israel to Rome and built a great Cathedral around them.
- Catholics working years off of Purgatory – When you climb the steps on your knees you are said to have earned 28 years off of your stay in Purgatory.
- When you get to the top there is a room with the bones of dead saints. Everyone knows the bones of dead saints have a lot of power in them right?
- These are the steps Martin Luther was standing on when he read:
 - Romans 1:17 KJV, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as not save you but you are saved by faith."
 - That changed Luther there and then. He realized works do not save you, but you are saved by faith in Jesus Christ.
 - So started the battle cry of the reformation movement, "solo faith, solo scripture".
- On Reformation Day, October 31, 1999 Pope John Paul II traveled to Germany and forgave Luther for what he did.
- The Catholics and Lutherans are beginning a process to merge into one. One world religion is coming under one leadership and it is not that of God.



History of purgatory

- At the [Second Council of Lyon](#) in 1274, the Catholic Church defined, for the first time, its teaching on purgatory, in two points:
 - some souls are purified after death;
 - such souls benefit from the prayers and pious duties that the living do for them.

The council declared:

[I]f they die truly repentant in charity before they have made satisfaction by worthy fruits of penance for (sins) committed and omitted, their souls are cleansed after death by purgatorial or purifying punishments, as Brother John has explained to us. And to relieve punishments of this kind, the offerings of the living faithful are of advantage to these, namely, the sacrifices of Masses, prayers, alms, and other duties of piety, which have customarily been performed by the faithful for the other faithful according to the regulations of the Church.

- A century and a half later, the [Council of Florence](#) repeated the same two points in practically the same words, again excluding certain elements of the purgatory of popular imagination, in particular fire and place, against which representatives of the [Orthodox Church](#) spoke at the council:

[The Council] has likewise defined that if those truly penitent have departed in the love of God, before they have made satisfaction by the worthy fruits of penance for sins of commission and omission, the souls of these are cleansed after death by purgatorial punishments; and so that they may be released from punishments of this kind, the suffrages of the living faithful are of advantage to them, namely, the sacrifices of Masses, prayers, and almsgiving, and other works of piety, which are customarily performed by the faithful for other faithful according to the institutions of the Church.

- The [Council of Trent](#) repeated the same two points and moreover in its 4 December 1563 Decree Concerning Purgatory recommended avoidance of speculations and non-essential questions:

Since the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Spirit, in conformity with the sacred writings and the ancient tradition of the Fathers in sacred councils, and very recently in this ecumenical Synod, has taught that there is a purgatory, and that the souls detained there are assisted by the suffrages of the faithful, and especially by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar, the holy Synod commands the bishops that they insist that the sound doctrine of purgatory, which has been transmitted by the holy Fathers and holy Councils, be believed by the faithful of Christ, be maintained, taught, and everywhere preached.

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Let the more difficult and subtle "questions", however, and those which do not make for "edification" (cf. 1Tm 1,4), and from which there is very often no increase in piety, be excluded from popular discourses to uneducated people. Likewise, let them not permit uncertain matters, or those that have the appearance of falsehood, to be brought out and discussed publicly. Those matters on the contrary, which tend to a certain curiosity or superstition, or that savor of filthy lucre, let them prohibit as scandals and stumbling blocks to the faithful.

- Catholic doctrine on purgatory is presented as composed of the same two points in the [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#), first published in 2005, which is a summary in dialogue form of the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#). It deals with purgatory in the following exchange:

210. What is purgatory?

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

211. How can we help the souls being purified in purgatory?

Because of the [communion of saints](#), the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.

- These two questions and answers summarize information in sections 1030–1032 and 1054 of the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#), published in 1992, which also speaks of purgatory in sections 1472–1473.
- In *Theological Studies*, John E. Thiel argued that "purgatory virtually disappeared from Catholic belief and practice since Vatican II" because it has been based on "a competitive spirituality, gravitating around the religious vocation of ascetics from the late Middle Ages". "The birth of purgatory negotiated the eschatological anxiety of the laity. [...] In a manner similar to the ascetic's lifelong lengthening of the temporal field of competition with the martyr, belief in purgatory lengthened the layperson's temporal field of competition with the ascetic."

Statues/Idols

- 2nd Commandment
Ex 20 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; **5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.** For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, **6** but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- Idol processions
 - Rome is famous for its long idol processions in which images are carried on men's shoulders, priests are adorned in gorgeous dresses, monks and nuns wear various habits, flying banners are displayed, and instrumental music is played.
 - The same was true for Babylon. Also, the clothing and crowning of images in Rome originated with ancient Egypt, Nimrod, and the Queen of Troy.
- Rome uses rags or bones of saints to commemorate their deified heroes, as did Babylon. Both also artificially multiplied many fake relics for profit.

The Rosary

- The rosary and prayer beads of Catholicism are pagan practices used in Mexico, Tibet, China, and Greece, as well as by Hindus and Pagan Rome.
- The rosary resembles a human heart.
- Thus, the god of the heart, or the god of love, was worshipped.
 - This began as the Rosary of the Sacred Heart in Babylon and Egypt

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- The heart was a sacred symbol of Osiris when he was reborn and appeared as Harpocrates, or the infant divinity, born in the arms of his mother Isis.
- Also, Cupid originated in Pompeii as a boyish divinity. He was a fair, full, fleshy boy in fine and sportive action, usually portrayed tossing back a heart.
 - The bow and arrows were used to identify him with his father, the mighty hunter Nimrod.
 - Taking aim with his gold-tipped arrows at the hearts of mankind, he was immortalized.
- The ancients deified Venus and Cupid
- The Catholics deified Madonna and child.

Mystery

- A primary example of the analogies drawn between the Babylonian mystery religions and Roman Catholicism is the practice of incorporating certain well-kept secrets that are available to only a select few.
- Rome insured that the common man was studiously kept in the dark, as did Babylon.
 - Throughout the years, Catholicism has become known for a priesthood which seems to include only members of the clergy. By discouraging the reading of the Bible in the common language of the people, the church has also discouraged personal Bible study among its non-clergy members.
 - This in turn has tended to teach the laypersons to become very dependent upon the clergy for Bible truths, and even for access to God.
- This hardly seems in step with the priesthood of the believer (1 Peter 2:5, 9), where we are all encouraged to enter into the mind of God through His revealed Word.
 - 1Pe 2 ⁴Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ... ⁹But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Confession

- The confessional had its roots in Babylon.
- All the people were required to make secret confessions to the priest in a prescribed form, if they were to be admitted, or initiated, into the "mysteries" of their religion. They were commanded to keep secret about these mysteries.
- Later, the Church of Rome began requiring the same type of confession for admission to the sacraments.
- Even the symbol of the Halo of Madonna was originated in Babylon as a disk symbol of the sun god.

Extreme Unction

- (in the Roman Catholic Church) a former name for the sacrament of anointing of the sick, especially when administered to the dying.
- The practice of extreme unction, when death is visibly at the very door, originated in Babylon as an anointing for the last journey into the mysteries.

Baptismal Regeneration

- Semaramis (Nimrod's wife) was known as a dove, a holy spirit incarnate, who passed through water when she was overcome by her enemies, and she took refuge in the water.
 - In Babylon, baptism was required before any instruction of the mysteries could be received. It provided the necessary washing and purifying.
- Catholicism holds that water baptism is an initiating ordinance and an absolute necessity for salvation.
 - In Rome, a Pagan exorcism used water baptism with the use of salt, spittle, anointing oil, the sign of the cross, and holy water (consecrated salt water into which a burning torch was placed for purification).
 - As part of excommunication, this phrase is used, "May the Holy Ghost who suffered for us in baptism curse him."

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- In Pagan Mexico, baptismal regeneration coincided with the worship of Wodan, the father of humanity, from whom evolved the name Wodansday (Wednesday).

The Sign of the Cross

- The Catholic sign of the cross originated in Babylon as a grand charm before prayer which drew the initial of the name Tammuz, Tau, or T. This same T can be found on the garments of Catholic priests.
- The Vestal Virgins of Pagan Rome and the nuns of Catholicism wore it on their necklaces.
- Bacchus wore a headband covered with crosses. The Buddhists wear them today.
- The cross was considered a divine tree, the tree of the gods, the tree of life and knowledge, and the product of whatever is good and desirable.
- In Catholicism, the cross is also called the tree of life, "hail, O cross, triumphant wood, true salvation of the world ..."
 - It is viewed as the only hope to increase righteousness and pardon offenses.
- Tammuz used the mistletoe tree to heal the sick.
 - When Constantine came along, he popularized the X for Christ instead of the T for the cross, so again both Christians and pagans were satisfied.
 - In Greek, the language of the New Testament, the word Christos (Christ) begins with the letter "X," or *chi*. Here's what it looks like: Χριστός
 - In the early fourth century, Constantine the Great, Roman Emperor from 306-337, popularized this shorthand for Christ. According to legend, on the eve of his great [battle against Maxentius](#), Constantine had a vision that led him to create a military banner emblazoned with the first two letters of Christ on it: *chi* and *rho*.
 - These two letters, then, became a sort of shorthand for Jesus Christ.



The College of Cardinals

- Rome's College of Cardinals coincides with the Babylonian Council of Pontiffs and the Pagan College of Pontiffs.
- The word "Cardinal" comes from the word "cardo" which meant hinge.
- Janus, the god of doors and hinges, Patulcius and Clusius, was the opener and the shutter, controlling the door of heaven.
- Peter's chair, similar to that of Hercules and Mohammad, is where the ancients were carried in pomp and state in Egypt.
- Janus was the incarnation of Noah, half man and half fish.
- The Pontifical crosier corresponds to the magic of Nimrod.

Priesthood

- Jesus' perfect sacrifice abolished the need of a formal priesthood (Hebrews 10:12-14), creating instead a "kingdom of priests" (Revelation 1:6; 5:10).
 - Heb 10 ¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.
 - Rev 1 ⁵ ...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
 - Rev 5 ⁹ ...For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."
- The early church, again influenced by paganism, re-established a priesthood that added a barrier between the "ordinary" believer and God (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:15).
 - 1Ti 2 ⁵ For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all,

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- Heb 9 ¹³For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- The celibacy of the catholic priesthood corresponds with the practice of Pagan Rome.
 - The clerical tonsure, a circular haircut around the temples, used at ordination ceremonies was started by Peter of the Mystery Gods. Head shaving was a ritual in Egypt, India, and China.
 - Monks and nuns maintain perpetual virginity, and are often isolated in convents and monasteries. The same was true in Tibet, Japan, Scandinavia, Pagan Rome, and even with the American Indians, although most modern confinement is only temporary, while in ancient times, it was permanent.
- The Bible does not teach that there are to be “priests” in the New Covenant established by Christ. Please read our articles on the “priesthood of believers” and “confession of sin to a priest” for more information. The Bible addresses the celibacy of church leaders, but not celibacy of priests.
 - In regards to celibacy of church leaders, in 1 Corinthians chapter 7, the apostle Paul teaches, “An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs — how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world — how he can please his wife — and his interests are divided” (1 Corinthians 7:32-34). In some instances, celibacy has a positive impact on ministry. If a church leader is free from spousal and familial responsibilities, he can better focus on ministering to others. Jesus mentions some becoming “eunuchs” for the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:12). Celibacy is definitely allowed for church leaders, and to a certain degree, it is encouraged. However, Scripture nowhere requires celibacy for those serving in positions of church leadership.
 - In 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9, the Apostle Paul seems to assume that elders, bishops, overseers, and deacons will be married. Notice the phrases “the husband of one wife” (1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6), “he must manage his own family well” (1 Timothy 3:4,12), and “his children obey him with proper respect” (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6). On a related issue, please read our article on whether these Scripture mean that a church leader must be married and have children. While these Scriptures are not a requirement for church leaders to be married, they most definitely present an allowance for church leaders to be married. It is therefore anti-biblical for any church to require celibacy of its leaders.
- Why, then, does the Roman Catholic Church (and a few other Christian denominations) require celibacy of priests /church leaders? The celibacy of priests has an interesting history. The first official church statements requiring celibacy appeared at the Councils of Elvira (A.D. 306) and Carthage (A.D. 390), although clerical celibacy, to a lesser degree, definitely predated these councils. Ultimately, though, celibacy became the official requirement of the Roman Catholic Church due to the practice of nepotism. Church leaders were giving their children positions in the church, despite a lack of any qualifications or training. Further, church leaders were giving church property to their descendants. As a result, the Roman Catholic Church mandated celibacy in order to keep its priests from having familial attachments which made nepotism attractive.
- Again, the Bible encourages, but does not demand celibacy of priests / church leaders. In fact, Paul recognizes that most church leaders will be married. The Roman Catholic requirement of celibacy is a sad example of the Church taking something that the Bible encourages and transforming it into a requirement in order to protect its own interests. Sadder still is the damage that has been done as a result of the Roman Catholic Church’s anti-biblical requirement. Men whom God has not gifted or called to be celibate (1 Corinthians 7:7) are being required to be celibate, and the result is tremendous failures in the areas of adultery, fornication, and the sexual abuse of children.

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Trinity

The idea of the trinity was ancient and rooted in pagan religions. Marie Sinclair, Countess of Caithness, in her 1876 book *Old Truths in a New Light*, states: “It is generally, although erroneously, supposed that the doctrine of the Trinity is of Christian origin. *Nearly every nation of antiquity possessed a similar doctrine.* [The early Catholic theologian] St. Jerome testifies unequivocally, ‘*All the ancient nations believed in the Trinity*’ ” (p. 382).

Notice how the following quotes document belief in a divine trinity in many regions and religions of the ancient world.

- Sumeria
“The universe was divided into three regions each of which became the domain of a god. Anu’s share was the sky. The earth was given to Enlil. Ea became the ruler of the waters. *Together they constituted the triad of the Great Gods*” (*The Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology*, 1994, pp. 54-55)
- Babylonia
“The ancient Babylonians *recognised the doctrine of a trinity, or three persons in one god*—as appears from a composite god with three heads forming part of their mythology, and the use of the equilateral triangle, also, as an emblem of such trinity in unity” (Thomas Dennis Rock, *The Mystical Woman and the Cities of the Nations*, 1867, pp. 22-23).
- India
“The Puranas, one of the Hindoo Bibles of more than 3,000 years ago, contain the following passage: ‘O ye three Lords! know that I recognize only one God. Inform me, therefore, which of you is the true divinity, that I may address to him alone my adorations.’ The three gods, Brahma, Vishnu, and Siva [or Shiva], becoming manifest to him, replied, ‘Learn, O devotee, that there is no real distinction between us. What to you appears such is only the semblance. *The single being appears under three forms* by the acts of creation, preservation, and destruction, *but he is one.*’
“Hence the triangle was adopted by all the ancient nations as a symbol of the Deity . . . Three was considered among all the pagan nations as the chief of the mystical numbers, because, as Aristotle remarks, it contains within itself a beginning, a middle, and an end. Hence we find it designating some of the attributes of almost all the pagan gods” (Sinclair, pp. 382-383).
- Greece
“In the Fourth Century B.C. Aristotle wrote: ‘All things are three, and thrice is all: and let us use this number in the worship of the gods; for, as the Pythagoreans say, everything and all things are bounded by threes, for the end, the middle and the beginning have this number in everything, and these compose the number of the Trinity’ ” (Arthur Weigall, *Paganism in Our Christianity*, 1928, pp. 197-198).
- Egypt
“The *Hymn to Amun* decreed that ‘No god came into being before him (Amun)’ and that ‘*All gods are three: Amun, Re and Ptah, and there is no second to them. Hidden is his name as Amon, he is Re in face, and his body is Ptah.*’ . . . *This is a statement of trinity, the three chief gods of Egypt subsumed into one of them, Amon.* Clearly, the concept of organic unity within plurality got an extraordinary boost with this formulation. *Theologically, in a crude form it came strikingly close to the later Christian form of plural Trinitarian monotheism*” (Simson Najovits, *Egypt, Trunk of the Tree*, Vol. 2, 2004, pp. 83-84).
- Other areas
Many other areas had their own divine trinities. In Greece they were Zeus, Poseidon and Adonis. The Phoenicians worshipped Ulomus, Ulosuros and Eliun. Rome worshipped Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto. In Germanic nations they were called Wodan, Thor and Fricco. Regarding the Celts, one source states, “The ancient heathen deities of the pagan Irish[,] Criosan, Biosena, and Seeva, or Sheeva, are doubtless the Creeshna [Krishna], Veeshnu [Vishnu], [or the all-inclusive] Brahma, and Seeva [Shiva], of the Hindoos” (Thomas Maurice, *The History of Hindostan*, Vol. 2, 1798, p. 171).
- “The origin of the conception is entirely pagan”
 - Egyptologist Arthur Weigall, while himself a Trinitarian, summed up the influence of ancient beliefs on the adoption of the Trinity doctrine by the Catholic Church in the following excerpt from his previously cited book:

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“It must not be forgotten that Jesus Christ never mentioned such a phenomenon [the Trinity], and nowhere in the New Testament does the word ‘Trinity’ appear. The idea was only adopted by the Church three hundred years after the death of our Lord; *and the origin of the conception is entirely pagan . . .*

“The ancient Egyptians, whose influence on early religious thought was profound, usually arranged their gods or goddesses in trinities: there was the trinity of Osiris, Isis, and Horus, the trinity of Amen, Mut, and Khonsu, the trinity of Khnum, Satis, and Anukis, and so forth . . .

“The early Christians, however, did not at first think of applying the idea to their own faith. They paid their devotions to God the Father and to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and they recognized the mysterious and undefined existence of the Holy Spirit; but there was no thought of these three being an actual Trinity, co-equal and united in One . . .

“The application of this old pagan conception of a Trinity to Christian theology was made possible by the recognition of the Holy Spirit as the required third ‘Person,’ co-equal with the other ‘Persons’ . . .

“The idea of the Spirit being co-equal with God was not generally recognised until the second half of the Fourth Century A.D. . . . In the year 381 the Council of Constantinople added to the earlier Nicene Creed a description of the Holy Spirit as ‘the Lord, and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified.’ . . .

“Thus, the Athanasian creed, which is a later composition but reflects the general conceptions of Athanasius [the 4th-century Trinitarian whose view eventually became official doctrine] and his school, formulated the conception of a co-equal Trinity wherein the Holy Spirit was the third ‘Person’; and so it was made a dogma of the faith, and belief in the Three in One and One in Three became a paramount doctrine of Christianity, though not without terrible riots and bloodshed . . .

“Today a Christian thinker . . . has no wish to be precise about it, more especially since the definition is obviously pagan in origin and was not adopted by the Church until nearly three hundred years after Christ” (pp. 197-203).

- James Bonwick summarized the story well on page 396 of his 1878 work *Egyptian Belief and Modern Thought*: “It is an undoubted fact that *more or less all over the world the deities are in triads*. This rule applies to eastern and western hemispheres, to north and south.

“Further, it is observed that, in some mystical way, the triad of three persons is one. The first is as the second or third, the second as first or third, the third as first or second; in fact, they are each other, one and the same individual being. The definition of Athanasius, who lived in Egypt, applies to the trinities of all heathen religions.”

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Deception Apostasy – Counterfeit Christian Denominations

- Postmodernism
- Social Gospel – Religious left
- Seeker Sensitive – Water everything down – Joel Olsteen
- New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)
- So-called “prophets” for profit
- Holy laughter
- Contemplative Mysticism – Contemplative prayer – Let’s be like the Buddhists
- Dominionism – Kingdom Now – The church is going to make the world perfect so Jesus can return
- Latter Rain
- Amillennialism – Allegorizes everything – Nothing is taken literally, including a literal Millennial Kingdom
- Postmillennialism
- Protestants are moving towards Catholicism
- No to Bible Prophecy (1/3 of the Bible)
- Moving away from Israel support
- Replacement Theology – The church is the new Israel
- Christian Palestinianism – Jesus was a Palestinian
- Christ Alignment
- Christian Wicca - blending of witchcraft and Christianity
- Chrislam - Christianity and Islam are compatible, that both the Bible and the Qur’an are holy texts
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Lk 18:6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Christ asked this rhetorical question at the end of the *parable of the unjust judge* while He was physically on the earth. So He was not addressing the day He was in then, nor of the time surrounding His Second Coming. We already know that Christ will not return at the Second Coming until the Jewish people cry out “blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” ([Matt. 23:39](#)). The Jewish people will not do this until this veil of blindness is lifted from their eyes and they realize that Jesus of Nazareth, was, in fact, their Messiah whom they pierced ([Zechariah 12:10](#); [Romans 11:25](#)). As for the rest of the majority of the world, they are already committed to destruction who are not written in *the Lamb’s Book of Life* ([Rev. 13:8](#)).

He was speaking about the conditions of the world when He returns for His Church. Will He find faith on the earth when He returns for His bride the Church? Yes. However, the conditions in the world at that time marries up with the last three churches from those out of the Seven Letters.

- Church In Name Only: The dead church
- The Post Christian Church: The nauseating, lukewarm church
- Remnant Believers: The true church with little strength in a world satanically rigged to oppose them.

Therefore, it would seem that Christ’s question then rings true. The overwhelming majority in the world have rejected Him and His word. Only a small remnant is true to His name. These have little strength and influence in the world at the time of the Rapture.

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Union Theological Seminary in New York City has long been considered to be the citadel of Christian apostasy. It was founded in 1836 by the Presbyterian Church, but it separated from the church in 1893 and has remained independent ever since. To this day, it takes pride in being considered the leading advocate of what is called “progressive” Christian scholarship.

[True Christianity vs Counterfeit Christianity](https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-16-true-versus-counterfeit-christianity-philippians-31-3)

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About 20 years ago a survey of 7,000 Protestant youths from many denominations asked whether they agreed with the following statements:

- “The way to be accepted by God is to try sincerely to live a good life.” More than 60% agreed.
- “God is satisfied if a person lives the best life he can.” Almost 70% agreed.
- (Reported by Paul Brand & Philip Yancey, *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made* [Zondervan], p. 108.)

I have found that many church-going people, like these young people, are confused on the most important question in life: “How can I be right with God?” Many think that sincerity is a big factor. If you’re sincere, God will let you into heaven even if you’re a bit fuzzy on the truth. But that’s like saying that a man who swallows deadly poison, sincerely thinking that it is medicine, will get better. All the sincerity in the world is fatal if it is not in line with the truth.

Many also think that human effort plays a big role. If you try your best, even though you aren’t perfect, God will say, “I’ll let you into heaven because you tried so hard.” If that is what the Bible teaches, then it is so. But if it is contrary to what the Bible teaches, then trying your best to get into heaven is like trying your best to broad jump across the Grand Canyon. You’re not going to make it!

Have you ever been stuck with a counterfeit bill? You thought it was legal tender, but when you took it somewhere and offered it as money, the teller or clerk said, “I’m sorry, but this is counterfeit money. It’s no good.” The Bible teaches that Satan is a master counterfeiter, trying to pass off on unsuspecting people a version of Christianity that looks pretty good, but it is not going to be accepted by the bank of heaven. It’s traumatic to get stuck with a counterfeit bill; it would be far more traumatic to stand before God someday and hear Him declare that your Christianity is counterfeit!

In [Philippians 3:1-3](#), the apostle Paul contrasts true and counterfeit Christianity. To understand this section of Philippians, you must know a bit of history. Soon after the gospel began to spread among the Gentiles, some Jewish men who claimed also to believe in Christ began teaching the Gentile converts that they could not be saved unless they also were circumcised according to the law of Moses (see [Acts 15:1](#)). They did not deny that a person must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, but they added to faith in Christ the keeping of the Jewish law, especially circumcision, as necessary for salvation.

The issue was debated and resolved in Jerusalem at a council of the church leaders where it was decided that Gentiles do not have to become Jews or be circumcised to be saved; but that every person, Jew or Gentile, is saved by grace through faith in Christ alone ([Acts 15:1-29](#)). But that decision did not cause Satan to give up his efforts to pervert the truth of the gospel. He continued to work through a group of men known as Judaizers who followed Paul on his missionary journeys, infiltrating the new churches and teaching their subtle error, that faith in Christ was not sufficient if a person did not also keep the Law, especially circumcision. Paul wrote Galatians to refute this error. He contends there that these men were preaching a false gospel and he calls down damnation on those who so pervert the true gospel ([Gal. 1:6-9](#)). The Judaizers are the men Paul is warning the Philippian church about in our text. The three terms in 3:2, “dogs, evil workers, and false circumcision,” all refer to one group, the Judaizers, who were promoting a counterfeit Christianity.

While the Judaizers no longer exist under that name, the core of their teaching is still quite prevalent. Thus our text is extremely important in helping us to discern what true Christianity is and to reject any counterfeit version. Paul is teaching that ...

To be true Christians we must put off all confidence in human merit and trust in Christ alone for salvation.

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True Christianity relies totally on the person and work of Christ; counterfeit Christianity adds to this reliance on human worth or works. Concerning counterfeit Christianity, Paul warns us:

1. Beware of counterfeit Christianity which adds human merit to the person and work of Christ!

The severity of Paul's warning is underscored by his threefold repetition: "*Beware ... beware ... beware ...!*" Counterfeit Christianity is a strong danger for all of us because we're all prone to pride and self-reliance. We all want to take for ourselves at least some of the credit for our salvation. We'll be generous and grant that most of the credit goes to the Lord, but we still want to reserve a bit of the honor for ourselves. People will say, "I was saved by my own free will," which implies, "I was smart enough or good enough to make the right choice." But the Bible knocks our pride out from under us by clearly stating that our salvation does not depend on our will, but on God's sovereign mercy ([Rom. 9:16](#)). Or, people will say, "Christ died for me because I was worthy." But Scripture is clear that He died for us when we were unworthy sinners ([Rom. 5:8](#)).

Counterfeit Christianity glories in the flesh, which means, human worth or merit. The names Paul calls these false teachers reveal three common forms such human merit takes:

A. COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY TAKES PRIDE IN RACIAL OR ETHNIC STATUS, AS IF IT PUT US IN RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD.

Paul sarcastically calls these Judaizers "dogs." He is taking a slur that the Jews used against the Gentiles and turning back against these false teachers. It referred to the packs of wild dogs that used to raid the garbage and eat anything they could find. Since the Gentiles were not concerned about clean and unclean foods, or about purifying themselves according to the Jewish rituals, the Jews viewed them as unclean dogs. Just beneath the surface was ethnic pride, as if being a Jew by birth made one right with God.

Much of the strife in the world today stems from racial or religious pride. The Catholic-Protestant violence in Ireland, the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, the Arab-Jewish conflicts in the Holy Land, Iraq's persecution of the Kurds, the recent civil war in Rwanda, the racial tension in South Africa, and many more conflicts are due to people mistakenly thinking that their racial status puts them in God's favor. Here in America, many of the white supremacy groups justify their ethnic pride and hatred of blacks and Jews on a mistaken understanding of the Bible.

Scripture is clear that while God chose the nation Israel as His people and still has a special purpose for the Jews, He is no respecter of persons when it comes to granting salvation through Jesus Christ ([Acts 10:34-47](#)). As Paul writes in [Romans 10:12, 13](#), "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

B. COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY TAKES PRIDE IN HUMAN WORKS AS IF THEY PUT US IN RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD.

Paul calls these men, who prided themselves on their good works, "evil workers." They thought they were obeying God's law. Outwardly they were good, moral people, zealous for religious activities. But their religious works were evil in God's sight, because they took pride in their own achievements and trusted in their good deeds as the means of making themselves right before God. Such trust in human works brings glory to man and nullifies what Christ did for us on the cross.

The Bible is clear that while we are saved by grace through faith apart from any works, genuine saving faith always results in a life of good works ([Eph. 2:8-10](#); [Titus 2:11-14](#); [3:4-8](#); [James 2:14-26](#)). But the order of faith and works is essential! No human efforts can commend us to God. A true Christian never glories in his good works, but glories in Christ alone, as we will see.

C. COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY TAKES PRIDE IN RELIGIOUS RITUALS AS IF THEY PUT US IN RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD.

Paul calls these men "the false circumcision," which is a play on words. In Greek, circumcision is *peritome*; Paul calls these men *katatome*, which means "mutilators." Just as the pagan priests of Baal in Elijah's day cut themselves in a religious frenzy, so these false teachers were mutilating people through their emphasis on circumcision. They wrongly

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thought that the ritual of removing the male foreskin somehow gained them favor with God. But as Paul argues in [Romans 4](#), even Abraham, to whom God first gave the rite of circumcision, was not made right with God through circumcision, but through faith.

Today there are many professing Christians who mistakenly think that religious rituals such as baptism or communion or attending church services or going through prescribed liturgies will get them into heaven. But, as Jesus told the religious Nicodemus, "... unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" ([John 3:3](#)).

Thus Paul is strongly warning us to beware of trusting in any form of human goodness, human worth, human merit, or good works as the basis of our standing with God. Salvation is clearly shown in Scripture to be due to God's choice, not due to our being worth it, "that no man should boast before God" (see [1 Cor. 1:27-31](#)).

These verses also show us that it is the job of faithful pastors to warn the flock of such dangerous teachings. We live in a day marked by tolerance and positive thinking. Many Christians say, "Why attack those who teach error? Just preach the positives." I have often been criticized because I preach against popular errors that have flooded into the church, such as the self-esteem teaching that runs counter to the heart of the gospel. There is also a strong movement toward unity, where doctrine is viewed as divisive and against love. Anyone who points out doctrinal error is labeled a "heresy hunter" who is against unity. But notice that even though Paul is exhorting the Philippian church to unity, it is not a unity devoid of doctrinal truth. If you didn't need pastors to warn you of such subtle errors, verses like these would not be in the Bible.

[2. Embrace true Christianity which relies totally on the person and work of Jesus Christ for salvation.](#)

Note that Paul is reminding the Philippians of something they already knew (3:1). When he says "Finally," he isn't necessarily being like some preachers, who say that half way through their sermon! It can mean simply that he is turning to a new section. Although scholars differ on it, I believe that by "the same things" Paul is referring to his emphasis on rejoicing. He has mentioned "rejoicing" (1:18 [2x], 2:17 [2x], 18 [2x], 28) and "joy" (1:4, 25; 2:2, 29) eleven times already in chapters one and two! But, he's going to remind them again, because it is such an important, central part of the genuine Christian life. He will hit it again in 4:4. It is no trouble to him to hammer on it, and it is a safeguard against the subtle danger of trusting in human merit. Rejoicing in the Lord is the great antidote to rejoicing in self-reliance or achievement. It takes our focus off ourselves, it humbles our pride, and it fills us with great hope to rejoice in the Lord.

[A. TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS SUMMED UP BY, "REJOICE IN THE LORD."](#)

I understand "rejoice in the Lord" (3:1) to be a summary of true Christianity, while the three phrases in 3:3, "worship in the Spirit of God," "glory in Christ Jesus," and "put no confidence in the flesh" are simply other ways of saying the same thing. Test yourself by this measure: True Christians rejoice in the Lord.

What does this mean? It means that *the Lord Jesus Christ is everything to a true Christian*. Christ, and Christ alone, is our salvation. Without Him, we would be lost and without hope. In Him we are saved and have hope! As Paul puts it ([1 Cor. 1:30-31](#)), "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, that, just as it is written, 'Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.'"

Also he wrote ([Col. 2:10-11](#)), "In Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." This is what Paul is referring to when he calls true Christians "the circumcision" ([Phil. 3:3](#)). It is a spiritual, inner work performed on us by Christ. So when Paul tells us to rejoice in the Lord, he means that the Lord is everything to us and we are in Him. So we are to focus our thoughts on Him and what He has graciously done for us through the cross. We will be filled with joy in the Holy Spirit as we daily walk with our eyes on the Lord Jesus and what He is to us.

"Rejoice in the Lord" also means that *true Christianity is not just a matter of the head, but also of the heart*. It involves and is built on sound doctrine which is grasped by the intellect. Our minds must appropriate the great truths of who Christ is and what He did for us on the cross and what He has promised to those who believe in Him. But, if it stops there, you are not a true Christian. A true Christian is marked by what Jonathan Edwards called "religious affections." His emotions or heart is affected, so that he rejoices in the inner person as he thinks on the blessedness of what Jesus is to him.

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A Christian leader and seminary professor, who has been in ministry for over 20 years, told me that his wife, due to her “dysfunctional” upbringing, had never felt God’s love and that she did not understand His grace. In spite of all the teaching and training to which she had been exposed, he said that when she heard me preach on God’s grace and love, it just went right past her. He attributed this to the fact that her father had been a cold, unemotional, unloving man. I shocked him and made him angry when I responded, “If your wife has never *felt* God’s love in Christ and has never been moved by the great truth that Christ died for her sin, she isn’t saved.” True Christianity is not merely a matter of subscribing to the great doctrinal truths of the Bible, although it is built on that. It is a matter of God changing our hearts, so that we rejoice in the Lord. This summarizes true Christianity. But, also,

B. TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY “WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD.”

Jesus said, “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). True worship is the inner sense of awe, gratitude, and love for God that stems from an understanding of who God is and who we are in His presence. The false teachers were making worship a matter of outward ritual. Paul is saying that true Christians are marked by inner worship prompted by the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Spirit works submission in our hearts so that we bow before God, caught up in love and praise, giving all glory to Him for His great salvation!

C. TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY “GLORYING IN CHRIST JESUS.”

The King James Version inaccurately translates, “rejoice in Christ Jesus.” The word is “boast” or “glory.” Paul is basing this on [Jeremiah 9:23-24](#): “Thus says the Lord, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,’ declares the Lord.”

Have you ever been around a boaster? He goes around telling everyone how wonderful he is, how smart he is, how much he knows. Christians should go around telling people how wonderful Christ is, how great He is, how merciful, how kind, how powerful, how awesome, how righteous, etc. Boasting in ourselves is sinful pride; boasting in the Lord deflates our pride and gives all the glory to Him. True Christians confess, “The only thing I’m great at is being a great sinner; but Christ Jesus is a great Savior!”

D. TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY “NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.”

Counterfeit Christianity builds a person’s self-esteem: “You’re great, you’re worthy, you’re somebody!” True Christianity humbles all pride and confidence in self. As [Jeremiah 17:5, 7, 8](#) puts it, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord.... Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is in the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit.”

Conclusion

Why do people ignore strong warnings? I guess they think that somehow it doesn’t apply to them or that it isn’t to be taken seriously. On our vacation, we went to the Columbian icefields in Jasper National Park in Canada. You can walk to the edge of one of the glaciers, but there are signs in several languages warning of the extreme danger of walking onto the glaciers. The signs even explain why it is dangerous: there are hidden crevasses, covered by recent snowfalls, where you can easily fall to your death. A ranger told us that a year to the day before we were there, a man had gone about 60 feet out onto the glacier and had fallen through the snow into a crevasse where he died before rescuers could free him. Yet in spite of the clear warnings, dozens of people were wandering hundreds of yards out onto the glacier!

Paul warns us, “Beware of counterfeit Christianity!” You could fall into it if you disregard his warning! Just as you would examine a suspect bill to see whether it is true or counterfeit, so you should examine your heart: True Christians put off all confidence in human merit and trust completely in Christ Jesus for salvation. They rejoice in Him and all that He is to them. Beware of any false substitutes!

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Secular Europe

Once the very cradle of Christian civilization, Europe has embraced a secular future, and the residual memory of the Christian tradition is fading fast. The statistics documenting European secularization are now impossible to ignore. Ireland, still one of the least secular nations in Western Europe, has seen church attendance fall by at least 25 percent over the last three decades. Ireland is predominantly Roman Catholic, of course, but the paper reports, "Not one priest will be ordained this year in Dublin." On the Protestant side, the picture is not much better. Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands, once the cradles of the Reformation, are now prime examples of Europe's secular shape. Throughout the European continent, Islam is the only religion growing in the number of adherents. According to the Center for the Study on Global Christianity, at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in suburban Boston, the decline in Christian influence "is most evident in France, Sweden and the Netherlands, where church attendance is less than ten percent in some areas." USA Today's cover story on the decline of Christianity in Western Europe raises the question of America's future. In many ways, America seems to be following the European example, though several years behind. Yet the pace of moral transformation in the United States may indicate that America is fast catching up with the European model of secularization. In what the Orthodox Christian Network calls an "alarming trend," The Wall Street Journal featured a page one article - Europe's Empty Churches Go on Sale, as the number of attendees has diminished over many years. "The closing of Europe's churches reflects the rapid weakening of the (Christian) faith in Europe, a phenomenon that is painful to both worshipers and others who see religion as a unifying factor in a disparate society." By example, the Netherlands is projected to close 2/3 of its Roman Catholic churches in the next decade. The closing of Europe's churches is a result of flagging faith and empty pews, but it is mostly Christians who are losing their faith. Several other religions have not experienced the same decline. Orthodox Judaism has remained relatively steady and primarily because of immigration, Islam has actually grown. European countries in general have seen substantial declines, but it is the Netherlands leading the way. The Catholic Church predicts that two-thirds of its churches will be retired from holy service within a decade and 700 Protestant churches are expected to be decommissioned within four years. In the United States, Americans who answer "none" when asked for their religious affiliation are the fastest growing "religious" group in the United States. About two-thirds of them say they are former believers. Americans raised in Christian households are turning away from the religion of their parents. Every denomination in the U.S. is losing both affiliation and church attendance. In some ways the country is a half-generation behind the declining rate of Christianity in other western countries like the U.K., Australia, Germany, Sweden, Norway, France, and the Netherlands. In those what were once churches are now art galleries, cafes and pubs.

The fact that we can also see the clear distinctions in the church today (dead, faithful, apostate) should motivate the believing remnant because these are the stages Jesus told us we would go through. The United States is following Europe's lead in becoming post-Christian very rapidly. As we see more frequently, supposed priests, priestesses, pastors, and other "clergy" are now openly endorsing homosexuality, transgenderism, abortion, pedophilia, open-borders, antisemitism, etc. and other anti-Biblical positions with no reprisal. They can only do so because they think they are now in the majority. Meanwhile, their ecumenical lukewarmness has opened the floodgates of other apostate teachings and doctrines of demons.

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An occult practice is any attempt to access the spiritual realm without God—as this will inherently involve interaction with fallen angels and demons.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 – Avoid Wicked Customs

Dt 18⁹ “When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ **There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,* ¹¹ *or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.* ¹² **For all who do these things *are an abomination to the LORD***, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³ You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴ For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.**

Isaiah 8:19-20 – Fear God, Heed His Word

Is 8¹⁹ And when they say to you, “**Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,**” **should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?*** ²⁰ **To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.***

6 in 10 U.S. Christians Hold New Age Beliefs

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The past decade has seen a shocking rise in society's fascination with the occult, pagan, and new age practices. About 6 in 10 Christians overall (61%) hold at least one of the four New Age beliefs included in the survey:

- belief that spiritual energy can be located in physical things, such as mountains and trees
- belief in psychics
- belief in reincarnation
- belief in astrology.

This is setting the stage for the brazen spiritual rebellion during the Great Tribulation. Despite God's supernatural punishments on the unbelieving, deceived people, they will still not repent of their worship of devils and idols and of their practice of sorceries. Witchcraft, sorcery, and demon worship will be the dominant religions of the end times.

2 Thessalonians 27-12 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ⁷ For **the mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,** ¹⁰ **and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish**, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Revelation 9:20-21 – Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

Rev 9 ²⁰ But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And **they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.**

The mystery of iniquity, the deception of the nonbelieving world that will ultimately lead to the global worship of the Antichrist, is already permeating the world. In America and Western society, what were once considered fringe, bizarre pagan practices have become commonplace and trending parts of spiritual life. As the preaching of sound biblical Christianity wanes, there has been a massive increase in the mystical practices the Bible teaches are in fact directly connected to the demonic world and Satan.

Energy and Healing Crystals

Today, the “psychic healing” industry has exploded with millions of willing customers seeking to use spiritual means to help their physical and mental well-being. One of the greatest examples of this new societal fascination with the mystical healing craze is energy or healing crystals. These stones are said to be imbued with physical, emotional, spiritual, and metaphysical powers. Do you have an aching back? There is a quartz crystal that is the best remedy. Suffering from anxiety? Amethyst or agate are the best recommendations. There are even crystals for recovering from a broken heart or loss of a loved one. This has all helped fuel a billion-dollar industry as a broad segment of society—from Wall Street executives to Hollywood celebrities touting their healing crystals on social media.

The Devil Imitates and Distorts Divine Use of Stones – He who was a liar and murderer from the beginning has been most successful in his deceptions by being an imitator of God. You often see this in Scripture. God has wise virgins; Satan has virgins also—false. Christ sows good seed—wheat; Satan sows seed too—tares. God has a vine—“the true vine”; Satan has a vine also—“the vine of the earth.” Christ has a bride; Satan has a harlot. God has a city—the new Jerusalem; Satan has also a city—Babylon.

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Exodus 28:30 – The Breastplate

Ex 28 ³⁰ And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

The Urim and Thummim were essential elements of the breastplate of the high priest of God in the Old Testament. Aaron, as high priest, wore the breastplate on his chest to “bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually” (Exodus 28:30). Urim (אֲוִרִים in Hebrew) means “lights” and Thummim (תְּמִימִים in Hebrew) means “perfection.” The high priest was the only member of the nation permitted to enter the tabernacle on Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, when the presence of God would manifest above the ark of the covenant. This was a high holy day for the high priest to perform sacrifices to atone for the sins of the nation. The Lord wanted the tribes of Israel to be symbolically on Aaron's heart as he bore the precious stones on his breastplate. This is all a beautiful type and foreshadow of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the true High Priest for all believers. Jesus Christ is the Light and it is His perfection that allowed Him to be a sacrifice for all of humanity. He is the true Urim and Thummim. In the Old Testament account, these very special stones had supernatural, divine properties and were used to determine God's will for important decisions by a leader.

Pharmakeia: Drug Use and Demon-Possession

Sorceries [pharmakeia or φαρμακεία]

The Greek word pharmakeia is where the English word “pharmacy” is derived from. It was synonymous with sorcery in the Bible. “Sorceries” means “the use of drugs” which denotes the magic rites of the heathen. Mystics and witches alike have long touted narcotics for their ability to help access the spiritual realm. In ancient times, mixtures of herbs and animal parts were concocted to assist an occult practitioner in casting spells or summoning spirits.

- In the Septuagint (LXX, the oldest extant version of the Old Testament), pharmakeia was used to describe the “enchantments” that the Egyptians sorcerers used to mimic Moses turning the Nile river to blood (Exodus 7:22 and of Babylon Isaiah 47:9, 12).
- A form of the word is used to describe the “witchcrafts” of Jezebel
 - 2Ki 9 ²² Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, “*Is it peace, Jehu?*” So he answered, “*What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her **witchcraft** are so many?*”
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- In Galatians 5:20 it is placed next to idolatry; elsewhere in the NT the word occurs only in [Revelation 18:23; 21:8; and 22:15] both of which texts are cognate to this verse. Suicer connects the word with the use of drugs in causing abortion and infanticide, and thus its connection here with idolatry on the one hand; and with murder and fornication on the other, (i.e. with carnal and spiritual fornication) can be accounted for.

In modern times, as government officials push to legalize drugs, the use of narcotics has become more acceptable and normalized in society. So, to no surprise, they have exploded in use for those seeking to use them for spiritual enlightenment or to commune with the spirit realm.

Revelation 9:21 – Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

Rev 9 ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their **sorceries** or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Rev 18:23 – Finality of Babylon's Fall

Rev 18 ²³ The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for **by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.**

From the days of the Exodus, the use of herbs and drugs has been connected to the occult. Johannes and Jambres, the two Egyptian sorcerers who attempted to mimic the wonders performed by Moses, used “enchantments” to boost their access

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to the spiritual realm: And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments [pharmakeia]: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had said. (Exodus 7:20–22, LXX)

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A Pagan Exercise

The school recently garnered considerable publicity when in September of 2019, its students were directed to participate in a chapel service where, one at a time, they sat in front of a group of plants and confessed to the plants their sins against the environment.¹

A pastor in Tennessee tweeted: “This is utter nonsense. Absolute bankruptcy in every way. Your seminary is a cemetery!” Albert Mohler, Jr., President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, denounced the chapel event as coming from “a modern secular worldview.” He added, “If you do not worship the Creator, you will inevitably worship the creation, in one way or another. That is the primal form of idolatry.”

Mohler was right on target with his observation, for the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter one specifically condemned the worship of the creation. He pointed out that the wrath of God will be poured out on those who worship the creation rather than the Creator ([Romans 1:24-25](#)).

The worship of creation is only one aspect of the gross apostasy that is being taught at Union Seminary. This was made clear in an interview of the seminary's president that appeared in *The New York Times* in April of 2019.²

The Seminary's President

The current president of the seminary is Dr. Serene Jones. She became the first female president of the school in July of 2008. She is a graduate of the Yale Divinity School, where she earned both a master's degree and a doctorate in theology. She taught at Yale for 17 years before taking over the leadership of Union Seminary. She is an ordained minister of both the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ — two of the most liberal denominations in America.

Dr. Serene Jones
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In her interview with *The New York Times*, Dr. Jones mouthed one incredible apostasy after another. Here are some examples (together with my responses):

1) God — “God is beyond our knowing, not a being or an essence or an object. But I don't worship an all-powerful, all-controlling omnipotent, omniscient being. That is a fabrication of Roman juridical theory and Greek mythology.” The truth is that God has revealed Himself in His creation, in His Word and through His Son, Jesus ([John 14:6-10](#)). Her denial of God as a being is a belief of Eastern religions like Hinduism.

2) The Crucifixion — “Crucifixion is not something that God is orchestrating from upstairs. The pervasive idea of an abusive God-father who sends his own kid to the cross so God could forgive people is nuts.” This blasphemous statement directly contradicts scriptures like [Isaiah 53:1-8](#) and [1 Peter 3:18](#).

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3) Easter — “For me, the message of Easter is that love is stronger than life or death. That’s a much more awesome claim than that they put Jesus in the tomb and three days later he wasn’t there. For Christians for whom the physical resurrection becomes a sort of obsession, that seems to me to be a pretty wobbly faith. What if tomorrow someone found the body of Jesus still in the tomb? Would that then mean that Christianity was a lie? No, faith is stronger than that.” Sorry, Dr. Jones, but if Jesus’ body were found tomorrow it would destroy Christianity because the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. That’s exactly why the Apostles proclaimed the resurrection over and over in all their sermons, Read the very first Gospel sermon ever preached (Acts 14-17). Or consider this statement: *“And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all”* ([Acts 4:33](#)).

4) The Virgin Birth — “I find the virgin birth a bizarre claim. It has nothing to do with Jesus’ message. The virgin birth only becomes important if you have a theology in which sexuality is considered sinful. It also promotes this notion that the pure, untouched female body is the best body, and that idea has led to centuries of oppressing women.” Breathtaking! The fact of the matter is that the virgin birth is an essential doctrine of the Christian faith because it attests to the truth that Jesus was God in the flesh. Furthermore, to deny the virgin birth is to deny the very explicit witness of Scripture ([Matthew 1:18-23](#) and [Luke 1: 26-35](#)).

5) Prayer — “I don’t believe in a God who, because of prayer, would decide to cure your mother’s cancer but not cure the mother of your non-praying neighbor. We can’t manipulate God like that.” Since when is authentic prayer an exercise in manipulation? We have a personal God who desires to fellowship with us in prayer and therefore we are urged to *“pray without ceasing”* ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)). Consider also one of the most comforting scriptures to be found in the New Testament: *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you”* ([1 Peter 5:6-7](#)).

6) Death — You had better put on your seatbelt before you read what Dr. Jones said in response to the question, “What happens when we die?” It’s hard to believe, but here’s what she said: “I don’t know! There may be something, there may be nothing. My faith is not tied to some divine promise about the afterlife. People who behave well in this life only to achieve an afterlife, that’s a faith driven by a selfish motive: ‘I’m going to be good so God will reward me with a stick of candy called heaven.’” Mindboggling! I thought that was what Christianity was all about — providing hope for life after death. Her answer to the question is one that any Atheist would be happy with.

7) Hell — “I’m absolutely certain that when we die, there is not a group of designated bad people sent to burn in hell. That does not exist. But hell has a symbolic reality: When we reject love, we create hell, and hell is what we see around us in this world today in so many forms.” In view of her former answers, it is certainly no surprise that she totally rejects the concept of Hell. Jesus often spoke about Hell, as when He made this observation: *“Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”* ([Matthew 10:28](#)).

Widespread Apostasy

Unfortunately, Union Theological Seminary is not the only one teaching this kind of theological garbage. Most of the seminaries in America today teach that the Bible is not the Word of God. Rather, they tell their students it is Man’s search for God, and it is therefore full of myths, legends and superstitions. It is no wonder the Church has one foot in the grave today.

All this reminds me of W. A. Criswell (1909-2002) who served as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas for 50 years. He once remarked that people like Dr. Jones have what he called, “a leopard theology.” When he was asked to explain what he meant, he replied, “They think the Bible is inspired only in spots, and they know which spots.”

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We have a famine of the Word in America today ([Amos 8:11](#)). Polls show that only 9% of Americans have a biblical worldview, and only 17% of professing Christians have one. The Church is obviously failing in its responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples of those who respond.

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[Hosea 4:6 – God’s Charge Against Israel](#)

Hos 4 ⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me;

Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

[Romans 1:18-32 – God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness \(NIV\)](#)

Romans 1 ¹⁸ For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,** ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For **since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,** ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore **God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,** ²⁵ **who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,** who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason **God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.** ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;** ²⁹ **being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,** ³⁰ **backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,** ³¹ **undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;** ³² **who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**

[Revelation 20:11-15 – The Great White Throne Judgment](#)

Rev 20 ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And **the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.** ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

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John 3:36 – John the Baptist Exalts Christ

Jn 3³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Why is God going to send a strong delusion?

Answer: The Bible makes it clear why God is sending a strong delusion in the end times: “They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Simply put, God sends a strong delusion to those who chose not to believe the gospel of Christ. Those who take delight in mocking and rejecting Him, He will condemn.

It is man’s choice whether to accept and believe the truth of Jesus Christ as presented in the Scriptures. To receive the truth and the love God offers is in keeping with its teachings, “This is love for God: to obey His commands” (1 John 5:3). Conversely, to know the truth and not obey it is to face the wrath of God: “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness” (Romans 1:18). Frankly speaking, there is no more dangerous condition for man than to know the truth and refuse to obey it. To do so is to harden the heart and make God’s condemnation sure.

When one knows the truth and refuses to obey it, he is subject to any lie, any deception, any untruth that man can conjure up. “For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:21-22). Paul goes on in the next few verses to describe the mindset and behaviors of those who disbelieve (see Romans 1:29-31). As a result of man’s foolishness and his arrogant disdain of the things of God, “God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done” (Romans 1:28). And correspondingly, “Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things, but also approve of those who practice them” (Romans 1:32).

Isaiah puts it succinctly: “They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations; so I [God] also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring upon them what they dread. For when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened. They did evil in My sight and chose what displeases Me” (Isaiah 66:3-4).

When men know the truth and refuse to receive it, when they refuse to obey it and hold it in unrighteousness, “they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:12 NLT).

“God is love” (1 John 4:16). He is not some cruel monster who deliberately and inwardly delights in preparing people for everlasting condemnation. But He earnestly and lovingly proclaims the gospel of Christ, “not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Throughout the Scriptures, God urges people to accept the truth. But when people reject Him and spurn His message, then—and not until then—God hardens them and turns them over to a deluded mind to wallow in their wickedness to their eternal damnation. This is what the Lord says about those who choose to reject the truth: “They greatly love to wander; they do not restrain their feet. So the Lord does not accept them; He will now remember their wickedness and punish them for their sins” (Jeremiah 14:10).

Strong delusions now:

- Global warming
- Transgender – Children can now be removed from parents in Canada and US if the parents do now accept a child’s desire to be transgender
- Abortion is a choice instead of murder
- Replacement theology – Christians replaced the Jews as God’s chosen people

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2Ti 3:1-4

Rev 9:21

- Homosexuality is openly celebrated
- Islam proposes itself a 'religion of peace'
 - Despite very many well publicized articles of attacks & killings made around the world in the name of Islam
- Leftists Push 'Drag Queen Story Hour' For Public Schools, Libraries
 - "Can everyone say, 'When I grow up, I want to be a drag queen?'" -Drag Queen Lil Miss Hot Mess
 - Sick and tired of little boys rejecting tutus and little girls embracing Barbie, left-wing activists are pushing for American children to engage with drag queens in publicly funded schools and libraries.
 - San Francisco-based RADAR Productions and New York-based Feminist Press have teamed up to bring "Drag Queen Story Hour" to life, hoping to "defy rigid gender restrictions" while providing "unabashedly queer role models." As the campaign notes, Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is exactly what it sounds like: local drag queens-decked out in over-the-top, loud clothing and glitter-reading feminist-inspired fairy tales to young children.
- Transgender Gives Birth - Now Womb Transplants For Men Are Next
 - Trystan Reese, a transgender man living in Portland, Oregon, has given birth to a boy with his partner of seven years, Biff Chaplow. Their son, Leo Murray Chaplow, was born July 14. Reese, who was born female at birth, posted a video in March explaining his decision to carry a baby as a transgender man. "I'm OK with my body being a trans body," he said. "I'm OK being a man who has a uterus and has the capacity and capability of carrying a baby."
 - However many transgender activists want to take the next step with womb transplants to enable anyone to have the ability to carry a baby. If a womb transplant is possible into a woman's body, medical science now knows of no reason why such a transplant should not be possible into a man's body as well.
 - An expert on cutting edge reproduction procedures, Dr. Alghrani of Liverpool University's Health Law & Regulation Unit explained, in a recent interview, other ways in which the womb transplant procedure could stand reproductive science on its head. Not simply men who want to become women, but also gay men who want to experience childbirth, single men who receive donor eggs and then reproduce alone and even married heterosexual couples who want to share child-bearing roles, alternating between husbands and wives giving birth, perhaps with the same uterus.
 - The concept of motherhood itself is under assault, a sentiment now being echoed by many all over the world. One such woman, Laura Perrins, a co-editor of The Conservative Woman, stated bluntly that male womb implantation "Will impinge on the meaning of motherhood and womanhood." The entire concept of gender is under attack through shifting pronouns, cosmetic surgeries and now the act of childbearing.

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Nephilim

One of the strong possibilities for the ‘strong delusion’ is the return of the Nephilim

- There has been a lot of alien activity lately
 - Uri Geller, the famous Israeli psychic, told us that the New Age would be ushered in through a crucible of change during which the entire world would experience unprecedented conflict and disaster. An advanced alien he called “IS” (Intelligence in the Sky) from a planet called “Hoova”, informed him that they had experienced the same crucible of change themselves and that they had been watching the human struggle for centuries. They would not interfere until, in a single night, at the peak of the conflict, they would remove millions of humans who resist this initiation into a higher spiritual consciousness and “re-educate” them before returning them to Earth a few years later.
 - Bringers of the Dawn: Teachings from the Pleiadians by Barbara Marciniak – The people who leave the planet during the time of Earth changes do not fit in here any longer, and they are stopping the harmony of Earth. When the time comes that perhaps 20 million people leave the planet at one time there will be a tremendous shift in consciousness for those who are remaining.
- This is what God had to say about them

Ge 6:1 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

- The Nephilim descendants remain throughout Scripture as the giants
 - Philistines (Goliath)
 - Those in the promised land

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Resurrections of the Dead

- After death, but before the resurrection, the soul continues to exist.
 - The soul of the believer is in the presence of God awaiting eternal reward.
 - The soul of the unbeliever is in Hades (or Sheol), the place of the wicked dead, awaiting final judgment.
- At the resurrection, the soul will receive a body suitable for eternal existence.

Daniel 12:1-2 – Prophecy of the End Time

Dan 12 ¹“At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.

² And many of **those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

John 5:24-30 – Life and Judgment Are Through the Son

Jn 5 ²⁴“Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.** ²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which **all who are in the graves will hear His voice** ²⁹**and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have**

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done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Acts 24:14-16 – The Defense Before Felix

Acts 24 ¹⁴But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. ¹⁵I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that **there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.** ¹⁶This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

1st Resurrection – Believers

- First Stage: Christ’s resurrection is first, “the firstfruits” of all who follow. Jesus Christ paved the way for the resurrection of all who believe in Him.
 - 1Co 15 ²⁰But now **Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** ²¹For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming. ²⁴Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.
 - Second Stage: Resurrection of the Jerusalem saints
 - Mt 27 ⁵¹Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵²and **the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.**
 - Is 26 ¹⁹Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;
For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.
- Third Stage: The Rapture, Christians
 - 1Th 4 ¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶For **the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.** ¹⁷Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.
 - This passage precludes the Old Testament Saints here because it’s the dead in Christ.
 - 1Co 15 ⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”
 - This passage precludes the Old Testament Saints here because the personal pronoun “we” is used in the context of the Christians.
 - The imagery of the Rapture is always an imagery of the Bridegroom coming for His Bride. The Bride consists of the Church Age Saints. It doesn’t include the Old Testament Saints. That’s the Church Age Saints. And so I think that the Bible is very clear: the Rapture is going to be for those who are in Christ, Church Age Saints, living and dead, and not include the Old Testament Saints.

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- Fourth Stage: Two Witnesses who are martyred
 - Rev 11 ¹¹ **Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³ In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.**
- Fifth Stage: Tribulation saints martyred, Rev.7:9-17
 - The Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints and Tribulation Saints will occur after the Second Coming of the Messiah.
 - Rev 7 ⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ... ¹⁴ “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Sixth Stage: The Old Testament Saints, Dan. 12:1-3
 - The imagery of the Rapture is always an imagery of the Bridegroom coming for His Bride. The Bride consists of the Church Age Saints. It doesn't include the Old Testament Saints. That's the Church Age Saints. And so I think that the Bible is very clear: the Rapture is going to be for those who are in Christ, Church Age Saints, living and dead, and not include the Old Testament Saints.
 - The Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints will occur after the Second Coming of the Messiah.
 - **At that time** – The time of the end – **will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.**”
 - Referring to the end of the tribulation
 - Dan 12 Prophecy of the End Time
¹ “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. ... ¹³ “But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

2nd Resurrection – Unbelievers

- Revelation 20:12-13 identifies those comprising the second resurrection as the wicked judged by God at the great white throne judgment prior to being cast into the lake of fire.
 - Rev 20 ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.
- The second resurrection, then, is the raising of all unbelievers
 - The second resurrection is connected to the second death.
- It corresponds with Jesus' teaching of the “resurrection of damnation” (John 5:29).

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- John 5²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
- Right at the end of the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ, when it's all wrapped up, then everyone who has ever died outside of a faith relationship with the Lord will be resurrected and judged at that time.
 - So the second resurrection, the resurrection of the unjust occurs all at one time.

All Will be Judged for Eternity

Ezekiel 18:19-24 – Turn and Live

Ez 18¹⁹ “Yet you say, ‘Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?’ Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. ²⁰ **The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.**

²¹ “**But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.** ²² None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. ²³ Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord GOD, “*and* not that he should turn from his ways and live?”

²⁴ “**But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live?** All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

Romans 6:16-23 – From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

Ro 6¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of **sin leading to death**, or of **obedience leading to righteousness**? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness. ²⁰ **For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

John 3:14-20 – The New Birth

Jn 3¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ “**He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already,** because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

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Revelation 2:10-11 – The Persecuted Church [Smyrna]

Rev 2 ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, **the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.** ¹¹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.**” ’

Hebrews 10:26-31 – The Just Live by Faith

Hebrew 10 ²⁶ For **if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a **certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation** which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. ²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, “**Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,**” says the Lord. **And again, “The LORD will judge His people.”** ³¹ **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

2 Peter 3:8-9 – God’s Promise Is Not Slack

2Pe 3 ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

Hebrews 9:27-28 – Greatness of Christ’s Sacrifice

Hebrew 9 ²⁷ And as **it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,** ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Psalms 9:7-8 – Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Lord’s Righteous Judgments

Ps 9 ⁷ But the LORD shall endure forever; **He has prepared His throne for judgment.**
⁸ **He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.**

Romans 2:5-10 – God’s Righteous Judgment

Ro 2 ¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that **the judgment of God is according to truth** against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ **But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,** ⁶ who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—**indignation and wrath,** ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 – The Whole Duty of Man

Ec 12 ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all.
¹⁴ **For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.**

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Matthew 12:35-37 – A Tree Known by Its Fruit

Mt 12 ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶ But I say to you that **for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.** ³⁷ **For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**”

Matthew 7:21-23 – I Never Knew You

Mt 7 ²¹ **“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, **‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

Matthew 7:13-14 – The Narrow Way

Mt 7 ¹³ **“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**

Luke 3:15-17 – John Preaches to the People

Lk 3 ¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ **His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.**”

Matthew 3:12 – John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Mt 3 ¹² His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and **gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**”

Matthew 13:47-50 – The Parable of the Dragnet

Mt 13 ⁴⁷ **“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

Matthew 8:11-12 – Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant

Mt 8 ¹¹ And I say to you that **many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.** ¹² **But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

Revelation 2:22-23 – The Corrupt Church [Thyatira]

Rev 2 ²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. ²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that **I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.**

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Psalm 62:11-12 – A Calm Resolve to Wait for the Salvation of God

Ps 62 ¹¹ God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power *belongs* to God.

¹² Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy; For **You render to each one according to his work.**

Revelation 22:12 – Jesus Testifies to the Churches

Rev 22 ¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.**

Psalm 145:20 – A Song of God’s Majesty and Love

Ps 145 ²⁰ **The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.**

Matthew 25:1-11 – The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Mt 25 ¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³ Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ...¹⁰ And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.** ¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

Matthew 25:45-46 – The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations (Separation of Sheep and Goats)

Mt 25 ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ ⁴⁶ **And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

Proverbs 15:24 – A Soft Answer Turns Away Wrath

Pro 15 ⁸ **The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.**

⁹ **The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.**

...

²⁴ **The way of life winds upward for the wise, That he may turn away from hell below.**

Psalm 37:7 – The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

Ps 37 ⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;

Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only *causes* harm.

⁹ **For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.**

¹⁰ For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*;

Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be no more*.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¹² The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.

¹³ The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

¹⁴ **The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow,**

To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.

¹⁵ **Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.**

¹⁶ A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

¹⁷ **For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.**

¹⁸ **The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.**

¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

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20 But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD,

Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

26 *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.

28 For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints;

They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way,

And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he *was no more*; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright; For the future of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked,

And save them, Because they trust in Him.

Bema Seat – Judgement Seat of Christ (for Christians)

- The word ‘judgement’ in 2 Corinthians 5:10 is the word “bema” B-E-M-A
 - The bema judgment seat is for rewards, much like the judge at the Olympics stands before the contestants and he gives the gold, the silver, and the bronze.
- The participants in the judgment seat of Christ are members of the New Testament church
 - These are people who have trusted Christ as Savior from the Day of Pentecost, until the coming of Christ for His church.
 - It does not include the Old Testament believers. They will have a separate time of judgment and reward.
 - Rev 20 ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.
 - All believers will stand before God and be individually judged.
 - Ro 14 ¹⁰ But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.
- The judging of believers will occur after the rapture of the church, but before the Second Coming of Christ to the earth.
 - Rev 19 ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
 - Rev 19 ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

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- We are told that the bride is clothed with righteous deeds. The church, therefore, has already been at the judgment seat of Christ because they are ready for the groom when He comes. Hence the judgment takes place sometime before the Second Coming of Christ.
- What will happen at this judgment seat?
 - The judgment seat of Christ is not designed to punish believers, but rather to reward them for their faithful service. All of us will give an account of what we have done after trusting Christ as Savior. Therefore, the judgment seat of Christ is a judgment of believers works *after* salvation.
 - The judgment seat of Christ is a time of examination and reward. From Scripture we can conclude the following concerning the judgment seat of Christ, the Bema:
 - The Lord will resurrect the bodies of the saints who have died during the church age, as well as change the bodies of those still alive. They will meet the Lord in the air and proceed to the judgment seat of Christ.
 - This judgment will consist of rewards for faithful service. There will be no condemning anyone.
 - Rewards will consist of crowns given to believers based upon our faithful service to Him. The rewards will be proportionate to our faithfulness.
 - Not Judged For Sin
 - This is not a judgment to determine who will enter heaven – they have already been forgiven by the Blood of the Lamb.
 - Ps 103 ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *So* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, *So* far has He removed our transgressions from us.
 - Mic 7 ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.
- With the death of Christ on the cross, the destiny of the Christian has been once-and-for-all settled.
 - There is no condemnation for those who have believed in Christ.
 - Ro 8 ¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
 - Those who have trusted Christ now possess eternal life.
 - Jn 5 ²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
 - Curse Removed – The curse against believers has been removed.
 - Gal 3 ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”),
 - Price Paid – Jesus has paid the price for our sins.
 - 1Pe 2 ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.
 - Sin Offering – He presented Himself as a sin offering on our behalf.
 - 2Co 5 ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- Fire - The judgment will be by fire.
 - Fire is used in Scripture as a symbol of judgment.
 - Ge 19 ¹³ For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”...²⁴ Then the **LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah**, from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.
 - 1Co 3 ¹³ **each one’s work** will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it **will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work**, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone’s work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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- 2Th 1⁷ and to give you who are troubled rest with us **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven** with His mighty angels, **⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God**, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Jesus is described with fire – The Bible describes the glorified Christ in this manner:
 - Rev 1¹⁴ His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His **eyes like a flame of fire**;
 - Rev 19¹² His **eyes were like a flame of fire**, and on His head *were* many crowns.
- Fire often symbolizes the holiness of God.
 - Dt 4²⁴ For **the LORD your God is a consuming fire**, a jealous God.
- Some Suffer Loss
 - Not everyone will receive the same reward – there will be those who suffer loss.
 - Receive your full reward – Believers want to appear without shame before this seat and receive a full reward for their deeds of faith.
 - 1Jn 2²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
 - 2Jn 1⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.
 - Be Careful Not To Lose Reward – Scripture warns believers about losing their reward.
 - **Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown**
 - This is loss of reward, not of salvation.
 - Illustration – We can illustrate the loss of reward in the following manner: Let us say you have recently built a new two story house. While on the second floor, you smell smoke. Looking downstairs, you see that the first floor is on fire. You jump out the second story window to save your life. You then watch your new house burn to the ground. Obviously you will have mixed emotions. You're thankful that you were able to jump and save your life, but you sad because your new house is destroyed. This is similar to those believers who are saved but have nothing to show for it. They squandered their opportunities to live for Christ yet they are enjoying the benefits of heaven with Jesus.
- All who experience the judgment seat of Christ will possess the privileges and honors as children of God. Jesus said He will acknowledge those who have believed in Him before His Father, and before the angels.
 - Confess Christ Before Men – Mt 10³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 – The Judgment Seat of Christ

2Co 5⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.** ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 – Watering, Working, Warning

1Co 3¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ **each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.** ¹⁴ **If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.** ¹⁵ **If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**

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Romans 14:10-13 – The Law of Liberty

Ro 14 ¹⁰ But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For **we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.** ¹¹ For it is written:

“As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² **So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.** ¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother’s way.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 – Stewards of the Mysteries of God

1Co 4 ¹ Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover **it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.** ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts.** Then each one’s praise will come from God.

1 John 2:28 – The Children of God

1Jn 2 ²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and **not be ashamed before Him** at His coming.

Matthew 16:26-28 – Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

Mt 16 ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then **He will reward each according to his works.** ²⁸ Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

Revelation 22:12 – Jesus Testifies to the Churches

Rev 22 ¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.**

Revelation 3:11 – The Faithful Church

Rev 3 ¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, **that no one may take your crown.**

2 John 1:8 – Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

2Jn 1 ⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but **that we may receive a full reward.**

Matthew 10:40-42 – A Cup of Cold Water

Mt 10 ⁴⁰ “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² **And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.**”

- Here is a God who, when you put your faith in His Son as Lord and Savior, forgives and forgets your sins in that He will never hold them against you again. And yet He remembers every little good thing that you’ve ever done. Jesus tells us that God’s keeping of records for the purpose of rewarding us is so precise, and so thorough that even the smallest act of kindness is going to be dealt with and rewarded at the judgment seat.

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Ephesians 6:5-9 – Bondservants and Masters

Ep 6⁵ Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸**knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord**, whether *he is* a slave or free. ⁹And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

5 Crowns – Rewards that Christians will receive for what they've done

<https://www.gotquestions.org/heavenly-crowns.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHSW9P6zxDU>

What kinds of rewards are we going to get in heaven? The Bible doesn't tell us a lot about it, but it does tell us there are some rewards for which we may qualify.

- The rewards that the believer receives will be proportionate to the faithfulness they show in this life. The key is faithfulness to the gifts God has given.
 - 1Co 4² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.
 - Lk 19¹⁶ Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' ¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' ¹⁹ Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' ²⁰ "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. ²¹ For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.' ... ²⁶ 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.'
 - Lk 12⁴⁸ ... For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.
 - 1Co 2⁹ But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- The rewards believers will receive are called crowns.
 - There are five heavenly crowns mentioned in the New Testament that will be awarded to believers.
 - These are not by any means the only rewards that will be distributed in heaven. Above all, it is important to remember that the Lord Himself is our chief reward. No crown could ever compare to the splendor of seeing our Lord and Savior face to face.
 - The Greek word translated "crown" is *stephanos* (the source for the name Stephen the martyr) and means "a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally."
 - These 'stephanos' were used during the ancient Greek games. It referred to a wreath or garland of leaves placed on a victor's head as a reward for winning an athletic contest. As such, this word is used in the New Testament of the rewards of heaven God promises those who are faithful.
- Applications of the crowns/rewards –
 - Reject the Misconceptions About Rewards
 - We are not saved **by** good works, but **for** good works.
 - Remember That the Lord Is Your Reward
 - No matter what we may receive in heaven, the Lord Himself remains our greatest reward.
 - Resist Doing Work Outwardly for a Reward

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- Don't serve the Lord just for the purpose of receiving a reward. Serve Him because you love Him.
- Reflect Upon the Ultimate Goal of Rewards
 - One day we will give our crowns to the Lord Jesus as offerings of worship and praise. And we won't want to be emptyhanded!

1) Imperishable (Incorruptible) Crown – 1 Corinthians 9:24

1 Corinthians 9 ²⁴Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. ²⁵And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*.

- Paul's passage in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 best defines for us how these crowns are awarded.
- This crown is given to believers who faithfully run the race, who crucify every selfish desire in the flesh and point men to Jesus.
 - People will receive this crown for the sacrifices they were willing to make for God to successfully complete the call and mission God had called them to do.
 - Some people may be called to be a missionary in a far off and poor country. They will literally be working for almost nothing in earthly terms. They will have to sacrifice the money, possessions and lifestyle they could have had, if they stayed home in their own country.
 - Basically run whatever race that God has set out for you and be the best you can be for God. Be willing to make whatever sacrifices there may be to successfully complete the mission that God has set out for you.
- Paul calls the crown of victory "an imperishable crown"
 - Compares it to the perishable wreaths for which athletes competed in the Greek games.
 - Winning a race requires training, discipline, and sacrifice. If athletes work so diligently to win a perishable crown, how much more motivated should we be as Christians to win an imperishable crown from God?
 - If we are to win the imperishable crown of victory, we too must practice discipline and sacrifice.
- All things on this earth are subject to decay and will perish.
 - Jesus urges us to not store our treasures on earth "where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19). This is analogous to what Paul was saying about that wreath of leaves that was soon to turn brittle and fall apart. But not so the heavenly crown; faithful endurance wins a heavenly reward which is "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4).

2) Crown of Rejoicing (Soul Winner's Crown) – 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

1 Thessalonians 2 ¹⁹For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

- Sometimes called "the soul-winner's crown," the crown of rejoicing is given to believers who faithfully witness to the saving grace of God and leads souls to Jesus.
 - When Paul was talking to the Thessalonians, he said, in effect, "Thessalonians, let me tell you what the crown of rejoicing is: It's you! Because we ministered to you. And someday, when we stand before the Lord, you're going to be there because we had a ministry to you."
 - Telling others about the grace of God and about Jesus is the greatest thing that you can do for someone while here on this earth. When you help someone to be led to the Lord, you have just been used as a vessel of God.
 - Some people in the Church are constant witnesses; they talk to people all the time about Jesus, and they're candidates for this crown.
- God will judge you by your willingness and desire to be used by Him to witness to others
 - We are not necessarily judged on how many people are actually saved. We may be called to plant, water or harvest. What is important is our willingness to do our part.

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- God can fit opportunities for you in your life to witness and work for Him if you allow Him to. Some could be your unsaved friends, family members or co-workers, etc.
- Philippians 4⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
 - Rejoice for all the bountiful blessings our gracious God has showered upon us. As Christians we have more in this life to rejoice about than anyone else.
 - John 10¹⁰ I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.
 - Just as things such as air, food, and water are vital for our physical lives, Jesus provides us what is required for our spiritual lives. He is our “living water” and “bread of life” (John 4:10, 6:35).
 - We know that our earthly lives will end. But we have the amazing promise that comes only to those who come to God through Jesus: “And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life” (1 John 2:25).
- Luke tells us there is rejoicing in heaven over saved souls
 - Luke 15⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.
- The true crown of rejoicing will be our final reward of the New Heaven and New Earth
 - Revelation 21⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

3) Crown of Life – Revelation 2:10, James 1:12

Revelation 2¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

James 1¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

- Many believers have endured and triumphed over trial, temptation and persecution, even to the point of martyrdom.
 - It is for those who bravely confront persecution for Jesus, even to the point of death. They endured severe hardship, testing, trials and suffering and honored God during it.
 - God will honor each ones trials and tribulations reward them accordingly.
 - Faithful until death – Willingness to die for your faith in God would be the ultimate sacrifice.
 - It is the greatest act of courage and love that you can show God.
 - Christians who have been martyred for their faith throughout history will not only be given this crown of life, but other rewards once they enter into heaven.
 - The motivation for doing so has to be love for the Lord.
- James tells us that this crown of life is for all those who love God (James 1:12). The question then is how do we demonstrate our love for God?
 - Know God
 - Loving is knowing. If you want to love God, you have to know Him by reading the Bible, which is a compilation of books that describe Him – the Bible is like His autobiography. Listening to preachers sent by God will also help you increase your knowledge about Him.
 - 1Jn 4⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
 - Obey His commands
 - As His children we must keep His commandments, obeying Him, always remaining faithful. So, as we endure the inevitable trials, pains, heartaches, and tribulations—as long as we live—may we ever move forward, always “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2) and receive the crown of life that awaits us.
 - If you keep on disobeying God’s commands, how can you say you love Him? Hence, grow your love by obeying His commandments. If you don’t know what those commandments are, you may find them in the Holy Bible. All the Lord’s instructions can be considered His commandments.
 - Jn 14¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

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- 1Jn 5 ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 1Jn 2 ¹⁷... he who does the will of God abides forever.
- Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and might.
 - Your love for God should not only be a product of your emotions, personality, and thoughts, but it should be the fruit of your actions or labor. And not just mere actions, but your best and finest endeavors! That is why the verse tells us that we should love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We should be persistent and keep our love as if our life depends on it.
 - Mark 12 ²⁹Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments *is*: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. ³⁰And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment.
- Love one another
 - Mark 12 ³¹And the second, like *it, is* this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
 - 1Jn 4 ²⁰If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, ¹how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.
- Do not love money
 - If your heart is falling for money, then you cannot give your heart to God. Remember that He is a God of generosity and charity, not of greediness and avarice.
 - Matthew 6 ²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
 - 1 Timothy 6 ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- Do not love worldly things
 - Aside from money, do not also love other material things that perish through the passage of time, as these can only result to greed, envy, gluttony and even idolatry which are contradictory to the teachings of God. To start loving God is to start ending your love for those earthly things.
 - 1Jn 2 ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- Love through action
 - If you say you love God, you have to practice it and not just declare it.
 - 1 Timothy 3 ¹⁷But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.
 - James 1 ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
- Be a good person.
 - Galatians 5 ¹⁶I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ²²the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
 - 1 Corinthians 13 ⁴Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,

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endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

- Colossians 3 ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,

4) Crown of Righteousness – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

2 Timothy 4 ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

- Paul was eager to meet the Lord, and he was certain of his imminent death as he wrote the second letter to Timothy.
 - Like Paul, some people have their heart set on heaven and on seeing Jesus Christ. Those are the people that will win the crown of righteousness, because they love and long for the appearing of the Lord.
 - Philippians 1 ²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.... ²³ having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better.
- It is an everlasting crown, promised to all who love the Lord and eagerly wait for His return.
 - For those who love the appearing of Christ, who anxiously wait and look forward to the day when He will return for His saints.
 - Through our enduring discouragements, persecutions, sufferings, or even death, we know assuredly our reward is with Christ in eternity
 - Philippians 3 ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
- Christ's imputed righteousness
 - If you are a believer, you have been made righteous before God the Father as a result of Jesus dying on the cross for all of our sins. This means that the righteousness of Jesus has now been imputed to you.
 - We inherit this crown through the righteousness of Christ – which is what gives us a right to it, and without which it cannot be obtained.
 - This crown is not for those who depend upon their own sense of righteousness or of their own works. Such an attitude breeds only arrogance and pride, not a longing, a fervent desire to be with the Lord.
 - It also refers to us living a good and righteous life for God the Father with what time we have left down here.
 - There are Christians who are righteous before God the Father as a result of being saved (justification) through the blood of Jesus Christ; but they are not living righteous lives in their actions, words and behaviors (sanctification). They still continue to do the evil that the unsaved would do.
 - We all have our flaws, weaknesses, and certain temptations that we may struggle with. It is not perfection but direction that God is looking for. God just wants each one of us to choose to do the right thing when faced with certain temptations or choices to do something bad.
 - When it is all said and done, Christians living a righteous, sanctified life will probably be receiving some of the greatest rewards that God can hand out once they enter into heaven.

5) Crown of Glory (Pastor's Crown) – 1 Peter 5

1 Peter 5 ¹ The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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- God has one crown reserved for those who are in leadership and who are faithful shepherds of God's people.
 - You don't have to be a pastor or even on a church staff to earn it. This would include preachers, teachers, Sunday School teachers, missionaries and all those who teach the Word of God in their respective ministries.
 - Maybe you shepherd a small group or you are a facilitator and you shepherd that group and care about and pray for the people that come every week.
 - These are all in the running for "the shepherd's crown"—the crown of glory.
- This crown may signify the importance and sacrifices of bringing up others into the ways of God.
 - God wants those who are saved to grow and learn as much as they can. To do that, He uses mature believers who are willing to teach others.
 - God shows you the extreme importance that He is placing on those who teach and preach the Word. Being willing to teach and educate others after they are saved is one of the greatest things you can do for them this side of heaven.
- Glory – This crown will also be awarded to all those who long for or love His appearing.
 - This word "glory" is an interesting word referring to the very nature of God and His actions.
 - It entails His great splendor and brightness.
 - Recall Stephen who, while being stoned to death, looked into heaven to see the glory of God
 - Acts 7 ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,
 - This word also means that the praise and honor we bestow to God alone is due Him because of who He is
 - Isaiah 42 ⁸ I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another,
 - Galatians 1 ³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.
 - It also recognizes that believers are incredibly blessed to enter into the kingdom of God, into the very likeness of Christ Himself.
 - Romans 8 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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Judgement of Nations

Matthew 10:12-15 – Sending Out the Twelve

Mt 10 ¹² And when you go into a household, greet it. ¹³ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the **day of judgment** than for that city!

Luke 10:13-16 – Woe to the Impenitent Cities

Lk 10 ¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ **But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.** ¹⁵ **And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.** ¹⁶ **He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”**

Matthew 25:31-46 – The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations (Separation of Gentile Sheep and Goats)

Mt 25 ³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

⁴⁴ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Joel 3 – God Judges the Nations

3 “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,

² I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;

And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel,

Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

³ They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot,

And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

⁴ “Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia?

Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me,

Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head;

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⁵ Because you have taken My silver and My gold, And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.

⁶ Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem You have sold to the Greeks,
That you may remove them far from their borders.

...

¹² “Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down;
For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness *is* great.”

¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.

¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake;
But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

[Psalm 9:15-18 – Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Lord’s Righteous Judgments](#)

Ps 9 ¹⁵ The nations have sunk down in the pit *which* they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

¹⁶ The LORD is known *by* the judgment He executes;

The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation. *Selah*

¹⁷ The wicked shall be turned into hell, *And* all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall *not* perish forever.

[Isaiah 47:8-15 – The Humiliation of Babylon](#)

⁸ “Therefore hear this now, *you who are* given to pleasures, Who dwell securely,

Who say in your heart, ‘I *am*, and *there is* no one else besides me;

I shall not sit *as* a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of children’;

⁹ But these two *things* shall come to you In a moment, in one day: The loss of children, and widowhood.

They shall come upon you in their fullness Because of the multitude of your sorceries,

For the great abundance of your enchantments.

¹⁰ “For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, ‘No one sees me’;

Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you;

And you have said in your heart, ‘I *am*, and *there is* no one else besides me.’

¹¹ Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises.

And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off.

And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, *Which* you shall not know.

¹² “Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries,

In which you have labored from your youth— Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.

¹³ You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers,

And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.

¹⁴ Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them;

They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame;

It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, *Nor* a fire to sit before!

¹⁵ Thus shall they be to you With whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth;

They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.

The first is the judgment of the sheep and the goats or a judgment of the nations ([Matthew 25:31-36](#)). This takes place after the tribulation period but prior to the millennium; its purpose is to determine who will enter the millennial kingdom.

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[Great White Throne Judgment \(for unsaved\)](https://www.gotquestions.org/great-white-throne-judgment.html)

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- The word ‘judgement’ is the word “krino”
 - The judgment seat at the Great White Throne in Revelation is like a court of law where sentence is passed.
- Resurrection of the unbelieving dead
 - The Great White Throne Judgment is a judgment for unbelievers.
 - It is clear that no one at that judgment has his name in the Book of Life (Rev 20:12-14).
 - The fate of the ungodly is sealed; their names are not in the Book of Life; their punishment is sure.
- Takes place after the millennium
- Jesus is the judge
 - Jn 5 ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.
 - Act 17 ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
 - 2Ti 4 ¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom
- The actions and intentions of those who have foolishly chosen not to have their sins erased by the sacrifice of Jesus will be judged according to the law of the Old Testament.
 - Gal 3 ¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” ¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” ¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”
 - Ro 3 ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- The dead will be “judged according to what they had done”
 - The books that are opened contain records of everyone’s deeds, whether they are good or evil, because God knows everything that has ever been said, done, or even thought, and He will reward or punish each one accordingly.
 - Rev 20 ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.
 - Ec 12 ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. ¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.
 - See [All Will be Judged for Eternity](#)
- Books
 - Book of Life – This book that determines whether a person will inherit eternal life with God or receive everlasting punishment in the lake of fire.
 - Although Christians are held accountable for their actions, they are forgiven in Christ and their names were written in the “book of life from the creation of the world”.
 - See [Book of Life \(Lamb’s Book of Life\)](#)
- Hell
 - Anyone’s name that is not found written in the book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire
 - Prepared for the devil and his angels

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- Mt 25 ⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:
- See [Hell](#)
- This is the final judgment prior to the lost being cast into the lake of fire.
 - The Antichrist and the False Prophet are already in the Lake of Fire
 - Rev 19 ²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
 - This judgement Starts with Satan himself and extends to anyone who chooses to side with the world, and its ruler, over obedience to the Son of God.
 - Rev 20 ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne ... And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ...¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

[2 Thessalonians 1:3-10 – God’s Final Judgment and Glory](#)

2Th 1 ³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your **persecutions and tribulations that you endure**, ⁵ **which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God**, for which you also suffer; ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to **give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven** with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire **taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁹ **These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power**, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

[Revelation 20:7-10 – Satanic Rebellion Crushed](#)

Rev 20 ⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. **And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them**. ¹⁰ **The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever**.

[Revelation 20:10-15 – The Great White Throne Judgment](#)

Rev 20 ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And **the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books**. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And **they were judged, each one according to his works**. ¹⁴ **Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death**. ¹⁵ **And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire**.

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Romans 2:5-10 – God’s Righteous Judgment

Ro 2 ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Acts 17:30-31 – Addressing the Areopagus

Act 17 ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

John 16:8-11 – The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16 ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Revelation 18:4-8 – The Fall of Babylon the Great

Rev 18 ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. ⁷ In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’ ⁸ Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

Psalms 28:2-6 – Rejoicing in Answered Prayer

Psa 28 ² Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

³ Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity,

Who speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts.

⁴ Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors;

Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve.

⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, Nor the operation of His hands,

He shall destroy them And not build them up.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

Book of Life (Lamb’s Book of Life)

- The Book of Life is the set of names of those who will live with God forever in heaven. It is this book that determines whether a person will inherit eternal life with God or receive everlasting punishment in the lake of fire. It is the scroll of those who are saved. The book is also called the Lamb’s Book of Life because it contains the names of those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lord Jesus.
- Although Christians are held accountable for their actions, they are forgiven in Christ
- How can you be sure your name is written in the Book of Life? Be sure you are saved. Repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. Once your name is written in the Book of Life, it is never erased. No **true** believer should doubt his eternal security in Christ.

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Revelation 3:5 – The Dead Church

Rev 3⁵ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and **I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life;** but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 21:27 – The Glory of the New Jerusalem

Rev 21²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only **those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

Daniel 12:1 – Prophecy of the End Time

Dan 12¹ “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And **at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.**

Revelation 13:8 – The Beast from the Sea

Rev 13⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the **Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

Psalms 139:13-16 – God's Perfect Knowledge of Man

Ps 139¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;

Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,

And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

Psalms 56:8 – Prayer for Relief from Tormentors

Ps 56⁸ You number my wanderings; **Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?**

Philippians 4:3 – Be United, Joyful, and in Prayer

Phil 4³ And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my **fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.**

Daniel 7:9-10 – Vision of the Ancient of Days

Dan 7⁹ “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; ...

¹⁰ ...A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The court was seated, And the books were opened.

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HELL (2nd Death)

<https://www.gotquestions.org/does-hell-exist.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/hell-real-eternal.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssFOQisHv2g>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/who-will-go-to-hell.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQbWUNuEpCg>

Hell has become a controversial subject in recent years, even among Christians. However, the controversy is entirely man-made. The rejection of the reality of hell stems from a human inability to reconcile the love of God with eternal punishment or from an outright rejection of God’s Word. Even some professing Christians have come to unbiblical conclusions. Some have tried to redefine hell, create an intermediate state not found in Scripture, or deny hell altogether. In doing so, they are ignoring Jesus’ warning in [Revelation 22:19](#), “If anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.”

The Bible speaks of the reality of hell in the same terms as the reality of heaven ([Revelation 20:14–15](#); [21:1–2](#)). It clearly and explicitly teaches that hell is a real place to which the wicked/unbelieving are sent after death. Jesus spent more time warning people about the dangers of hell than He did in comforting them with the hope of heaven. The concept of a real, conscious, forever-and-ever existence in hell is just as biblical as a real, conscious, forever-and-ever existence in heaven. Trying to separate them is simply not possible from a biblical standpoint.

Hell is mentioned 167 times in the Bible, sometimes called Gehenna, Hades, the pit, the Abyss, or everlasting punishment ([Proverbs 7:27](#); [Luke 8:31](#); [10:15](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:9](#)). Jesus spoke of heaven and hell as real places ([Matthew 13:41–42](#); [23:33](#); [Mark 9:43–47](#); [Luke 12:5](#)). The story Jesus told about the rich man and Lazarus was an actual event that demonstrated the reality of the two eternal destinations ([Luke 16:19–31](#)). Heaven is the dwelling place of God ([2 Chronicles 30:27](#)) where Jesus has gone to “prepare a place” for those who love Him ([John 14:2](#)). Hell was created for “the devil and his angels” ([Matthew 25:41](#)). But because every human being is a sinner, every person past the age of accountability has already been condemned to hell ([Romans 3:10](#); [5:12](#); [John 3:18](#)). We all deserve hell as the just punishment for our rebellion against God ([Romans 6:23](#)). Since all of our sin is ultimately against God ([Psalm 51:4](#)), and since God is an infinite and eternal Being, the punishment for sin, death, must also be infinite and eternal. Hell is this infinite and eternal death which we have earned because of our sin.

Despite the Bible’s clear teaching of both heaven and hell, it is not unusual for people to believe in the reality of heaven while rejecting the reality of hell. In part, this is due to wishful thinking. It’s easier to accept the idea of a “nice” afterlife, but damnation isn’t quite so appealing. This is the same mistake human beings often make when it comes to substance abuse, dangerous behaviors, and so forth. The assumption that we will get what we want overrides the unpleasant (but rational) view that things might not end well.

Rejection of the existence of hell can also be blamed on inaccurate assumptions about what hell is. Hell is frequently imagined as a burning wasteland, a dungeon full of cauldrons and pitchforks, or an underground city filled with ghosts and goblins. Popular depictions of hell often involve a flaming torture chamber or a spiritual jail where evil things reside—and where good things travel to battle evil. This version of hell does not exist. There is a real place called hell, but it is not the [Dante’s Inferno](#) image most people think of. Certain details about hell are given in the Bible, but those details do not match the popular myths.

Jesus was clear that “no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again” ([John 3:3](#)). He was also clear that hell is an *eternal* punishment for those who do not obey Him ([Matthew 25:46](#)). [Second Thessalonians 1:8–9](#) says that in the end God “will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.” John the Baptist said about Jesus, “His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire” ([Matthew 3:12](#)).

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[John 3:18](#) explains in the simplest terms who will go to heaven and who will go to hell: “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” So, those who go to hell are specifically those who do not believe in Jesus’ name. To “believe” goes beyond a mental recognition of the truth. To believe in Christ for salvation requires a transfer of allegiance. We stop worshiping ourselves, we forsake our sin, and we begin to worship God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength ([Matthew 22:36–37](#); [Mark 12:30](#)).

God desires that every person spend eternity with Him ([Matthew 18:14](#); [2 Peter 3:9](#)), but He honors our free will ([John 4:14](#)). Anyone who so desires can go to heaven ([John 1:12](#)). Jesus already paid the price for our salvation, but we must accept that gift and transfer ownership of our lives to Him ([Luke 9:23](#)). Heaven is perfect, and God cannot take anyone there who insists on holding on to his or her sin. We must allow Him to cleanse us of our sin and make us righteous in His sight ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). [John 1:10–12](#) shows us the problem and the solution: “He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

We can choose to trust in Jesus’ payment for our sin, or we can choose to pay for our sins ourselves—but we must remember that the payment for our sin is eternity in hell. C. S. Lewis said it this way: “There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’”

In short, the Bible tells us only what being in hell is “like”; it does not explicitly say what hell is or how exactly it functions. What the Bible does make clear is that hell is real, eternal, and to be avoided at all costs ([Matthew 5:29–30](#)). The punishment of the wicked dead in hell is described throughout Scripture as “eternal fire” ([Matthew 25:41](#)), “unquenchable fire” ([Matthew 3:12](#)), “shame and everlasting contempt” ([Daniel 12:2](#)), a place where “the fire is not quenched” ([Mark 9:44–49](#)), a place of “torment” and “fire” ([Luke 16:23–24](#)), “everlasting destruction” ([2 Thessalonians 1:9](#)), a place where “the smoke of torment rises forever and ever” ([Revelation 14:10–11](#)), and a “lake of burning sulfur” where the wicked are “tormented day and night forever and ever” ([Revelation 20:10](#)).

[Revelation 1:18 – Vision of the Son of Man](#)

Rev 1 ¹⁸I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And **I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**

[Revelation 2:8–11 – The Persecuted Church](#)

Rev 2 ⁸“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write . . . ¹¹“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.**” ’

[Revelation 20:6 – The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years](#)

Rev 20 ⁶**Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

[Afterlife](#)

- *sheol* – Old Testament, the word used to describe the realm of the dead is *sheol*. It simply means “the place of the dead” or “the place of departed souls/spirits.”
- *hades* – The New Testament Greek equivalent to *sheol* is *hades*, which is also a general reference to “the place of the dead.”
- *gehenna* – New Testament word for “hell” and is derived from the Hebrew word *hinnom*.
- *lake of fire* – The lake of fire, mentioned only in [Revelation 19:20](#) and [20:10, 14–15](#), is the final hell, the place of eternal punishment for all unrepentant rebels, both angelic and human ([Matthew 25:41](#)). It is described as a place of

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burning sulfur, and those in it experience eternal, unspeakable agony of an unrelenting nature ([Luke 16:24](#); [Mark 9:45-46](#)). Those who have rejected Christ and are in the temporary abode of the dead in hades/sheol have the lake of fire as their final destination.

[Ecclesiastes 9:3-10 – Death Comes to All](#)

Ec 9³ This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that **one thing happens to all**. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that **they go to the dead**.⁴ But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ...¹⁰ **Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.**

[Psalm 146:3-4 – The Happiness of Those Whose Help Is the Lord](#)

Ps 146³ Do not put your trust in princes, *Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help.
⁴ **His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.**

[Luke 16:19-31 – The Rich Man and Lazarus](#)

Lk 16¹⁹ “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.²³ And **being in torments in Hades**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.²⁴ “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame.**’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you **there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.**’

[Luke 8:27-33 – Demon-Possessed Man Healed](#)

Lk 8²⁷ And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.³⁰ Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him.³¹ And they **begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.**³² Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.³³ Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

[Matthew 16:17-18 – Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ](#)

Mt 16¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

[Ephesians 4:8-9 – Spiritual Gifts](#)

Ep 4⁸ Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”⁹ (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that **He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?**

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Psalm 16:9-11 – The Hope of the Faithful, and the Messiah’s Victory

Ps 16 ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For You will not leave my soul in Sheol**, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Proverbs 86:11-13 – Prayer for Mercy, with Meditation on the Excellencies of the Lord

Pro 86 ¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹² I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

¹³ For great *is* Your mercy toward me, And **You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol**.

Acts 2:22-28 – Peter’s Sermon

Act 2 ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him:

‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

²⁷ For **You will not leave my soul in Hades**, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’

Ezekiel 31:15-17 – Egypt Cut Down Like a Great Tree

Ez 31 ¹⁵“Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘**In the day when it went down to hell, I caused mourning**. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back. I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted because of it. ¹⁶**I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the earth.** ¹⁷**They also went down to hell with it, with those slain by the sword; and those who were its strong arm dwelt in its shadows among the nations.**

John 5:24-29 – Life and Judgment Are Through the Son

Jn 5 ²⁴“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this; for **the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice** ²⁹**and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.**

Daniel 12:1-2 – Prophecy of the End Time

Dan 12 ¹“At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time.

And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.

² **And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

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[Hell is Eternal](#)

The punishment of the wicked in hell is as never ending as the bliss of the righteous in heaven. Jesus Himself indicates that punishment in hell is just as everlasting as life in heaven ([Matthew 25:46](#)). The wicked are forever subject to the fury and the wrath of God. Those in hell will acknowledge the perfect justice of God ([Psalm 76:10](#)). Those who are in hell will know that their punishment is just and that they alone are to blame ([Deuteronomy 32:3-5](#)). Yes, hell is real. Yes, hell is a place of torment and punishment that lasts forever and ever, with no end. Praise God that, through Jesus, we can escape this eternal fate ([John 3:16, 18, 36](#)).

[Matthew 25:41-46 – The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations \(Separation of Sheep and Goats\)](#)

Mt 25 ⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, **‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ...** ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ ⁴⁶ **And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’**”

[2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 – God’s Final Judgment and Glory](#)

2Th 1 ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ **in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁹ **These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,** ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

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[Matthew 18:6-9 – Jesus Warns of Offenses](#)

Mt 18 ⁶ “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! ⁸ “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to **be cast into the everlasting fire.** ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

[Jude 1:5-7 – Old and New Apostates](#)

Jude 1 ⁵ But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, **suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

[Jude 1:12-13 – Apostates Depraved and Doomed](#)

Jude 1 ¹² These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the

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roots; ¹³raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars **for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**

Mark 9:42-48 – Jesus Warns of Offenses

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Revelation 14:9-11 – The Proclamations of Three Angels

Rev 14 ⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And **the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night,** who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Revelation 20:7-10 – Satanic Rebellion Crushed

Rev 20 ⁷Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. **And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

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What is Hell Like?

- The experience of being in hell is compared to burning ([Mark 9:43](#); [9:48](#); [Matthew 18:9](#); [Luke 16:24](#)). At the same time, hell is compared to darkness ([Matthew 22:13](#)) and associated with intense grief ([Matthew 8:12](#)) and horror ([Mark 9:44](#)).
 - Unquenchable fire
 - Weeping and gnashing of teeth
 - Maggots and worms
 - Outer darkness
- Levels of torment in hell
 - It appears that a relatively moral citizen who has lived a comparatively good life (though still short of the standard of God) will not be subjected to the same punishment as Adolf Hitler.
 - Heb 2² every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,
 - Mt 11²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Matthew 10:27-28 – Jesus Teaches the Fear of God

Mt 10²⁷ “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather **fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Luke 12:4-5 – Jesus Teaches the Fear of God

Lk 12⁴ “And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: **Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell;** yes, I say to you, fear Him!

Proverbs 27:19-20 – My Son, Be Wise

Pro 27¹⁹ As in water face *reflects* face, So a man’s heart *reveals* the man.
²⁰ **Hell and Destruction are never full;** So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Isaiah 14:3-11 – Fall of the King of Babylon

Is 14³ It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, ⁴ that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

“How the oppressor has ceased, The golden city ceased!
⁵ The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of the rulers;
⁶ He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,
He who ruled the nations in anger, Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.
⁷ The whole earth is at rest *and* quiet; They break forth into singing.
⁸ Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you, *And* the cedars of Lebanon,
Saying, ‘Since you were cut down, No woodsman has come up against us.’
⁹ **“Hell from beneath is excited about you, To meet you at your coming;
It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones of the earth;**

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It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations.

¹⁰ They all shall speak and say to you: ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?’

**¹¹ Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments;
The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you.’**

Isaiah 66:24 – The Reign and Indignation of God

Is 66 ²⁴ “And they shall go forth and look Upon **the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.**”

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Revelation 21:8 – A New Heaven and a New Earth

Rev 21 ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—**they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.**”

Matthew 3:12 – John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Mt 3 ¹² His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but **He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**”

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Luke 3:15-17 – John Preaches to the People

Lk 3 ¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ *or* not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ **His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.**”

Isaiah 47:12-15 – The Humiliation of Babylon

Is 47 ¹² “Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries,
In which you have labored from your youth— Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.
¹³ You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers,
And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.
¹⁴ **Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them;
They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame;
It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!**
¹⁵ Thus shall they be to you With whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth;
They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.

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Matthew 13:47-50 – The Parable of the Dragnet

Mt 13 ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ **So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,** ⁵⁰ **and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**”

Matthew 13:36-43 – The Parable of the Tares Explained

Mt 13 ³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” ³⁷ He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore **as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.** ⁴¹ **The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,** ⁴² **and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.** ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Matthew 24:48-51 – The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

Mt 24 ⁴⁸ But if that **evil servant** says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking

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for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and **appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

[Matthew 8:11-12 – Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant](#)

Mt 8 ¹¹ And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² **But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**”

[Matthew 22:11-13 – The Parable of the Wedding Feast](#)

Mt 22 ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹² So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, ‘**Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**’ ¹⁴ “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”

[2 Peter 2:12-17 – Depravity of False Teachers](#)

2Pe 2 ¹² But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³ **and will receive the wages of unrighteousness**, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children. ¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, **for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**

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Jude 1 ¹² These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³ raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for **whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**

[Who is Going to Hell?](#)

Hell was originally intended for demonic spiritual beings, not people.

See [Deception – In Our World: Defining Evil](#) for a list of actions that are condemned in the Bible

[Romans 5:12-14 – Death in Adam, Life in Christ](#)

Ro 5 ¹² Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—** ¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

[John 3:16-21 – The New Birth](#)

Jn 3 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ **“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.** ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were

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evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Revelation 20:11-15 – The Great White Throne Judgment

Rev 20 ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ **And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 – God’s Final Judgment and Glory

2Th 1 ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ **in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** ⁹ **These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,** ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Isaiah 5:13-17 – Impending Judgment on Excesses

Is 5 ¹³ Therefore **my people have gone into captivity, Because *they have* no knowledge; Their honorable men *are* famished, And their multitude dried up with thirst.**

¹⁴ **Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself And opened its mouth beyond measure;**

Their glory and their multitude and their pomp, And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.

¹⁵ People shall be brought down, Each man shall be humbled, And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.

¹⁶ But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness.

¹⁷ Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture, And in the waste places of the fat ones strangers shall eat.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-11 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Matthew 23:29-33 – Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

Mt 23 ²⁹ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’ ³¹ “Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² **Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ *guilt*.** ³³ **Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?**

Ezekiel 18:19-24 – Turn and Live

Ez 18 ¹⁹ “Yet you say, ‘Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?’ Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. ²⁰ **The soul who sins shall die. The son shall**

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not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

²¹ “But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²² None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. ²³ Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord GOD, “*and* not that he should turn from his ways and live?”

²⁴ “But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

Proverbs 23:13-14 – Listen to Your Father

Pro 23 ¹³ Do not withhold correction from a child, For *if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.*

¹⁴ You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 15:10-11, 24 – A Soft Answer Turns Away Wrath

Pro 15 ¹⁰ Harsh discipline *is* for him who forsakes the way, *And he who hates correction will die.*

¹¹ Hell and Destruction *are* before the LORD; So how much more the hearts of the sons of men. ...

²⁴ The way of life *winds* upward for the wise, That he may turn away from hell below.

Psalms 101:7-8 – Promised Faithfulness to the Lord

Ps 101 ⁷ He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.

⁸ Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land, That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Proverbs 7:10-27 – The Crafty Harlot

Pro 7 ¹⁰ And there a woman met him, *With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

¹¹ She *was* loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.

¹² At times *she was* outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

¹³ So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him:

¹⁴ “*I have* peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows.

¹⁵ So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you.

¹⁶ I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.

¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.

¹⁹ For my husband *is* not at home; He has gone on a long journey;

²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him, *And* will come home on the appointed day.”

²¹ With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.

²² Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,

²³ Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it *would cost* his life.

²⁴ Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:

²⁵ Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths;

²⁶ For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong *men*.

²⁷ Her house *is* the way to hell, Descending to the chambers of death.

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Proverbs 9:13-18 – The Way of Folly

Pro 9 ¹³ A foolish woman is clamorous; *She is simple*, and knows nothing.

¹⁴ For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat *by* the highest places of the city,

¹⁵ To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way:

¹⁶ “Whoever *is simple*, let him turn in here”; And *as for* him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

¹⁷ **“Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”**

¹⁸ **But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of hell.**

Psalms 9:17-18 – Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Lord’s Righteous Judgments

Ps 9 ¹⁷ **The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.**

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall *not* perish forever.

Psalms 145:20 – A Song of God’s Majesty and Love

Ps 145 ²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love Him, **But all the wicked He will destroy.**

Matthew 11:22-24 – Woe to the Impenitent Cities

Mt 11 ²² But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. ²³ And **you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.** ²⁴ But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Luke 10:13-15 – Woe to the Impenitent Cities

Lk 10 ¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! **For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.** ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

Matthew 25:41-46 – The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations (Separation of Sheep and Goats)

Mt 25 ⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, **‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ...** ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, **‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’** ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hebrews 10:26-27 – The Just Live by Faith

Heb 10 ²⁶ For **if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,** ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Matthew 13:47-50 – The Parable of the Dragnet

Mt 13 ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ **So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,** ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

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Matthew 7:21-23 – I Never Knew You

Mt 7 ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² **Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’** ²³ **And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

Luke 3:15-17 – John Preaches to the People

Lk 3 ¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ **His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”**

Matthew 13:36-43 – The Parable of the Tares Explained

Mt 13 ³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” ³⁷ He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore **as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.** ⁴¹ **The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,** ⁴² **and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.** ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Romans 6:16-23 – From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

Ro 6 ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, **you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?** ... ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in **the things of which you are now ashamed?** **For the end of those things is death.** ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For **the wages of sin is death,** but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 7:13-14 – The Narrow Way

Mt 7 ¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate; **for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.** ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Galatians 6:7-8 – Be Generous and Do Good

Gal 6 ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For **he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption,** but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Philippians 3:17-19 – Our Citizenship in Heaven

Phi 3 ¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you **even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:** ¹⁹ **whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.**

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Matthew 18:6-9 – Jesus Warns of Offenses

Mt 18 ⁶“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ **Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!** ⁸“If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. **It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.** ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

Matthew 24:48-51 – The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

Mt 24 ⁴⁸ But if that **evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’** ⁴⁹ **and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,** ⁵⁰ **the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,** ⁵¹ **and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 5:27-30 – Adultery in the Heart

Mt 5 ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** ²⁹ **If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.** ³⁰ **And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.**

Matthew 5:21-22 – Murder Begins in the Heart

Mt 5 ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ ²² **But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.**

Ephesians 2:1-3 – By Grace Through Faith

Ep 2 ¹ And **you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,** ² **in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,** ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

2 Peter 2:4 – Doom of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ⁴ For if God did not spare **the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;**

Revelation 19:20-21 – The Beast and His Armies Defeated

Rev 19 ²⁰ Then the **beast was captured, and with him the false prophet** who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. **These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.** ²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

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Isaiah 14:12-21 – The Fall of Lucifer

Is 14 ¹²“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

¹⁵ **Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.**

...

¹⁹ **But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot.**

²⁰ **You will not be joined with them in burial, Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people.**

The brood of evildoers shall never be named.

²¹ **Prepare slaughter for his children Because of the iniquity of their fathers,**

Lest they rise up and possess the land, And fill the face of the world with cities.”

Revelation 20:7-10 – Satanic Rebellion Crushed

Rev 20 ⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. **And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.** ¹⁰ **The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

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One World – Antichrist

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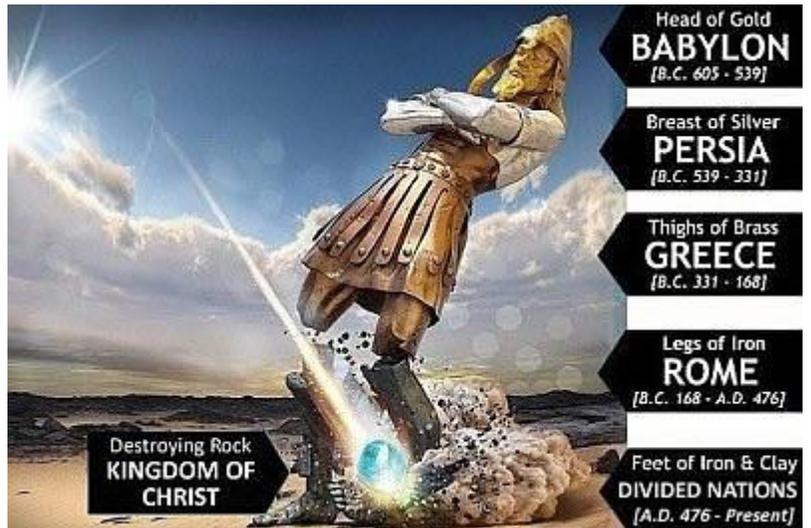
Scripture about the Antichrist and one world government

Daniel 2:35-45 – Daniel Explains the Dream

Dan 2 ³⁶“This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold. ³⁹But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”



Daniel’s Statue – 4th Kingdom of Rome Becomes Divided

- This is a human image representing man's rule in this Earth
 - Nebuchadnezzar is clearly said to be the head of gold
 - After him will come 3 other kingdoms (Medo-Persian, the Greek, and the Roman)
 - 4th Kingdom – Rome – will be reestablished as a Federation of 10, a revival of the Roman Empire
 - Then the final Kingdom will be set up by God - Millennium
- Feet and toes – Antichrist kingdom
 - Describes a confederation of 10 kings during the tribulation
 - Dan 2:42 10 toes
 - Dan 7:24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom.
 - Rev 17:12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.
 - There is no fulfillment of this federation of 10 kings in ancient Roman history, therefore this prophecy must still be future
 - Iron mixed with ceramic clay

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- ⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.
- Could be a reference to the technology that allows implants (iron) to be added to our bodies (clay)
 - Mt 24 ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.
 - Billy Crone's 1st in a sermon series – Hybrids, Super Soldiers, and the Coming Genetic Apocalypse
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxIa6lEGjLw>
 - WEF – Organ transplants will be from a 3D printer
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhi2NA976XM>

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Daniel 7:7-27 – Vision of the Four Beasts

Dan 7⁷ “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns.⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. ...

¹⁹ “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, *with* its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, *which* devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows.

²¹ “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

²³ “Thus he said:

‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.

²⁴ The ten horns *are* ten kings *Who* shall arise from this kingdom.

And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, And shall subdue three kings.

²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.
Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

²⁶ ‘But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy *it* forever.

²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.

His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’



Antichrist – Comes from a Confederation of 10 Kings

- 4th beast – Rome – A dreadful horned beast with one conspicuous horn
 - This beast is indescribable and uniquely horrific in its power and conquest – The Roman Empire was the largest, strongest, most unified and enduring of them all
 - This beast is of interest to Daniel because of its great destructive power – the conspicuous horn because of its fight against God's people.
- 10 horns – Describes a confederation of 10 kings during the tribulation
 - There is an unmistakable correspondence between these 10 horns and the 10 toes of the statue (Chapter 2)
 - The mention of iron in the teeth suggest the legs and toes of iron in that image
- The prominent horn – the Antichrist
 - A little horn is conspicuous for:

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- Its dominance
- Its intelligence
- Its boastful talk

Antichrist – Boastful blasphemous speech

The Antichrist will be characterized by his boastful blasphemous speech.

- Rev 13⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
- He speaks pompous blasphemous words perhaps like the fascist creed of Italy
 - It is Benito Mussolini's famous remark — “Everything for the state, nothing outside the state, nothing above the state” — that truly sums up the essence of fascism. The good of the Nation, as defined by the fascist leader, surpasses all other concerns and allegiances. The fascist speaks of the Nation with a religious reverence. An Italian fascist youth movement in the 1920s composed the following creed:

I believe in Rome the Eternal, the mother of my country,
and in Italy her eldest Daughter, who was born in her virginal bosom by the grace of God;
who suffered through the barbarian invasions, was crucified and buried;
who descended to the grave and was raised from the dead in the nineteenth century;
who ascended into Heaven in her glory in 1918 and 1922 (by the march on Rome);
who is seated on the right hand of her mother Rome;
and who for this reason shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the genius of Mussolini, in our Holy Father Fascism,
in the communion of its martyrs, in the conversion of Italians, and in the resurrection of the Empire.

Antichrist – ‘Shall persecute the saints of the Most High’

The Antichrist ‘Shall persecute the saints of the Most High’.

- It speaks of cruel and systematic pressure coming from the word to “wear away” or to “wear out” as friction would wear clothes or shoes
 - [NAS](#): the Most High *and wear down* the saints
 - [KJV](#): the most High, *and shall wear out* the saints
- “To wear out the saints means to harass them continually so that life becomes a wretched existence.”
- “Such continual and protracted pressure far more effectively breaks the human spirit than the single moment of crisis that calls for a heroic decision. It is easier to die for the Lord than to live for Him under constant harassment and strain.” --Archer
- “The Bible predicts no peace-loving world ruler for the last days. We can expect nothing more than greedy commercialism and political imperialism under the most beastly and barbaric type of warfare.”

Antichrist – Wants to change times and law

- Dan 7²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.
- Another copy of God – BC/AD
 - Daniel 2²⁰ Daniel answered and said:
“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.
²¹ And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.
²² He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.

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- Seventh-Day Adventist have historically taught that it was the papacy which “changed the times and laws” by moving the Lord's day from Saturday to Sunday
- The [earth is actually spinning faster](#), so maybe that is the reason for the change
 - Mt 24 ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Antichrist – Power over the saints is limited – It will last for 3.5 years

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- Refers to 1/2 of the last 7-year period of man's rule on this Earth – the 70th week of Daniel
- Versions of 3.5 years
 - 42 months
 - time, times and half a time
 - 1,260 days
- Scripture
 - Rev 11 ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. ³ And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”
 - Rev 12 ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.
 - Rev 13 ⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

The Statue in the Book of Daniel

The Kingdoms and King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (Daniel 2)	DANIEL'S VISION (Daniel 7)	THE KINGDOMS (Daniel 2, 7, and 8)
<p>HEAD (FINE GOLD)</p> <p>The golden head of the statue represents the kingdom of Babylon which God gave King Nebuchadnezzar to rule. (Daniel 2:37, 38)</p>	<p>LION With Wings of an Eagle</p> <p>In Scripture, Nebuchadnezzar is compared to both the lion (Jeremiah 4:7, 30:44) and the eagle (Ezekiel 17:3, 15, 16). Images of lions with eagle's wings were popular in Babylonian architecture and currency. (Daniel 7:4)</p>	<p>BABYLONIA 605 BC – 539 BC King Nebuchadnezzar to Belshazzar</p>
<p>CHEST AND ARMS (SILVER)</p> <p>The silver chest and arms of the statue represent the kingdoms of Media and Persia, which in the second year that would rise after Babylon falls. (Daniel 2:38, Daniel 7:6)</p>	<p>BEAR With Three Ribs on its Mouth</p> <p>The bear was related to iron, steel, which may illustrate the strength of Persia under Media. The three ribs in its mouth may illustrate the three major empires Persia conquered. The bear is accompanied by eleven small feet, which may be a reference to Persia's military expansion throughout the ancient world. (Daniel 7:5) Persia is also symbolized by a lion. (Daniel 8)</p>	<p>MEDO-PERSIA 539 BC – 332 BC King Cyrus to King Darius III</p>
<p>BELLY AND THIGHS (BRONZE)</p> <p>The bronze belly and thighs of the statue represent the kingdom of Greece. The four kingdoms would rule over the whole earth. (Daniel 2:32)</p>	<p>LEOPARD With Four Wings and Four Heads</p> <p>The leopard represents the kingdom of Greece. The wings might illustrate the speed of Alexander the Great's conquest. The four heads might represent the division of Alexander's kingdom into four kingdoms after Alexander's death. (Daniel 7:6) Greece is also symbolized by a goat. (Daniel 8)</p>	<p>GREECE 332 BC – 63 BC Alexander the Great and the Four Diadochi</p>
<p>LEGS (IRON)</p> <p>The four kingdoms would be strong as iron and would crush, smelt, and crush Persia.</p> <p>FEET (IRON AND CLAY)</p> <p>The four kingdoms would be a divided kingdom. (Daniel 2:41) The iron and clay would be a mixture of people who are not united. (Daniel 2:41-43, 7:23)</p>	<p>BEAST With Iron Teeth and Ten Horns</p> <p>The terrifying beast is also a reference to a major kingdom. Many scholars suggest this to be the Roman empire. The beast's ten horns are the kings that would rise from the kingdom. (Daniel 7:8) Another king (the "11th horn") would rise, speak against God, and persecute God's people. It is during the reign of this king when God would set up His everlasting kingdom. (Daniel 7:11, 18)</p>	<p>A DIVIDED KINGDOM</p> <p>Many scholars believe this kingdom to be Rome. Rome occupied Jerusalem in 70 BC and was still in power at the time of Jesus. (Luke 21:24)</p>
<p>STONE Cut from a Mountain</p> <p>In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, a stone was cut out, not by human hands, and struck the statue so that it fell and broke it to pieces. Then it became a great mountain that filled the whole earth. This symbolizes Jesus Christ invading the kingdom of God that will reign forever and will never be destroyed. (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45)</p>	<p>SON OF MAN (Jesus Christ)</p> <p>In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a man of pure, glowing, with the countenance of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was set into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every tongue worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. —Daniel 7:13, 14, 27</p>	<p>THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF GOD</p>



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DANIEL 1 - Miracle of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Kings Food		DANIEL 4 - Miracle of Nebuchadnezzar being like a Beast. DANIEL 5 - Miracle of a Man's Hand and the Fall of Babylon DANIEL 6 - Miracle of Daniel in the Lion's Den		DANIEL 10 - The Gloriously Shining Man			
DANIEL 2 - THE IMAGE OF FOUR METALS		DANIEL 7 - THE FOUR BEASTS		DANIEL 8 - THE RAM AND THE HE GOAT			
	GOLD	BABYLON Nebuchadnezzar Belshazzar	LION		DANIEL 9 - THE SEVENTY WEEKS	DANIEL 11-12 - THE KINGS	
	SILVER	MEDIA - PERSIA Cyrus the Great Cambyses Bardiya Darius the Great	TWO-SIDED BEAR	RAM WITH TWO UNEQUAL HORNS	THE COMMAND TO REBUILD JERUSALEM	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)	
	BRASS	GREECE Alexander t. Great 1) Antigonus 2) Ptolemy 3) Seleucus 4) Lysimachus	LEOPARD	HE GOAT ONE HORN AND FOUR HORNS	SEVEN WEEKS TO JERUSALEM REBUILT (49 YEARS)	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)	
	IRON	ROME	PIERCE BEAST	OUT OF ONE OF THEM A	SIXTY-TWO WEEKS TO MESSIAH (434 YEARS)	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)	
	IRON AND CLAY	TEN KINGS and SATAN'S CHAMPION	TEN HORNS LITTLE HORN	LITTLE HORN GROWS INTO A GREAT HORN	MESSIAH KILLED / TEMPLE DESTROYED (GAP OF ? YEARS)	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)	
	STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	THE MESSIAH, GOD'S CHAMPION	ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN	THE PRINCE OF THE HOST	ONE WEEK COVENANT WITH MANY (7 YEARS)	THE RESURRECTION	
	STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH TO BECOME THE KINGDOM OF THE GOD OF HEAVEN	THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM	HIS KINGDOM	MESSIANIC TEMPLE	THE CONSUMATION	EVERLASTING LIFE	
	DANIEL 3 - The Golden Image and the Miracle of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the Fiery Furnace with one like the Son of God.						

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Daniel 8:19-26 – Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Dan 8¹⁹ And he said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*. ...

²³ “And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness,
A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power;
He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive;
He shall destroy the mighty, and *also* the holy people.

²⁵ “Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule;
And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity.

He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

²⁶ “And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true;
Therefore seal up the vision, For *it refers* to many days *in the future*.”

- An example of dual prophecy
 - Near fulfillment in the person of Antiochus IV Epiphanes
 - Far fulfillment in the person of Antichrist

Antichrist – Deception

- ²⁵ “**Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule;**
And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. **He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity.**
 - Destruction comes by way of prosperity
 - Deal of the Century – Peace to Prosperity – JD 2/2/20
 - Abraham Accords – Peace with Many – JD 8/16/20
 - Confirming of the Peace Plan starts the 7-year tribulation
 - Confirm – Hebrew – something is already there, this makes it greater, superior, spectacular

Daniel 9:24-27 – The Seventy-Weeks Prophecy

Dan 9²⁴ “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city ...

²⁶ “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

God's redemptive plan – 70th Week for the Jews

Dan 9²⁴ “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city ...

- 69 Weeks have been fulfilled, the 70th week has not
- Now there is no special focus on Israel in God's redemptive plan – this is the time of the church
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- 7 Year Tribulation – Time of Jacob’s trouble
 - When the church is taken away (at the rapture), God will return his special focus on Israel again for the last 7 years (70th week) of man's rule on this earth

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- “The 70th week will begin when the Jewish people are restored in unbelief to their land and city; and among them will be found a faithful remnant, owning their sin, and seeking Jehovah's face (Ironsides 1911)
- These “gaps” or “pauses” in prophecy may seem strange to us but they are somewhat typical
 - See [Dual Fulfillment: Gap](#)
 - Is 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 - Luke 1:31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Antichrist – Comes from a Revived Roman Empire

The Prince who is to come is not specifically revealed to us here, but his people are

- They are the people who would put Jesus to death in a human legal since – the Romans
- Prince who is to come matches with the little horn of Daniel 7
- Therefore the Prince who is to come (Antichrist) will in some way be an heir to the Romans (even as the final world government is an heir to the Roman Empire)

Antichrist – Confirms a Covenant to Start the Tribulation

He (the Prince who is to come) confirms the covenant with the many (Israel) for the final 7-year period

- He breaks the treaty in the middle of the 7 years
- It had not yet happened in 90 AD (as preterists claim)
 - All the things that God promised would happen in the 70 weeks (verse 24) have not yet happened. Therefore, we know that the 70 weeks have not yet been completed.
 - Apparently there is a “pause” in the 70 weeks, between the 69th week and the 70th week
 - Since the Jewish rejection of Jesus, and now ready to begin again when they Antichrist shall confirm a covenant with the Jews
- With this covenant, Israel probably embraces the Antichrist as a political messiah, if not the literal Messiah
 - This was predicted by Jesus
 - John 5⁴³ I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.
 - It is as if God has appointed 490 years of special focus on Israel in His redemptive plan, then the years were “paused” by Israel's rejection of Jesus

Antichrist – Abomination of Desolation

He will bring an end to sacrifice and establish an abomination (idol) which will bring desolation.

- This is when the Antichrist “turns” on the Jews, halfway through the last 7-year period. Jesus and Paul understood that this event (the abomination of desolation) was essential in understanding prophecy.
 - Matthew 24¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
 - 2Th 2³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
 - Rev 12⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. ...¹³ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast

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to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Daniel 11:36-45 – The Northern King’s Blasphemies and Conquests

Dan 11 ³⁶“Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. ³⁷ He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all. ³⁸ But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. ³⁹ Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, *and* advance *its* glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

⁴⁰ “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through. ⁴¹ He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. ⁴² He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels. ⁴⁴ But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. ⁴⁵ And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

- Here begins a passage that deals with that 70th week of Daniel that is yet to be fulfilled – the time of the end, the last days, the ultimate arrangement of Earth's kingdoms just before the return of Jesus Christ.
 - The context of the Maccabean Revolt (Dan 11:30-32) foreshadows something MUCH bigger that is still to come.
 - Introduced by the previous verse: Dan 11 ³⁵ And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the appointed time.
- This remarkable passage predicts an invasion of Palestine and a counter-invasion from Egypt in the South, and then the meeting of 2 great armies in the land of Israel and the ultimate destruction of those armies there on the mountains of Israel.
 - This is also clearly described in the Ezekiel 38-39 and Joel 2. And you will find other prophetic references to this as well.

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- The king described here is the Antichrist – He will put himself forward and seek the people's worship and praise just as Satan has always craved worship.
 - Is 14 ¹² “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!
¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;
¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

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- Mt 4⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”
- 2Th 2-³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- Wrath refers to the great tribulation – It's God's indignation against a sinning world
 - Is 26 ²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. ²¹ For behold, **the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.**
- What must take place?
 - Paul answered this question in 2Thessalonians when he addresses the question that some say that the Lord has already returned
 - 2Th 2 ¹ Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Dan 11 ³⁷ He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all.

- This scripture is led many people to believe that the Antichrist will be in apostate Jew
 - In Judaism, apostasy refers to the rejection of Judaism and possible defection to another religion by a Jew. The term apostasy is derived from Ancient Greek: ἀποστατης, meaning "rebellious"
- Desire of woman
 - He may be homosexual
 - The desire of women could refer to every Jewish woman's hope that she would bear the child who would bruise the serpent's head
 - Genesis 3 ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”
 - Jesus was the child (seed of woman) and fulfilled this prophecy with his atoning death on the cross. So this verse could mean that the Antichrist will not regard God or Jesus.

Dan 11 ³⁸ But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

- Other translations say ‘*he will honor a god of forces*’
- The Antichrist will worship and be obsessed with military force
 - He’ll build a huge and expensive army equipped with tremendous military hardware

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- The Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel.
 - He'll work out a Middle East peace plan that will divide the land of Israel for his gain
 - The covenant will be broken by the Antichrist after 3½ years, when he stops the sacrifices in the temple and demands that he himself be worshiped as God
- At this point, those Jews who are close to God will flee to the Jordanian rock city of Petra
 - Sela is the Edomite capital – Petra
 - Matthew 24 ¹⁵“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.
 - Isaiah 16 ¹Send the lamb to the ruler of the land,
From Sela to the wilderness, To the mount of the daughter of Zion.
²For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest;
So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon.
³“Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day;
Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes.
⁴Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler.
For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land.
 - Revelation 12 ¹⁴But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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- The chariots may be tanks
- The Glorious Land is Israel. Ammon is Jordan and Iraq
- The Antichrist will be at the borders of Libya and Ethiopia
 - It will probably be a planned attempt to conquer the continent of Africa
- The Antichrist's 10 nations begins to move against Africa – passing through Israel & taking Egypt
 - The Chinese will send their armies, along with the remnant of the Russian army, to battle his forces
 - Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.
 - These armies will meet in The Valley of Megiddo for the great and final battle of Armageddon

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Dan 11 ⁴⁵ And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

- The Antichrist will set up his throne in Jerusalem and will seek to rule the world from there in the last 3.5 years.
- Jesus will destroy the Antichrist with the words of his mouth
 - Revelation 19 ¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, ¹⁸ that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- The English expression “apostasy” or “falling away” comes from the Greek noun *apostasia*. There are two major views on what is meant through the noun *apostasia*.
 - Spiritual departure – The majority view is that it is speaking of a spiritual departure, such as the unbelieving world embracing the Antichrist. Most Christians today believe that this is what is meant and that is the sign that Paul gives here.
 - Deception – False Gospel – Paul writes about deception in every letter
 - Physical departure (rapture) – According to the second view, the *apostasia* is not a spiritual departure but rather represents a physical or spatial departure. If this latter view is accurate, Paul’s simple point to the Thessalonian believers is that they could not possibly be in the Tribulation period because their physical departure, or the pretribulation rapture that he had already taught you about, has not yet transpired. (see [Pre-Tribulation Rapture: Holy Spirit Must be Removed](#))
- "Why is God going to send a strong delusion in the end times?"
<https://www.gotquestions.org/strong-delusion.html>

The Bible makes it clear why God is sending a strong delusion in the end times: “They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Simply put, God sends a strong delusion to those who chose not to believe the gospel of Christ. Those who take delight in mocking and rejecting Him, He will condemn.

It is man’s choice whether to accept and believe the truth of Jesus Christ as presented in the Scriptures. To receive the truth and the love God offers is in keeping with its teachings, “This is love for God: to obey His commands” (1 John 5:3). Conversely, to know the truth and not obey it is to face the wrath of God: “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness” (Romans 1:18). Frankly speaking, there is no more dangerous condition for man than to know the truth and refuse to obey it. To do so is to harden the heart and make God’s condemnation sure.

When one knows the truth and refuses to obey it, he is subject to any lie, any deception, any untruth that man can conjure up. “For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:21-22). Paul goes on in the next few verses to describe the mindset and behaviors of those who disbelieve (see Romans 1:29-31). As a result of man’s foolishness and his arrogant disdain of the things of God, “God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done” (Romans 1:28). And correspondingly, “Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things, but also approve of those who practice them” (Romans 1:32).

Isaiah puts it succinctly: “They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations; so I [God]

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also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring upon them what they dread. For when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened. They did evil in My sight and chose what displeases Me” (Isaiah 66:3-4).

When men know the truth and refuse to receive it, when they refuse to obey it and hold it in unrighteousness, “they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:12 NLT).

“God is love” (1 John 4:16). He is not some cruel monster who deliberately and inwardly delights in preparing people for everlasting condemnation. But He earnestly and lovingly proclaims the gospel of Christ, “not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Throughout the Scriptures, God urges people to accept the truth. But when people reject Him and spurn His message, then—and not until then—God hardens them and turns them over to a deluded mind to wallow in their wickedness to their eternal damnation. This is what the Lord says about those who choose to reject the truth: “They greatly love to wander; they do not restrain their feet. So the Lord does not accept them; He will now remember their wickedness and punish them for their sins” (Jeremiah 14:10).

Revelation 13 – The Beasts from the Sea and Earth

Rev 13 ¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

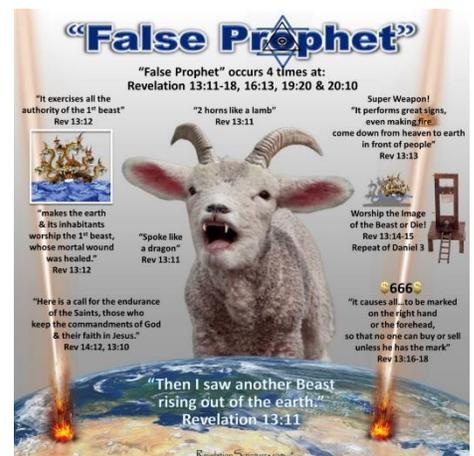


⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The Beast from the Earth

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their



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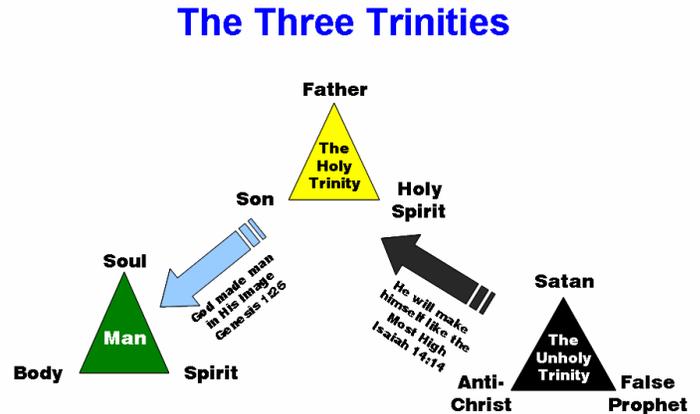
foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Unholy Trinity

Make no mistake, Satan knew God, and he knew the triune nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So, in his attempt to be God and to rule over God's new creation, like a mad, psychotic wizard, Satan crags a grotesque, distorted parody of the Trinity—a self-image—with himself as father; the Antichrist as son and the false prophet as holy spirit.

While the Holy Trinity is characterized by infinite truth, love, and goodness, the unholy trinity portrays the diametrically opposite traits of deception, hatred, and unadulterated evil.



Although defeated in heaven, Satan launches a new offensive against God on earth, and he vows to win this new war, with the souls of all humanity as the prize, transforming God's creation into a living hell, with himself as king.

A common tactic of Satan is to imitate or counterfeit the things of God in order to make himself appear to be like God.

Holy Trinity	Unholy Trinity
Christ is slain and resurrected	Antichrist is slain and resurrected
God has wise virgins	Satan has foolish virgins
Christ sows good seed—wheat	Satan sows bad seed—tares
God has a vine—"the true vine"	Satan has a vine—"the vine of the earth."
Christ has a bride—saved church	Antichrist has a harlot—unsaved church
God has a city—Jerusalem	Satan has also a city—Babylon
God has sacred stones—Urim & Thummin	Satan has sacred stones—Chakra stones
God gives authority to Christ	Satan gives authority to Antichrist
God's name written on foreheads	Satan's name marked on foreheads

Satan's grotesque parody of the Trinity (13:1-18)

Dragon / Satan	God the Father	(13:1a)
Beast 1 / Antichrist	God the Son	(13:1b-10)
Beast 2 / False Prophet	God the Holy Spirit	(13:11-18)

Satan is the anti-God, the Beast is the anti-Christ, and the False Prophet is the anti-Spirit. This unholy trinity will persecute believers and deceive many others, resulting in their eternal death. But God's kingdom will prevail. [Daniel 7:21-22](#) states, "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom."

- Satan
 - Satan and one-third of the angels were cast out of heaven during a rebellion before the world began ([Revelation 12:4](#)).
 - The Archangel Michael and the other angels will make war with Satan and his demons, and Satan will be excluded from heaven forever ([Revelation 12:7-9](#)).

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- In his attempt to prevent God's fulfillment of His earthly kingdom, Satan will attempt to annihilate the Jews, but God will supernaturally protect a remnant of the Jews in a location outside of Israel for the last 42 months of the Tribulation ([Revelation 12:6, 13-17](#); [Matthew 24:15-21](#)).
- Antichrist
 - The second member of the unholy trinity is the [Beast](#) or [Antichrist](#) described in [Revelation 13](#) and [Daniel 7](#).
 - The beast comes out of the sea, which typically in the Bible refers to the Gentile nations.
 - He also has seven heads and ten horns, indicating his connection to and indwelling by Satan.
 - The ten horns indicate ten seats of world government that will provide power to the Antichrist, three of which will be totally yielded to or taken over by the Antichrist ([Daniel 7:8](#)).
 - The number ten also indicates completion or totality, in other words, a one-world government.
 - The one-world government will be blasphemous, denying the true God.
 - The final kingdom will possess traits in common with the former "beast kingdoms" of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and particularly Rome ([Revelation 13:2](#); [Daniel 7:7, 23](#)).
 - [Revelation 13:3](#) seems to indicate that the Antichrist will be mortally wounded about halfway through the Tribulation, but Satan will miraculously heal his wound ([Revelation 13:3](#); [17:8-14](#)).
 - After this wondrous event, the world will be totally enthralled by the Antichrist.
 - They will worship Satan and the Antichrist himself ([Revelation 13:4-5](#)).
 - The Antichrist becomes emboldened, and, dispensing with all pretenses of being a peaceful ruler, he openly blasphemes God, breaks his peace treaty with the Jews, attacks believers and the Jews, and desecrates the rebuilt Jewish temple, setting himself up as the one to be worshiped ([Revelation 13:4-7](#); [Matthew 24:15](#).) This particular event has been called the Abomination of Desolation.
- False Prophet
 - The final personage of the unholy trinity is the False Prophet, described in [Revelation 13:11-18](#).
 - This second beast comes out of the earth, not the sea, possibly indicating that he may be an apostate Jew coming from Israel.
 - Although he presents himself as a meek, mild, and benevolent person, the horns indicate that he will have power. Jesus expressly warned believers to watch out for false prophets that may look innocent but actually can be very destructive ([Matthew 7:15](#)).
 - The False Prophet speaks like a dragon, meaning that he will speak persuasively and deceptively to turn humans away from God and promote the worship of the Antichrist and Satan ([Revelation 13:11-12](#)).
 - The False Prophet is capable of producing great signs and wonders, including bringing down fire from heaven ([Revelation 13:13](#)).
 - He sets up an image of the Antichrist for worship, gives life to the image, demands the worship of the image from all people, and executes those who refuse to worship the image ([Revelation 13:14-15](#)). [Revelation 20:4](#) indicates that the method of execution will be beheading.
 - The False Prophet will also compel each person to receive a [permanent mark](#) of some kind, just as slaves did in John's day, to show total devotion to the Antichrist and renunciation of God.
 - Only those who receive the mark will be permitted to engage in commerce.
 - Acceptance of the mark means eternal death ([Revelation 14:10](#)).
 - The Bible makes clear that humans will fully understand that, by accepting the mark, they are not only accepting an economic system but also a worship system that rejects Jesus Christ.
 - [Revelation 13:18](#) reveals the number of the Beast—666.
 - No one knows precisely what this means.
 - Some believe that the Antichrist's first, middle, and last names will have six letters each.
 - Some believe that the designation refers to a computer chip, since some computer programs start with 666.

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Revelation 17 – The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

Rev 17 ¹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the **great harlot** who sits on many **waters**, ²with whom the **kings of the earth committed fornication**, and the **inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.**”

³So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a **scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.** ⁴The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵And on her forehead a name *was* written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.

⁶I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.



The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

⁷But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of **the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.** ⁸The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

⁹“Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: **The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.** ¹⁰There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

¹²“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”

¹⁵Then he said to me, “**The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.** ¹⁶And **the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.** ¹⁷For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, **to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast,** until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

- **Beast = Antichrist**
 - **10 horns = 10 kings of the Antichrist Kingdom**
- **7 heads = 7 mountains where the harlot sits = 7 hills of Rome**
 - **Western Roman empire became Vatican City**
- **7 kings = 7 Popes since Vatican City was created**
 - **5 Fallen, 1 is, 1 to come**
 - **8th Pope = beast going to perdition = False Prophet (Beast from the Earth)**
- **Harlot = Woman = Great city that reigns over the kings of the earth = Vatican Papacy**

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- Waters = peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues

Religious Babylon

Revelation 17 details the fall of Religious Babylon. The concept of Babylon is greater than Revelation 17-18 and the Antichrist's reign. Babylon was present in John's day (typified by Rome), in our day, and throughout history, as the world system. But under the Antichrist, Babylon (in both its religious and commercial aspects) will have influence over the earth as never before.

The Babylonian religion was founded by the wife of Nimrod, named Semiramis. Nimrod was the great-grandson of Noah who led the building of the Tower of Babel. Semiramis was a high priestess of idol worship, and she gave birth to a son who she claimed was conceived miraculously. The son, named Tammuz, was considered a savior. Many ancient artifacts remain with the familiar motif of the mother Semiramis holding the savior-infant Tammuz, which predate Christianity. It was also said that Tammuz was killed by a wild beast and then miraculously brought back to life. Baal was the local, Canaanite name for the Babylonian Tammuz.

ii. The Bible makes specific mention of some of the features of the classic religion of Babylon:

- Ezekiel protests against the ceremony of weeping for Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:14)
- Jeremiah mentions the heathen practice of making cakes for the queen of heaven (Jeremiah 7:18) and offering incense to the queen of heaven (Jeremiah 44:17-19, 44:25)

- Babylon is mentioned 287 times in the Scriptures – more than any other city except Jerusalem.
- Babylon was a literal city on the Euphrates River.
 - Genesis 11:1-10 shows that right after the flood, Babylon “was the seat of the civilization that expressed organized hostility to God.” (Tenney)
- Babylon was later the capitol of the empire that cruelly conquered Judah.
 - “Babylon, to them (the Jews), was the essence of all evil, the embodiment of cruelty, the foe of God's people, and the lasting type of sin, carnality, lust and greed.” (Tenney)
 - To those familiar with the Old Testament, the name *Babylon* is associated with organized idolatry, blasphemy and the persecution of God's people.
 - “In John's day Rome epitomized all the antagonism and opposition to the Christian faith.” (Mounce) In some ways, the city of Rome was the clearest fulfillment of the Babylon attitude. If we had to pick one city today that most exemplifies the world system, perhaps we would say that Los Angeles is the Babylon of today.

Revelation 16:19 and 14:8 have already declared Babylon's fall.

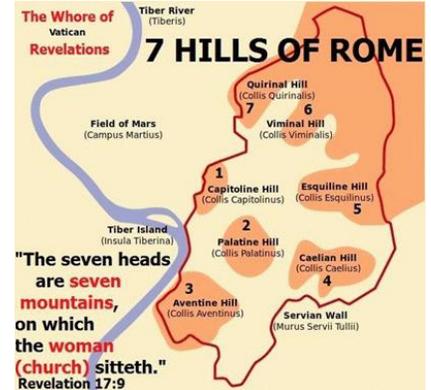
- Revelation 14⁸ And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”
- Revelation 16¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

In Revelation 17 and 18, the fall of Babylon is carefully detailed.

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Rev 17 ⁹“Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: **The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.** ¹⁰There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

- 7 heads = 7 hills of Rome = Daniel’s 4th kingdom
 - Ancient Western Roman Empire became Vatican City
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 - The Roman Empire was never defeated. The Western Roman Empire continues today as Holy Roman Empire (Vatican City).
 - The Western Roman Empire officially ended 4 September 476 CE, when Emperor Romulus Augustulus was deposed by the Germanic King Odoacer.
 - The Eastern Roman Empire continued on as the Byzantine Empire until 1453 CE. Though known early on as simply ‘the Roman Empire’, it did not much resemble that entity at all.
 - The Western Roman Empire would become re-invented later as The Holy Roman Empire (962-1806 CE).
 - That construct was also far removed from the Roman Empire of antiquity and was an ‘empire’ in name only.
 - The Holy Roman Empire was also known as the Papal States – officially the State of the Church
 - These were a series of territories in the Italian Peninsula under the direct sovereign rule of the pope. They were among the major states of Italy from roughly the 8th century until the Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia successfully unified the Italian Peninsula by conquest in a campaign virtually concluded in 1861 and definitively in 1870.
 - At their zenith, the Papal States covered most of the modern Italian regions of Lazio (which includes Rome), Marche, Umbria and Romagna, and portions of Emilia. These holdings were considered to be a manifestation of the temporal power of the pope, as opposed to his ecclesiastical primacy.
 - By 1861, much of the Papal States' territory had been conquered by the Kingdom of Italy.
 - Only Lazio, including Rome, remained under the pope's temporal control.
 - In 1870, the pope lost Lazio and Rome and had no physical territory at all, except the Basilica of St Peter and the papal residence and related buildings around the Vatican quarter of Rome, which the new Italian state did not occupy militarily.
 - In 1929 the head of the Italian government, at the time the Italian Fascist leader Benito Mussolini, ended the crisis between unified Italy and the Holy See by negotiating the Lateran Treaty, signed by the two parties. This recognized the sovereignty of the Holy See over a newly created international territorial entity, the Vatican City State, limited to a token territory.
 - The Holy See, also called the See of Rome, is the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome, known as the pope, which includes the apostolic episcopal see of the Diocese of Rome with universal ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the worldwide Catholic Church, as well as a sovereign entity of international law.



Rev 17 ⁹“Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: **The seven heads are seven mountains (Vatican City) on which the woman sits.** ¹⁰There are also seven kings (Popes of Vatican City). Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

- 7 kings = 7 Popes of Vatican City
 - 8th king = 8th Pope = Beast from the Earth = False Prophet

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- In 1929 the Lateran Treaty was signed creating the nation state of Vatican City. Since then, including the current one, there have been 8 popes.

THE 8 KINGS OF REVELATION

THE LAST POPE



PIUS XI	PIUS XII	JOHN XXIII	PAUL VI	JOHN PAUL I	JOHN PAUL II	BENEDICT XVI	FRANCIS I
1922-1939	1939-1958	1958-1963	1963-1978	1978	1978-2005	APRIL 19, 2005 FEB. 28, 2013	MARCH 13, 2013 UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD
LATERAN TREATY 1929 1 ST KING	2 ND KING	3 RD KING	4 TH KING	REIGNED ONLY 33 DAYS 5 TH KING	SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN 1981 6 TH KING	7 TH KING	DEVIL FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT (CONTROLLED BY SATAN) 8 TH KING
FIVE ARE FALLEN...					ONE IS...		RULES ONLY A SHORT TIME.
REVELATION 17:10							EVEN HE IS THE EIGHTH, AND IS OF THE SEVEN, AND GOETH INTO PERDITION. -REV 17:11

- Five have fallen,
 - Pius XI (1922-1939) ... First king ... 17 years
 - Pius XII (1939-1958) ... Second king ... 19 years
 - John XXIII (1958-1963) ... Third king ... 5 years
 - Paul VI (1963-1978) ... Fourth king ... 15 years
 - John Paul I (1978) ... Fifth king reigned only 33 days
- one is,
 - John Paul II (1978-2005) ... Sixth king was seriously wounded in 1981 ... 27 years
- *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.
 - Benedict XVI (2005-2013) ... Seventh king resigned February 28, 2013 ... 8 years
 - Unlike almost all the six monarchs before him, Pope Benedict XVI abdicated his throne.
- ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.
 - In verse 10 the seven kings of this scarlet coloured beast kingdom are mentioned, but then in the next verse there is a subtle yet fundamental difference when describing the next king in line, the eighth king is called a beast. Why? Who is this beast? What will he do?
 - Francis I (March 13, 2013) ... Eighth king until the end of the world.
 - Francis “was elected by a mafia of cardinals,”
 - The book of Revelation describes the last days dominated by a one world government with two branches – political and religious.
 - Political wing is lead by the Antichrist
 - Religious wing is lead by the False Prophet

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- The beast described in Revelation 13:1 and Revelation 17:11 is the Antichrist – both describe it as having 7 heads and 10 horns. This is the last kingdom on earth before the second coming which the harlot (Catholic Church / one world religion) will ride as the religious arm of the beast global government, headed by the first beast (Antichrist) and enforced by the eighth king (The second beast, the false prophet)

Rev 17¹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.⁵ And on her forehead a name was written:

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⁶I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

- The woman is called the "great harlot" (v 1), with whom earthly kings "have committed fornication" (v 2). Against only two cities could such a charge be made:
 - Jerusalem – Indicted for spiritual fornication by numerous prophets, but does not meet the other criteria.
 - Isaiah 1²¹ How the faithful city has become a harlot!
It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now murderers.
²² Your silver has become dross, Your wine mixed with water.
²³ Your princes are rebellious, And companions of thieves;
Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards.
They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.
 - Vatican City – Claims to have been the worldwide headquarters of Christianity since its beginning
 - Her pope claims to be the Vicar of Christ
 - His church claims to be the only ‘true church’ and ‘bride of Christ’.
 - Christ said His kingdom was not of this world, otherwise His servants would fight. Yet the popes have fought with armies and navies in the name of Christ to build a worldwide empire.
 - Vatican II states that even today the Roman Catholic Church ceaselessly seeks to bring under its control all mankind and all their goods. And in furtherance of these goals it has engaged, exactly as John foresaw, in fornication (unholy alliances) with the kings of the earth.
 - See [Could Pope Francis be the False Prophet?](#)

Description of Catholic Papacy

⁴The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

- The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet – the colors of the Catholic clergy.
 - The Catholic *Encyclopedia* states:
 - Cappa Magna – A cloak with a long train and a hooded shoulder cape...[it] was purple wool for bishops; for cardinals, it was scarlet watered silk....
 - Cassock – The close-fitting, ankle-length robe worn by the Catholic clergy as their official garb....The color for bishops and other prelates is purple, for cardinals scarlet.... (Emphasis added)

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- Incredible wealth – She was adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls
 - Even Christ's blood-stained cross has been turned to gold, reflecting her riches.
 - *The Catholic Encyclopedia* says, "The pectoral cross [suspended by a chain around the neck of abbots, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and the pope] should be made of gold and...decorated with gems...."
- having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.
 - *The Catholic Encyclopedia* calls the gold chalice "the most important of the sacred vessels...."
 - The Roman Catholic Church is known for its *many thousands* of gold chalices around the world.
 - A recent newspaper article reported,
The fabulous treasure of Lourdes [France], whose existence was kept secret by the Catholic Church for 120 years, has been unveiled....Rumors have been circulating for decades about a priceless collection of *gold chalices*, diamond-studded crucifixes, silver and *precious stones*....

After an indiscreet remark by their press spokesman this week, church authorities agreed to reveal *part* of the collection... [some] floor-to-ceiling cases were opened to reveal 59 *solid gold chalices* alongside rings, crucifixes, statues and heavy gold brooches, many encrusted with *precious stones*.

Almost hidden by the other treasures is the "Crown" of Notre Dame de Lourdes, made by a Paris goldsmith in 1876 and studded with diamonds.

Church authorities say they cannot put a value on the collection. "I have no idea," says Father Pierre-Marie Charriez. ..."It is of inestimable value."

Across the road is a building housing hundreds of [antique] ecclesiastical garments, robes, mitres and sashes—many in heavy gold thread....

"The Church itself is poor," insists Father Charriez. "The Vatican itself is poor." (Emphasis added) [And the treasure described here is only *part* of that which is kept in *one* location, the small town of Lourdes, France!]
 - She has practiced evil to gather her wealth, for the golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.
 - Much of the wealth of the Roman Catholic Church was acquired by confiscating property of the Inquisitions' pitiful victims. Even the dead were exhumed to face trial and property was taken from their heirs by the Church. That practice, one historian writes, offered "unlimited opportunities for loot."
 - Most of Rome's wealth has been acquired through the sale of salvation.
 - Untold billions of dollars have been paid to her by those who thought they were purchasing heaven on the installment plan for themselves or loved ones. The practice continues to this day—blatantly where Catholicism is in control, less obviously here in the United States where (for example) one pays the Church to have a Mass card placed on the altar in the name of the deceased during Mass to reduce time in purgatory.
 - The wealthy often leave a fortune for masses to be said for their salvation after their death.
 - In addition to such perversions of the gospel, there are the further abominations (fully documented in police and court records) of corrupt banking practices, laundering of drug money, trading in counterfeit securities and dealings with the Mafia, which the Vatican and her representatives around the world have long employed.
 - Former Business Week correspondent in Rome, Nino LoBello, who because of its incredible wealth calls Rome "the tycoon on the Tiber," says the Vatican is so closely allied with the Mafia in Italy that "many people...believe that Sicily...is nothing more than a Vatican holding."

Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth

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⁵ And on her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

- Sadly enough, the Roman Catholic Church fits that description as precisely as she fits the others. Much of the cause is due to the unbiblical doctrine of priestly celibacy.
 - The great Apostle Paul was a celibate and recommended that life to others who wanted to devote themselves fully to serving Christ. He did not, however, make it a condition for church leadership as the Catholic Church has done, thereby imposing an unnatural burden upon her clergy that very few could bear. On the contrary, he wrote that a bishop should be "the husband of one wife" (1 Tim:3:2) and set the same requirement for elders (Titus:1:5-6).
 - The doctrine of celibacy has been broken repeatedly by millions of priests and nuns, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and many popes such as Sergius III, John X, John XII, Benedict V, Innocent VIII, Urban VIII, Innocent X, et al. Celibacy has made sinners of the clergy and harlots out of those with whom they secretly cohabit. The Catholic Church has paid about \$1 billion in out-of-court settlements in the last few years for sexual sins of its clergy in the USA alone. Rome is indeed "the mother of harlots"!
 - History is replete with sayings that mocked Romanism's false claim to celibacy: "The holiest hermit has his whore" and "Rome has more prostitutes than any other city because she has the most celibates" are examples. Pope Pius II called Rome "the only city run by bastards," the sons and grandsons of popes and cardinals.
 - Even Catholic historians admit that among the popes were some of the most degenerate and unconscionable ogres in all history. More than one pope was slain by a husband who found him in bed with his wife. To call such a man "His Holiness, Vicar of Christ" makes a mockery of holiness and of Christ. Yet the name of each of these mass murderers, fornicators, robbers, warmongers—some guilty of the massacre of thousands—is emblazoned in honor on the Church's official list of Peter's alleged successors, the popes.

⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

- The woman is drunk—and not with alcohol but with "the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus..."
 - One thinks immediately of the Inquisitions (Roman, Medieval and Spanish) which for centuries held Europe in their terrible grip. Canon Llorente, who was the Secretary to the Inquisition in Madrid from 1790-92 and had access to the archives of all the tribunals, estimated that in Spain alone the number of condemned exceeded 3 million, with about 300,000 burned at the stake. A Catholic historian writes,

When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, a Polish officer in his army, Colonel Lemanouski, reported that the Dominicans blockaded themselves in their monastery in Madrid. When Lemanouski's troops forced an entry, the inquisitors denied the existence of any torture chambers. The soldiers searched the monastery and discovered them under the floors. The chambers were full of prisoners, all naked, many insane. The French troops, used to cruelty and blood, could not stomach the sight. They emptied the torture-chambers, laid gunpowder to the monastery and blew the place up.

The remnants of some of the chambers of horror remain in Europe and may be visited today. They stand as memorials to the zealous outworking of Roman Catholic dogmas *which remain in force*, and to a Church which claims to be infallible and to this day justifies such barbarism. They are also memorials to the astonishing accuracy of John's vision in Revelation 17. Do not forget, that Church has not yet officially admitted that these practices were evil, nor apologized to the world or to any of the victims or their descendants. Nor could John Paul II fully apologize today because "the doctrines responsible for those terrible things still underpin his position."

- "Christian" Rome has slaughtered many times the number of both Christians and Jews that pagan Rome did. Beside those victims of the Inquisitions, there were Huguenots, Albigenses, Waldenses and other Christians, massacred, tortured and burned at the stake by the hundreds of thousands simply because they refused to align

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themselves with the Roman [Catholic](#) Church. Listen to the leading nineteenth-century Catholic professor of church history:

The view of the Church had been...[that] every departure from the teaching of the Church...*must be punished with death, and the most cruel of deaths, by fire....*

Both the initiation and carrying out of this...*must be ascribed to the Popes alone...who compelled bishops and priests to condemn heretics to torture, confiscation of their goods, imprisonment, and death, and to enforce the execution of this sentence on the civil authorities, under pain of excommunication.* (Emphasis added)

- Pope Martin V commanded the King of Poland in 1429 to *exterminate* the Hussites (sympathizers with the martyred Jan Hus). This excerpt from the Pope's letter to the King explains why popes hated independent Christians and wanted them destroyed:

Know that the interests of the Holy See, and those of your crown, make it a duty to *exterminate the Hussites*. Remember that these impious persons dare proclaim principles of *equality*; they maintain that *all Christians are brethren*, and that God has not given to privileged men the right of ruling the nations; they hold that Christ came on earth to *abolish slavery*; they call the people to *liberty*, that is to the annihilation of kings and priests.... [T]urn your forces against Bohemia; *burn, massacre, make deserts everywhere, for nothing could be more agreeable to God, or more useful to the cause of kings, than the extermination of the Hussites.*(Emphasis added)

- Note this excerpt from Pope Nicholas I's (858-67) instructions to the King of Bulgaria, a new convert to what he thought was "Christianity," to force Rome's religion upon his subjects:

I glorify you for having maintained your authority by putting to death those wandering sheep who refuse to enter the fold; and...congratulate you upon having opened the kingdom of heaven to the people submitted to your rule.

A king need not fear to command massacres, when these will retain his subjects in obedience, or cause them to submit to the faith of Christ; and God will reward him in this world, and in eternal life, for these murders.

Why should Rome apologize for or even admit this holocaust? No one calls her to account today. Protestants have forgotten and evangelical leaders join Rome to evangelize together. They don't want to hear any "negative" reminders of the millions tortured and slain by the Church to which they now pay homage, or the fact that Rome has a false gospel of sacramental works.

- The Nazi holocaust was thoroughly known to Pius XII in spite of his complete silence throughout the war on the slaughter of Jews. Had the Pope protested, as representatives of Jewish organizations and the Allied Powers begged him to do, he would have condemned his own Church. The facts are inescapable:

In 1936, Bishop Berning of Osnabruch had talked with the Fuhrer for over an hour. Hitler assured his lordship there was no fundamental difference between National Socialism and the [Catholic](#) Church. Had not the church, he argued, looked on Jews as parasites...? ..."I am only doing," he boasted, "what the Church has done for fifteen hundred years, only more effectively." Being a [Catholic](#) himself, he told Berning, he "admired and wanted to promote Christianity [[Catholicism](#)]."

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¹⁸ And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

- Is there such a city? Yes, and again only one: Vatican City.
 - One 18th century historian counted 95 popes who claimed to have divine power to depose kings and emperors.
 - Historian Walter James wrote that Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) "held all Europe in his net."
 - Gregory IX (1227-41) thundered that the pope was Lord and Master of everyone and everything. Popes crowned and deposed kings and emperors, exacting obedience by threatening excommunication.
 - Pope Nicholas I boasted, "Fear, then, our wrath and the thunders of our vengeance; for Jesus Christ has appointed us [the popes]...absolute judges of all men; and kings...are submitted to our authority."
 - In commanding one king to destroy another, Nicholas wrote, "We order you, in the name of religion, to invade his states, burn his cities, and massacre his people...."
 - Eminent Catholic historian Ignaz von Dollinger writes, "Pope Clement IV, in 1265, after selling millions of South Italians to Charles of Anjou for a yearly tribute of eight hundred ounces of gold, declared that he would be excommunicated if the first payment was deferred...."
 - Catholic Professor Carrerio boasted that the popes had "put down from their thrones great kings and yet mightier emperors, and set others in their place, to whom the greatest kingdoms have long paid tribute, as they do to no other, and who dispense such riches...that no king or emperor has ever had...."

The qualifying data which John gives us under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for identifying this woman/*city*, is specific, conclusive and irrefutable. There is no *city* upon earth, past or present, which meets all of these criteria except Catholic Rome and Vatican City. Pray for the 980 million Catholics who are deceived into trusting their Church instead of Christ for salvation. May Christ's love move you to bring the gospel to them!

Rev 17 ¹²“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

- Describes a confederation of 10 kings during the tribulation
 - Dan 2:42 10 toes
 - Dan 7:24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this Antichrist kingdom.
 - Rev 17:12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.
 - There is no fulfillment of this federation of 10 kings in ancient Roman history, therefore this prophecy must still be future

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1 John 2:18-19 – Deceptions of the Last Hour

1Jn 2 ¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, **even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.** ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. ... ²² **Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.** ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1 John 4:1-6 – Love for God and One Another

1Jn 4 ¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and **every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.** ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They

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are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Characteristics of The Antichrist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJFpiBrchR4>

The Bible gives many details regarding the person we call the Antichrist, but the general picture is that of a European who rises to power over the Western world. Whether he is Jewish or Gentile is not entirely clear. What is clear, however, is that he will control the last great bastion of Gentile world power. From his base in the west, he will extend his control over the entire world. He will administrate the world government and the global economy, assisted by the leader of the one-world religion (False Prophet).

The Bible gives us at least 10 keys to identify the Antichrist when he comes to power:

There are over 100 passages in the Bible that talk about Antichrist. Here are some of the key characteristics to identify the Antichrist when he comes to power:

The Antichrist is summoned

- Satan summons a terrifying beast to attack God’s people – one made in his image.
- The sea – In ancient Near Eastern literature “the sea” represents chaos, the primal soup, the habitation of Leviathan, the “coiled serpent,” the “dragon in the sea” (Isaiah 27:1).
 - It is a fearful place, and here the beast with ten horns and seven heads (closely resembling its master, Satan, in appearance), comes out of the sea.
- The Greek word for “beast” is θηρίον [thay-ree’-on]
 - It is a neuter noun, properly referred to as an “it, not a “he” or “she.”
- The Greek word for rising is ἀναβαῖνον [a-na-bye’-no]
 - It pictures “rising up,” “climbing,” or “emerging”
- In your mind’s eye imagine a huge, grotesque hydra-headed monster, rising from the roiling sea, fangs barred and snapping, drool and slime oozing from its gaping maw, spewing blasphemies.
- Rev 13 ¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast** rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a **leopard**, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a **lion**. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

- This recalls another of Daniel’s visions:

Dan 7 ² Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first *was* like a **lion**, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.

⁵ “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a **bear**. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’



William Blake. *The Great Red Dragon and the Beast from the Sea* (watercolor, ink and graphite on paper), c. 1805. National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C..

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⁶“After this I looked, and there was another, like a **leopard**, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

⁷“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a **fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

- Although John’s beast draws heavily upon the imagery in Daniel’s vision, it is not an exact parallel; rather, John’s beast is meant to be a composite that embodies all of history’s demonic and human opposition against God, all rolled up into one horrendous, frightening and terrifying image.

He is intelligent and persuasive

- Intellectual - Dan 7:20
- Oracle - Dan 7:20
- Political - Dan 11:21
- Commercial - Dan 8:25
- Military - Dan 8:24
- Administrative - Rev 13:1-2
- Religious - 2Th 2:4

The Antichrist is blasphemous

Rev 13 ¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast** rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Rev 17 ³ And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

He is proud

- Daniel 8 ²⁵ And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart.

He will rise to power in the last days

- Daniel 8 ¹⁹ And he said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*.”

He is given authority to rule the whole world

Rev 13 ² ...The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ... ⁷ And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

- The dragon, Satan, delegates his own power and authority to the first beast, the Antichrist, the 2nd person of his infernal trinity, just as God delegated his authority to Christ, 2nd person of the authentic Trinity.
 - Recall that in Daniel the “Ancient of Days” gives “power” and “authority” to the “Son of Man,” Dan 7:13 “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.

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His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

- Jesus identifies himself as this very figure from Daniel, calling himself “Son of Man” throughout the synoptic gospels
 - John’s gospel reaffirms this delegation to Jesus of God’s power and authority:
 - Jn 3:35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
 - Jn 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
 - And the 1st-century Church understood this delegation of God’s power and authority to Jesus, as is evidenced by Paul in his epistle to the church at Philippi
 - Php 2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Antichrist will come from a revived Roman Empire

- 7 heads = seven mountains on which the woman sits = Rome
 - Revelation 13 ¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads** and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
 - Revelation 17 ³ And I saw a woman sitting on a **scarlet beast which was** full of names of blasphemy, **having seven heads** and ten horns.
 - Revelation 17 ⁹ “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: **The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.** ¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. ¹² “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”
- In Daniel’s visions, the **Antichrist is always associated with the final phase of the Roman Empire (the 4th Kingdom)**
 - Daniel 2 ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.
 - Daniel 7 ²³ “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.
- Confederation of 10 European nations
 - Both of books of Daniel and Revelation associate the Antichrist with a confederation of 10 European nations that correspond in some way to the old Roman Empire.

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- Revelation 13¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw **a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns**, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
- Revelation 17³ And I saw a woman sitting on a **scarlet beast** *which was* full of names of blasphemy, **having seven heads and ten horns**.
- Revelation 17¹² **“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.** ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”
- Daniel 2⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.
- Daniel 7²³ “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴ The ten horns *are* ten kings *Who* shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, And shall subdue three kings.
- Revelation 13¹ ... And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
- Revelation 17¹² “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.
- In Revelation 17:9 the Antichrist is identified with the city that sits on seven hills - that is Rome
- Daniel 9:25-27 states he will come from among the people who will destroy the second temple - that is the Romans

He will make a peace treaty with Israel

- Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

He will rule by International consent

- Rev 17:12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. ¹³ They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.

He will rule by deception

- Dan 8:24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people. ²⁵ He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.

10 Kings

Revelation 17¹² “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the

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beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”

He will control the global economy

- Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

He will break the treaty and invade Israel

- Dan 9:26 The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

The Antichrist is slain and resurrected

Rev 13 ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been **mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed**. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Rev 17 ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see **the beast that was, and is not, and yet is**.

- As Christ was slain on the cross and then raised from the dead, so it appears that the beast had received a mortal wound [“had been slain,” the past perfect tense], but had been raised, as well.
 - The parallels between the two are explicit . . . and chilling
- One of the heads of the beast appeared to have been mortally wounded.
 - The Greek word is ἐσφαγμένην εἰς θάνατον, “slain to death”
 - The same word was used of the Lamb in Rev 5:6 “as though it had been slain”
 - Rev 5 ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

The Antichrist is worshipped

Rev 13 ³ And all the world **marveled** and followed the beast. ⁴ So they **worshipped** the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

Rev 17 ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will **marvel**, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- The crowds are fascinated by the beast – And that “marveling” led people to worship both the dragon—who had delegated his power and authority to the beast—and the beast himself.
- Worshipped - The Greek word is προσεκύνησαν , “to do reverence to” or “go down on my knees to, do obeisance to, worship”
 - The word was often used of the crowd’s reaction to Jesus in the synoptic gospels.

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- Watching Satan's grotesque parody of the Trinity take shape is, indeed, fascinating . . . much like watching in slow motion a violent train crash!
- The fact that the beast utters blasphemies suggests that he makes overt claims to being divine, to being the object of worship
 - According to the historian Suetonius, the Emperor Domitian (A.D. 81-96) believed that the Empire should be a divine monarchy, not a Republic, proclaiming himself dominus et deus, ("Lord and God"), moving the center of government to the imperial court, rendering the Roman Senate impotent and expelling those senators whom he deemed troublesome. (E.P. Janzen offers numismatic evidence for Domitian's claims of divinity, citing coins struck during Domitian's reign that refer to him as "divine Caesar." "The Jesus of the Apocalypse Wears the Emperor's Clothes." In SBL 1994 Seminar Papers, ed. by E.H. Lovering Jr., 637-661. Atlanta: Scholar's Press.)
 - The Temple of Trajan attests to the strength of the Roman imperial cult in the city.
 - Trajan (A.D. 98-117) followed Domitian, and as we learned in Lesson #4, Pergamum, the third of the seven churches of Revelation, became an Asian center of the Imperial Roman cult, boasting the beautiful Temple of Trajan on its acropolis.

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He will claim to be God

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

His destruction or annihilation comes at the return of Jesus Christ

- (Daniel 7:8-9; II Thessalonians 2:3; Revelation 19:20).
- the person speaks with great pompous words ([Daniel 7:8-9](#); [II Thessalonians 2:4](#); [Revelation 13:11-14](#)).
- the person does miraculous, supernatural signs ([II Thessalonians 2:9](#); [Revelation 13:13-15](#); [Revelation 19:20](#))
- Rev 17⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
- Dan 8²⁵ He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

To better understand the person of the [antichrist](#), you can begin by reading [Revelation 13:1-4](#). As you read, ask God to help you understand His Word ([Psalms 119:73](#)).

In this Scripture passage, we witness the rise of the antichrist, who will come into great power during the tribulation period. With your [Bible](#) still accessible, consider the following insights on the biblical text, verse by verse. The below points about the antichrist will help us understand what he is, what he will do, signs and events around his rise to power, and ultimately his goal.

15 Characteristics and Signs of the Antichrist

[Revelation 13:1-4](#)

1. A beast - *I saw a beast rising out of the sea (13:1)*: Revelation pictures the antichrist as a beast 32 times. The image points to the brutal, bloody, uncontrolled, and wild character of this diabolical dictator. It also contrasts the antichrist from Christ, who is most commonly called the Lamb. The Lamb saves sinners, but the beast persecutes and executes the saints. The Lamb is gentle, whereas the beast is ferocious. The Lamb is loving, but the beast is heartless and cruel.

2. A Gentile - *This beast "rises out of the sea"* - The sea refers to the **Gentile nations** ([Revelation 17:15](#)), indicating that the antichrist will be a Gentile. "Anti" can mean "instead of" or "against" or "opposed to." So "antichrist" can mean "instead of Christ," "against Christ," or "opposed to Christ." The antichrist is the "man of lawlessness," the "son of destruction," who will lead the world into rebellion against God ([2 Thessalonians 2:3-10](#); [Revelation 11:7](#)) and deceive multitudes ([Revelation 19:20](#)).

3. Great Power - *"With ten horns and seven heads" (13:1)*: We have seen that because animals use horns as weapons ([Genesis 22:13](#); [Psalms 69:31](#)), horns eventually became symbols of power and then of dominion, representing kingdoms and kings.

4. Roman Revival - Comparing this text with [Daniel 7:16-24](#), we conclude that the antichrist will rise up from ten kingdoms that will constitute a revived Roman Empire, the final form of Gentile world power before Christ returns.

Some Bible expositors say the seven heads are the principal rulers of the antichrist's revived Roman Empire. Others suggest that the seven heads may be successive world empires — Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the antichrist's revived Roman Empire. Still others say the seven heads represent seven mountains ([Revelation 17:9](#)). A mountain can symbolize a kingdom (see [Daniel 2:34-45](#)). This may be a veiled reference to Rome, which was built on seven hills ([Revelation 17:18](#)). All these views support the idea that antichrist's kingdom will be a revived Roman Empire.

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5. Global Power - *"With ten diadems on its horns" (13:1)*: The ten diadems, or crowns, point to the dominion of the antichrist's kingdom, which will eventually embrace the entire globe.

6. Will Blaspheme - *"and blasphemous names on its heads" (13:1)*: These point to the antichrist's character — he will have a mouth full of blasphemy ([Revelation 13:5-6](#)) and will exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped ([2 Thessalonians 2:4](#)).

7. Great Army - *"The beast was like a leopard" (13:2)*: Much of the imagery in this verse is from [Daniel 7](#). The leopard was known for swiftness, cunning, and agility (see [Daniel 7:6](#)). This imagery in Daniel represents Greece under Alexander the Great, which had a swift, cunning, and agile army. Such will be the case with the antichrist as he comes into world dominion.

8. Fierce - *"its feet were like a bear's" (13:2)*: The bear in Daniel's account refers to Medo-Persia ([Daniel 7:5](#)), well known for its strength and fierceness in battle ([Isaiah 13:17-18](#)). Such strength and fierceness will certainly characterize the antichrist and his forces.

9. Powerful Words - *"Its mouth was like a lion's" (13:2)*: The lion in Daniel's account refers to Babylon ([Daniel 7:4](#)), with lion-like qualities of power and strength. Babylon was known for its ability to move quickly (like a lion). Such qualities will characterize the antichrist.

A comparison of [Revelation 13:2](#) with [Daniel 7](#) reveals that the final world empire of the antichrist — a revived Roman Empire — will be rooted in all the previous empires. It will unite in a single kingdom the evil and power that characterized all the previous kingdoms.

10. Satan - *"To it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority" (13:2)*: The ultimate source of the antichrist's power is Satan.

11. Resurrected Dead? - *"Seemed to have a mortal wound" (13:3)*: Some Bible expositors believe this mortal wound refers to the pagan Roman Empire, which died in the past but will be revived in the end times. Others say a historical character of the past, such as Nero, Judas Iscariot, Mussolini, Hitler, or Stalin, will come back to life and fulfill the role of the antichrist in the end times. Others say the antichrist will actually be killed and then resurrected. Still others say that perhaps the antichrist will be severely wounded, and Satan will supernaturally heal this wound. Perhaps he will simply appear to be killed, though he really is not, and through satanic trickery will appear to be resurrected.

The revived Roman Empire view seems unfeasible because [Revelation 13:12](#) specifically refers to "the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed." The "first beast" is the antichrist. Then, in [Revelation 13:14](#), we find a parallel reference to "the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived." This verse is interpreted most naturally as referring to a person — not a reincarnation of a past person, but a unique anti-God person of the future.

It is unlikely that the antichrist will actually be resurrected, but he may give the appearance of having been resurrected. Satan has supernatural abilities ([John 12:31](#); [2 Corinthians 4:4](#); [Ephesians 2:2](#)), but he is not powerful enough to resurrect people from the dead. Only God can create life ([Genesis 1:1](#), [Genesis 1:21](#); [Deuteronomy 32:39](#)); the devil cannot (see [Exodus 8:19](#)). The devil has great power to deceive people ([Revelation 12:9](#)). He is a master magician and a super-scientist.

With his vast knowledge of God, man, and the universe, he is able to perform counterfeit miracles ([2 Thessalonians 2:9](#)). Some theologians believe Satan may be able to perform limited "grade-B" miracles. But only God can perform "grade-A" miracles. Only God can fully control and supersede the natural laws He Himself created. Satan will likely engage in a grade-B miracle in healing the wounded (but not dead) antichrist or engage in some kind of masterful deception, or perhaps a combination of both. In any event, the antichrist will appear to be resurrected from the dead. [2 Corinthians 4:4](#) informs us that Satan can blind peoples' minds. If Satan pulls off some kind of counterfeit resurrection, he may blind people's minds so that they accept this as an indication of the antichrist's power and deity and subsequently worship him.

If the antichrist only appears to be dead but is not genuinely dead, a scenario suggested by Bible scholar Walter Price becomes viable: The apostle Paul was stoned in Lystra, and the citizens "dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead" ([Acts 14:19](#)). While in an unconscious state, Paul "was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words,

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which it is not lawful for a man to utter” (2 Corinthians 12:4)... At the same time, he was thought to be dead, his spirit was caught up into the third heaven and there received a profound revelation from God. This same thing, in reverse, will happen to the Antichrist. The Antichrist...will be no more dead than was the apostle Paul. But just as the citizens of Lystra thought Paul was dead, so the Antichrist will be thought dead.¹ Just as Paul’s spirit departed from his body and was taken to heaven, where he received further revelations, so the antichrist’s spirit may depart from his body and be taken into the abyss, where Satan will offer the world’s kingdoms to him. The antichrist’s spirit will then return from the abyss (Revelation 11:7), re-enter what appears to be a dead body, and thereby give the appearance of a resurrection from the dead. Mark Hitchcock suggests that while his spirit is in the abyss, the “Antichrist probably receives his orders and strategy from Satan, literally selling his soul to the devil, and then comes back to earth with hellish ferocity to establish his world domination over a completely awestruck earth.”²

12. World-Wide Attention - *"The whole earth marveled as they followed the beast" (13:3)*: This event will no doubt make headlines around the world. Internet videos of the event will go viral. Television reports of the event will be shown around the clock.

13. Worshipped - *"They worshiped the dragon" (13:4)*: During Christ’s three-year ministry, Satan tried to persuade Him to fall down and worship him (Matthew 4:9). Before that, Lucifer (Satan’s original name) sought to put himself in the place of God (see Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19). Satan will finally have what he has yearned for—worship. *They worshiped the beast... "Who is like the beast?" (13:4)*: This contrasts with believers, who say to God, “Who is like you, O Lord?” (Exodus 15:11).

Major Characteristics of the Antichrist

1. The genius of the antichrist. Scripture reveals that the antichrist will be a genius in intellect (Daniel 8:23), commerce (Daniel 11:43; Revelation 13:16-17), war (Revelation 6:2; Revelation 13:2), speech (Daniel 11:36), and politics (Revelation 17:11-12).

2. The antichrist mimics Christ. Christ is God (John 1:1-2; John 10:36), and the antichrist will claim to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:4). Christ did miracles (Matthew 9:32-33; Mark 6:2); the antichrist will mimic such miracles (Matthew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9). Christ is crowned with many crowns (Revelation 19:12); the antichrist is crowned with ten crowns (Revelation 13:1). Christ rides a white horse (Revelation 19:11) as does the antichrist (Revelation 6:2). Christ was resurrected (Matthew 28:6); the antichrist will appear to be resurrected (Revelation 13:3-14). Christ is a member of the holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14), but the antichrist is a member of an unholy trinity—Satan, the antichrist, and the false prophet (Revelation 13).

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One World – False Prophet

Pope Francis

- Catholicism Unites With Islam - Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together
 - <https://signsoftherapture.com/rapture-signs/ecumenism/catholicism-unites-with-islam/>
 - <https://www.ncronline.org/news/quick-reads/us-catholic-officials-welcome-catholic-muslim-document-signed-pope>
- The Pope's Push for a One-World Religion
 - <http://www.reachingcatholics.org/pope.html>
- Pope Francis says there can be no justice without 'social rights'
 - <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2019/06/pope-francis-says-there-can-be-no-justice-without-social-rights/>
- Climate change
 - Pope Francis: Pandemic Could Be 'Nature's Revenge' For Ignoring Climate Change
 - <https://www.zerohedge.com/health/pope-francis-suggests-pandemic-natures-revenge-ignoring-climate-change>
- A Catholic case for open borders
 - <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/03/05/catholic-case-open-borders>
- Pope Francis reportedly denies the existence of hell. Vatican panics.
 - <https://www.vox.com/2018/3/30/17179952/pope-francis-hell-vatican-interview-scalfari-italian>
 - Speaking to the newspaper's founder, journalist and atheist Eugenio Scalfari, Francis was quoted as saying of those who die in a state of mortal sin: "They are not punished. Those who repent obtain God's forgiveness and take their place among the ranks of those who contemplate him, but those who do not repent and cannot be forgiven disappear. A hell doesn't exist, the disappearance of sinning souls exists."
- Vatican releases logo for Pope Francis' visit to Morocco
 - <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-01/pope-francis-morocco-visit-logo-hope-interreligious-dialogue.html>
- Pope Francis Now International Monetary Guru
 - <https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-01-09/pope-francis-now-international-monetary-guru>
- Now is time to build new world without inequality, injustice, pope says
 - <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/francis-chronicles/now-time-build-new-world-without-inequality-injustice-pope-says>
- Vatican: OK to get virus vaccines using abortion cell lines
 - <https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/vatican-virus-vaccines-abortion-cell-lines-74841735>



Final Popes

- In the 12th Century, St. Malachy O'Morgair, the Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland, had a prophetic vision of the 112 popes following Pope Celestine II, who died in 1144. The descriptions of all 112 Popes are here: [St. Malachy's Prophecy of the Final 112 Popes](#). These are St. Malachy's Latin descriptions (in italics) for the final five Popes:
 - Paul VI (1963-1978): *Flos florum*, which means "flower of flowers." Paul VI's coat of arms bore the image of three lilies.
 - John Paul I (1978): *De medietate Lunae*, meaning "of the half of the moon." John Paul reigned for about a month—from half a moon to the next half moon.
 - John Paul II (1978-2005): *De labore Solis*, or "from the labor of the sun." John Paul II was born during a partial solar eclipse (May 18, 1920). There also was a rare "hybrid" eclipse on the day of his funeral (April 8, 2005).
 - Benedict XVI (2005-2013): *Gloria Olivæ*, or "glory of the olive." St. Benedict himself prophesied that before the end of the age, his Order, known also as the Olivetans, triumphantly would lead the Catholic Church in its fight against evil. This pope was a conservative peacemaker, and the olive branch is a symbol of peace.

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- Francis (2013-????): Petrus Romanus, or “Peter of Rome.” It was predicted that this pope would reign during a time of extreme persecution of the Church. He would feed the sheep through many tribulations, at the end of which the city of seven hills (seemingly, Rome) would be destroyed, and then the formidable Judge will judge His people.
- Thus, Pope Francis could be the final pope.
 - He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, so one might wonder how he could be considered to be Petrus Romanus or “Peter of Rome.” In fact Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) is of Italian descent because his father, Mario José Bergoglio, was an Italian immigrant to Argentina.
 - Also, Pope Francis named himself after St. Francis of Assisi, who was an Italian or Roman priest. His original name was Giovanni di Pietro (Peter) di Bernardone or “Peter the Roman”; and, of course, Pope Francis does reside at the Vatican in Rome.
 - Furthermore, Pope Francis has reaffirmed the authority of the Roman Pontiff over the Church. He also has emphasized the supremacy of the Roman Catholic Faith and the Roman Catholic Church above all other religions and denominations, as well as its authority over all Christians and all peoples of the world.

Could Pope Francis be the False Prophet?

Based on the article “Could Pope Francis be the False Prophet?” from www.christianevidence.net
<https://www.christianevidence.net/2018/11/could-pope-francis-be-false-prophet.html>
<https://vimeo.com/520342423>

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According to Scripture, the greatest religious leader in history - the Antichrist’s right hand man (a.k.a. the False Prophet) - will arise from Rome to force humanity to worship the Antichrist and deceive countless people near the time of Christ's return.

The false prophet is the leader of the false church ("the harlot") in [Revelation 17:1-5](#).

Rev 17 ¹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which* was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵ And on her forehead a name *was* written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.

There is strong evidence that this false church is the Roman Catholic Church (see [here](#)). Thus, it is highly likely that the pope in charge of the Catholic Church at the end is the false prophet who works with the Antichrist throughout the tribulation period.

From a prophetic stand point, out of all the popes who have come and gone in the past century, Jorge Mario Bergoglio (a.k.a. Pope Francis), who became pope of the Catholic Church on the 13th of March, 2013, has accomplished more in the last two years than all these popes combined! **Pope Francis even comes close to "filling the bill" on the False**

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Prophet...



Pope Francis

1. *The false prophet promotes the worship of Antichrist (Revelation 13:12).*

Rev 13 ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

So, it is likely the false prophet will be a **leading religious figure**, prior to the rapture, in order to ensure a global following for an Antichrist "*declaring himself god*" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

2Th 2 ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Not only is Pope Francis the **top religious figure**, but he is also more popular than any political world leader, according to a [recent poll](#). Pope Francis holds the record for amassing one million followers on Instagram in the shortest amount of time (under 12 hours), and is one of the [most influential world leaders on Twitter](#), followed by more than 40 million accounts! Pope Francis also rules over half of what is called Christendom with its **1.3 billion** Roman Catholics! **The pope is positioned better than anyone on the scene to fulfill this prophecy.**



Pope Francis has his picture taken inside St. Peter's Basilica with youth from the Italian Diocese of Piacenza and Bobbio on Aug. 28, 2013.

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2. The false prophet sets up a "living" image (statue) of the Antichrist that must be worshiped (*Revelation 13:14-15*).

Rev 13 ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Pope Francis is already beginning to prepare people of the world to worship image figures of living men. On April 16, 2017, a **wax image figure** of Pope Francis was set up for an Easter Mass (see video below). The **statue** was afterward transferred to the Petrópolis Wax Museum, where it is on permanent display.

The Roman Catholic Church has always used idolatry as a means of deception and have been making images for people to worship for many centuries. **Thus, is it really any wonder that Pope Francis and the Catholic Church are starting to use wax figurines to deceive their flock?**

There is also speculation about whether this "image of the beast" (*Rev 13:15*) is going to be an Artificial Intelligence (AI) robot (see [here](#)), and interestingly, Pope Francis is very up to date on AI! Pope Francis has attended many technology conferences on the topic of AI and even mentioned it at this year's World Economic Forum, which many [news reports](#) admitted was "*an unusual topic for a pontiff*". **Could Pope Francis be preparing for the creation of a future AI robot in the likeness of the Antichrist?**



Pope Francis performs 'half-miracle'

3. The false prophet will show his power by performing great deceptive miracles (*Revelation 13:13-14*).

Rev 13 ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Performing miracles is nothing new to Pope Francis. Pope Francis is credited with many healing miracles (see: [Families speak on stories of Pope Francis' healing powers](#)) and has already performed one miracle in which he turned dried blood into liquid (see [here](#)).

Interestingly, when Pope Francis visited the United States, the liberal press admired the Pope for his alleged **power over the elements**. The [Daily Mail Online](#) heralded the "*dozens of 'rainbows' seen in Central Park as people waited for the Pope.*" Fox News' Shepard Smith even found it interesting that New York should have already been in the throes of Autumn, but for the Pope's visit summer was still there and the trees were still green. **The false prophet is going to manipulate the elements ([Rev 13:13](#))!**

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4. The false prophet will force mankind to receive the "mark of the beast" (*Revelation 13:16-17*).

Rev 13 ¹⁶He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Many Evangelicals, Fundamentalists and **Catholics** believe that **RFID implants** are the "mark of the beast" and are thus outraged by the technology. Yet, in a controversial move by the Catholic church, Pope Francis has come out in vocal support of RFID Chip technologies and the extraordinary potential they hold for mankind (see [here](#))! Francis said:

"We have examined the scriptures thoroughly, and I can conclusively say that there's nothing to indicate that RFID Chips are Satanic in anyway. If anything, these devices are a blessing from God himself, bestowed upon humanity to solve many of the world's ills."

In addition, Pope Francis' **private meetings with tech giants** including: Apple CEO Tim Cook, former Google CEO and Alphabet executive chairman Eric Schmidt, Instagram CEO Kevin Systrom, and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, makes you wonder... **Could Pope Francis be preparing for the implementation of the "mark of the beast" in America and around the world?** (Note: Apple, Google and Facebook are part of five American Tech companies that *dominate and control every of the digital life of an individual*). See: [Wait, Why Are Apple and Google Execs Meeting With the Pope?](#)



Mark Zuckerberg meets with Pope Francis

5. The false prophet, along with the Antichrist, will promote and enforce a totalitarian world government, a global economic system, and a universal religion (*Revelation 13:12*).

Rev 13 ¹²And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Ever since the very beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has been pushing for global unity in religious matters (see [here](#)), global unity in economic matters (see [here](#)) and global unity in political matters (calling for a "one world government" and a new "global political authority" (see [here](#) and [here](#))).

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Interestingly, Shimon Peres (former Israeli President) has wanted to establish an **international body representing the world's major religions** with **Pope Francis as its leader!** Peres states, "*perhaps for the first time in history the Holy Father is a leader who's respected, not just by a lot of people, but also by different religions and their representatives*". See: [Pope Francis Picked to Lead One-World Religion](#)

6. *The name of the false prophet will add up to 666 (Revelation 13:18).*

Rev 13¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

In Ordinal gematria (i.e. basic gematria where A=1, B=2, all the way up to Z=26), the name "Pope Francis" = **122**. Both "**Six hundred Sixty Six**" and "Chi Xi Stigma" (Greek for **Six Hundred Sixty Six**) = **122** in the Ordinal gematria! Furthermore, the Pope's title is Vicar of Christ ('*Vicarius Filii Dei*' in Latin) which also equates numerically to the number **666** ([source](#))!



Pope wearing the two horned mitre

7. *The false prophet has "two horns like a lamb" (Revelation 13:11).*

Rev 13¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

In the Bible, the Lamb represents Christ, the Lamb of God. The pope takes the title "Vicar of **Christ**" meaning he is presented as Christ on Earth, in his place. So he is literally the most famous man on earth to be "*like a lamb,*" or like THE lamb. In addition, the pope's mitre literally has **two horns**. If you go to the Catholic Encyclopedia, they themselves call it a "*two horned mitre!*" **Indeed, the pope is a like a lamb with two horns!** (Note: This verse is clearly symbolic, although it's interesting how it also fits the pope in a literal sense!)

8. *The false prophet's message is the message of the devil and Satan (Revelation 13:11).*

Rev 13¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

Even the media have picked up on the fact that Pope Francis talks a lot about Satan, the devil (see: [Why is Pope Francis so obsessed with the devil?](#)). Nonetheless, Pope Francis' false doctrine, alone, makes it clear who he serves. Pope Francis

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declares Lucifer as God, declares having a personal relationship with Jesus is dangerous, denies the existence of hell, claims atheists will go to heaven if they're good people and that salvation is free, agrees with the evolution/Big Bang theory and rejects Creationism, sees nothing wrong with homosexuality... etc. **All the greatest heresies and lies of Satan!**

9. The false prophet will deceive many, even the elect (Matthew 24:24).

Mt 24 ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Pope Francis speaks boldly against the Bible and the Catholic Faith almost every week without anyone to stop him! The **silence of many** proves that Pope Francis is the greatest false-prophet in the history of the Church.

10. The false prophet's inward impression is fierce and dangerous (Revelation 13:11).

Rev 13 ¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

Pope Francis has been known to attack anyone who opposes or dares voice disagreement with him. Just this year, the Vatican took new measures to punish critics of Pope Francis in a move that seems to belie the pope's earlier calls for greater dialogue and debate within the Church. See: [Vatican Cracks Down on Critics of Pope Francis](#)



Francis has “a fit of anger”

The Vatican suspended historian Henry Sire after he was revealed to be the author of the bestselling [book](#) *The Dictator Pope: The Inside Story of the Francis Papacy*, a critical examination of the pontificate of Pope Francis. In it, Sire portrayed Francis as an **authoritarian leader who does not brook opposition or criticism**. Contrary to his public persona as a jovial man of the people, Sire wrote that Francis has turned out to be “*a papal tyrant the like of whom has not been seen for many centuries*” and under his administration, “*the Vatican is systematically silencing, eliminating and replacing critics of the Pope’s views.*” He declared:

“When the publicity cameras are off him, Pope Francis turns into a different figure: arrogant, dismissive of people, prodigal of bad language and notorious for furious outbursts of temper which are known to everyone from the cardinals to the chauffeurs,”

11. The false prophet will be a wolf in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15).

Mt 7 ¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Interestingly, not only does this idiom describe Pope Francis perfectly, but so does its literal meaning. The Pope literally dresses in sheep’s clothing. He wears a “pallium” which is a shawl made out of **Lamb**’s wool raised by Trappist monks outside of Rome. It has embroidered on it the feet of lambs. No false prophet has ever worn such deceitful and expensive religious vestments. And, of course, he wears a white “dog collar” which is slang for a clerical collar and marks him as a

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wild dog – a wolf in sheep's clothing.

12. *The false prophet kills people who don't follow the Antichrist (Revelation 13:15).*

Rev 13¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Coincidentally, Pope Francis is the *first* such pope in the history of the Roman Catholic Church to be a **JESUIT!** **Who can cause more harm and martyrdom than a Jesuit pope?** One of the main enforcers of the Roman Catholic Inquisitions were the Jesuits...



Circa 1400, Heretics are tortured and nailed to wooden posts during the Roman Catholic Inquisition.

Pope Francis has taken and administered this same Satanic Jesuit oath which includes the following appalling statements:

"I promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage war, secretly and openly, against all heretics and protestants as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex nor condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive those infamous heretics; rip open their stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race."

13. *The false prophet is an enemy of the state of Israel (Daniel 11:40-41).*

Dan 11⁴⁰ "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through. ⁴¹ He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

Like all popes before him, Pope Francis is absolutely an enemy of the state of Israel. The decision by Pope Francis and the Vatican to grant diplomatic recognition to the state of Palestine, and his rejection of the U.S. move to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, attest to this.

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Pope Francis with Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas

14. *The Antichrist intends to change times and law* (*Daniel 7:8; 7:20-22; 7:24-25*).

Dan 7²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.
Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

Pope Francis can modify divine law as he pleases. One Roman Catholic writer quotes: “. . . *the pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God...*” ! In Francis' first year as Pope, various possible changes to Catholic doctrine were discussed around the Vatican:

- change to grant Communion to Catholic couples who are divorced and civilly remarried
- change to grant Communion to non-Catholics
- change to grant Church blessings to gay unions

15. *The false prophet will influence the "kings of the earth"* (*Revelation 16:14; 18:3*).

Rev 16¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 18³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”

Today, so many of the European Union's political leaders are turning to Pope Francis (a religious figure!) for leadership and guidance. In an historic moment back in 2014, [Pope Francis addressed the leaders of Europe](#), the **European Parliament** in Strasbourg!

Just this year, French President Emmanuel Macron held an “intense” meeting with Pope Francis, discussing global issues including the fate of migrants coming to Europe. See: [France's Macron and Pope Francis hold unusually long meeting](#)

The very fact that this religious leader is able to influence the leaders of Europe in this way, helping to give them advice and exhortation, shows the great authority the Church has in the heights of power in Europe. **No other religious leader has been given such a privilege as the papacy.**

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Pope Francis meets with French President Emmanuel Macron at the Apostolic Palace on June 26,

16. The ultimate source of the false prophet's power is Satan (Revelation 13:2), so I expect the false prophet to be surrounded by religious and demonic symbolism.

Rev 13 ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

The religious and demonic symbolism around Pope Francis is very troubling:



Lightning strikes Vatican hours after Pope resigns

- **The way Pope Francis stepped onto the world stage was rather alarming.** On Feb. 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation, making him the first pontiff in 600 years to do so. Exactly **6** hours after the shocking announcement, **lightning struck St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican** not once..but **TWICE**. **Just a coincidence?**

Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning (Luke 10:18; Rev 12:9). Lightning can also be a token of God's wrath (2 Sam 22:15; Job 28:26; 37:4; Psa 135:7; 144:6; Zech 9:14), representing God's judgment on the world (Rev 20:9). **Perhaps the Vatican lightning shot was a warning from God of events to come?**

- Pope Francis' predecessor stepped down as Pope on February 28th, 2013. Then **13** days later, on **3/13/13** (make note of the number '13') at 7:06 pm (7+6 = **13**) Rome time, Pope Francis was 'selected' as Pope at age 76 (7+6 = **13**). He took on the Papal name of Francis (named after St Francis, a **13**th Century saint) at 8:**13** pm Rome time. Even adding the numbers in this election date (3/13/2013) = 3+1+3+2+0+1+3 = **13**. Back in 1969, Pope Francis was ordained a priest, also on the **13**th day of the month (**13** December 1969).

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In [Revelation 13:18](#), the word "Six hundred Threescore and six" = **313** (Ordinal), and it's in this **13th** chapter we are given a detailed description of the **false prophet**. **The number 13 is long associated with the Devil and is used throughout Satanism (commonly associated with 'bad luck')**!

- Evil groups such as the Illuminati and the Freemasons use various hand signals to show their allegiance to Satan, and **Pope Francis has been flashing satanic hand signs for years now!** Many times in public, during the course of his papacy, Francis has flashed the **666** hand signal, the satanic horned hand symbol, and the "hidden hand" masonic sign.



Pope Francis flashes horned hand signs

- Twice, there has been a photo of Pope Francis having "horns" on his head on Time Magazine's cover (see [here](#) and [here](#)). Were these deliberate? I don't know.

[Sons of Abraham](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EINIs8IQT7k>

This one world religious order foretold in prophecy is beginning to be formed right now as it is being formed.

The exact same concept which is we are the sons of Abraham that was used in the first century during the time of the roman empire by the religious system of that day to reject Jesus.

This demonic concept is now in our day being used again by the roman pontifex maximus in the last days to unify a one world fraternity of religion by saying that we are all the sons of Abraham - which it will also minimize the deity and the name of Jesus. just as Jesus himself foretold

We are going to see how that the sons of Abraham unification of all religions together with the abraham accords for peace how it is the diabolical satanic effort that is the prophesied great deception of one religious order of revelation that denies jesus the christ.

Right now the stage is being set for the antichrist arrival. it is shocking to realize how near the end time prophecies of revelation that we are.

World events and conditions connecting it to the holy prophecies

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The last days final beast system a political government that will rise up to the to control the world.

This first and second beast this antichrist and the false prophet - they form a political and religious government. The second beast exercises authority with the first beast for the purpose of causing the earth and all those who dwell in it to accept the antichrist and his kingdom and to worship and follow after the first beast, the antichrist.

and the religious beast system has power to perform signs. And the revelation 13 prophecy describes them. It is a second beast - it is a false prophet - who brings about the image. It may be a statue, but he's able to make this image to speak.

He also brings about the 666 system to make all the world heal to the plans of the first beast, the antichrist. It is that second beast, that religious beast system, the two-horned lamb, speaking with the mouth of the dragon, who deceives the whole world and brings the earth to follow the first beast the antichrist

So the prophecy is showing us in revelation 13 that this last days religious system order which is led by the false prophet. It is he who will build the bridges paving the way for the political ruler the first beast to be accepted by the world so that they follow after him.

We are seeing this religious world order that is foretold in the revelation 13 prophecy beginning to be formed up right now before our eyes. It is using the we the sons of abraham concept to bring together an abrahamic one world religious order which calls for world peace. Through something like the Abrahamaccords which are being facilitated through the roman pope of the Vatican city of rome.

Now the facts of the events that have happened in recent years they bear this out clearly.

13 events that have happened pointing toward the revelation 13 political and religious world order beginning to be formed. in these 13 events i'm sharing with you that shows the one world religious order of the abrahamic interfaith covenant being brought together

- May 2014 – Pope francis visited jerusalem and the temple mount
 - He went to the gold-topped dome of the rock and to the silver domed al-aqsa mosques were the muslim religious and political leaders in jerusalem went to worship allah
 - then afterwards the roman pope also went to the jewish western wall with the top jewish political and religious leaders to pray
 - then afterwards, there in Jerusalem, the roman pontiff appealed in his speech for the three Abrahamic religions with their common heritage to set aside their differences and to work together
 - he called for them to look to their joint faith in Abraham
- January 6, 2016 – Pope Francis released his one world religion prayer and intentions in a video released through the Vatican where he said that all religions of the world – whether roman catholic, jewish, buddhist, Christian, or muslim or whatever – that they were all equally children of god
 - In his words as he is laying the groundwork for the one world ecommunal religion
- May 2017 – President trump became the first sitting u.s president to visit the western wall in Jerusalem
 - Also in May 2017 – Trump went to the vatican city and met with the roman pontiff for a half-hour private conversation. As Trump was leaving, he was heard telling the pope “Thank you. I won't forget what you said.”
 - Trump also said after that meeting with the pope said he was more determined than ever to seek peace in the middle east
- February 2019 - Pope francis made the first ever visit by a roman pope to the muslim arabian peninsula – the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

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- The roman pope signed a one world religion agreement with the muslim grand imam which was called a historical breakthrough for a one world fraternity of religion with the goal to bring about world peace in government for all of humanity
- an amazing event right there. the pope and islam joining together in the united arab emirates in a world breakthrough for a one world fraternity religion
- June 21, 2019 – abc news reported that roman pope francis called for reform of catholic schools theology to where the relationship between catholics and muslims was to be taught in all catholic schools. that they are brothers with a common mission to promote peace
- September 2019 – the times of Israel reported that the interfaith council would build an interfaith compound in the UAE called the Abrahamic family house and that Abrahamic family house would include a grand Muslim mosque, a Jewish synagogue and a roman catholic cathedral – facing one another on the grounds of this Abrahamic religious center. Focusing on a one world religious brotherhood development
 - this interfaith council was created out of the pope's agreement with a Muslim grand imam in the uae
 - the interfaith council made up of people from leaders religious leaders from all religions
 - the uae is where the pope had signed that document with a grand imam
- January 16, 2020 –
 - Now it really gets murky and secretive and even more interesting
 - On January 16, 2020 the Catholic News Agency reported that Sam Brownback (US ambassador at large for International Religious Freedom) together with Callista Gingrich (US ambassador to the Vatican) met with archbishops in the Vatican city with archbishops of

the vatican

holy see which the holy see

is the office of the pope

these two united states ambassadors

met in the vatican city where the

archbishops of the vatican holy see

where together they launched the

abrahamic

faiths initiative which that abrahamic

faith

initiative directly came out of the

roman popes

february 2019 meeting and agreement

on the human fraternity for world peace

between the pope and the muslim grand

imam signed in the united arab emirates

another step toward it

then

remember that last event was january 16

2020

but then january

24th 2020 and the same month

the catholic news agency and the america

jesuit review reported

that just one week later the u.s vice

president pence traveled

to the vatican so here you have two u.s

ambassadors

in the vatican making this abrahamic

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interfaith initiative
agreement with the vatican one week
later
you have the u.s vice president pence
traveling to the roman vatican
to where he met with the roman pope
where they met together privately
one-on-one
for a whole hour now you may not realize
it
but for some but that is a surprisingly
strange long time for a private papal
audience with someone who is not the
head of a nation-state
here you have vice president pence in a
meeting
of one hour with the pope
nobody in that meeting but vice
president pence
and the roman pontiff where they talked
in depth
on secret top secret topics which
are not known what they are
from this private meeting
all of this happening back to back
within one week in the vatican
and then just one day later
on january 25th 2020 in a vatican
dispatch
it reported on the america jesuit review
it said that one day later the pope met
with the president of iraq at the
vatican
where the two sat together in the pope's
private library
in a private conversation in which at
the
end of that the pope told the iraqi
president
that he wanted to have an iraqi identity
card
of citizenship that identified the pope
as a descendant of abraham
it's getting just more and more amazing
isn't it
then on june 3rd
2020 the
pope gave a message at the vatican that
was on the prayer of abraham to god
where he said that abraham is their
father in faith
with the patriarch abraham in the great

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jewish christian
and islamic traditions with abraham as
the perfect man of god he said capable
of submitting himself to god even when
his will is difficult if not even
incomprehensible
and then on september 15 2020
the abraham peace accords
the abraham accords peace agreement
was formed and signed
between who between israel
and the united arab emirates in
washington
ladies and gentlemen brothers and
sisters
in the same year you have
the two high-level ambassadors of the
united states meet with the archbishops
of the vatican holy see one week later
you have vice president pence there for
a whole
hour meeting with a pope in private
nobody knows the conversation
and then just a very few months later
september 15 2020 the abraham accords
peace agreement
is is formed and signed between israel
and the united arab
emirates which the united arab
emirates is the same country
where the pope met with the muslim grand
imam
and signed the one world religion
agreement and it's also the same country
where the abrahamic house
of faith is being built with the
grand mosque and
with the synagogue and with the roman
catholic cathedral
so between israel and the united arab
emirates in washington
with it being hailed as a breakthrough
framework for peace
in the middle east the abrahamic accords
for peace were developed
and signed
and then in march 6
2021 we have just recently
seen where the pope who is the head
of mystery babylon for the first time
in history the roman pontiff
returns to where it all began in ancient

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babylon in modern day
iraq and the middle east where the pope
prays at the great ziggurat our tower of
ur
built very near the tower of babel
location where he prays
there an economical prayer for the
sons and daughters of abraham
of all religious faiths of the world to
be united together
as one
as the roman pontiff made a prayer for
the sons of daughters of abraham
in world religious unity for all jews
all
christians and all muslims
he made that prayer of world unity there
in ancient er which is the birthplace
of abraham
and there at that babylonian ziggurat on
the stage
the roman pope made this statement
he said this blessed place brings us
back to our
origins we seem to have returned
home so in
iraq ancient babylon at the place
where abraham was called out by god to
leave that pagan place and to go on a
journey to where god would show him to a
promised land
the roman pontiff returns to the land of
earth
and says we have come back to where it
all began
and now on march 16th
2021 this week this week
on tuesday the vatican released the book
from the pope that was published by the
vatican news
which is titled get this title it is
titled
god and the world to come
and in that book i read excerpts from it
so this i read this myself
in that book titled god and the world to
come
the pope openly calls for a new world
order and those are his exact words
i'm using the exact same words that he
used in that book
he calls for a new world order where he

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said we cannot emerge
from this world crisis speaking of this
plague of pestilence of coronavirus
around the world that took the world
into crisis
he said we cannot emerge from this world
crisis the same
as before he said we can heal
by building and again these are his his
words
we can heal by building a new world
order based on solidarity
our unity
it's happening
just like the bible's prophecy says it's
happening
the pontiff went on to say in the book
that planetary discord
is nipping the future of humanity in the
blood
and he said that we need political
action
that is the fruit of international
harmony
so there what the pontiff is describing
is he's describing that
this new world abrahamic faith religious
order
this this new religious order based on
we are all the sons of abraham
he's saying that that new religious
world
order that is bringing together
international harmony
should facilitate a political solution
a government solution that's exactly
what he is saying
we can see clearly from this thread of
13 events that i just
described to you factual events
we can see how that the world one world
religious
order is beginning to be formed
now through the sons of abraham
initiative and in that thread that i
shared with you
you saw the common locations such as the
uae
you saw the abrahamic order
that was being developed you saw how the
abraham accords
came out of that as well how that the

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religious
is facilitating the political solution
now we know how the peace agreements
called the abraham accords
for peace between israel and the arab
nations in the region now we know how it
really got its start
and got its name i remember distinctly
whenever the abraham accords came out
and after that
i remember researching and researching
and researching
saying how did they come up with this
name the abraham accords
of course there was the article
published where president
trump whenever uh he was asked a
question about the name of the abraham
accords
he jokingly said or i assume he was
joking
he jokingly said that that he thought
that it should be called the trump
accords
but he said no one liked that
and the name that was used was the
abraham accords
and and remember how that the two
high-level u.s
ambassadors and the u.s vatican agreeing
with the archbishops to the abrahamic
interfaith initiative
vice president pence comes one hour
secret conversation
a few months later the abraham accords
are signed between israel and the same
country the uae
in which the pope went for the first
time in history to a muslim to the
muslim arabic peninsula
and there with a muslim grand imam
signed the one world
religion agreement this is not
happenstance ladies and gentlemen
this is the prophetic signs of the word
of god
that are happening oh i feel the holy
spirit
that are happening before our very eyes
now we know how the abraham accords you
had the religious
harmony being developed and out of that

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fruit
like the pope was saying in his book
came the political solution
of the abraham accords which was wildly
the most successful
mideast peace initiative that there's
ever been
it seems the genesis of it originated
out of the abrahamic interfaith
initiative
as a direct result from the roman
pontiff meetings with muslim imams and
leaders of arab nations in the middle
east
now we see clearly
how a complete religious and political
convergence
just as the daniel and revelation
prophecies foretell
such as in revelation 13 toward a
religious and political one-world
government
is being moved forward
by a religious effort through the sons
of abraham initiative
for religious world harmony that leads
to
a political solution on the likes of the
abraham accords that is developed from
the basis
of the religious order
this abrahamic interfaith initiative
that we are all the sons of abraham
started by the roman pope
is leading is pushing is bridging the
world to the fulfillment
of the end time prophecies
but remember this
that this is coming from the religious
system
that is forming up that will be the
beast
that is the two-horned lamb speaking as
the dragon
in revelation
this is not the first time that this
approach
and follow this closely this is not the
first time that this approach of we
are the sons of abraham has been used by
satan who is the dragon
to fight against the purposes of the

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lord god and to
try and replace the kingdom of god
lord jesus encountered this evil
attitude and plan before
in the bible in the first century during
the roman empire
look at john chapter 8. in john chapter
8
the religious system in that day of
jesus ministry
they said to jesus and i quote
we are abraham's descendants
jesus said to them but you seek to kill
me
because my word has no place in you
and then that religious system in that
day
facing jesus they said to him but
abraham is our father
and jesus said to them if god were your
father you would love me
for i proceeded forth and came from god
nor have i come of myself but he the
father sent me
and jesus told that religious system
that he was facing in that day he said
that you are of your
father the devil i'm quoting the words
of jesus
he said you are of your father the devil
these ones who are saying we are the
descendants of abraham
we are the sons of abraham he says
you're of your father the devil
and the desires of your father you want
to do
he was a murderer from the beginning
jesus speaking of
their father the devil he said jesus
said he was a murderer speaking of satan
from the beginning and he does not stand
in the truth because
there is no truth in him
jesus told them he said you seek to kill
me
jesus said abraham would not do this
abraham did not do this
and jesus said that your father abraham
rejoiced to see my day
jesus speaking as the messiah he said
father abraham rejoiced to see my day
and that he saw

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it and was glad and jesus said that
before
abraham was i am
with the lord jesus using the same exact
words the same exact quotation that the
lord god told moises
to tell the people of israel who was
sending him
he says tell them that i am
that i am has sent you and jesus christ
purposely
here in the gospel of john the eighth
chapter
he said before abraham was i
am and then those
those jewish sons of abraham began to
pick up stones to
kill jesus right then and there because
they realized that he was saying that
he was god manifested in the flesh but
jesus miraculously was concealed from
them and
and was able to leave and continue on
with his ministry until the time
fulfilled
jesus said that before abraham was i am
with the lord jesus pointing out
to satan and that satanic concept of us
being the sons of abraham
and that make that gives us all rights
and authority with god
jesus said no and he pointed out his own
absolute soul ownership
jesus pointed out his absolute sole
ownership of deity
as the son of god
so the political and religious system of
the first century
of the romans and the sons of abraham
rejected jesus
and they tried to eliminate him
crucifying him on a roman cross
and they tried to wipe out his name
which jesus said they were doing
the work of their father the devil
and then after the lord jesus
praised his holy name was resurrected
showed himself a lie by many infallible
proofs to his apostles and he ascended
into heaven
to the father to sit on the right hand
of the father the right hand of power

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on high
as the apostles of the lord jesus after
jesus started his church
in acts the second chapter in the book
of the acts of the apostles
where they were born again and they told
others how to be born again
through jesus christ through the name of
jesus and the holy spirit of jesus
and as the believers and the apostles of
the lord jesus
they went out preaching and teaching
in the name of jesus they were beaten
they were persecuted
because they preached and prayed in the
name of jesus christ
the authorities captured them and they
told them this
they said do not use
the name of jesus now pay close
attention we're fixing to go somewhere
that's really amazing
the authorities if if the if the
apostles of jesus and the believers of
jesus
would have been preaching and teaching
and doing whatever religious works
the authorities wouldn't have said
anything but because
they were using the name of jesus
the religious system of that day said
don't
do that don't use the name of jesus
and the apostles of jesus in the bible
and the acts of the apostles were
persecuted
and ultimately killed by the roman
empire because they practice in the book
of acts doing
everything in word or deed in the name
of jesus christ
they preached in the name of jesus they
prayed in the name of jesus
the only way they baptized in the book
of acts in acts 2 and acts 8 and acts 10
and 8 and acts 19
and as described by the apostle paul in
acts 22
they baptized in the name of jesus
since they knew what the name of the
father and of the son and of the holy
ghost is

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since the holy scriptures had taught
them that the lord is one
and his name is one
and the first century church and
apostles were persecuted
and killed by the religious and
political system of that day
peter and paul kill that orders it came
from the roman
pontifex maximus which in that day
of the first century was the roman
emperor
which this was before the roman church
and the roman pontiff were created
later in the third and into the 4th
century
they were created by the roman empire
and the title
pontifex maximus as i just recently
taught
was transferred to the roman pontiff
the pope
you see as the lord jesus explained to
us in romans the eighth chapter
it is the committed work of satan
to minimize the deity and the name
of jesus christ whom apostle paul
says that jesus was god manifest
in the flesh the devil hates the name of
jesus
because the name of jesus has been made
to have
all preeminence the bible holy scripture
says that there
is no other name under heaven among men
whereby
we must be saved except by the name of
jesus
and the holy scriptures also say that at
the name of
jesus every knee shall bow
of those in heaven and those on the
earth and those even under the earth
those from hell that means that satan
and his horde of demons
too have been put under the foot of
jesus christ the lord of glory
they have been put under subjection to
the name
of jesus
the world political and religious system
in the last days

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in the 21st century hear this
hear this the political and religious
world system in the last days
and the 21st century just as what
happened
in the first century is also going to
minimize
and eliminate the name of jesus
in this abrahamic interfaith
covenant and this is just as the lord
jesus prophesied
the lord jesus foretold in his
prophecies
in matthew chapter 24 that they will
deliver you
up the believers of jesus they will
deliver you up to tribulation and
kill you and you will be hated by all
nations for
praying in the father's name praying in
the name of the son
praying in mother
mary's name no
jesus prophesied that in the 21st
century
and the last days that you will be hated
by all nations
for my name's sake
and this last day's minimization and
elimination of the name of jesus
is coming and ladies and gentlemen i'm
going to describe to
you now how it has already begun and how
it is going to go forward and be
be completed the minimization and
elimination of the name of jesus has
already begun
in the one world religious fraternity
that is being formed now in this in the
sons of abraham in the name of the sons
of abraham that is the deception
the deception that satan used in the
first century
as seen in john 8 to reject jesus and
his name
and it is being used again by satan in
the last days
as the roman pontiff and the roman
vatican is facilitating
the sons of abraham interfaith one world
order
and and and it's obvious right

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of course the jews strongly embrace
abraham as their father as they
described themselves
rightly to be the direct physical
descendants of the promise of abraham
through
abraham isaac and jacob
but the jews to this day
consider jesus to be the greatest of all
false prophets and they despise the name
of jesus refusing to the
to allow the use of his name
so for the benefit of the abrahamic
interfaith order the sons of abraham
world religious order
for the for the benefit of the jewish
members
the name of jesus will not be used by it
because that one world religious order
is not going to want to offend
the jewish component or the muslim
component or the roman
christian component also
the muslims embrace abraham as their
father
through abraham's son ishmael
by way of hagggar the woman who was the
handmaid of sarah
abraham's wife but the muslims
they look at jesus just as being another
prophet
and they absolutely reject
his deity and they absolutely reject
him as the son of god so for the benefit
of the muslim brothers
in the abrahamic interfaith order
you can't be calling the name of jesus
in prayer
or in any religious service
oh i feel the holy ghost right now don't
you see this
and then the roman mother
church which is mystery babylon
in the revelation prophecies along with
its
protestant daughters its protestant
daughter churches that will be in unity
with
the roman babylon mother church
they too say that they look to abraham
as the father of the faithful
to which god made the promise of

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salvation through faith
but they have deluded
the preeminence of jesus
and his name as they have not recognized
jesus as the only and sole fulfillment
of abraham's promise where instead
they have adopted babylonian rituals and
pagan rites
and they have elevated other people
beside jesus
they have venerated other people besides
jesus diluting his absolute soul
ownership
of deity as the son of god they have
elevated
mary as the mother of god they have
elevated the pontiff
as being in the stead of jesus
christ on the earth
with this minimizing the deity of jesus
as the only incarnation of god and the
only
high priest of god and instead they used
titles as father
son mother instead of using
the name of jesus
you can listen to an entire liturgy of
the roman pope without once hearing the
name of jesus
and by the way you can also listen to an
entire message of modern christianity
mega church pastors
as they lift up blessings and favor
but they'll do the whole thing and you
won't hear the name of jesus
but they will also tell you that they
adore the pope
they adore this pope and the complete
inclusion
that he is bringing forth to happen
so the name of jesus will be dropped
from use in this one world fraternity of
religion
just as jesus said where instead
as according to the prophecy of john the
baptist
in matthew chapter 3 they are saying we
have abraham as our father
with them focusing on that
as they try to flee the wrath to come
when it is only the church of the name
of jesus

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that is not appointed unto wrath but
unto salvation
through jesus christ and as the lord
jesus prophesied
in matthew chapter 8
the lord jesus said that many will come
from the east
many from the west he said they're going
to come from everywhere
and they will sit down with abraham
isaac
and jacob in the kingdom of heaven
and then he says then jesus says while
those
who call themselves the sons of the
kingdom
or in other words they call themselves
the son of abraham
he says they will be cast into outer
darkness where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth
just like john the baptist says don't
you be calling yourselves the sons of
abraham
or that we have abraham to our father
john the baptist said that god can call
up stones
can call up believers out of the stones
and what did peter say
peter said of the church called by the
name of jesus he said you are all lively
stones
a royal priesthood
oh i feel the holy spirit of jesus
it's amazing what is going on
prophetically in these last days
the religious world is falling for this
deception of satan that has already
begun
in the one world religious fraternity
that is being formed
now in the sons of abraham deception
that satan used in the first century to
reject jesus and his name
and it's being used again now by satan
in the 21st century
in the last days to reject jesus and his
name which satan
hates we are seeing with our own
eyes the sons of abraham deception that
leads into one world religion
in this great deception it leads to a

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one world religion alliance of
christians and muslims and jews
as described in revelation 13 and is
shown in the roman pontifex maximus
prayer of the sons
of abraham it's happening right now can
you imagine how close we are to the
antichrist coming
we are extremely close can you imagine
how close we are
to the close of the age of grace at the
end of revelation chapter 3.
in this deception of the sons of abraham
this abrahamic
interfaith deception of satan it leads
to the regional peace agreement
as foretold in daniel chapter 9.
where the antichrist he who becomes the
antichrist
will facilitate a one world peace
agreement there
between israel and the abraham and the
nation arab nations in the region
that is on the order of like the abraham
accord
framework to where you see the religious
world order
facilitate the political solution
and this leads to the opening up
of all faiths to the temple mount
jesus foretold in matthew 24
that there would be a last days
jewish temple in jerusalem
just like daniel also prophesied it
in daniel the eighth chapter
and this abrahamic interfaith satanic
deception
will lead to the last days jewish temple
being on
the temple mount no doubt this that
what you are seeing right now with this
abrahamic
family house center in the uae
it's going to be the same model it's
going to be the same attitude it's going
to be the same concept
already with the abraham accords with
with the
nation of israel giving these jewish
nations that sign a peace agreement that
normalize relations with them
they're giving them access now to fly

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into jerusalem and go to the temple
mount generating
enormous good will
it's coming there's going to be a last
days jewish temple in jerusalem
we're already seeing the model in this
abrahamic
family house
and this abrahamic inner faith sons of
abraham deception from satan
not only does it lead to the last day's
jewish temple that leads to
a religious world order facilitating
the political world order of a
multinational government authority that
will be formed
described in revelation chapter 13.
but in the end the jewish sacrifices
as described in daniel chapter 8 along
with
israel's
stubbornness as well they should be
not to relinquish the settlements in
judea
as the lord jesus said in luke chapter
21 the antichrist with that
army that's given to him he's going to
invade judea
and the jews are going to have to flee
judea and judea is the west bank where
the jews are doing settlements
and that the whole world through the u.n
and through the eu
are calling israel the international
criminal court is now
investigating israel
partly because of the jewish settlements
in judea
but daniel chapter 8 says that the
jewish sacrifices
will lead to the covenant with israel
being broken
and it leads to judea and jerusalem
being invaded by the antichrist which
daniel chapter 8 says that this
antichrist first starts out small
sort of a sideshow but then the side
show becomes the main show the big show
because this antichrist is a little horn
that starts out small
daniel 11 says he starts with a small
number of people

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but then he grows and then through
influence deception
with him flowing on the heels on the
wings of this
sons of abraham religious order
he facilitates a
peace solution on the framework of
something similar to the abraham accords
but bigger
grander that includes the pathway for
israel to build their last day's jewish
temple
but then whenever the antichrist
turns from the method of peace to his
method of war
after you see in revelation chapter 6
after the the apocalyptic horse of peace
runs then what do you see you see the
apocalyptic horse of war
the red horse first the white horse then
the red horse
and then the antichrist with the army
that's given to him
he invades judea he invades jerusalem
he invades the jewish temple he stops
the daily sacrifices
and there he sets up he turns the jewish
temple
into the antichrist temple and he begins
his
reign of terror on the earth
the abraham accords
in the mideast the sons of abraham
prayers
in the mideast like we just saw in iraq
is the deception of the satanic spirit
of antichrist to bring the religions and
nations of the world
together in unity for the arrival
of the man of
sin the son of perdition the deceiving
antichrist
speaking peace turning to war
and bringing in the wrath of great
tribulation
and you will see as prophesied in the
holy scriptures
you will see modern christianity set
aside using the name of jesus
instead choosing the world religion
under the name of abraham in one world
unity with jews and

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muslims these events and conditions are linking up prophetically to the holy prophecies right now showing how near we are to the end of day's prophecies after the end of this age of grace and it's revealing that it's time for people to prepare now it's time for people to repent of their sins it's time for people to worship jesus it's time for people to be born again spiritually as jesus said you must in john chapter 3 you must be born again spiritually of the water and of the spirit born into the kingdom of god or jesus says you cannot enter into the kingdom of god that's the words of jesus and jesus only authorized his apostles in matthew 16 and 19 and whenever they were filled with the holy spirit when jesus started his church in the book of acts in acts chapter 2 the apostles stood up with peter leading the way who had been given the keys to the kingdom of god and just as jesus said that the only way to the father is through him they preached the new birth experience through the name of jesus and the holy spirit of jesus through the water and of the spirit which prepares those biblically born again into the kingdom of god to be ready to escape all things that will come to pass in the wrath of the tribulation of revelation prophecy that is soon to come upon the world of disobedience so many in the valley of decision and we ask now after we have shared these signs of the last days prophecies that are happening as we have watched the signs happening now it's time to pray and we're fixing to pray for everyone's prayer requests here on this live stream where we have hundreds of people from this wonderful last days church community

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The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

See [UN Agenda with WEF Solution](#)

GOAL 1: NO POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms everywhere – Economic growth must be inclusive to provide sustainable jobs and promote equality.

Globally, the number of people living in extreme poverty declined from 36% in 1990 to 10% in 2015. But the pace of change is decelerating and the COVID-19 crisis risks reversing decades of progress in the fight against poverty. New research published by the UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research warns that the economic fallout from the global pandemic could increase global poverty by as much as half a billion people, or 8% of the total human population. This would be the first time that poverty has increased globally in thirty years, since 1990.

More than 700 million people, or 10% of the world population, still live in extreme poverty today, struggling to fulfil the most basic needs like health, education, and access to water and sanitation, to name a few. The majority of people living on less than \$1.90 a day live in sub-Saharan Africa. Worldwide, the poverty rate in rural areas is 17.2%—more than three times higher than in urban areas.

For those who work, having a job does not guarantee a decent living. In fact, 8% of employed workers and their families worldwide lived in extreme poverty in 2018. One out of five children live in extreme poverty. Ensuring social protection for all children and other vulnerable groups is critical to reduce poverty.

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Developing countries are most at risk during – and in the aftermath – of the pandemic, not only as a health crisis but as a devastating social and economic crisis over the months and years to come. According to UNDP income losses are expected to exceed \$220 billion in developing countries, and an estimated 55% of the global population have no access to social protection. These losses will reverberate across societies; impacting education, human rights and, in the most severe cases, basic food security and nutrition.

To support the poorest and most vulnerable, the UN has issued a Framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, calling for an extraordinary scale-up of international support and political commitment to ensure that people everywhere have access to essential services and social protection.

The UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund aims to specifically support low- and middle-income countries as well as vulnerable groups who are disproportionately bearing the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic. Women leaders convened by UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed have called for support for the UN roadmap for social and economic recovery and for fully funding of the UN Response and Recovery Fund.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqhksKIopIo>

GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER

The food and agriculture sector offers key solutions for development and is central for hunger and poverty eradication.

After decades of steady decline, the number of people who suffer from hunger – as measured by the prevalence of undernourishment – began to slowly increase again in 2015. Current estimates show that nearly 690 million people are hungry, or 8.9 percent of the world population – up by 10 million people in one year and by nearly 60 million in five years.

The world is not on track to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030. If recent trends continue, the number of people affected by hunger would surpass 840 million by 2030.

According to the World Food Programme, 135 million suffer from acute hunger largely due to man-made conflicts, climate change and economic downturns. The COVID-19 pandemic could now double that number, putting an additional 130 million people at risk of suffering acute hunger by the end of 2020.

With more than a quarter of a billion people potentially at the brink of starvation, swift action needs to be taken to provide food and humanitarian relief to the most at-risk regions.

At the same time, a profound change of the global food and agriculture system is needed if we are to nourish the more than 690 million people who are hungry today – and the additional 2 billion people the world will have by 2050. Increasing agricultural productivity and sustainable food production are crucial to help alleviate the perils of hunger.

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The World Food Programme's food assistance programme provides a critical lifeline to 87 million vulnerable people across the world. Their analysis of the economic and food security implications of the pandemic outlines the potential impact of COVID-19 on the world's poorest people.

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In light of the pandemic's effects on the food and agricultural sector, prompt measures are needed to ensure that food supply chains are kept alive to mitigate the risk of large shocks that have a considerable impact on everybody, especially on the poor and the most vulnerable.

In order to address these risks, the Food and Agriculture Organization urges countries to:

- Meet the immediate food needs of their vulnerable populations,
- Boost social protection programmes,
- Keep global food trade going,
- Keep the domestic supply chain gears moving, and
- Support smallholder farmers' ability to increase food production.

The UN's Global Humanitarian Response Plan lays out steps to fight the virus in the world's poorest countries and address the needs of the most vulnerable people, including those facing food insecurity.

GOAL 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages is essential to sustainable development.

Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages is essential to sustainable development. Currently, the world is facing a global health crisis unlike any other — COVID-19 is spreading human suffering, destabilizing the global economy and upending the lives of billions of people around the globe.

Before the pandemic, major progress was made in improving the health of millions of people. Significant strides were made in increasing life expectancy and reducing some of the common killers associated with child and maternal mortality. But more efforts are needed to fully eradicate a wide range of diseases and address many different persistent and emerging health issues. By focusing on providing more efficient funding of health systems, improved sanitation and hygiene, and increased access to physicians, significant progress can be made in helping to save the lives of millions.

Health emergencies such as COVID-19 pose a global risk and have shown the critical need for preparedness. The United Nations Development Programme highlighted huge disparities in countries' abilities to cope with and recover from the COVID-19 crisis. The pandemic provides a watershed moment for health emergency preparedness and for investment in critical 21st century public services.

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has been leading the global effort to tackle COVID-19. The Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, produced by WHO and partners, outlines the public health measures that countries should take to prepare for and respond to COVID-19. The Strategy Update of April 2020 provides further guidance for the public health response to COVID-19 at national and subnational levels, and highlights the coordinated support that is required from the international community to meet the challenge of COVID-19.

People and organizations who want to help fight the pandemic and support WHO and partners can donate through the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund which supports WHO's work to track and understand the spread of the virus, to ensure patients get the care they need and frontline workers get essential supplies and information, and to accelerate research and development of a vaccine and treatments for all who need them.

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WHO, together with partners, also provides guidance and advice for people to look after their mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic — especially health workers, managers of health facilities, people who are looking after children, older adults, people in isolation and members of the public more generally.

The pandemic is much more than a health crisis. It requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response, matching the resolve and sacrifice of frontline health workers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIKBRsk56ho>

GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

Obtaining a quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development.

Education enables upward socioeconomic mobility and is a key to escaping poverty. Over the past decade, major progress was made towards increasing access to education and school enrollment rates at all levels, particularly for girls. Nevertheless, about 260 million children were still out of school in 2018 — nearly one fifth of the global population in that age group. And more than half of all children and adolescents worldwide are not meeting minimum proficiency standards in reading and mathematics.

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, a majority of countries announced the temporary closure of schools, impacting more than 91% of students worldwide. By April 2020, close to 1.6 billion children and youth were out of school. And nearly 369 million children who rely on school meals needed to look to other sources for daily nutrition.

Never before have so many children been out of school at the same time, disrupting learning and upending lives, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised. The global pandemic has far-reaching consequences that may jeopardize hard won gains made in improving global education.

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In an effort to foster international collaboration and ensure that education never stops, UNESCO is mounting a response with a set of initiatives that include the global monitoring of national and localized school closures.

To protect the well-being of children and ensure they have access to continued learning, UNESCO in March 2020 launched the COVID-19 Global Education Coalition, a multi-sector partnership between the UN family, civil society organizations, media and IT partners to design and deploy innovative solutions. Together they help countries tackle content and connectivity gaps, and facilitate inclusive learning opportunities for children and youth during this period of sudden and unprecedented educational disruption.

Specifically, the Global Education Coalition aims to:

- Help countries in mobilizing resources and implementing innovative and context-appropriate solutions to provide education remotely, leveraging hi-tech, low-tech and no-tech approaches;
- Seek equitable solutions and universal access;
- Ensure coordinated responses and avoid overlapping efforts;
- Facilitate the return of students to school when they reopen to avoid an upsurge in dropout rates.

UNICEF also scaled up its work in 145 low- and middle-income countries to support governments and education partners in developing plans for a rapid, system-wide response including alternative learning programmes and mental health support.

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GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls – Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

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There has been progress over the last decades: More girls are going to school, fewer girls are forced into early marriage, more women are serving in parliament and positions of leadership, and laws are being reformed to advance gender equality.

Despite these gains, many challenges remain: discriminatory laws and social norms remain pervasive, women continue to be underrepresented at all levels of political leadership, and 1 in 5 women and girls between the ages of 15 and 49 report experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner within a 12-month period.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic could reverse the limited progress that has been made on gender equality and women's rights. The coronavirus outbreak exacerbates existing inequalities for women and girls across every sphere – from health and the economy, to security and social protection.

Women play a disproportionate role in responding to the virus, including as frontline healthcare workers and carers at home. Women's unpaid care work has increased significantly as a result of school closures and the increased needs of older people. Women are also harder hit by the economic impacts of COVID-19, as they disproportionately work in insecure labour markets. Nearly 60% of women work in the informal economy, which puts them at greater risk of falling into poverty.

The pandemic has also led to a steep increase in violence against women and girls. With lockdown measures in place, many women are trapped at home with their abusers, struggling to access services that are suffering from cuts and restrictions. Emerging data shows that, since the outbreak of the pandemic, violence against women and girls – and particularly domestic violence – has intensified.

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“Limited gains in gender equality and women's rights made over the decades are in danger of being rolled back due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” the UN Secretary-General said in April 2020, urging governments to put women and girls at the centre of their recovery efforts.

Women are not only the hardest hit by this pandemic, they are also the backbone of recovery in communities. Putting women and girls at the centre of economies will fundamentally drive better and more sustainable development outcomes for all, support a more rapid recovery, and place the world back on a footing to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Every COVID-19 response plans, and every recovery package and budgeting of resources, needs to address the gender impacts of this pandemic. This means: (1) including women and women's organizations in COVID-19 response planning and decision-making; (2) transforming the inequities of unpaid care work into a new, inclusive

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care economy that works for everyone; and (3) designing socio-economic plans with an intentional focus on the lives and futures of women and girls.

UN Women has developed a rapid and targeted response to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on women and girls and to ensure that the long-term recovery benefits them, focused on five priorities:

1. Gender-based violence, including domestic violence, is mitigated and reduced
2. Social protection and economic stimulus packages serve women and girls
3. People support and practise equal sharing of care work
4. Women and girls lead and participate in COVID-19 response planning and decision-making
5. Data and coordination mechanisms include gender perspectives

The COVID-19 pandemic provides an opportunity for radical, positive action to redress long-standing inequalities in multiple areas of women's lives, and build a more just and resilient world.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8TKIxNVbXc>

GOAL 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Ensure access to water and sanitation for all – Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in.

While substantial progress has been made in increasing access to clean drinking water and sanitation, billions of people—mostly in rural areas—still lack these basic services. Worldwide, one in three people do not have access to safe drinking water, two out of five people do not have a basic hand-washing facility with soap and water, and more than 673 million people still practice open defecation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the critical importance of sanitation, hygiene and adequate access to clean water for preventing and containing diseases. Hand hygiene saves lives. According to the World Health Organization, handwashing is one of the most effective actions you can take to reduce the spread of pathogens and prevent infections, including the COVID-19 virus. Yet billions of people still lack safe water sanitation, and funding is inadequate.

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Availability and access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services is fundamental to fighting the virus and preserving the health and well-being of millions. COVID-19 will not be stopped without access to safe water for people living in vulnerability, UN experts said.

The impacts of COVID-19 could be considerably higher on the urban poor living in slums, who don't have access to clean water. UN-Habitat is working with partners to facilitate access to running water and handwashing in informal settlements.

UNICEF is urgently appealing for funding and support to reach more girls and boys with basic water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, especially those children who are cut off from safe water because they live in remote areas, or in places where water is untreated or polluted, or because they are without a home, living in a slum or on the street.

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In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is adjusting its WASH services to prevent the spread of the disease. This includes continued support to affected, at-risk, low-capacity and fragile countries to secure WASH services and infection prevention control in health facilities.

Read more about the work in response to COVID-19 by UN-Water members and partners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAtai7zrepc&list=PLPbTEMLBi2maXo-MVIUfeaf8IIPsmye2>

GOAL 7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy – Energy is central to nearly every major challenge and opportunity.

The world is making progress towards Goal 7, with encouraging signs that energy is becoming more sustainable and widely available. Access to electricity in poorer countries has begun to accelerate, energy efficiency continues to improve, and renewable energy is making impressive gains in the electricity sector.

Nevertheless, more focused attention is needed to improve access to clean and safe cooking fuels and technologies for 3 billion people, to expand the use of renewable energy beyond the electricity sector, and to increase electrification in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Energy Progress Report provides global dashboard to register progress on energy access, energy efficiency and renewable energy. It assesses the progress made by each country on these three pillars and provides a snapshot of how far we are from achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals targets.

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Lack of access to energy may hamper efforts to contain COVID-19 across many parts of the world. Energy services are key to preventing disease and fighting pandemics – from powering healthcare facilities and supplying clean water for essential hygiene, to enabling communications and IT services that connect people while maintaining social distancing.

789 million people – predominantly in sub-Saharan Africa – are living without access to electricity, and hundreds of millions more only have access to very limited or unreliable electricity. It is estimated that only 28 percent of health facilities have access to reliable electricity in sub-Saharan Africa, yet energy is critically needed to keep people connected at home and to run life-saving equipment in hospitals.

If hospitals and local communities don't have access to power, this could magnify the human catastrophe and significantly slow the global recovery.

The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All explained why energy access matters during the coronavirus emergency and outlined three ways to respond to the COVID-19 emergency:

1. Prioritize energy solutions to power health clinics and first responders;
2. Keep vulnerable consumers connected;
3. Increase reliable, uninterrupted, and sufficient energy production in preparation for a more sustainable economic recovery.

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Read more about the role of energy in COVID-19 response.

GOAL 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all. Sustainable economic growth will require societies to create the conditions that allow people to have quality jobs.

Sustained and inclusive economic growth can drive progress, create decent jobs for all and improve living standards.

COVID-19 has disrupted billions of lives and endangered the global economy. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects a global recession as bad as or worse than in 2009. As job losses escalate, the International Labor Organization estimates that nearly half of the global workforce is at risk of losing their livelihoods.

Even before the outbreak of COVID-19, one in five countries – home to billions of people living in poverty – were likely to see per capita incomes stagnate or decline in 2020. Now, the economic and financial shocks associated with COVID-19—such as disruptions to industrial production, falling commodity prices, financial market volatility, and rising insecurity—are derailing the already tepid economic growth and compounding heightened risks from other factors.

COVID-19 Response

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a historic recession with record levels of deprivation and unemployment, creating an unprecedented human crisis that is hitting the poorest hardest.

In April 2020, the United Nations released a framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, as a roadmap to support countries' path to social and economic recovery. It calls for an extraordinary scale-up of international support and political commitment to ensure that people everywhere have access to essential services and social protection. The socio-economic response framework consists of five streams of work:

1. Ensuring that essential health services are still available and protecting health systems;
2. Helping people cope with adversity, through social protection and basic services;
3. Protecting jobs, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, and informal sector workers through economic response and recovery programmes;
4. Guiding the necessary surge in fiscal and financial stimulus to make macroeconomic policies work for the most vulnerable and strengthening multilateral and regional responses; and
5. Promoting social cohesion and investing in community-led resilience and response systems.

These five streams are connected by a strong environmental sustainability and gender equality imperative to build back better.

The UN Secretary-General has stressed that the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis must lead to a different economy.

Beyond the immediate crisis response, the pandemic should be the impetus to sustain the gains and accelerate implementation of long-overdue measures to set the world on a more sustainable development path and make the global economy more resilient to future shocks.

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GOAL 9: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Investments in infrastructure are crucial to achieving sustainable development. Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Inclusive and sustainable industrialization, together with innovation and infrastructure, can unleash dynamic and competitive economic forces that generate employment and income. They play a key role in introducing and promoting new technologies, facilitating international trade and enabling the efficient use of resources.

However, the world still has a long way to go to fully tap this potential. Least developed countries, in particular, need to accelerate the development of their manufacturing sector if they are to meet the 2030 target, and scale up investment in scientific research and innovation.

Global manufacturing growth has been steadily declining, even before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is hitting manufacturing industries hard and causing disruptions in global value chains and the supply of products.

Innovation and technological progress are key to finding lasting solutions to both economic and environmental challenges, such as increased resource and energy-efficiency. Globally, investment in research and development (R&D) as a proportion of GDP increased from 1.5% in 2000 to 1.7% in 2015 and remained almost unchanged in 2017, but was only less than 1% in developing regions.

In terms of communications infrastructure, more than half of the world's population is now online and almost the entire world population lives in an area covered by a mobile network. It is estimated that in 2019, 96.5% were covered by at least a 2G network.

The coronavirus pandemic has revealed the urgent need for resilient infrastructure. The Asian Development Bank notes that critical infrastructure in the region remains far from adequate in many countries, despite the rapid economic growth and development the region has experienced over the past decade. The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific highlights that making infrastructure resilient to disasters and climate change will require an additional investment of \$434 billion per year. This sum may need to be even greater in some subregions, such as the Pacific small island developing states.

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Information and communication technologies have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. The crisis has accelerated the digitalization of many businesses and services, including teleworking and video conferencing systems in and out of the workplace, as well as access to healthcare, education and essential goods and services.

As the pandemic reshapes the way in which we work, keep in touch, go to school and shop for essentials, it has never been more important to bridge the digital divide for the 3.6 billion people who remain offline, unable to access online education, employment or critical health and sanitation advice. The 2020 Financing for Sustainable Development Report provides policy options to harness the potential of digital technologies.

Once the acute phase of the COVID-19 crisis is over, governments will need investments in infrastructure more than ever to accelerate economic recovery, create jobs, reduce poverty, and stimulate productive investment.

The World Bank estimates that developing countries need to invest around 4.5 per cent of GDP to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and at the same time limit global warming to no more than 2 degrees Celsius.

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GOAL 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Reduce inequality within and among countries – To reduce inequalities, policies should be universal in principle, paying attention to the needs of disadvantaged and marginalized populations.

Reducing inequalities and ensuring no one is left behind are integral to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Inequality within and among countries is a persistent cause for concern. Despite some positive signs toward reducing inequality in some dimensions, such as reducing relative income inequality in some countries and preferential trade status benefiting lower-income countries, inequality still persists.

COVID-19 has deepened existing inequalities, hitting the poorest and most vulnerable communities the hardest. It has put a spotlight on economic inequalities and fragile social safety nets that leave vulnerable communities to bear the brunt of the crisis. At the same time, social, political and economic inequalities have amplified the impacts of the pandemic.

On the economic front, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased global unemployment and dramatically slashed workers' incomes.

COVID-19 also puts at risk the limited progress that has been made on gender equality and women's rights over the past decades. Across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection, the impacts of COVID-19 are exacerbated for women and girls simply by virtue of their sex.

Inequalities are also deepening for vulnerable populations in countries with weaker health systems and those facing existing humanitarian crises. Refugees and migrants, as well as indigenous peoples, older persons, people with disabilities and children are particularly at risk of being left behind. And hate speech targeting vulnerable groups is rising.

COVID-19 Response

COVID-19 is not only challenging global health systems but testing our common humanity. The UN Secretary-General called for solidarity with the world's poorest and most vulnerable who need urgent support in responding to the worst economic and social crisis in generations. "Now is the time to stand by our commitment to leave no one behind," the Secretary-General said.

To ensure that people everywhere have access to essential services and social protection, the UN has called for an extraordinary scale-up of international support and political commitment, including funding through the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund which aims to support low- and middle-income countries and vulnerable groups who are disproportionately bearing the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic.

This time of crisis must also be used as an opportunity to invest in policies and institutions that can turn the tide on inequality. Leveraging a moment when policies and social norms may be more malleable than during normal times, bold steps that address the inequalities that this crisis has laid bare can steer the world back on track towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

For more information, see the SDG-10 Goal of the Month package: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/goal-of-the-month-may-2020>

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GOAL 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. There needs to be a future in which cities provide opportunities for all, with access to basic services, energy, housing, transportation and more.

The world is becoming increasingly urbanized. Since 2007, more than half the world's population has been living in cities, and that share is projected to rise to 60% by 2030.

Cities and metropolitan areas are powerhouses of economic growth—contributing about 60% of global GDP. However, they also account for about 70% of global carbon emissions and over 60% of resource use.

Rapid urbanization is resulting in a growing number of slum dwellers, inadequate and overburdened infrastructure and services (such as waste collection and water and sanitation systems, roads and transport), worsening air pollution and unplanned urban sprawl.

The impact of COVID-19 will be most devastating in poor and densely populated urban areas, especially for the one billion people living in informal settlements and slums worldwide, where overcrowding also makes it difficult to follow recommended measures such as social distancing and self-isolation.

The UN food agency, FAO, warned that hunger and fatalities could rise significantly in urban areas, without measures to ensure that poor and vulnerable residents have access to food.

COVID-19 Response

Cities are on the front line of coping with the pandemic and its lasting impacts. Across the globe, COVID-19 is threatening cities and communities, endangering not only public health, but also the economy and the fabric of society.

UN-Habitat, the UN agency for housing and urban development, is working with national and local governments to help them prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The UN Habitat COVID-19 Response Plan aims to:

- Support local governments and community-driven solutions in informal settlements
- Provide urban data, evidence-based mapping and knowledge for informed decision
- Mitigate economic impact and initiate recovery

UN-Habitat's COVID-19 Policy and Programme Framework provides guidance for global, regional and country-level action.

The UN Economic Commission for Africa has proposed specific support to city governments to mitigate and respond to the economic effects of COVID-19. Africa's cities account for more than 50% of the region's GDP, and COVID-19 is likely to hit African cities hard, with sharp declines in productivity, jobs and revenues.

GOAL 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Responsible Production and Consumption. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

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Worldwide consumption and production — a driving force of the global economy — rest on the use of the natural environment and resources in a way that continues to have destructive impacts on the planet.

Economic and social progress over the last century has been accompanied by environmental degradation that is endangering the very systems on which our future development — indeed, our very survival — depends.

A few facts and figures:

- Each year, an estimated one third of all food produced – equivalent to 1.3 billion tonnes worth around \$1 trillion – ends up rotting in the bins of consumers and retailers, or spoiling due to poor transportation and harvesting practices.
- If people worldwide switched to energy efficient light bulbs the world would save US\$120 billion annually.
- Should the global population reach 9.6 billion by 2050, the equivalent of almost three planets could be required to provide the natural resources needed to sustain current lifestyles.

The COVID-19 pandemic offers countries an opportunity to build recovery plans that will reverse current trends and change our consumption and production patterns towards a more sustainable future.

Sustainable consumption and production is about doing more and better with less. It is also about decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation, increasing resource efficiency and promoting sustainable lifestyles.

Sustainable consumption and production can also contribute substantially to poverty alleviation and the transition towards low-carbon and green economies.

COVID-19 response

The current crisis is an opportunity for a profound, systemic shift to a more sustainable economy that works for both people and the planet.

The emergence of COVID-19 has underscored the relationship between people and nature and revealed the fundamental tenets of the trade-off we consistently face: humans have unlimited needs, but the planet has limited capacity to satisfy them. We must try to understand and appreciate the limits to which humans can push nature, before the impact is negative. Those limits must be reflected in our consumption and production patterns.

COVID-19 can be a catalyst for social change. We must build back better and transition our production and consumption patterns towards more sustainable practices.

GOAL 13: CLIMATE ACTION

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Climate change is a global challenge that affects everyone, everywhere.

2019 was the second warmest year on record and the end of the warmest decade (2010- 2019) ever recorded.

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere rose to new records in 2019.

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Climate change is affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives. Weather patterns are changing, sea levels are rising, and weather events are becoming more extreme.

Although greenhouse gas emissions are projected to drop about 6% in 2020 due to travel bans and economic slowdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, this improvement is only temporary. Climate change is not on pause. Once the global economy begins to recover from the pandemic, emissions are expected to return to higher levels.

Saving lives and livelihoods requires urgent action to address both the pandemic and the climate emergency.

The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The agreement also aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change, through appropriate financial flows, a new technology framework and an enhanced capacity building framework.

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COVID-19 Response

As countries move toward rebuilding their economies after COVID-19, recovery plans can shape the 21st century economy in ways that are clean, green, healthy, safe and more resilient. The current crisis is an opportunity for a profound, systemic shift to a more sustainable economy that works for both people and the planet.

The UN Secretary-General has proposed six climate-positive actions for governments to take once they go about building back their economies and societies:

1. Green transition: Investments must accelerate the decarbonization of all aspects of our economy.
2. Green jobs and sustainable and inclusive growth
3. Green economy: making societies and people more resilient through a transition that is fair to all and leaves no one behind.
4. Invest in sustainable solutions: fossil fuel subsidies must end and polluters must pay for their pollution.
5. Confront all climate risks
6. Cooperation – no country can succeed alone.

To address the climate emergency, post-pandemic recovery plans need to trigger long-term systemic shifts that will change the trajectory of CO₂ levels in the atmosphere.

Governments around the world have spent considerable time and effort in recent years to develop plans to chart a safer and more sustainable future for their citizens. Taking these on board now as part of recovery planning can help the world build back better from the current crisis.

GOAL 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources . Careful management of this essential global resource is a key feature of a sustainable future.

The ocean drives global systems that make the Earth habitable for humankind. Our rainwater, drinking water, weather, climate, coastlines, much of our food, and even the oxygen in the air we breathe, are all ultimately provided and regulated by the sea.

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Careful management of this essential global resource is a key feature of a sustainable future. However, at the current time, there is a continuous deterioration of coastal waters owing to pollution, and ocean acidification is having an adversarial effect on the functioning of ecosystems and biodiversity. This is also negatively impacting small scale fisheries.

Saving our ocean must remain a priority. Marine biodiversity is critical to the health of people and our planet. Marine protected areas need to be effectively managed and well-resourced and regulations need to be put in place to reduce overfishing, marine pollution and ocean acidification.

COVID-19 Response

Ocean conservation and action should not come to a halt while we tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to look at long-term solutions for the health of our planet as a whole. Our lives depend on a healthy planet.

The health of the ocean is intimately tied to our health. According to UNESCO, the ocean can be an ally against COVID-19: Bacteria found in the depths of the ocean are used to carry out rapid testing to detect the presence of COVID-19. And the diversity of species found in the ocean offers great promise for pharmaceuticals.

The pandemic offers an opportunity to revive the ocean and start building a sustainable ocean economy. A report by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific suggests that the temporary shutdown of activities as well as reduced human mobility and resource demands due to the COVID-19 pandemic may provide marine environments the much-needed breathing space for them to start to recover.

The UN Ocean Conference, originally scheduled for June 2020, was postponed to a later date (to be determined) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GOAL 15: LIFE ON LAND

Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss

Nature is critical to our survival: nature provides us with our oxygen, regulates our weather patterns, pollinates our crops, produces our food, feed and fibre. But it is under increasing stress. Human activity has altered almost 75% of the earth's surface, squeezing wildlife and nature into an ever-smaller corner of the planet.

Around 1 million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction – many within decades – according to the 2019 Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service. The report called for transformative changes to restore and protect nature. It found that the health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever, affecting the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.

Deforestation and desertification – caused by human activities and climate change – pose major challenges to sustainable development and have affected the lives and livelihoods of millions of people. Forests are vitally important for sustaining life on Earth, and play a major role in the fight against climate change. And investing in land restoration is critical for improving livelihoods, reducing vulnerabilities, and reducing risks for the economy.

The health of our planet also plays an important role in the emergence of zoonotic diseases, i.e. diseases that are transmissible between animals and humans. As we continue to encroach on fragile ecosystems, we bring humans into ever-greater contact with wildlife, enabling pathogens in wildlife to spill over to livestock and humans, increasing the risk of disease emergence and amplification.

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COVID-19 Response

The COVID-19 outbreak highlights the need to address threats to ecosystems and wildlife.

In 2016, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) flagged a worldwide increase in zoonotic epidemics as an issue of concern. Specifically, it pointed out that 75% of all emerging infectious diseases in humans are zoonotic and that these zoonotic diseases are closely interlinked with the health of ecosystems.

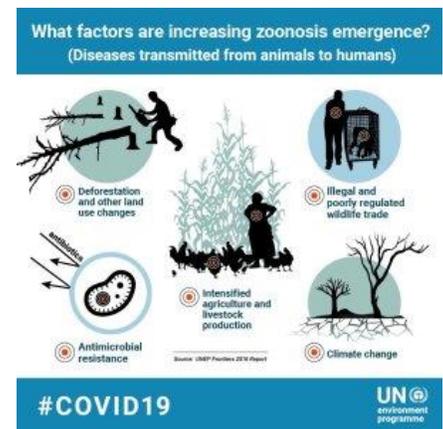
“In COVID-19, the planet has delivered its strongest warning to date that humanity must change,” said UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen.

In *Working With the Environment to Protect People*, UNEP lays out how to “build back better” – through stronger science, policies that back a healthier planet, and more green investments.

UNEP’s response covers four areas:

1. Helping nations manage COVID-19 waste,
2. Delivering a transformational change for nature and people,
3. Working to ensure economic recovery packages create resilience to future crises, and
4. Modernizing global environmental governance.

To prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide, the UN has launched a Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030). This globally-coordinated response to the loss and degradation of habitats will focus on building political will and capacity to restore humankind’s relation with nature. It is also a direct response to the call from science, as articulated in the Special Report on Climate Change and Land of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and to the decisions taken by all UN Member States in the Rio Conventions on climate change and biodiversity, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.



Work on a new and ambitious post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework is also underway.

As the world responds to and recovers from the current pandemic, it will need a robust plan for protecting nature, so that nature can protect humanity.

GOAL 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies. Access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.

Conflict, insecurity, weak institutions and limited access to justice remain a great threat to sustainable development.

The number of people fleeing war, persecution and conflict exceeded 70 million in 2018, the highest level recorded by the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) in almost 70 years.

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In 2019, the United Nations tracked 357 killings and 30 enforced disappearances of human rights defenders, journalists and trade unionists in 47 countries.

And the births of around one in four children under age 5 worldwide are never officially recorded, depriving them of a proof of legal identity crucial for the protection of their rights and for access to justice and social services.

COVID-19 Response

Human rights are key in shaping the pandemic response. By respecting human rights in this time of crisis, we will build more effective and inclusive solutions for the emergency of today and the recovery for tomorrow.

Human rights put people centre-stage. Responses that are shaped by and respect human rights result in better outcomes in beating the pandemic, ensuring healthcare for everyone and preserving human dignity.

The UN Secretary General urged governments to be transparent, responsive and accountable in their COVID-19 response and ensure that any emergency measures are legal, proportionate, necessary and non-discriminatory. “The best response is one that responds proportionately to immediate threats while protecting human rights and the rule of law,” he said.

To focus on “the true fight,” UN Secretary-General António Guterres called for a global ceasefire, in an appeal urging warring parties across the world to lay down their weapons in support of the bigger battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 2 million people have signed the online petition in support of the Secretary-General’s cease-fire appeal. You can sign it here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JH9sZxVlpDo>

UN Peacekeeping Missions are continuing to carry out their mandates while also helping countries in their coronavirus response, which is guided by four main objectives: to protect UN personnel and their capacity to continue critical operations; help contain and mitigate the spread of the virus, ensuring that UN personnel are not a contagion vector; support national authorities in their response to COVID-19; and continue to deliver on key mandates.

The UN refugee agency (UNHCR) stepped up health, water, sanitation and hygiene services to protect refugees and displaced people, working with governments to ensure that people forced to flee are included in COVID-19 preparation and response plans.

GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIPS

Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

The SDGs can only be realized with strong global partnerships and cooperation.

A successful development agenda requires inclusive partnerships — at the global, regional, national and local levels — built upon principles and values, and upon a shared vision and shared goals placing people and the planet at the centre.

Many countries require Official Development Assistance to encourage growth and trade. Yet, aid levels are falling and donor countries have not lived up to their pledge to ramp up development finance.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the global economy is projected to contract sharply, by 3%, in 2020, experiencing its worst recession since the Great Depression.

Strong international cooperation is needed now more than ever to ensure that countries have the means to recover from the pandemic, build back better and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

COVID-19 Response

No country can overcome this pandemic alone. Global solidarity is not only a moral imperative, it is in everyone's interests.

The UN Secretary-General issued a series of policy briefs that lay out a vision for how the international community can deliver an effective, coordinated response to COVID-19, ensuring we keep the most vulnerable populations front and centre. The policy briefs bring together analysis from across the UN system and provide Member States with concrete ideas for how to address the consequences and even seize opportunities in the midst of the crisis.

A high-level event convened by Canada, Jamaica and the United Nations on 28 May brought together governments and international organizations to sharpen and accelerate our global response to the significant economic and human impacts of COVID-19, and advance concrete solutions to the development emergency.

Most developing countries do not have sufficient domestic resources and fiscal space to fund adequate COVID-19 response and recovery measures. International cooperation and external finance are crucial.

Particularly alarming is the prospect of a new debt crisis, compounded by tumbling prices for oil and other key commodities, heavily impacting Least Developed Countries that were already at high risk of debt distress. The UN is calling for Special Drawing Rights, targeted debt relief and an extension of the debt moratorium to all developing countries.

The 2020 Financing for Sustainable Development Report outlines measures to address the impact of the unfolding global recession and financial turmoil, especially in the world's poorest countries, based on joint research and analysis by more than 60 UN agencies and international institutions.

To support efforts in low- and middle-income countries, the UN Secretary-General launched a UN Response and Recovery Trust Fund.

In addition, the UN set out a Global Humanitarian Response Plan to assist the most vulnerable populations, including refugees and internally displaced persons.

And the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN Foundation and partners launched a first-of-its-kind Solidarity Response Fund to allow corporations and individuals to directly contribute to WHO's COVID-19 response.

To address issues of open and timely access to critical data needed by governments and all sectors of society to respond to the global COVID-19 crisis, this UN portal provides a space for the global statistical community to share guidance, actions, tools and best practices to ensure the operational continuity of data programmes by National Statistical Offices.

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To combat the growing scourge of COVID-19 misinformation, the UN launched Verified, an initiative to increase the volume and reach of trusted, accurate information on three themes: science (to save lives), solidarity (to promote local and global cooperation), and solutions (to advocate for support to impacted populations).

Agenda 21

Agenda 21 is a non-binding action plan of the United Nations with regard to sustainable development. It is a product of the Earth Summit (UN Conference on Environment and Development) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992. It is an action agenda for the UN, other multilateral organizations, and individual governments around the world that can be executed at local, national, and global levels. One major objective of the Agenda 21 initiative is that every local government should draw its own local Agenda 21. Its aim initially was to achieve global sustainable development by 2000, with the "21" in Agenda 21 referring to the original target of the 21st century.

Agenda 21 is grouped into 4 sections:

- **Section I: Social and Economic Dimensions** is directed toward combating poverty, especially in developing countries, changing consumption patterns, promoting health, achieving a more sustainable population, and sustainable settlement in decision making.
- **Section II: Conservation and Management of Resources for Development** includes atmospheric protection, combating deforestation, protecting fragile environments, conservation of biological diversity (biodiversity), control of pollution and the management of biotechnology, and radioactive wastes.
- **Section III: Strengthening the Role of Major Groups** includes the roles of children and youth, women, NGOs, local authorities, business and industry, and workers; and strengthening the role of indigenous peoples, their communities, and farmers.
- **Section IV: Means of Implementation** includes science, technology transfer, education, international institutions, and financial mechanisms.

What is really happening with these UN agendas?

THE PLAN TO DEPOPULATE 95% OF THE WORLD

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The world's human population has exploded over the last two hundred years. According to United Nations (UN) estimates, we numbered less than one billion people 200 years ago, while today there over seven billion humans living on Earth! This is a staggering fact considering that for thousands of years the population of the world increased very slowly. However, in the last century, the world population grew exponentially from 1.5 to 6.1 billion between 1900 and 2000!

The exponential growth in the human population has put immense pressure on our environmental resources, including air, food, and water, as well as medicine, biodiversity, and habitats. The increasing pressure to grow and compete economically, whether it's developed countries or developing countries, continues to deplete and pollute the environment and diminish its resources while threatening the future of life on earth.

THE UN MAKES A PLAN Before I started researching this plan, I thought the United Nations was insincere and ineffective in many areas, but I could hardly believe what my research revealed: the UN is downright evil to have devised such a well-planned agenda to depopulate the planet.

Agenda 21 is a plan which many allege will depopulate 95% of the world population by 2030. It has already begun and we see outcomes worldwide. There are many means implemented to achieve this goal including **vaccines, irradiated food, GMOs**, and others. It all sounds great when couched in terms like "sustainable development."

This is a plan impacting every aspect of our lives: It is the blueprint, it is the action plan, to inventory and control all land, all water, all plants, all minerals, all construction, all animals, all means of production, all energy, all information and all the human beings in the world. It is a completely comprehensive plan, it's global and it's

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implemented locally... It is in every single town all across the United States and across the world.
(www.postsustainabilityinstitute.org)

What's the difference between Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030? To quote Peter B. Meyer on the website The Final Wakeup Call:

Agenda 21 was primarily focused on climate change and the environment, but the 2030 Agenda goes far beyond that. The 2030 Agenda addresses in far more depth economics, agriculture, education, gender equality, healthcare and a whole host of other issues. There are very few forms of human activity that do not fall under the goals of the 2030 Agenda... More precisely **the UN Agendas 21 and 2030 'sustainable development' is a UN-led program where individuals will be stripped of personal rights and freedoms, cars will become scarce and the masses will be herded into large hellish cities and forced to live in tiny "sustainable" dorm-like apartments.**
(<http://finalwakeupcall.info/en/2015/10/21/agenda-21-converted-into-2030/>)

I found out **this plan will attempt to reduce the population from a little over 7 billion people on Earth to fewer than half a billion.** If you think this is just a conspiracy theory, think again. They vaguely state their intentions and couch it in high-minded rhetoric. **You have to look at the implementation of the plan rather than the slogans used.** They consider depopulation the best method to decrease environmental degradation and instability. Agenda 2030 comprises seventeen goals promoted as beneficial for everyone.

What can be bad about ending poverty or hunger? The answer is in the implementation. The vocabulary is vague, leaving a lot to be interpreted, but the method is mass genocide to achieve the goals. If you want to see these plans for your city, simply Google "Agenda 21" and the name of your city, and you'll receive data on it.

[How are they Going to Accomplish This](#)

Mass Vaccination in a Pandemic - Benefits versus Risks: Interview with Geert Vanden Bossche

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJZxiNxYLpc>

lo
and good evening to everyone well
afternoon depending on where you are in
the world
today we have a really really important
topic and i have the pleasure of having
with me
uh gert vandenbosch from belgium
the difference is that gert is truly an
international vaccine developer and he's
here to share some very important and
unique perspectives
on where we are now in terms of the
covet pandemic
so pleasure to have you here with me
garrett
how are you i'm fine thanks for having
me philip
wonderful wonderful listen i mean i
think the first thing that we have to
clarify is that we have to explain
you are someone who is in the vaccine
development
business so to speak what has that
background been like

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well i have a background essentially in
as far as
vexes are concerned in industry
as well as in the non-for-profit sector
so i have been working with the
billionaire guests foundation
garvey especially concentrating on
vaccines for global health
and i've also been working with several
different
companies vaccine companies developing
of course essentially prophylactic
vaccines
and my main focus of interest
has always been in fact the design
of vaccines so the the concept how
can we educate the immune system
in ways that are to some extent more
efficient
than we do right now with our
conventional vaccines
right and so in effect this is the area
of work you've been in
you develop vaccines you are as well
working with the ebola vaccine
as well one of the really really
dangerous viruses we have out there in
the world
how how does that work is it is that
easy to do
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was a coordinator of the ebola program
at
garvey so we were interacting with
several different vaccine companies
that were developing ebola vaccines
because it was important for gabi to
make the right choice the right vaccine
in order uh you know for this vaccine to
be rolled out
in the uh western african uh countries
that had
this severe ebola crisis back a number
of years ago
so that was not uh let's say operational
practical
work this was more a role of
coordination but of course was also a
role of
assessing what would be the impact of
using
some of these vaccines in larger

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populations
and in an area where uh an epidemic
is is really is is going on because
that's a very particular and peculiar
situation
yes and so in fact we've had so much
success
over the past 100 years with some very
big breakthroughs with vaccines smallpox
you know
measles mumps rubella um polio
um but we've struggled with other
vaccines
it it's it without going into the
details because this
is very difficult to get across but is
there a difference with how
viruses operate that makes some easier
to get a vaccine for
well i think we have philip essentially
we need to distinguish of course be
between what we call acute self-limiting
diseases
these are diseases that naturally uh
come to an end in a sense that
ultimately
the individual will eliminate the
pathogen of course some people may die
of course let's be very clear
those who survive will ultimately
eliminate the pathogen
that is the vast majority of the
vaccines we have been developing so far
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other viruses where uh we
we clearly see that they spread in a
completely different way they spread for
example from cell to cell
they tend to be more intracellular they
tend to develop
chronic infections where it's uh it's
not self-limiting it's not acute
self-limiting it's chronic
it is much more difficult and that is
the the reason primarily
is that um most of the vaccines we are
developing
are still antibody based vaccines so we
need these antibodies in the blood or we
need these antibodies to translate
to the mucosa for example in order to

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capture the pathogen and to neutralize it so some of the other bugs i mean they have a very insidious strategy in a sense that they hide in cells that they can already add a mucosal barrier penetrate you know immediately into cells and then the cells uh may migrate for example to the to the lymph nodes so they are shielded from the antibodies and that makes it very very difficult because we know that we can catch them to some extent in the blood but what they do all the time is that they insert mutation and they escape they fully escape to our antibody uh responses so that makes it uh way more difficult uh it's also the the model is the reason why also against cancer etc we have not been extremely successful with vaccines as i would say stand-alone uh yeah absolutely yes so it brings us into where we are with regards to covid 19. now if we we have 20 20 vision at the moment when we look back at the pandemic and where we started from and i've always said that at the time when the founding started when it got from china into italy to europe into the uk i thought that the only way that we could manage this is to lock down and to prevent the spread of this apart this very dangerous virus we do have to stand back and see whether or not those decisions were correct but as we said that hindsight is 2020. what would you say now as we look back at the decisions we made then were we about on the right track did we make any mistakes well frankly speaking from the very beginning and i mean there is many people who can witness this or testify it is

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i always said that it was a bad idea
to do lockdowns that
would also affect the younger people
that we would prevent younger people
from
having contact from being exposed
because remember
the big difference back then
was of course that we had a viral strain
covet strain that was circulating
dominant strain and that was not highly
infectious as those that we are seeing
right now
of course when a new virus gets into a
population
it immediately gets to the folks that
have
you know weak immunity and we know we
know these people this
is to a large majority of course elderly
people
people uh that have underlying diseases
or are otherwise
immune suppressed etc and
of course i mean it was certainly the
right thing to do to protect these
people
and for them also to isolate
but we have to distinguish frankly and
that is what we we have not been doing
between those people that have strong
innate immunity
i mean it's not uh you cannot see when
you see a person you don't know this but
we know that
young people have quite decent
innate immune response and therefore
they are naturally protected
and even more i mean if they get in
contact with coronavirus it will boost
their natural immunity so therefore
from the very beginning i don't i
i was i disapproved you know the fact
that schools
got too close and and universities and
that
youngsters were preventing even from
having contact with each other
that situation is of course completely
different if you look at
vulnerable people the viruses comes in
the population there is no

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no immunity there is no immunity at all
in fact
so nobody has been in contact so the
youngsters they can rely
on good innate immunity elderly people
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it gets
increasingly replaced by antigen
specific by specific immunity
as people get older so these people very
very clearly needed to be protected but
it has taken a lot of time before we
understood in fact
how we how exactly the immune response
and the virus were interacting
so there has been a lot of confusion a
lot of mistakes
made about mistakes i mean
retrospectively um
and and that has also led to um you know
bad
control right from the beginning uh i
would say
so with that in mind and where we
are now as we uh as countries across the
world have been drifting towards
the christmas period there is still a
rise in cases
countries had to try and lock down mass
mandates and so on
but we all had the hope that vaccines
would come
and break the cycle this is where
clearly now
from your expertise you seem to have a
different
thought about how we should have been
thinking about vaccines then and even
now
what is your perspective well
my perspective was and still is
that
[Music]
if you if you go to war you better make
sure that you have the right weapon
and the weapon in itself can be an
excellent weapon and that is what i'm
saying really about the current vaccines
i mean it's just
brilliant people who have been making
these vaccines in no
time and with regulatory approval and

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everything
so the weapon in itself is excellent
question is is this the right weapon for
the kind of
war that is going on right now
and there my answer is definitely no
because these are prophylactic vaccines
and prophylactic vaccines should
typically
not be administered to people
who are exposed to high infectious
pressure so don't forget we are
administering these vaccines
in the heat of a pandemic so in other
words
while we are preparing our weapon
we are fully attacked by the virus the
virus is everywhere
so that is a very different scenario
from
using such vaccines in
in a setting where the vaccinee is
barely or not
exposed to the virus and i'm saying this
because if you have high infectious
pressure it's so easy
for the virus to jump from one person to
the other
so if your immune response however
is just mounting as we see right now
with the number of people who get their
first dose together first those the
antibodies are not fully mature
titans are maybe not very high so
their immune response is suboptimal but
they are in the midst of this wash
while they are mounting an immune
response they are fully attacked by
by the virus and every single time i
mean this is textbook knowledge
every single time you have
an immune response that is suboptimal
in the presence of an infection in the
presence of a virus that infects that
person
you are at risk for immune escape so
that means that the virus can
escape to the immune response and that
is why i'm saying that
these vaccines i mean in their own right
or of course
excellent but to use them in the midst

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or in the midst of a pandemic and do
mass vaccination
because then you provide within a very
short period
of time the population with high
antibody titres
so the virus comes under enormous
pressure
i mean that that wouldn't matter if you
can eradicate the fire if you can
prevent infection
but these vaccines don't prevent
infection
they protect against disease because we
are just
unfortunately we look no further than
the end
of our nose in the sense that
hospitalization that's all what counts
you know getting people away from the
hospital
but in the meantime we are not realizing
that we
give all the time during this pandemic
by our interventions the opportunity
who escaped immune to the immune system
and and that is of course uh a very
very very dangerous thing
especially if we realize that these guys
they only need 10 hours to replicate so
if you think that by making new vaccines
a new
new vaccine against the the new
infectious strains
we are going to catch up it's impossible
to catch up
i mean virus is not going to wait till
we have those vaccines ready i mean this
thing
continues and as i was saying the thing
is
i mean if if you do this in the midst of
a pandemic
that is that is an enormous problem
these vaccines
are excellent but they are not made
for administration to millions of people
in the midst in the heat of a pandemic
so that is my fault
is this equivalent then because you
mentioned this in your paper
it is equivalent to using either a

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partial dose
of antibiotics in an antimicrobial or in
a bacterial infection
where you then produce superbugs is this
the kind of
example that you're alluding to well
that is a very good parallel it's also
the parallel i'm using actually
in the paper we just posted on linkedin
which you know should be so open for
everybody
i i mean it's pure science because as
you were pointing out
philip the thing is the rule is is very
simple
i mean same with antibiotics either the
antibiotics
do not match very well with the bug
that's not good that's why we are making
antibiograms
you know to first identify which which
is this germ
and then we choose the antibiotics we we
need to have a very good match otherwise
there could be resistance
so when i compare this to the current
situation
do we have a good match with our
antibodies
no at this point in time we don't have a
good match anymore
because we have this kind of like almost
heterologous
variants so that differs from the
original strain
so the match isn't very good anymore and
hence we see
people are still protected but they are
already shedding the virus
so that is one thing the other thing is
the quantity of course you tell people
you know you take your antibiotics
according to the prescription please
don't uh
as soon as you feel well that doesn't
mean that that you
you can stop the antibiotics same here
and i give just one example
if you know give people just like one
dose i mean they are in the process of
mounting their antibodies the
antibodies still need to fill the mature

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etc so this is a suboptimal situation
we are putting them in a suboptimal
situation with regard to their um
immune protection and on the other hand
they are in the midst of the war
they are fully attacked by all you know
by all these kinds of
highly infectious variants so i mean
it's it's very clear that this is
driving immune escape and will
ultimately drive
resistance uh to to the vaccines so my
point is
yes flip it's very similar there is one
difference
the virus needs living cells i mean if
you're driving immune escape but the guy
has no chance to jump on somebody else
who cares this situation is no different
because we are in the midst of a wash
we there is a high infectious pressure
so the likelihood
that an immune escape immediately finds
another living cell that means another
host
is very very high it's per definition
it's the definition almost of a pandemic
yeah so it raises a simple question that
somebody has put in in front of us here
which is it's perfectly common sense
what do we do
that question is very easy
i mean we need we need to
to do a better job when we are
confronted with situations
that seem very dramatic like you know an
epidemic our generation
has not you know been living in times
where there are
epidemics or pandemics and so we
immediately take action
and and jump on the beast with the tools
we have
instead of analyzing what is really
going on
and one thing that uh i
thought was extremely interesting was
and it's something that was not really
understood we know that the number of
people
are asymptotically infected so they
are infected

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but they don't develop severe symptoms
of course
they can have some mild symptoms of
respiratory disease whatever
so the question is what exactly happens
with those folks that they can eliminate
the virus
they eliminate the virus they they will
transmit it they will they will shed it
for like a week or so
and then they eliminate this you could
say yeah of course we know that
antibiotics eliminate oh wait a minute
the antibodies come later
you have first the search of you know
shedding of the virus
and it's only afterwards that you see
you know a moderate and
short-lived race of antibodies so the
antibodies cannot be responsible
for elimination of the virus so what is
responsible for elimination of the virus
luckily enough we have a number of
brilliant scientists
independent brilliant scientists that
have now increasingly
been showing and there is increasing
evidence that what in fact
is happening is that nk cells are taking
care of virus
so so so nk cells that the virus gets
into
into these epithelial cells and starts
to replicate
but nk cells get activated and they
will kill they will kill the cell
you know in which the the virus right so
to replicate so i was saying that
the virus needs to rely on a living cell
so you kill that cell
it's gone it's all over so while we are
in pollution we have this solution in in
the pathogenesis because some people
eliminate it absolutely i just wanted to
clarify because when you said nk cells
somebody may not quite know what you
mean so you mean
non-killer cells so it's a specific
group of whites
natural killers sorry yes natural killer
cells a special group of white blood
cells that go and take out the virally

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infected cells
yes um yes so yes you're right is that
because i have seen from a clinical
perspective
very old patients who you would expect
to be overwhelmed by the virus and they
have a few symptoms and then they're
okay
so they the body does manage to get rid
of it in some cases
and so it raises the point that i've
always been saying is that we haven't
spent enough time
understanding how the virus impacts the
body
and understanding how the pandemic then
will impact the world we've spent
all of our time just going for solutions
has that been a mistake
of course this has been the you know the
the most
the most important mistake i think i'm
not sure
many people and i i was part of them so
in in all modesty i was part of them
not sure whether many people understand
how a
natural pandemic develops and why
we have this first wave we have the
second wave and we have this third wave
and and i mean these waves of disease
and
mortality and morbidity they shift from
one population to another so i'm saying
for example the second wave this was
typically also the the case with
influenza world war
one when uh basically more soldiers
young people uh you know died in the
trenches
of influenza than than you know from
from injuries or whatever
so first the elderly i mean weak immune
system
etc then it gets to the the wave of
morbidity and mortality to to the other
people
and then it gets back to people who have
uh
you know have antibodies so
we we we have to understand this first
how does this come

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why all of a sudden is this this wave of morbidity and mortality
shift for example why are the three waves how do we
how do we explain this and also how does it come that some people are naturally protected
and others are not what are these mechanisms what are these molecular mechanisms because if you make vaccines and all this thing at the end of the day this is going to interact at a molecular level
and we have not been understanding this i was just explaining
we don't understand our weapon because we don't understand
that prophylactic vaccines should not be used
in the midst of an epidemic and we don't understand exactly what the virus is doing
so we go to a war and we don't know our enemy we don't understand the strategy of our enemy and we don't know how our weapon works
i mean how is how is that going to go fundamental problem to begin with i i understand and i i completely accept that but at the same
time i am still thinking that if the governments don't respond in some way because they have to be seen to be doing
something um what they seem to be in a lose-lose situation if they
don't do anything they're going to be criticized and if they do do something they're going to be criticized
is that a fair statement to make
i don't think so what was this odd of uh what's the name of the guy hippocrates you know the first do no harm
okay well i mean it wouldn't matter if you if you start vaccinating people and even it doesn't work
problem is that we induce a long lift antibody response and as a matter of fact
we know i mean that is not my knowledge it's all published problem is that
we we failed to put the pieces of the

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puzzle together
fact is that these long-lived antibodies
which have high specificity of course
for the for the virus they out
compete our natural antibodies
because their natural antibodies they
have a very broad spectrum but they have
low affinity right and so by doing this
even if your antibodies don't work
anymore because there is resistance or
you know that the strains are too
different from the original strain
we still this antibody specific antibody
will still
continue to out compete your natural
antibodies
and that is a huge problem because i was
saying just a few minutes ago these
natural antibodies
they provide you with broad protection
this protection
is yes it is variant non-specific
doesn't matter what variant you get it
doesn't even matter what type of corona
virus is coming in
they will protect you unless of course
you suppress this level of innate
immunity
or it is for example out-competed
by uh long-lived specific antibodies
and so it's not like okay you know
you you missed it uh okay let's try
again
no you did some harm i mean this is
different from drugs
immunizing somebody is installing
a new software on your computer don't
forget i mean
these antibodies they will be recalled
every single time you are encountering a
coronavirus right
i mean you cannot just erase this so
this is very serious
this is very serious so this is an
important point because when i was
looking at some of the research around
the challenges that they faced
with the initial sars the first epidemic
and they tried to develop the vaccines
one of the things they found certainly
when they tested it on the ferrets was
that when they exposed them

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to a coronavirus again they got a very severe response to it is this what you're saying that we are putting ourselves in a position where we can then have much more severe disease even to viruses that should normally be quite benign well you know you you see all my passion and my conviction but i mean i've been the last to criticize the vaccines uh in terms of would they in some regard could they in some regard be unsafe because you know you would have even this exacerbation of disease uh due to antibodies that doesn't match uh very well with the coronavirus they're exposed to etc i i know there is three reports on this and there is a lot of uh you know serious thoughts about this but um i think what we are talking about right now the really the the epidemic or the pandemic problem of having a population that is at no point during the pandemic and to large extent due to our intervention has not a strong immune response i mean this is already serious enough this is this is more concerning than one or the other adverse event that could maybe elicit it uh i'm not done playing it but that could maybe be elicited because people have antibodies that do no longer match very well with the strain they were or with the strain they are exposed to and therefore you know they build a complex they don't neutralize the virus they build the complex and this complex could maybe even enhance viral entry into susceptible cells and hence little exacerbation of disease i mean this may be possible

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but the problem i'm talking about is
a global a global problem it's not an
individual
getting an adverse event it's a global
problem of you know making this virus
increasingly infectious because we leave
it
all the time a chance an opportunity to
escape the immune system
and to drive this so to whip this up
you know up to a level where the virus
is so infectious that we can even no
longer control it because
i mean these highly infectious strains
people some people think
oh the virus is going to calm down and
it will insert
a number of mutations you know just to
be gentle and
and kind with us that's not going to
happen i mean this highly infectious
training
remain it's it is not going to be
spontaneous mutations that all of a co
of a sudden uh would become
you know would would make these fighters
again harmless
because such a virus would have a
competitive disadvantage
could no longer could not be dominant
anymore so that's not going to happen
so we're talking about a very very very
serious problem here
so it i've seen the question many times
and
quite frankly i get asked the questions
um
we're coming to a point where people are
going to
have to take these vaccines that looks
as though it's the reality either in the
context of work
or in the context of travel
based on what you're saying they're in a
lose-lose situation
what does what does this mean well what
does this mean is very clear
it's very clear what this is going to
mean so
let's consider the consequences of this
boat at the population level and at an
individual level

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because i would well understand if it
for the population is maybe not the best
thing to do but you know on an
individual level
it's still okay yeah then it's not an
easy that's not an easy question
but as a matter of fact it's exactly the
opposite well it's not the opposite
it is detrimental both
on a population level as on an
individual level and i'm telling you why
i think the population level i explained
you we are
increasingly facing highly infectious
strains that
already right now we cannot control
because basically what we are doing is
that we are turning
when we vaccinate somebody we are
turning this person in a potential
asymptomatic
carrier that is shedding the virus but
at an individual level
i just told you that if you have these
antibodies
and at some point and i'm sure these
will
people can challenge me on this but you
know reality will prove it
i think we are very close to vaccine
resistance right now and it's not for
nothing that already
people start developing you know new
vaccines against
strains etc but what i was saying is
that okay
if you miss the shoot okay you could say
nothing has happened no you are at the
same time
losing the most precious
part of your immune system that you
could ever imagine of
and that is your innate immune system
because the
innate antibodies the natural antibodies
the secretory igms
will be out competed by this
antigen-specific antibodies for binding
to the virus
and that will be long-lived that is a
long-life suppression
and you lose every protection

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against any viral
variant or or corona virus variant etc
so this means that you're left just with
no no single immune response with you
you're
you know you it's known your immunity
has become
kneel it's it's all done the antibodies
don't work anymore
and your your innate immunity has been
completely bypassed
and and this and this while highly
infectious strains are circulating
so i mean if that isn't clear enough i
really don't get it and people please do
read my
my you know what i posted because it's
science
it's pure science pure science and and
as everybody knows
i'm a highly passionate vaccine guy
right
and and i have no criticism on the
vaccines but please
use the right vaccine at the right place
and don't use it
in the heat of a pandemic on millions of
millions of people
we are going to pay a huge price for
this and i'm becoming emotional because
i'm thinking
of my children of the younger generation
i mean it's it's just impossible what we
are doing
we don't understand the pandemic we have
been
we have been turning it in an artificial
pandemic who can explain
who can explain where all of a sudden
all this highly infectious strain
come from nobody can explain this i can
explain it
but we have not been seeing this during
previous
pandemics during natural pandemics we
have not been seen it because at
every single time there was the immunity
was low enough so that the virus didn't
need to escape
so back at the end of the pandemic when
things calmed down and it was here
immunity it was still the same fire

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recirculating
what we are now doing is that we are
really chasing this virus
and it becomes all you know increasingly
infectious and i mean this is just a
situation that is completely
completely uh completely out of control
so it's also we we
we are now getting plenty of
asymptomatic shedders you know people
who the virus
because if they are vaccinated or they
have even antibodies from previous
disease
they can no longer control these highly
infectious variants
so how does that come does anybody still
understand the curse
i i see all these top scientists looking
at these curves at these waves like
somebody else is looking at the currency
rates at the stock market
all they can say is oh it goes up it's
it's stabilizing it may go down may go
up etc i mean that is not science
they don't have any glue they don't even
know whether the curve is gonna
go up exponentially or whether it's
gonna go down or whatever
they're completely lost and that is
extremely scary that has been the point
where i said okay guy you have you have
to analyze you have to
but you know these people are not
listening that is the problem
so you are in effect putting your
reputation
on the line because you feel so
passionately about this because i
guarantee you that no government
no um no health system
is going to want to hear what you are
saying you are in effect
um almost giving fuel to the fire for an
anti-vaxxer
who doesn't want the vaccine no no well
no no not yet
but because i i've clearly also
um addressed uh
some emails from anti-vaxxers i i mean
i'm not interested but
i'm clearly uh telling them that

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um you know it at this point at this
point
it's so irrelevant you know whether
you're a pro vaxxer or an anti-factor
etc
it is about the science it's about it's
about
humanity right i mean let's
let's not lose our time now with you
know criticizing people or
or you know i mean anti-vaxxer okay if
you're not an anti-vaxxer you could be a
stalker you could be
you know we like to stigmatize because
if you stigmatize people
you don't need to bother about them
anymore oh this guy's an anti-factor
okay
i mean he's out of of the scope oh he's
a stalker he's out of the scope
i mean that what is a discussion that is
completely irrelevant at this point
yeah it is about humanity and of course
i'm passionate of course
i mean it's about it's about your
children it's your family it's my family
it's
everyone right and it's simply for me i
put
everything at stake because i've done my
homework
right and this is simply a moral
obligation a moral obligation
right wow wow i mean
i i i there's very little one can say
as i said when you position
that you are in the business of
developing vaccines
and helping societies protect against
infections through the use of vaccines
and in this circumstance you are saying
hold it
we're doing the wrong thing here it's
very difficult
to not listen to that that's the that's
the truth
well the answer is very easy
i mean this is human behavior you know
we if we have if we are
you know having panic we do something
and we try to make ourselves believe
that it is the right thing to do till

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you know there is complete chaos and
there is a complete
disaster and then people say well you
know i mean
yeah politicians will probably say you
know we have been advised by the
scientists and
scientists you know will maybe point to
somebody else but this
is now a situation i'm asking
every single scientist to scrutinize to
look what i'm writing to do to do the
the science and to study exactly
the i call this the immune pathogenesis
of the disease
and because you know i mean i like
i like people to do to do their homework
and if the science is wrong
you know if i'm proven wrong i will
admit it
but i can tell you i'm not putting my
career my reputation
at stake i would not do this whether
when i would not be 200
you know convinced and it's not about me
not about
me at all it's about humanity people
don't understand what is currently going
on and we have
an obligation to explain this and i
posted my paper on linkedin and i invite
all independent scientists please to
look at it because this can be easily
understood by microbiologists
immunologists
geneticists you know plenty of you know
biochemists etc etc all the biologists
all these people
who have elementary knowledge it's not
rocket science
elementary knowledge of biology should
be able to understand this
and i mean i can only appeal to these
people
you know to stand up as independent
scientists and
to voice you know their opinion yes yes
yes
i mean that was a long point that
somebody put on about the innate immune
response
um uh over the falls over

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reacting of the innate immune response
leading to detrimental effects on other
in other coronaviruses so i i
i think you've expressed this so well
edgar
is that um i think that just hearing
your explanation
the passion the focus on the science i
think that that's as much as you can do
i think that um i i don't even want to
say anymore because i don't want to
lose that passion that you have just
expressed
how much you are doing in terms of
trying to see if you can make a
difference
with regards to the impact that we are
having in this pandemic
you know we really really appreciate
that kurt we really really appreciate
that
i hope enough people um shares this
listens to it certainly because i'm
connected with a lot of scientists
please um connect with gert take a look
at his paper
and um and see what you think and as you
said let's make decisions
based on science that's the best that we
can do at this point
wonderful just stay on the line there
we're just going to close off now guard
so thank you again
very very much gert and i hope maybe we
can speak again in the near future
to expand a little bit further on what
you have said
thanks philly for having me on wonderful

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[UN Agenda with WEF Solution](#)

Listed here is the UN agenda item with WEF solution:

- Eliminate Poverty – Universal income, no one owns anything
- Erase Hunger – Food rations
- Establish Good Health and Well-Being – Forced vaccinations

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- Provide Quality Education – Only public schools teaching their narratives
- Enforce Gender Equality – Eliminate tax-exempt status to those that hold other (Biblical) views
- Improve Clean Water and Sanitation
- Grow Affordable and Clean Energy
- Create Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Increase Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
- Reduce Inequality
- Mobilize Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Influence Responsible Consumption and Production
- Organize Climate Action
- Develop Life Below Water
- Advance Life On Land
- Guarantee Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- Build Partnerships for the Goals

2030Vision

2030Vision - partnering together to scale technologies for the global goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets out a 17 Global Goals (SDGs) to facilitate equal, sustainable and inclusive growth across the world, while promoting peace. Yet, progress towards delivering many of these Goals is far off track, and in some areas, progress is going backwards.

Unlocking the potential opportunity for technology to help make the Global Goals a reality over the next 10 years requires a system level change in priorities, and significant challenges to be overcome. We need to embrace innovation, not only in the development of new technologies, but also in how we do things. This includes new business models (platforms and ecosystems, marketplaces, digital commons), public and private collaborations, and incentives to ensure solutions are applied to solving our greatest social and environmental problems.

There is a huge untapped opportunity, therefore, to harness new technologies to accelerate progress on the Global Goals, both broadening and deepening current action. 2030Vision Platform will provide a focal point for the mobilisation of a more concerted and cooperative effort to apply advanced technologies to achieve the UN Global Goals. Building on the call from the UN High Level Plan on Digital Cooperation for a multi-stakeholder approach that brings together technology companies, government, civil society and international organisations leaders to collaborate on the responsible deployment of new technologies to deliver positive impact.

2030Vision is a newly formed integration merging the 2030Vision Partnership Initiative launched by Arm in December 2017 with the Frontier 2030 initiative launched by the World Economic Forum in January 2020. The new initiative, 2030Vision is co-owned and developed with founding partners and co-chaired by Simon Segars, CEO, Arm and Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

2030Vision aims to be the global public-private platform that puts the expertise and resources of the tech sector in service of accelerating the achievement of the Global Goals. The platform mobilizes technology companies, government, civil society and international organisation leaders to harness emerging technologies and at scale to accelerate action to achieve the Global Goals within the next decade.

The platform seeks to form 4IR technology partnerships with three key objectives in mind:

- Help countries identify and match technologies that address their specific Global Goals implementation priorities;
- Catalyse further collaboration to unlock barriers to breakthrough technology innovations for the Global Goals;

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- Proactively convene key stakeholders to cultivate an enabling environment for 4IR innovations to drive positive outcomes.

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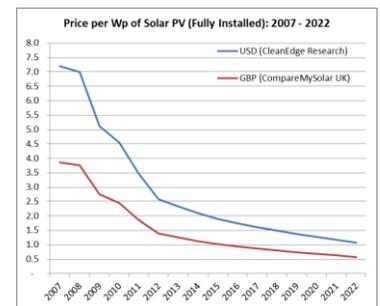
We asked experts from our [Global Future Councils](#) for their take on the world in 2030, and these are the results, from the death of shopping to the resurgence of the nation state.

1. All products will have become services.

“I don't own anything. I don't own a car. I don't own a house. I don't own any appliances or any clothes,” writes Danish MP Ida Auken. Shopping is a distant memory in the city of 2030, whose inhabitants have cracked clean energy and borrow what they need on demand. It sounds utopian, until she mentions that her every move is tracked and outside the city live swathes of discontents, the ultimate depiction of a society split in two.

2. There is a global price on carbon.

China took the lead in 2017 with a market for trading the right to emit a tonne of CO₂, setting the world on a path towards a single carbon price and a powerful incentive to ditch fossil fuels, predicts Jane Burston, Head of Climate and Environment at the UK's National Physical Laboratory. Europe, meanwhile, found itself at the centre of the trade in cheap, efficient solar panels, as prices for renewables fell sharply.



3. US dominance is over. We have a handful of global powers.

Nation states will have staged a comeback, writes Robert Muggah, Research Director at the Igarapé Institute. Instead of a single force, a handful of countries – the U.S., Russia, China, Germany, India and Japan chief among them – show semi-imperial tendencies. However, at the same time, the role of the state is threatened by trends including the rise of cities and the spread of online identities,

4. Farewell hospital, hello home-spital.

Technology will have further disrupted disease, writes Melanie Walker, a medical doctor and World Bank advisor. The hospital as we know it will be on its way out, with fewer accidents thanks to self-driving cars and great strides in preventive and personalised medicine. Scalpels and organ donors are out, tiny robotic tubes and bio-printed organs are in. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhi2NA976XM>

5. We are eating much less meat.

Rather like our grandparents, we will treat meat as a treat rather than a staple, writes Tim Benton, Professor of Population Ecology at the University of Leeds, UK. It won't be big agriculture or little artisan producers that win, but rather a combination of the two, with convenience food redesigned to be healthier and less harmful to the environment.

6. Today's Syrian refugees, 2030's CEOs.

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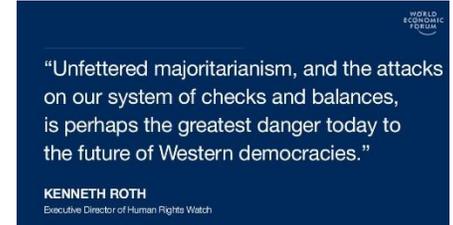
Highly educated Syrian refugees will have come of age by 2030, making the case for the economic integration of those who have been forced to flee conflict. The world needs to be better prepared for populations on the move, writes Lorna Solis, Founder and CEO of the NGO Blue Rose Compass, as climate change will have displaced 1 billion people.

7. **The values that built the West will have been tested to breaking point.**

We forget the checks and balances that bolster our democracies at our peril, writes Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch.

8. **“By the 2030s, we’ll be ready to move humans toward the Red Planet.”**

What’s more, once we get there, we’ll probably discover evidence of alien life, writes Ellen Stofan, Chief Scientist at NASA. Big science will help us to answer big questions about life on earth, as well as opening up practical applications for space technology.



[WEF Great Reset](https://www.weforum.org/great-reset/)

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There is an urgent need for global stakeholders to cooperate in simultaneously managing the direct consequences of the COVID-19 crisis. To improve the state of the world, the World Economic Forum is starting The Great Reset initiative.

The Covid-19 crisis, and the political, economic and social disruptions it has caused, is fundamentally changing the traditional context for decision-making. The inconsistencies, inadequacies and contradictions of multiple systems –from health and financial to energy and education – are more exposed than ever amidst a global context of concern for lives, livelihoods and the planet. Leaders find themselves at a historic crossroads, managing short-term pressures against medium- and long-term uncertainties.

As we enter a unique window of opportunity to shape the recovery, this initiative will offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations, the direction of national economies, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons. Drawing from the vision and vast expertise of the leaders engaged across the Forum’s communities, the Great Reset initiative has a set of dimensions to build a new social contract that honours the dignity of every human being.

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2021 World Economic Forum Davos Agenda from 25–29 January 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that no institution or individual alone can address the economic, environmental, social and technological challenges of our complex, interdependent world. The pandemic has accelerated systemic changes that were apparent before its inception. The fault lines that emerged in 2020 now appear as critical crossroads in 2021. The time to rebuild trust and to make crucial choices is fast approaching as the need to reset priorities and the urgency to reform systems grow stronger around the world.

The Davos Agenda is a pioneering mobilization of global leaders to shape the principles, policies and partnerships needed in this challenging new context. It is essential for leaders from all walks of life to work together virtually for a more inclusive, cohesive and sustainable future as soon as possible in 2021.

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From January 25-29, 2021, a special virtual World Economic Forum (WEF) event is being held to address challenges linked to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, themed “A crucial year to rebuild trust”, will be attended by more than 1,500 business, government and civil society leaders from over 70 countries. A special annual meeting is set to be held in Singapore May 25 – 28, 2021.

Over the course of meeting WEF will cover the following themes:

- Fairer economies: Designing cohesive, sustainable, resilient economic systems
- Health systems: Vaccine roll-out, universal access, pandemic resilience, 4IR in healthcare – telehealth, docbots
- Society and the future of work: Social Justice, skills, diversity and inclusion
- Better business: Driving responsible industry transformation and growth
- How to save the planet: Enhancing stewardship of our global commons
- Tech for good: Harnessing the technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- Beyond geopolitics: Advancing global and regional cooperation, trade

As a leading global technology company that energizes the transformation of society and industry to achieve a more productive, sustainable future, ABB will participate in the Davos Agenda, which is described by WEF as “a pioneering mobilization of global leaders to rebuild trust to shape the principles, policies and partnerships needed in 2021”

Our CEO will be an active contributor to the session “Reimagining Manufacturing for Growth” in addition to being part of the conversation with other leading executives and Heads of State. Additional executive members of the ABB delegation have been invited to participate in other Davos Agenda discussions.

Since 2014, ABB has been actively involved with WEF events around the world, with ABB executives participating in meetings and contributing to initiatives and reports that drive the partnership between the public and private sectors, with a focus on how the needs of society are met by industry.

ABB is helping to energize the transformation of society and industry to achieve a more productive, sustainable future. As we push the boundaries of technology, we support our customers to preserve resources and enable a low-carbon society. We act with integrity and transparency at the core of our governance and we promote social progress for our people and communities around the world.

One-World Government

Dan 7:23-26

- World without borders – Rush to Globalism
- Goes back to the tower of Babel
- The move, largely by the UN, toward a one-world government
- The decline of the US as a major world power
- Donald Trump is a Nationalist and has thrown a monkey-wrench into the plans of the Globalists
 - For a one-world government to succeed, they need the backing of the US
- Emmanuel Bonaparte: Macron declares that he will govern like a Roman God
- Paul Henry Spaak (Belgian Prime Minister) – What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the alliances of all people and lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Be he god or devil, we will receive him. (NATO 1957)

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Nimrod

- The one world idea was started by Nimrod – the great grandson of Noah – and the tower of Babel
- Nimrod's name means 'to rebel'
- Babel means 'the gateway of the gods'

Semiramis and Tammuz In the legend of Nimrod and his wife Semiramis, Nimrod was torn to pieces and although they found most of his body and cremated it only his reproductive organ was preserved. Following his death, Semiramis found she was pregnant. The child she bore was named Tammuz. Semiramis said Nimrod was the sun god and Tammuz was actually Nimrod reborn. Semiramis herself became known as Queen of Heaven and both she and Tammuz became the originators of the mother and child cult. The legend of Nimrod and Semiramis his wife and their son Tammuz moved across the Middle East and came to Egypt where they became the Egyptian sun god Osiris and his wife Isis; their son was named Horus. The legends of Nimrod, Semiramis and Tammuz are almost identical to Osiris, Isis and Horus. Both husbands died and the wife had a son following the husband's death, which they said was the husband Nimrod in Babylon and Osiris in Egypt. Both gods and both reborn in their son. Hence, the obelisks we see in Egypt and elsewhere are representations of Nimrod's/Osiris; the god's phallus.

- The book of Revelation describes the last days dominated by a one world government (Dan.7:7-8,23-24, Rev.13:7) with two branches – political and religious.
 - Political wing is lead by the Antichrist – described in Revelation 13:1-10
 - Religious wing is lead by the False Prophet – described in Revelation 13:11-18
- Antichrist – This man whom will rule the world for 42 months, (Dan.7:25, 12:7, Rev.11:2-3, 12:6,14, 13:5) will be worshipped by the world as it's messiah after his deadly head wound is healed/mock resurrection (Rev.13:3) with the second beast, the false prophet (Rev.19:20) leading his worldwide cult.

One World – Economy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfpz7cUe_BI

Rev 18

One World - Religion

Scripture

Revelation 13:11-18 – The Beast from the Earth [False Prophet]

Rev 13 ¹¹Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹²And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷and that no one

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may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Revelation 17 – The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

Rev 17 ¹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵ And on her forehead a name *was* written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.

⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

⁷ But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

⁹ “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

¹² “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”

¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

Revelation 2: The Corrupt Church

¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write ... ²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. ²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. ²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

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- The name Thyatira means "sacrifice"
 - A Greek word meaning "the castle of Thya."
 - An alternative meaning of "sacrifice offering" was suggested by "Hitchcock's New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible" and by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum in his book "Footsteps of the Messiah."
 - The first part of the word means continual, unwary, never tiring.
 - The second part means sacrifice.
 - Put them together and this is a place where they never tire of sacrificing something over & over again.
 - This represents the Mass of a Catholic church service.
 - Church in Thyatira
 - The big problem with this church was from within – the development of the Roman Catholic system
 - Thyatira portrays the medieval Papacy from 600 to 1500 AD
 - The goals to establish and enforce the pretensions of the Roman church constitute the major part of the history of the middle ages
 - The Chaldean priest who interpreted the esoteric doctrines of the Babylonian mysteries was called Peter – that is, the interpreter
 - He wore an insignia of the 2 keys of Janus and Sibyl – these 2 keys still appear on the Papal Arms as symbols of spiritual authority
 - The danger to the church at by a tyrant did not arise from the persecutions of Imperial Rome, or from the animosity of Jewish attitudes – Instead it arose from within the church itself, which was even more serious and dangerous to deal with
 - Jesus rebukes Thyatira for "suffering" Jezebel.
 - That word suffering actually means "putting up with".
 - So Jesus is accusing Thyatira for putting up with Jezebel and her teachings.
 - The chief sin of this church – which was fatal – simply consisted of failing to raise a protest against this woman who claimed to be a prophetess who led them into idolatrous doctrines and practices
 - Jezebel brought aberrant leadership and false doctrine – they were playing with fire but couldn't tell that they were getting burned.
 - In Bible prophecy, a woman is a symbol of a church
 - The woman in white in Revelation 12 represents God's true church
 - The harlot woman in Revelation 17 and 18 represents an apostate fallen church
- *By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.*
 - Whoever and/or whatever she was, she was a woman in the church at Thyatira that assumed a position of spiritual authority contrary to God's pattern.
 - The name "Jezebel" represents the IMPORTED, corruption from the outside world brought into the church.
 - The Pastor allowed, permitted, looked the other way so she could introduce (slip in, add to) a compromised worship system of prayer, music, studies, activities that are not "God-Approved".
 - This had infiltrated the church in Thyatira. She is not of the servants of God nor the Family of God. This is a Carnal, Messed Up Church and is in a State of Rebellion. (why? because Thyatira had departed from Orthodox Christian Conduct.)
 - "So why is the violation of those boundaries such a big deal? "ONE FLESH", sexual immorality
 - There is great unifying power within the sexual union between the male and female.
 - God designed it to involve not only bodies but hearts and lives.
 - Sex was designed to consummate the lifetime union between a man and woman.
 - Jesus said, "What God has joined together let no one separate."



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- He designed the male / female physiology so that two of the same, yet different could literally “come together” in an act of physical intimacy that joins them together for life as ONE. They “are no longer two, but one flesh.”
- According to God, the act of a male and a female uniting creates a new entity: a family!
 - This results in the recreation of another human that bears the image of God.
- The human race can only be propagated by the coming together of a man and a woman, male and female and God has said that that is to be within the bounds of marriage
- Sex is a gift to a husband and wife to not only make their relationship unique among all other relationships, but to be the intimate ministry possible between one to another.”

Jezebel

- Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidon
 - 1Ki 16 ³¹ And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.
 - The name ‘Ethbaal’ means ‘Baal is with him’
 - He was a high priest of Astarte, Babylonian mysteries in the Zidonionite Kingdom
 - Became king by murdering his predecessor, and ruled for 32 years
- Jezebel and her family were devoted Baal followers
 - Jezebel aggressively promoted worship of the Canaanite god Baal during the time of Elijah and Elisha in 1 & 2 Kings
 - Jezebel was a prophetess of Baal, the sun god
 - She was a temple prostitute - and she loved those pleasures.
 - She had 450 Baal prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah (both started in Babylon)
 - 1Ki 18 ¹⁹ Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”
 - She also killed many of the prophets of the true God (1Ki 18:4)
 - 1Ki 18 ⁴ For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.) ... ¹³ Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD’s prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? ¹⁴ And now you say, ‘Go, tell your master, “Elijah *is here.*” ’ He will kill me!”

Jezebel = Roman Catholic Church

- Jesus rebukes Thyatira for "suffering" Jezebel.
 - That word suffering actually means "putting up with".
 - So Jesus rebukes His people for putting up with the abominations that infiltrated the church.
 - Many openly submitted to Roman Catholic apostasy and no earnest effort was made to rebuke and stop the tide of evil flooding God's church.
 - In the Thyatira church age, apostasy was openly and defiantly rampant, even more so than in the Pergamos church age.
 - And just as Jezebel in the Old Testament slew the prophets of God, the Roman Catholic Church slew the true Christians who would not go along with her false teachings.
 - The chief sin of this church – which was fatal – simply consisted of failing to raise a protest against the apostasy that led them into idolatrous doctrines and practices
- Jezebel – queen of Israel – Babylonian priestess that introduced Babylonian practices

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- It's interesting that Christ says this woman Jezebel calls herself a "prophetess".
- So this church would be **claiming** to be doing God's work, but in truth it would be a fallen church, doing the work of Satan. She isn't a prophet of God, she is a prophet of the evil one.
- The Roman Catholic Church claims to be doing God's work, but in reality, as we can see from her false teachings and her history of killing God's people, she is doing the work of Satan.

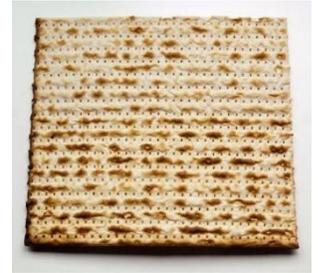
Babylonian practices still in the Catholic church today

- Rome claims that she is the only true church – she is the spokesman and the Pope is infallible
- But when you begin to study Rome, you will find that the heart of Catholicism is none other than Babylonian worship
 - God wants you to understand that, in the middle of Thyatira, there is a pagan worshipper who claims to be a prophetess of God that lead the church very far astray – with traditions that are still practiced today
- See extremely important detailed notes on [Roman Catholicism](#) roots in Babylonian practices
 - Mystery
 - Eucharist – Round, IHS, Transubstantiation
 - Catholic Popes (Papacy)
 - Mary
 - Catholic Holy Days
 - Indulgences – Works-Based Salvation
 - Purgatory
 - Statues/idols
 - Rosary
 - Confession
 - Baptismal regeneration
 - Extreme unction
 - Cross
 - Cardinals
 - Priests
- The Thyatira name means continual sacrifice.
 - The first part of the word means continual, unwary, never tiring.
 - The second part means sacrifice.
 - Put them together and this is a place where they never tire of sacrificing something over & over again.
 - This represents the Mass of a Catholic church service.
 - We have established this name comes from continual pagan Mass introduced by Jezebel.
 - The early church, due to pagan influences, warped the celebration of the Lord's Supper into a re-sacrifice / re-offering of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice.
- The Mass was the centerpiece of the Thyatira church.
 - The bread represented the body of the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. The Catholic view is the bread is a real Christ.
 - The offering of the Mass is to crucify Jesus on a daily basis for the sins of man.
 - Any time a Catholic priest conducts any kind of service (marriage, funeral, christening, etc...) he has a Mass. Ultimately, what happens at every Mass, is the priest takes the bread prays over it and it becomes the living Christ. The appearance of the bread remains unchanged. People are told the bread is Jesus Christ dying again for the sins of the world. This is repeated more than 200,000 times a day.
 - The Catholics believe after they have prayed over the bread it becomes the living Lord Jesus Christ – the same Christ who walked on the Earth and died on the cross. Protestants say however, the bread is only a

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symbol of Christ. They believe Jesus has already paid the price for sin and it was only necessary for Him to die once.

- Eucharist – Round IHS communion
 - On the Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III, there are priests. One holds the wine and one holds a plate with three round cross buns. Have you ever wondered why they use round wafers for communion?
 - At Passover unleavened, rectangular bread with holes and baking stripes was used.
 - The entire Passover meal is a description of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - The bread is unleavened. Leaven represents sin. The bread or Christ is without sin.
 - The baking stripes represent the stripes inflicted upon Jesus during His beating before the crucifixion – the stripes by which the Bible says we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).
 - The holes represent the piercing Jesus received in His hands and feet from the nails, the thorns on His brow, and the spear in His side.
 - The wine represents the blood shed as the covering for all sin.
 - So why do they use round wafers?
 - They mixed pagan mass with Christian communion and the wafers took the place of the bread.
 - They are images of the sun god, Baal.
 - A Catholic communion wafer – See the sun god surrounding the wafer?
 - The Babylonians worshipped Baal using the small, thin, round wafers as a symbol of the sun god.
 - People in Egypt worshipped sun. On the altars of Egypt were circular sun shaped wafers made from unleavened bread.
 - This bread represented the body of sun god and in middle were initialing IHS (Isis, Horus, Seb – Egyptian trinity).
 - Transubstantiation
 - (especially in the Roman Catholic Church) the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remaining.
 - Egyptians priests prayed above their round wafers, to make them as holy. Then they told to the people, that miracle had taken place. They said that wafers have changed for the flesh of sun god Osiris. And after the change, the nation ate its god.
 - This Egyptian bread god ritual points out perfectly Roman Catholic Church Eucharist, in which catholic priests pray over the bread and changes the wafer to Jesus Christ.
 - IHS
 - Catholic church of Rome says these letters is for the Latin: "*Iesus Hominum Salvatore*", which mean Jesus Saviour of the people.
 - The letters I H S stand for the Egyptian unholy trinity of Isis, Horus and Seb.
 - Because teaching of Roman catholic Church is exactly similar as in heathen religions, so maybe IHS letters are "dedicated" also to Egyptian trinity?
 - Pope Francis Coat of Arms
 - Note the sun and IHS designation
- The main reason that this website is here, is because of the great error and apostasy found within "Christianity" around the world. The Roman Catholic Church has the largest number of members with over 1 billion, and yet the Bible reveals this church to be apostate. And we now also have many of the Protestant churches heading back to Rome, back to the "mother" (Mother of harlots). So while the world is preaching ecumenism, driven by the Catholic Church, we remain steadfast upon the truth, upon the Rock which is Christ Jesus, and we say, come out of



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her and stay separate, because God is going to pour out His wrath upon her and anyone who continues to commit fornication with her. Please study the truth for yourself and find out about God's end time remnant church. Follow Jesus, not Jezebel! To those who overcome, God will grant them to rule over the nations with Jesus.

False Prophet = second beast = Eighth king

One World Religion – Ecumenism

Pope – Reformation is over - we are all catholic again – Tony Palmer, Protestant Bishop

<https://www.sdarm.org.au/news/2014/04/08/popes-call-unity-protestant-reformation/>

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/news/world/2014/08/07/pope-protestant-friend-dies-but-push-for-unity-lives/v7y0x8NglzPe6oNWoXIKdJ/story.html>

- The term "ecumenism" refers to efforts by Christians of different church traditions to develop closer relationships and better understandings. The term is also often used to refer to efforts towards the visible and organic unity of different Christian denominations in some form.
- The adjective ecumenical can also be applied to any interdenominational initiative that encourages greater cooperation among Christians and their churches, whether or not the specific aim of that effort is full, visible unity. It can also be applied in the same way to other religions or to refer to unity between religions or between people in general - in this sense it means non-sectarian, non-denominational.
- The terms ecumenism and ecumenical come from the Greek οἰκουμένη (oikoumene), which means "the whole inhabited world", and was historically used with specific reference to the Roman Empire. The ecumenical vision comprises both the search for the visible unity of the Church (Ephesians 4:3) and the "whole inhabited earth" (Matthew 24:14) as the concern of all Christians.
- Right now there is a great move to wipe the word "protestant" out of Christianity.
 - The current thought is we should be one body with acceptance for all teaching and doctrine.
 - One of the biggest "coming together" promoters is TV evangelism.
 - The man in charge of one of the largest networks said he is wiping the word "protestant" out of his dictionary. We are all just one.
 - Another of these TV preachers traveled to a supposed viewing site of the Virgin Mary. He is of protestant denomination yet he indulged in Catholic Communion (by participating he committed heresy). On national Christian television he told the owner of the Christian network, "You know, I felt such a presence of God when I ate that bread". The owner replied, "I knew it. There is no difference. We are all one and I am knocking the word "protestant" out of my language." In other words, "I am getting into bed with the harlot".
 - What will happen to him or anyone like him? The Bible tells us they are going to be cast into Great Tribulation. They will not be taken in the Rapture. They will be in bed with this harlot during the great tribulation. When we get to Revelation 17 and 18 we will see how she suffers. She will be raped and murdered by the ten kings. Her city is destroyed in a single day. You do not want to play around with Rome. The only way to escape this fate is to repent of Rome's deeds.

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Coexist

Signify the capability or desire of humans to live together in peace.

C – Islamic crescent moon

O – Peace sign

E – Hindu Om symbol

X – Star of David

I – Pentagram for the dot of the "I"

S – Yin-yang symbol

T – Christian cross



Christian persecution

Christian Persecution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLUIVJT2I4Q>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZ_HLLq28tE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=087diMk4Tp8> ** Need to watch

Matthew 24 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” ... ⁹ “Then **they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.** ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

John 17:13-16 – Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Jn 17 ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and **the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

2 Timothy 3:12-13 – The Man of God and the Word of God

2Ti 3 ¹² Yes, and **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.** ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Hebrews 13:1-4 – Concluding Moral Directions

Heb 13 ¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. ³ **Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.** ⁴ Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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Sexual Immorality

Adultery, Fornication, Homosexuality, Transgender Confusion, Pedophilia

Sexual Immorality

Genesis 1:26-28 – The History of Creation

Ge 1 ²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:21-24 – Life in God’s Garden

Ge 2 ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: “This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; **She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.**” ²⁴ **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

Acts 15:19-20 – The Jerusalem Council

Act 15 ¹⁹ Therefore I judge that **we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,** ²⁰ but that we write to them to **abstain** from things polluted by idols, *from sexual immorality*, *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

Ephesians 4:17-24 – The New Man

Ep 4 ¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, **have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.** ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you **put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,** ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 – Immorality Defiles the Church

1Co 5 ¹ It is actually reported *that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father’s wife!* ... ⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle **not to keep company with sexually immoral people.** ¹⁰ Yet *I* certainly *did not mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I have written to you **not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral**, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—**not even to eat with such a person.** ¹² For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? ¹³ But those who are outside God judges. Therefore **“put away from yourselves the evil person.”**

Romans 13:11-14 – The Day Is Near

Ro 13 ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ **Let us behave decently**, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, **not in sexual immorality and debauchery**, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and **do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.**

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1 Peter 2:11-12 – Living Before the World

1Pe 2 ¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,** ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Romans 8:1-8 – Free from Indwelling Sin

Ro 8 ¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: **He condemned sin in the flesh,** ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ **For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,** but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ **For to be carnally minded is death,** but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** ⁸ **So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

Galatians 5:16-26 – Walking in the Spirit

Gal 5 ¹⁶ I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** ¹⁷ **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another,** so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ **Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,** ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ **And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.** ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Romans 8:12-13 – Sonship Through the Spirit

Ro 8 ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ **For if you live according to the flesh you will die;** but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 – Plea for Purity

1Th 4 ³ **For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;** ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ **not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;** ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ **For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.** ⁸ Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 – Glorify God in Body and Spirit

1Co 6 ¹² All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³ Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now **the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.** ¹⁴ And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. ¹⁵ **Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not!** ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. ¹⁸ **Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but **he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.** ¹⁹ Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,** whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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Romans 12:1-2 – A Living Sacrifice

Ro 12 ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.** ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 – Watering, Working, Warning

1Co 3 ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ **If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him.** For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

1 John 2:3-5 – The Test of Knowing Him

1Jn 2 ³ Now **by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.** ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1 Timothy 1:8-11 – No Other Doctrine

1Ti 1 ⁸ But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that **the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.**

Isaiah 5:20-25 – Impending Judgment on Excesses

Is 5 ²⁰ **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;**

Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

²¹ Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

²² Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink,

²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!

²⁴ **Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff,**

So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust;

Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

²⁵ Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused against His people; He has stretched out His hand against them And stricken them, And the hills trembled. Their carcasses *were* as refuse in the midst of the streets.

For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand *is* stretched out still.

1 John 2:15-17 – Do Not Love the World

1Jn 2 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For **all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.** ¹⁷ **And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;** but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Colossians 3:2-7 – Not Carnality but Christ

Col 3 ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ Therefore **put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.** ⁶ **Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,** ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

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Ephesians 5:1-7 – Walk in Love

Ep 5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³ But **fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you**, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that **no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them

1 Corinthians 10:1-11 Old Testament Examples

1Co 10 ¹ Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ **Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted**. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” ⁸ **Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell**; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ **Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come**.

Hebrews 12:14-17 – Renew Your Spiritual Vitality

Heb 12 ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; ¹⁶ **lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright**. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 – Do Not Sue the Brethren

1Co 6 ⁹ Do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived. **Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites**, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Revelation 2:12-16 – The Compromising Church

Rev 2 ¹² “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³ “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴ **But I have a few things against you**, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to **commit sexual immorality**. ¹⁵ Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. ¹⁶ **Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth**.

Revelation 2:18-23 – The Corrupt Church

Rev 2 ¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: ¹⁹ “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first. ²⁰ Nevertheless **I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality** and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And **I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent**. ²² **Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their**

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deeds. ²³ **I will kill her children with death,** and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Revelation 9:13-21 – Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

Rev 9 ¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three *plagues* a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. ²⁰ But **the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And **they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality** or their thefts.

Revelation 22:12-15 – Jesus Testifies to the Churches

Rev 22 ¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*” ¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But **outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.**

Revelation 21:8 – All Things Made New

Rev 21 ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, **sexually immoral**, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars **shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**”

Adultery / Fornication

Adultery is a consensual sexual relationship or encounter between someone who's married and a person they're not married to (who may or may not be married to someone else).

Fornication is generally consensual sexual intercourse between two people not married to each other. When one or more of the partners having consensual sexual intercourse is married to a third person, it is called adultery.

Exodus 20:1-17 – The Ten Commandments

Ex 20 ¹ And God spoke all these words, saying: ² “I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ “You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor ^[b]serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

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¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ **“You shall not commit adultery.**

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

Matthew 5:27-30 – Adultery in the Heart

Mt 5 ²⁷ **“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.**

Matthew 15:16-20 – Defilement Comes from Within

Mt 15 ¹⁶ So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? ¹⁸ But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹ **For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. ²⁰ These are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”**

Mark 7:17-23 – Defilement Comes from Within

Mk 7 ¹⁷ When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸ So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, *thus* purifying all foods?” ²⁰ And He said, **“What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”**

Deuteronomy 22:22-30 – Laws of Sexual Morality

Dt 22 ²² **“If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die**—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.

²³ “If a young woman *who is* a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, ²⁴ then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor’s wife; so you shall put away the evil from among you.

²⁵ “But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. ²⁶ But you shall do nothing to the young woman; *there is* in the young woman no sin *deserving* of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so *is* this matter. ²⁷ For he found her in the countryside, *and* the betrothed young woman cried out, but *there was* no one to save her.

²⁸ “If a man finds a young woman *who is* a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, ²⁹ then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman’s father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days.

³⁰ **“A man shall not take his father’s wife, nor uncover his father’s bed.**

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Deuteronomy 23:17-18 – Miscellaneous Laws

Dt 23¹⁷ “There shall be no *ritual* harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel. ¹⁸ You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these *are* an **abomination** to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 27:20-23 – Curses Pronounced from Mount Ebal

Dt 27²⁰ ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his father’s wife, because he has uncovered his father’s bed.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

²¹ ‘Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

²² ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

²³ ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

1 Corinthians 7:1-2 – Principles of Marriage

1Co 7¹ Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman. ² Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

Matthew 19:3-10 – Marriage and Divorce

Mt 19³ The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?” ⁴ And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that **He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’** ⁵ and said, ‘**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?**’ ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷ They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you, **whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.**” ¹⁰ His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry.”

Mark 10:2-10 – Marriage and Divorce

Mk 10² The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?” testing Him.

³ And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

⁴ They said, “Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her*.”

⁵ And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶ But **from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’** ⁷ **‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,** ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰ In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter*. ¹¹ So He said to them, “**Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.** ¹² **And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.**”

Matthew 5:31-32 – Marriage Is Sacred and Binding

Mt 5³¹ “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that **whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.**

Luke 16:18 – The Law, the Prophets, and the Kingdom

Lk 16¹⁸ “**Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from *her* husband commits adultery.**

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Hebrews 13:1-4 – Concluding Moral Directions

Heb 13 ¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. ³ Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. ⁴ **Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.**

Proverbs 6:23-35 – Beware of Adultery

Pro 6 ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,
²⁴ **To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.**
²⁵ **Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.**
²⁶ **For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.**
²⁷ Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?
²⁸ Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?
²⁹ **So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.**
³⁰ *People* do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.
³¹ Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.
³² **Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul.**
³³ **Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.**
³⁴ **For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.**
³⁵ He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

Proverbs 7 – The Wiles of a Harlot

Pro 7 ¹ My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.
² Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.
³ Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ Say to wisdom, "You *are* my sister," And call understanding *your* nearest kin,
⁵ **That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words.**
⁶ For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,
⁷ And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding,
⁸ Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house
⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night.
¹⁰ And there a woman met him, *With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
¹¹ She *was* loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.
¹² At times *she was* outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.
¹³ So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him:
¹⁴ "I have peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows.
¹⁵ So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you.
¹⁶ I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.
¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
¹⁸ **Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.**
¹⁹ **For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey;**
²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him, *And* will come home on the appointed day."
²¹ **With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.**
²² **Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,**
²³ **Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it *would* cost his life.**
²⁴ Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:
²⁵ Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths;
²⁶ For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong *men*.
²⁷ **Her house is the way to hell, Descending to the chambers of death.**

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Proverbs 2:10-22 – The Value of Wisdom

Pro 2 ¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,
¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,
¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;
¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, *And* delight in the perversity of the wicked;
¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, And *who are* devious in their paths;
¹⁶ **To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words,**
¹⁷ **Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.**
¹⁸ **For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead;**
¹⁹ None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life—
²⁰ So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep *to* the paths of righteousness.
²¹ For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;
²² But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

Proverbs 5:1-6 – The Peril of Adultery

Pro 5 ¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding,
² That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.
³ **For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth *is* smoother than oil;**
⁴ **But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.**
⁵ **Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell.**
⁶ Lest you ponder *her* path of life—Her ways are unstable; You do not know *them*.

James 4:1-5 – Pride Promotes Strife

Jam 4 ¹ Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members? ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³ **You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.** ⁴ **Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

Homosexuality / Transgender

Homosexuality is romantic attraction, sexual attraction, or sexual behavior between members of the same sex or gender.

Transgender people have a gender identity or gender expression that differs from the sex that they were assigned at birth.

Leviticus 18:19-28 – Laws of Sexual Morality

Lev 18 ¹⁹ ‘Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her customary impurity. ²⁰ Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her. ²¹ And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD. ²² **You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.** ²³ Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion. ²⁴ ‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. ²⁵ For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. ²⁶ **You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you** ²⁷ (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who *were* before you, and thus the land is defiled), ²⁸ lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you.

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Leviticus 20:10-21 – Penalties for Breaking the Law

Lev 20 ¹⁰ ‘The man who commits adultery with *another* man’s wife, *he* who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. ¹¹ The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them. ¹² If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood *shall be* upon them. ¹³ **If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death.** Their blood *shall be* upon them. ¹⁴ If a man marries a woman and her mother, it *is* wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you. ¹⁵ **If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death,** and you shall kill the animal. ¹⁶ **If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman** and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *is* upon them.

¹⁷ ‘If a man takes his sister, his father’s daughter or his mother’s daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it *is* a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. ¹⁸ **If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people.**

¹⁹ ‘You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister nor of your father’s sister, for that would uncover his near of kin. They shall bear their guilt. ²⁰ If a man lies with his uncle’s wife, he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. ²¹ If a man takes his brother’s wife, it *is* an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother’s nakedness. They shall be childless.

Deuteronomy 22:5 – Various Laws of Morality

Dt 22 ⁵ **“A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.**

Jude 1:3-4 – Contend for the Faith

Jude 1 ³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ **For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

James 1:12-16 – Loving God Under Trials

Jam 1 ¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But **each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** ¹⁵ **Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.** ¹⁶ **Do not be deceived,** my beloved brethren.

Genesis 19:1-13 – Sodom’s Depravity

Ge 19 ¹ Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. ² And he said, “Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” And they said, “No, but we will spend the night in the open square.” ³ But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ⁴ **Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.** ⁵ And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.” ... ¹² Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take *them* out of this place! ¹³ For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

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Jude 1:5-7 – Old and New Apostates

Jude 1 ⁵ But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ **as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

Ezekiel 16:49-50 – More Wicked than Samaria and Sodom

Ez 16 ⁴⁹ Look, this was the **iniquity of your sister Sodom**: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. ⁵⁰ **And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.**

Luke 17:28-30 – The Coming of the Kingdom

Lk 17 ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ **but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.** ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Isaiah 3:8-12 – Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

Is 3 ⁸ For Jerusalem stumbled, And Judah is fallen,
Because their tongue and their doings *Are* against the LORD, To provoke the eyes of His glory.
⁹ **The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves.**
¹⁰ “Say to the righteous that *it shall be well with them*, For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
¹¹ **Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, For the reward of his hands shall be given him.**
¹² *As for* My people, children *are* their oppressors, And women rule over them.
O My people! Those who lead you cause *you* to err, And destroy the way of your paths.”

Romans 1:24-32 – God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness

Ro 1 ²⁴ **Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,** ²⁵ **who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.**

²⁶ For this reason **God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.** ²⁷ **Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.**

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;** ²⁹ **being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,** ³⁰ **backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,** ³¹ **undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;** ³² **who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**

Judges 19:22-25 – Gibeah’s Crime

Judge 19 ²² As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain **men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him carnally!”** ²³ But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act *so* wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage. ²⁴ Look, *here is* my virgin daughter and *the man’s* concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!” ²⁵ But the men would not heed him. **So**

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the man took his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.

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Ezekiel 5:5-17 – A Sword Against Jerusalem

Ez 5 ⁵“Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘This *is* Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her. ⁶**She has rebelled against My judgments by doing wickedness** more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that *are* all around her; for they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes.’ ⁷Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Because you have multiplied *disobedience* more than the nations that *are* all around you, have not walked in My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor even done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* all around you’— ⁸therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Indeed I, even **I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst** in the sight of the nations. ⁹And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. ¹⁰Therefore **fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers**; and I will execute judgments among you, and all of you who remain I will scatter to all the winds.

¹¹ ‘Therefore, *as* I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely, **because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you**; My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity. ¹²**One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine** in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

¹³ ‘Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. ¹⁴Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that *are* all around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

¹⁵ ‘**So it shall be a reproach, a taunt, a lesson, and an astonishment to the nations that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes.** I, the LORD, have spoken. ¹⁶**When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread.** ¹⁷**So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you.** Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken.’ ”

Ezekiel 14:12-23 – Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness

Ez 14 ¹²The word of the LORD came again to me, saying: ¹³“Son of man, **when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it.** ¹⁴Even *if* these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD.

¹⁵ “If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts, ¹⁶*even though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

¹⁷ “Or *if* I bring a sword on that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ and I cut off man and beast from it, ¹⁸*even though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered.

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¹⁹ “Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast, ²⁰ even *though* Noah, Daniel, and Job *were* in it, *as* I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness.”

²¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: “How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it? ²² **Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, both sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster** that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it. ²³ And they will comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing without cause that I have done in it,” says the Lord GOD.

Psalm 107:23-38 – Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Great Works of Deliverance

Ps 107 ²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,

²⁴ They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.

²⁵ For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

²⁶ They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.

²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits’ end.

²⁸ **Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.**

²⁹ He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

³⁰ Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

³¹ Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

³² Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.

³³ **He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;**

³⁴ **A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.**

³⁵ **He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.**

³⁶ **There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,**

³⁷ **And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.**

³⁸ **He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.**

1 Chronicles 21:1- The Census of Israel and Judah

1Ch 21 ¹ Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. ² So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, “Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know *it*.”

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⁷ And **God was displeased with this thing**; therefore He struck Israel. ⁸ So David said to God, “I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.”

⁹ Then the LORD spoke to Gad, David’s seer, saying, ¹⁰ “Go and tell David, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: “I offer you three *things*; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you.” ’ ” ¹¹ So Gad came to David and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: ‘**Choose for yourself, ¹² either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking you, or else for three days the sword of the LORD—the plague in the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.**’ Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.”

Isaiah 5:13-15 – Impending Judgment on Excesses

Is 5 ¹³ Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because *they have* no knowledge;

Their honorable men *are* famished, And their multitude dried up with thirst.

¹⁴ **Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself And opened its mouth beyond measure;**

Their glory and their multitude and their pomp, And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.

¹⁵ **People shall be brought down, Each man shall be humbled, And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.**

Amos 4:6-9 – Israel Did Not Accept Correction

Amos 4 ⁶ “Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, **And lack of bread in all your places;**

Yet you have not returned to Me,” Says the LORD.

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⁷“**I also withheld rain from you**, When *there were* still three months to the harvest.

I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city.

One part was rained upon, And where it did not rain the part withered.

⁸So two *or* three cities wandered to another city to drink water, But they were not satisfied;

Yet you have not returned to Me,” Says the LORD.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 – A Hymn of Faith

Hab 3 ¹⁷ **Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;**

Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food;

Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—

¹⁸ **Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.**

Job 5:17-27 – Eliphaz: Job Is Chastened by God

Job 5 ¹⁷ “Behold, happy *is* the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

¹⁸ **For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole.**

¹⁹ He shall deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.

²⁰ **In famine He shall redeem you from death,** And in war from the power of the sword.

²¹ You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, And you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes.

²² **You shall laugh at destruction and famine, And you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.**

²³ For you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field, And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.

²⁴ You shall know that your tent *is* in peace; You shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss.

²⁵ You shall also know that your descendants *shall be* many, And your offspring like the grass of the earth.

²⁶ You shall come to the grave at a full age, As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.

²⁷ **Behold, this we have searched out; It is true. Hear it, and know for yourself.”**

Psalms 33:18-19 – The Sovereignty of the Lord in Creation and History

Ps 33 ¹⁸ Behold, **the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,**

¹⁹ **To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.**

Psalms 37:16-20 – The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

Ps 37 ¹⁶ A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ **The LORD knows the days of the upright,** And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹ **They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.**

²⁰ But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD,

Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

Famine in Israel

1 Kings 17:1-7 – Elijah Proclaims a Drought

1Ki 17 ¹ **And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”**

² Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ³“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁶ **The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.** ⁷ And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

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1 Kings 18:1-2 – Elijah’s Message to Ahab

1Ki 18 ¹ And it came to pass *after* many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth.” ² So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and **there was a severe famine in Samaria.**

2 Kings 4:38-41 – Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew

2Ki 4 ³⁸ And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and **there was a famine in the land.** Now the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him; and he said to his servant, “Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets.” ³⁹ So one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and sliced *them* into the pot of stew, though they did not know *what they were.* ⁴⁰ Then they served it to the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating the stew, that they cried out and said, “Man of God, *there is death in the pot!*” And they could not eat *it.* ⁴¹ So he said, “Then bring some flour.” And he put *it* into the pot, and said, “Serve *it* to the people, that they may eat.” And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

2 Kings 4:42-44 – Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

2Ki 4 ⁴² Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, “Give *it* to the people, that they may eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?” He said again, “Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the LORD: ‘They shall eat and have *some* left over.’ ” ⁴⁴ So he set *it* before them; and they ate and had *some* left over, according to the word of the LORD.

2 Kings 8:1-2 – The King Restores the Shunammite’s Land

2Ki 8 ¹ Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, “Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for **the LORD has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years.**” ² So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years.

Isaiah 9:17-21 – The Punishment of Samaria

Is 9 ¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men, Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For **everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, And every mouth speaks folly.**

For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.

¹⁸ For wickedness burns as the fire; It shall devour the briars and thorns, And kindle in the thickets of the forest; They shall mount up *like* rising smoke.

¹⁹ **Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts The land is burned up,**

And the people shall be as fuel for the fire; No man shall spare his brother.

²⁰ **And he shall snatch on the right hand And be hungry;**

He shall devour on the left hand And not be satisfied; Every man shall eat the flesh of his own arm.

²¹ **Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh; Together they shall be against Judah.**

For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand *is* stretched out still.

Isaiah 17:10-11 – Proclamation Against Syria and Israel

Is 17 ¹⁰ **Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation,**

And have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold,

Therefore you will plant pleasant plants And set out foreign seedlings;

¹¹ In the day you will make your plant to grow, And in the morning you will make your seed to flourish;

But the harvest will be a heap of ruins In the day of grief and desperate sorrow.

2 Kings 6:24-29 – Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine

2Ki 6 ²⁴ And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. ²⁵ And **there was a great famine in Samaria;** and indeed they besieged it until a donkey’s head was *sold* for eighty *shekels* of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five *shekels* of silver. ²⁶ Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, “Help, my lord, O king!” ²⁷ And he said, “If the LORD does

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not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"²⁸ Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "**This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'**"²⁹ **So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son.**"

Famine in Judah

Jeremiah 34:12-17 – Treacherous Treatment of Slaves

Jer 34¹² Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,¹³ "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,¹⁴ **"At the end of seven years let every man set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to him; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you."** But your fathers did not obey Me nor incline their ear.¹⁵ Then you recently turned and did what was right in My sight—every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name.¹⁶ Then you turned around and profaned My name, and every one of you brought back his male and female slaves, whom you had set at liberty, at their pleasure, and brought them back into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.'¹⁷ "Therefore thus says the LORD: **'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother and every one to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim liberty to you,'** says the LORD—"to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine! And I will deliver you to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth.

Jeremiah 14:14-18 – Sword, Famine, and Pestilence

Jer 14¹⁴ And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land'—"By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed!¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; they will have no one to bury them—they nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters—for I will pour their wickedness on them.'

¹⁷ "Therefore you shall say this word to them:

'Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, And let them not cease;
For the virgin daughter of my people Has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.

¹⁸ If I go out to the field, Then behold, those slain with the sword!

And if I enter the city, Then behold, those sick from famine!

Yes, both prophet and priest go about in a land they do not know.'

Jeremiah 5:12-18 – The Justice of God's Judgment

Jer 5¹² **They have lied about the LORD,**

And said, "*It is* not He. **Neither will evil come upon us, Nor shall we see sword or famine.**

¹³ And the prophets become wind, For the word *is* not in them. **Thus shall it be done to them.**"

¹⁴ Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts:

"Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire,

And this people wood, And it shall devour them.

¹⁵ Behold, I will bring a nation against you from afar, O house of Israel," says the LORD.

"*It is* a mighty nation, *It is* an ancient nation,

A nation whose language you do not know, Nor can you understand what they say.

¹⁶ Their quiver *is* like an open tomb; They *are* all mighty men.

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¹⁷ And they shall eat up your harvest and your bread, *Which* your sons and daughters should eat. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds; They shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; They shall destroy your fortified cities, In which you trust, with the sword.

¹⁸ “Nevertheless in those days,” says the LORD, “I will not make a complete end of you.

Ezekiel 5:5-17 – A Sword Against Jerusalem

Ez 5 ⁵ “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘This *is* Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her. ⁶ **She has rebelled against My judgments by doing wickedness** more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that *are* all around her; for they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes.’ ⁷ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Because you have multiplied *disobedience* more than the nations that *are* all around you, have not walked in My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor even done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* all around you’— ⁸ therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Indeed I, even **I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst** in the sight of the nations. ⁹ And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. ¹⁰ Therefore **fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers;** and I will execute judgments among you, and all of you who remain I will scatter to all the winds.

¹¹ ‘Therefore, *as* I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely, **because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you;** My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity. ¹² **One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine** in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

¹³ ‘Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. ¹⁴ Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that *are* all around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

¹⁵ ‘**So it shall be a reproach, a taunt, a lesson, and an astonishment to the nations that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes.** I, the LORD, have spoken. ¹⁶ **When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread.** ¹⁷ **So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you.** Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken.’ ”

Jeremiah 18:18-21 – Jeremiah Persecuted

Jer 18 ¹⁸ Then they said, “Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.”

¹⁹ Give heed to me, O LORD, And listen to the voice of those who contend with me!

²⁰ **Shall evil be repaid for good?** For they have dug a pit for my life.

Remember that I stood before You To speak good for them, To turn away Your wrath from them.

²¹ **Therefore deliver up their children to the famine,** And pour out their *blood* By the force of the sword;

Let their wives *become* widows And bereaved of their children.

Let their men be put to death, Their young men *be* slain By the sword in battle.

Jeremiah 42:7-17 – The Flight to Egypt Forbidden

Jer 42 ⁷ And it happened after ten days that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. ⁸ Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, ⁹ and said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him: ¹⁰ ‘If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you and not pluck *you* up. For I relent concerning the disaster that I have brought upon you. ¹¹ Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid;

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do not be afraid of him,' says the LORD, 'for I *am* with you, to save you and deliver you from his hand. ¹² And I will show you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and cause you to return to your own land.' ¹³ **"But if you say, 'We will not dwell in this land,' disobeying the voice of the LORD your God,** ¹⁴ saying, 'No, but we will go to the land of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor be hungry for bread, and there we will dwell'— ¹⁵ Then hear now the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah! Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: **'If you wholly set your faces to enter Egypt, and go to dwell there, ¹⁶ then it shall be *that* the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; the famine of which you were afraid shall follow close after you there *in* Egypt; and there you shall die. ¹⁷ So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go to Egypt to dwell there. They shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. And none of them shall remain or escape from the disaster that I will bring upon them.'**

Isaiah 3:1 – Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

Is 3 ¹ For behold, the Lord, **the LORD of hosts, Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah The stock and the store, The whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water;**

Lamentations 1:10-12 – Jerusalem in Affliction

Lam 1 ¹⁰ The adversary has spread his hand Over all her pleasant things;
For she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, Those whom You commanded Not to enter Your assembly.
¹¹ **All her people sigh, They seek bread; They have given their valuables for food to restore life.**
"See, O LORD, and consider, For I am scorned."
¹² *"Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Behold and see If there is any sorrow like my sorrow, Which has been brought on me,
Which the LORD has inflicted In the day of His fierce anger.

Ezekiel 4:7-17 – The Siege of Jerusalem Portrayed

Ez 4 ¹⁶ Moreover He said to me, **"Son of man, surely I will cut off the supply of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and shall drink water by measure and with dread, ¹⁷ that they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed with one another, and waste away because of their iniquity.**

Joel 1:2-12 – The Land Laid Waste

Joel 1 ² Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land!
Has *anything like* this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers?
³ Tell your children about it, *Let* your children *tell* their children, And their children another generation.
⁴ **What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten;
What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten;
And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.**
⁵ **Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine,
Because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth.**
⁶ For a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number;
His teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.
⁷ **He has laid waste My vine, And ruined My fig tree;**
He has stripped it bare and thrown *it* away; Its branches are made white.
⁸ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth For the husband of her youth.
⁹ The grain offering and the drink offering Have been cut off from the house of the LORD;
The priests mourn, who minister to the LORD.
¹⁰ **The field is wasted, The land mourns; For the grain is ruined, The new wine is dried up, The oil fails.**
¹¹ Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail, you vinedressers,
For the wheat and the barley; Because the harvest of the field has perished.
¹² **The vine has dried up, And the fig tree has withered; The pomegranate tree, The palm tree also,
And the apple tree—All the trees of the field are withered;**
Surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

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Joel 1:15-20 – Mourning for the Land

Joel 1 ¹⁵ Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

¹⁶ **Is not the food cut off before our eyes, Joy and gladness from the house of our God?**

¹⁷ **The seed shrivels under the clods, Storehouses are in shambles;
Barns are broken down, For the grain has withered.**

¹⁸ How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, Because they have no pasture;
Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment.

¹⁹ O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has devoured the open pastures, And a flame has burned all the trees of the field.

²⁰ The beasts of the field also cry out to You, For the water brooks are dried up, And fire has devoured the open pastures.

Jeremiah 19:4-9 – The Sign of the Broken Flask

Jer 19 ⁴ “Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with the blood of the innocents ⁵ (they have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind), ⁶ therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. ⁷ And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives; their corpses I will give as meat for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth. ⁸ **I will make this city desolate and a hissing; everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. ⁹ And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and in the desperation with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall drive them to despair.” ’**

Isaiah 51:17-20 – God’s Fury Removed

Is 51 ¹⁷ Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem,

**You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury;
You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, And drained it out.**

¹⁸ *There is* no one to guide her Among all the sons she has brought forth;
Nor is there any who takes her by the hand Among all the sons she has brought up.

¹⁹ These two *things* have come to you;

Who will be sorry for you?—Desolation and destruction, famine and sword—By whom will I comfort you?

²⁰ **Your sons have fainted, They lie at the head of all the streets, Like an antelope in a net;**

They are full of the fury of the LORD, The rebuke of your God.

Jeremiah 29:17-20 – Jeremiah’s Letter to the Captives

Jer 29 ¹⁷ thus says the LORD of hosts: **Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence,** and will make them like rotten figs that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. ¹⁸ **And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence; and I will deliver them to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be a curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them,** ¹⁹ **because they have not heeded My words, says the LORD,** which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; neither would you heed, says the LORD. ²⁰ Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Jeremiah 52:4-6 – The Fall of Jerusalem Reviewed

Jer 52 ⁴ Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and *they* built a siege wall against it all around. ⁵ So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. ⁶ **By the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.**

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2 Kings 25:1-3 – The Fall and Captivity of Judah

2Ki 25 ¹ Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around. ² So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. ³ **By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.**

Lamentations 5:7-10 – Prayer for Restoration

Lam 5 ⁷ Our fathers sinned *and are* no more, But we bear their iniquities.

⁸ Servants rule over us; *There is* none to deliver *us* from their hand.

⁹ **We get our bread at the risk of our lives, Because of the sword in the wilderness.**

¹⁰ **Our skin is hot as an oven, Because of the fever of famine.**

Lamentations 2:10-12 – God’s Anger with Jerusalem

Lam 2 ¹⁰ The elders of the daughter of Zion Sit on the ground *and* keep silence;

They throw dust on their heads And gird themselves with sackcloth.

The virgins of Jerusalem Bow their heads to the ground.

¹¹ My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled;

My bile is poured on the ground Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,

Because the children and the infants faint in the streets of the city.

¹² **They say to their mothers, “Where is grain and wine?”**

As they swoon like the wounded In the streets of the city, As their life is poured out In their mothers’ bosom.

Lamentations 4:3-11 – The Degradation of Zion

Lam 4 ³ Even the jackals present their breasts To nurse their young;

But the daughter of my people *is* cruel, Like ostriches in the wilderness.

⁴ **The tongue of the infant clings To the roof of its mouth for thirst;**

The young children ask for bread, *But* no one breaks it for them.

⁵ **Those who ate delicacies Are desolate in the streets;**

Those who were brought up in scarlet Embrace ash heaps.

⁶ **The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people Is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, Which was overthrown in a moment, With no hand to help her!**

⁷ Her Nazirites were brighter than snow And whiter than milk;

They were more ruddy in body than rubies, *Like* sapphire in their appearance.

⁸ *Now* their appearance is blacker than soot; They go unrecognized in the streets;

Their skin clings to their bones, It has become as dry as wood.

⁹ **Those slain by the sword are better off Than those who die of hunger;**

For these pine away, Stricken for lack of the fruits of the field.

¹⁰ **The hands of the compassionate women Have cooked their own children;**

They became food for them In the destruction of the daughter of my people.

¹¹ **The LORD has fulfilled His fury, He has poured out His fierce anger.**

He kindled a fire in Zion, And it has devoured its foundations.

Famine in the Last Days

Matthew 24:7 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**” ... ⁷ And there will be **famines, pestilences, and earthquakes** in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

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Luke 21:11 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Lk 21 ⁷ So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And **what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?**”...¹¹ And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and **famines and pestilences**; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

Ezekiel 34:17-30 – Irresponsible Shepherds

Ez 34 ¹⁷ ‘And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. ¹⁸ *Is it* too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹ **And *as for* My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet.**”

²⁰ ‘Therefore **thus says the Lord GOD to them: “Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep.** ²¹ Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, ²² therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

²⁵ **“I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase.** They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid. ²⁹ **I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. ³⁰ Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people,”** says the Lord GOD.’

Revelation 6:5-6 – Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth

Rev 6 ⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a **pair of scales in his hand.** ⁶ **And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”**

Revelation 6:7-8 – Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

Rev 6 ⁷ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁸ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. **And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.**

Revelation 18:4-8 – The Fall of Babylon the Great

Rev 18 ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. ⁷ In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit *as* queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’ ⁸ **Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.**

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Other Famines

Genesis 12:10 – Abram in Egypt

Ge 12 ¹⁰ Now **there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.**

Genesis 26:1-2 – Isaac and Abimelech

Ge 26 ¹ **There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham.** And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. ² Then the LORD appeared to him and said: **“Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. ³ Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you;**

Genesis 41:17-36, 53-57 – Pharaoh’s Dreams

Ge 41 ¹⁷ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: “Behold, in my dream I stood on the bank of the river. ¹⁸ Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow. ¹⁹ Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such ugliness as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt. ²⁰ And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows. ²¹ When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they *were* just as ugly as at the beginning. So I awoke. ²² Also I saw in my dream, and suddenly seven heads came up on one stalk, full and good. ²³ Then behold, seven heads, withered, thin, *and* blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them. ²⁴ And the thin heads devoured the seven good heads. So I told *this* to the magicians, but *there was* no one who could explain *it* to me.”

²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh *are* one; God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do: ²⁶ The seven good cows *are* seven years, and the seven good heads *are* seven years; the dreams *are* one. ²⁷ And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them *are* seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine. ²⁸ This *is* the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do. ²⁹ **Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; ³⁰ but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. ³¹ So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it *will be* very severe. ³² And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.**

³³ “Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. ³⁶ **Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”**

...

⁵³ Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵ So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.” ⁵⁶ **The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy *grain*, because the famine was severe in all lands.**

Psalms 105:7-22 – The Eternal Faithfulness of the Lord

Ps 105 ⁷ **He is the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth.**

⁸ He remembers His covenant forever, The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹ *The covenant* which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

¹⁰ And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel *as* an everlasting covenant,

¹¹ Saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan *As* the allotment of your inheritance,”

¹² When they were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

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- ¹³ When they went from one nation to another, From *one* kingdom to another people,
¹⁴ He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,
¹⁵ *Saying*, “Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm.”
¹⁶ **Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread.**
¹⁷ **He sent a man before them—Joseph—who was sold as a slave.**
¹⁸ They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons.
¹⁹ Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.
²⁰ The king sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him go free.
²¹ He made him lord of his house, And ruler of all his possessions,
²² To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom.

Ruth 1:1-2 – Elimelech’s Family Goes to Moab

Ruth 1 ¹ Now it came to pass, **in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land.** And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man *was* Elimelech, the name of his wife *was* Naomi,

2 Samuel 21:1 David Avenges the Gibeonites

2Sa 21 ¹ Now **there was a famine in the days of David for three years**, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, “***It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.***”

Nehemiah 5:1-5 – Nehemiah Deals with Oppression

Neh 5 ¹ And there was a great outcry of the people and their wives against their Jewish brethren. ² For there were those who said, “We, our sons, and our daughters *are* many; therefore **let us get grain, that we may eat and live.**” ³ There were also *some* who said, “**We have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses, that we might buy grain because of the famine.**” ⁴ There were also those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king’s tax *on* our lands and vineyards. ⁵ Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and indeed we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and *some* of our daughters have been brought into slavery. *It is* not in our power *to redeem them*, for other men have our lands and vineyards.”

Haggai 1:7-11 – The Command to Build God’s House

Hag 1 ⁷ Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways! ⁸ Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,” says the LORD. ⁹ “*You* looked for much, but indeed *it came to* little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. **Why?**” says the LORD of hosts. “**Because of My house that *is* in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.** ¹⁰ **Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.** ¹¹ **For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of *your* hands.**”

Isaiah 14:29-32 – Philistia Destroyed

Is 14 ²⁹ “Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia, Because the rod that struck you is broken;
For **out of the serpent’s roots will come forth a viper, And its offspring *will be* a fiery flying serpent.**
³⁰ **The firstborn of the poor will feed, And the needy will lie down in safety;**
I will kill your roots with famine, And it will slay your remnant.
³¹ Wail, O gate! Cry, O city! All you of Philistia *are* dissolved;
For smoke will come from the north, And no one *will be* alone in his appointed times.”
³² **What will they answer the messengers of the nation?**
That the LORD has founded Zion, And the poor of His people shall take refuge in it.

Jeremiah 48:29-34 – Judgment on Moab

Jer 48 ²⁹ “**We have heard the pride of Moab (He *is* exceedingly proud),
Of his loftiness and arrogance and pride, And of the haughtiness of his heart.**”
³⁰ “I know his wrath,” says the LORD, “But *it is* not right; His lies have made nothing right.
³¹ Therefore I will wail for Moab, And I will cry out for all Moab; I will mourn for the men of Kir Heres.

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³² O vine of Sibmah! I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer.

Your plants have gone over the sea, They reach to the sea of Jazer.

The plunderer has fallen on your summer fruit and your vintage.

³³ **Joy and gladness are taken From the plentiful field And from the land of Moab;**

I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses; No one will tread with joyous shouting—Not joyous shouting!

³⁴ “From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh and to Jahaz They have uttered their voice,

From Zoar to Horonaim, *Like* a three-year-old heifer; **For the waters of Nimrim also shall be desolate.**

Acts 11:27-30 – Relief to Judea

Act 11 ²⁷ And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ **Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.** ²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰ This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Famine of the Word of God

1 Samuel 3:1-4 – Samuel’s First Prophecy

1Sa 3 ¹ Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. **And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.** ² And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, ³ and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴ that the LORD called Samuel.

Amos 8:9-14 – Vision of the Summer Fruit

Amos 8 ⁹ “And it shall come to pass in that day,” says the Lord GOD,

“That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in^lbroad daylight;

¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head;

I will make it like mourning for an only *son*, And its end like a bitter day.

¹¹ “**Behold, the days are coming,**” says the Lord GOD, “**That I will send a famine on the land,**

Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹² **They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east;**

They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

¹³ “In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst.

¹⁴ Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say,

‘As your god lives, O Dan!’ And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives!’

They shall fall and never rise again.”

Israel’s Blindness to their Messiah

Israel remains blind to their Messiah

Even though Israel will be the focus of many fulfilled prophecies in the last days, most Jews will remain blind to the fact that Jesus is their Messiah until the very end

Jeremiah 24:4-7 – The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs

Jer 24 ⁴ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own good*, into the land of the Chaldeans. ⁶ For I will set My eyes on them for good, and **I will bring them back to this land;** I will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷ **Then I will give them a heart to know Me,** that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

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- ❖ Lk 19:41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.
- ❖ Lk 13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"
- ❖ Rom 11: 25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

Israel Will be Surrounded by Enemies

- Conflict in the Middle East
 - Israel will be surrounded by enemies
 - Mt 24:6-7
 - Joel 3:2-14
 - Gog Magog War – Ez 38-39
 - Surrounding nations attack Israel – Ps 83
 - Damascus destroyed – Is 17
 - Arab nations – Ez 35-36
 - All the nations of the world will be against Israel – Zec 12:3

Israel is a very small country – about the size of Connecticut – with:

- No great climate
- No natural resources
- No strategic location
- Insignificant manufacturing and industrial capabilities and capacities

The Lord warned Israel that it would be hated and persecuted because of Him

- ❖ Mt 24:9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

Ezekiel told us over 2500 years ago that in the last days, the Arab people will claim the land of Israel which God gave to the Jews

- Gaza Strip and West Bank have been partitioned off for the Palestinians
- Golan Heights partitioned off for Syria
- East Jerusalem partitioned off as the Palestinian capital

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- ❖ Ez 35:10 " 'Because you have said, "These two nations and countries will be ours and we will take possession of them," even though I the LORD was there
- ❖ Ez 36:2 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: The enemy said of you, "Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession." ' ...5 this is what the Sovereign LORD says: In my burning zeal I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, for with glee and with malice in their hearts they made my land their own possession so that they might plunder its pastureland.'

The entire world is attempting to divide God's covenant land Israel in half (via the "Two-State Solution"), which is the event that the Bible describes as the catalyst for God's coming judgement on all the nations (Joel 3:2).

- ❖ Joel 3:2 I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

This division of land is supported by all major nations and the United Nations itself - literally all the nations are attempting to sever Israel from Judah, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights. Amazingly, the Bible takes this prophecy a step further and indicates that the "boundary stone" the nations try to move will include Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:3).

- ❖ Zechariah 12:3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

Pope Francis used part of his 2017 Christmas message to the world as a call for a "two-state" solution regarding Israel and the Palestinians.

Lawlessness (Sin)

Lawlessness in the Last Days

Matthew 24:12 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**" ... ¹² And because **lawlessness will abound**, the love of many will grow cold.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 – The Great Apostasy

2Th 2 ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and **the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,** ⁴ **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the **mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** ⁸ **And then the lawless one will be revealed,** whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,** ¹⁰ **and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong

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delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 – Perilous Times and Perilous Men

2Ti 3 ¹ But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come:** ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Lawlessness = Sin

1 John 3:4-9 – Sin and the Child of God

1Jn 3 ⁴ **Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.** ⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ **Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.** ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸ **He who sins is of the devil,** for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ **Whoever has been born of God does not sin,** for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1 John 5:17 – Confidence and Compassion in Prayer

1Jn 5 ¹⁷ **All unrighteousness is sin,** and there is sin not *leading* to death.

1 Timothy 1:8-11 – No Other Doctrine

1Ti 1 ⁸ But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that **the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,** ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Romans 3:21-26 – God's Righteousness Through Faith

Ro 3 ²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,** ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Ecclesiastes 7: 20 – The Value of Practical Wisdom

Ec 7 ²⁰ For ***there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.***

Numbers 32:20-23 – The Tribes Settling East of the Jordan

Nu 32 ²⁰ Then Moses said to them: "If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before the LORD for the war, ²¹ and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him, ²² and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you may return and be blameless before the LORD and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. ²³ But if you do not do so, then take note, **you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.**

James 4:17 – Do Not Boast About Tomorrow

Jam 4 ¹⁷ Therefore, **to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**

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Romans 14:19-23 – The Law of Love

Ro 14 ¹⁹ Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another. ²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for the man who eats with offense. ²¹ *It is* good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. ²² Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Happy *is* he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. ²³ But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for **whatever is not from faith is sin.**

Genesis 4:6-7 – Cain Murders Abel

Ge 4 ⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And **if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.**”

John 8:34-36 – The Truth Shall Make You Free

Jn 8 ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.** ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

James 1:12-15 – Loving God Under Trials

Jam 1 ¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, **when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

Romans 5:12-19 – Death in Adam, Life in Christ

Ro 5 ¹² Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned** ... ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man’s offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ **For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.**

Romans 6:11-14 – Dead to Sin, Alive to God

Ro 6 ¹¹ Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** ¹² Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And **do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin**, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ **For sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 – Be Reconciled to God

2Co 5 ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

1 Peter 2:21-25 – Submission to Masters

1Pe 2 ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **you should follow His steps:** ²² **“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;** ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ **who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.** ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Confessing Sin/Lawlessness (Saved)

John 3:16-21 – The New Birth

Jn 3 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Ephesians 1:7 – Redemption in Christ

Ep 1 ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Titus 2:11-14 – Trained by Saving Grace

Tit 2 ¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,** ¹⁴ **who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.**

1 John 1:5-10 – Fellowship with Him and One Another

1Jn 1 ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Proverbs 28:12-13 – The Righteous Are Bold as a Lion

Pro 28 ¹² When the righteous rejoice, *there is* great glory; But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves. ¹³ He who covers his sins will not prosper, But **whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.**

Psalms 51:1-6 – A Prayer of Repentance

Ps 5 ¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, **Blot out my transgressions.**
² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.**
³ **For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.**
⁴ **Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight—**
That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge.
⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.**
⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.

Psalms 32:1-5 – The Joy of Forgiveness

Ps 32 ¹ **Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.**
² Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.
³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.
⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. *Selah*
⁵ **I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden.**
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

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Romans 4:5-8 – David Celebrates the Same Truth

Ro 4 ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

⁷ **“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;**

⁸ **Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.”**

Isaiah 1:16-20 – The Wickedness of Judah

Is 1 ¹⁶ “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, ¹⁷ Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

¹⁸ “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD,

“Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Mark 3:28-30 – The Unpardonable Sin

Mk 3 ²⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, **all sins will be forgiven** the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; ²⁹ but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation”— ³⁰ because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Hebrews 8:12 – A New Covenant

Heb 8 ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and **their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**”

Hebrews 10:15-17 – Christ’s Death Perfects the Sanctified

Heb 10 ¹⁵ But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

¹⁶ “This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” ¹⁷ *then He adds*, **“Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”** ¹⁸ Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

Micah 7:18-19 – God Will Forgive Israel

Mic 7 ¹⁸ Who *is* a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.

Psalms 103:6-14 – Praise for the Lord’s Mercies

Ps 103 ⁶ The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

⁸ The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

⁹ He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

¹⁰ **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *So* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

¹² **As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father pities *his* children, *So* the LORD pities those who fear Him.

¹⁴ For He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust.

1 John 5:1-5 – Obedience by Faith

1Jn 5 ¹ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.** ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not

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burdensome. ⁴For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.** ⁵**Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

1 John 2:1-11 – The Test of Knowing Him

1Jn 2 ¹My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. ³**Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.** ⁴**He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.** ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. . . . ⁸Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹**He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.** ¹⁰**He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.** ¹¹**But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

Ezekiel 18:4-9 – A False Proverb Refuted

Ez 18 ⁴“Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine;

The soul who sins shall die.

⁵**But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right;**

⁶If he has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife, Nor approached a woman during her impurity;

⁷If he has not oppressed anyone, *But* has restored to the debtor his pledge;

Has robbed no one by violence, *But* has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing;

⁸If he has not exacted usury Nor taken any increase,

But has withdrawn his hand from iniquity *And* executed true judgment between man and man;

⁹**If he has walked in My statutes And kept My judgments faithfully—He is just; He shall surely live!”** Says the Lord GOD.

Romans 6:15-19 – From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

Ro 6 ¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, **you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?** ¹⁷But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸And **having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.** ¹⁹I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For **just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.**

2 John 1:4-6 – Walk in Christ’s Commandments

2Jn 1 ⁴I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. ⁶**This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.** This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Romans 13:8-10 – Love Your Neighbor

Ro 13 ⁸Owe no one anything except to **love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.** ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

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James 5:13-16 – Meeting Specific Needs

Jam 5 ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. **And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.** ¹⁶ **Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.** The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

2 Corinthians 6:14 – Be Holy

2Co 6 ¹⁴ **Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?**

Hebrews 1:8-9 – The Son Exalted Above Angels

Heb 1 ⁸ But to the Son *He* says:

“Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁹ **You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;**

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

Ephesians 2:1-9 – By Grace Through Faith

Ep 2 ¹ And **you** *He made alive*, who **were dead in trespasses and sins**, ² in which you once **walked according to the course of this world**, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also **we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For **by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 5:8-14 – Walk in Light

Ep 5 ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.** ¹² **For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.** ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

Romans 6:20-23 – From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

Ro 6 ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For **the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Consequences of Sin/Lawlessness (Unsaved)

John 3:16-21 – The New Birth

Jn 3 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but **he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.** ¹⁹ **And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be

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exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Isaiah 64:4-7 – A Prayer for Help

Is 64 ⁴ For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, *Who* remembers You in Your ways.

You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.

⁶ But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

⁷ And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You;

For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.

Isaiah 59:1-15 – Separated from God

Is 59 ¹ Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

² **But your iniquities have separated you from your God;**

And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

³ For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.

⁴ No one calls for justice, Nor does *any* plead for truth.

They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.

⁵ They hatch vipers’ eggs and weave the spider’s web;

He who eats of their eggs dies, And *from* that which is crushed a viper breaks out.

⁶ Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works;
Their works *are* works of iniquity, And the act of violence *is* in their hands.

⁷ Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood;

Their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction *are* in their paths.

⁸ The way of peace they have not known, And *there is* no justice in their ways;

They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

⁹ Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us;

We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, *but* we walk in blackness!

¹⁰ We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if *we had* no eyes;

We stumble at noonday as at twilight; *We are* as dead *men* in desolate places.

¹¹ We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves;

We look for justice, but *there is* none; For salvation, *but* it is far from us.

¹² **For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us;**

For our transgressions *are* with us, And *as for* our iniquities, we know them:

¹³ In transgressing and lying against the LORD, And departing from our God,

Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

¹⁴ Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off;

For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

¹⁵ So truth fails, And he *who* departs from evil makes himself a prey.

Isaiah 5:18-25 – Impending Judgment on Excesses

Is 5 ¹⁸ Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, And sin as if with a cart rope;

¹⁹ That say, “Let Him make speed *and* hasten His work, That we may see *it*;

And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, That we may know *it*.”

²⁰ **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

²¹ **Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!**

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²² **Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink,**

²³ **Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!**

²⁴ Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, *So* their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

²⁵ **Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused against His people;**

He has stretched out His hand against them And stricken them, And the hills trembled.

Romans 1:18-32 – God’s Wrath on Unrighteousness

Ro 1 ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ... ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;** ²⁹ **being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,** ³⁰ **backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,** ³¹ **undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;** ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also **approve of those who practice them.**

Matthew 23:27-28 – Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

Mt 23 ²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men*’s bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ **Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**

Matthew 7:21-23 – I Never Knew You

Mt 7 ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**’

2 Peter 2:12-17 – Depravity of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ¹² But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and **will utterly perish in their own corruption,** ¹³ **and will receive the wages of unrighteousness,** *as* those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. **They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,** ¹⁴ **having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.** ¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, **for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**

Mark 3:28-30 – The Unpardonable Sin

Mk 3 ²⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; ²⁹ but **he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation**” — ³⁰ because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

2 Peter 2:6-11 – Doom of False Teachers

2Pe 2 ⁶ and turning the cities of **Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;** ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their lawless deeds*)— ⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to **reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,** ¹⁰ and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil

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of dignitaries, ¹¹ whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Hebrews 10:26-27 – The Just Live by Faith

Heb 10 ²⁶ For **if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.**

Matthew 13:40-42 – The Parable of the Tares Explained

Mt 13 ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ **The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire.** There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

1 John 3:10-15 – The Imperative of Love

1Jn 3 ¹⁰ In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: **Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.** ¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. **He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.**

John 8:23-24 – Jesus Predicts His Departure

Jn 8 ²³ And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.**"

Love grows cold – betrayal, hatred

Matthew 24:12 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Mocking and Scoffing

2 Peter 3:3-7 – God's Promise Is Not Slack

2Pe 3 ³ knowing this first: that **scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Jude 1:16-19 – Apostates Predicted

Jude 1 ¹⁶ These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage. ¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸ how **they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.** ¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

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Nuclear Weapons

The Bible also describes how in the end times the world's nuclear arsenal will finally and tragically be released.

"The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place..." ([Revelation 6:14-15](#))

While God's restraint has so far kept those weapons at bay, these verses – [Isaiah 17:14](#); [Zechariah 14:12](#); [Luke 21:26](#); [Revelation 6:14-15](#); [8:7](#); [9:18](#) – foretell a nuclear holocaust will be unleashed that will destroy much of the earth. Nuclear weapons require the most advanced levels of technology.

Could Francis be the False Prophet?

The Bible makes clear that the man of lawlessness (a.k.a. the Antichrist) will not be revealed until the Restrainer (Holy Spirit-indwelt Church) is removed ([2 Thessalonians 2:3; 7-8](#)). Since the false prophet rises to power after the Antichrist ([Revelation 13:11](#)), no one will know for sure who the false prophet is until the rapture occurs. **That being said, we can speculate, and it certainly looks like a possibility (especially given the shortness of time).**

While I am not willing to state that he is THE false prophet, Pope Francis certainly seems to be a prototype. **Thus, the point of this article is not to identify who the false prophet is, but to warn those here for tribulation.** Also, whether Pope Francis is THE false prophet or not, Francis is certainly fulfilling his role as a false prophet and possibly paving the way for the final false prophet!

"For false messiahs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." ([Matthew 24:24](#); [Mark 13:22](#))

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One-World Economy – Mark of the Beast

Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

- Expanding Worldwide Trend - National Biometric Database.
 - Russia is to start a biometric database for financial services starting next summer, the Central Bank of Russia said in a statement. The biometric database will incorporate images of faces, voice samples and, eventually, irises and fingerprints. Russia isn't the only country planning to implement a biometric database.
 - China has also turned its nation into George Orwell's nightmare. China's Ministry of Public Security, which oversees the database, has amassed biometric information for more than 40 million people it was reported in 2015. The Communist country has the world's biggest database of DNA information according to a report published by Human Rights Watch (HRW) just this year. For comparison, in the US, the FBI's national DNA index has 12.7 million offender profiles. "Mass DNA collection by the powerful Chinese police absent effective privacy protections or an independent judicial system is a perfect storm for abuses," Sophie Richardson, China director at HRW said. "China is moving its Orwellian system to the genetic level." A follow-up report published earlier this month by the human rights watchdog group revealed that there was even a program which has gathered biometric data--including fingerprints, iris scans, blood-type, and DNA--on millions of residents in six regions in Xinjiang in 2017 under the guise of a free public health program providing physical examinations.
 - Here in the U.S. the DHS is planning a biometric facial recognition database for border checkpoints and to create the Homeland Advanced Recognition Technology (HART) to store 500 million people, including many US citizens' identities within its system. HART will no doubt link into the FBI's NGI (Next Generation Identification System.) The Electronic Frontier Foundation is currently working with allied organizations to oppose mandatory national ID cards and biometric databases.
 - According to EFF's website, there is an expanding list of countries that have introduced biometric ID databases including Argentina, Belgium, Colombia, Germany, Italy, Peru, and Spain. That list will soon include Russia, the U.S., and other countries within the European Union. Privacy will cease to exist and it will be a thing of the past.
- Three Square Market, Wisconsin - A highly publicized article in 2017 illustrated how some companies are offering their employees an implantable chip the size of a grain of rice (micro-chipping) to be placed in their hand. This is to enable the employee building access and to make purchases in the cafeteria. The company promises to not use the chip for employee geo-locating purposes outside of the work environment. These technological developments have profound implications for a one-world government and economic system. The idea of micro-chipping was so acceptable that people will soon be eager to micro-chipped, as if the device were as cool as new smart phone. It is forecasted that many people around the world will think nothing of accepting this technology into their bodies to enable global commerce.
- INDIA'S BIOMETRIC ID PROGRAM – Nearly three years ago Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced his "Digital India" initiative, pitched as a program to modernize this country of more than 1 billion people. Undergirding the initiative is Aadhaar, an identification program that aims to collect each Indian citizen's information. But the program has become increasingly troublesome, posing privacy issues and preventing thousands of people from receiving basic entitlements, such as food rations, pensions and fuel subsidies.
- Facial recognition CCTV cameras in China's biggest city, Beijing, illustrates how effective a surveillance network is at identifying, tracking, and interdicting any targeted or wanted individual within minutes. All the more unnerving is China's progress in developing a system of ranking individuals based on a citizen score linking social media and big data to create a digital caste system for human beings. Something akin to a credit score showing your loyalty to the state.

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- China Assigns Every Citizen A ‘Social Credit Score’ To Identify Who Is And Isn’t Trustworthy – A fluctuating rating based on a range of behaviors. It’s believed that community service and buying Chinese-made products can raise your score. Fraud, tax evasion and smoking in non-smoking areas can drop it. They use data to monitor and rank the behavior of its citizens, rewarding those that score high and punishing those that score low. Under the system, the elite will gain access to better social privileges and those who rank closer to the bottom will effectively be second-class citizens. By 2020, the scheme is set to become mandatory for all 1.4 billion of China’s citizens.

Nile and Euphrates will dry up

The Nile And The Euphrates Are Drying Up – An Inevitable Famine Is Plaguing The Muslim World

The Nile and the Euphrates, both are in the news and both are in the Bible:

- Nile drying in Egypt
- Euphrates drying up in Iraq

- The Euphrates River and the Nile, both on the news and both are predicted in the Bible to dry up causing cataclysmic events on the nations that depend on them. The Bible predicts that the Euphrates will stop the flow of water so that 200 million man army enters to make its way to invade Jerusalem and how the Aswan Dam in Egypt will be completely destroyed.
- It becomes clear then that a major drought while it effects the world, it concentrates primarily the Muslim world.
- In this month’s issue of the Journal of the AWWA (3/23/15), US water management expert Roger Patrick assesses the state of the scientific literature on water scarcity in all the world’s main regions, finding that local water shortages are now having “more globalised impacts”.

Tigris-Euphrates basin

- Tigris-Euphrates basin comprises Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and western Iran
- Experts tell us that the Tigris-Euphrates basin comprising Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and western Iran is in great threat.
- Between 2003 and 2009, the Tigris-Euphrates basin “lost groundwater faster than any other place in the world except northern India”.

The Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, originating in Turkey and cutting through both Syria and Iraq, have experienced drastic reductions in water flows in recent years due, primarily, to Turkish hydro-engineering and regional droughts. This is of significance for Iraq, which has historically prospered because of the rich agricultural harvests based on water supplies sourced from these waterways. Turkish initiatives aimed at massively expanding their exploitation of the water from the two rivers have coincided with severe droughts in the region and resulted in a burgeoning water-shortage crisis in Iraq. This problem threatens an environmental catastrophe. Political negotiations between the three countries have so far fallen short of reaching agreement on providing the necessary increases in flow rates to address the deteriorating situation in Iraq.

Approximately 90% of the water flow in the Euphrates and 50% in the Tigris originate in Turkey. Since 1975, Turkey’s extensive dam and hydropower construction has reportedly reduced water flows into Iraq (by 80%) and Syria (by 40%). Low flow rates in Iraq have allowed salt water to infiltrate nearly 150km inland from the Persian Gulf. Lack of international agreement is hampering progress on a deal between Turkey, Iraq and Syria. Turkey has accused Iraq of poor

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water management practices, which, it says, are exacerbating Iraq's water crisis. Tensions between these countries remain high because of the issue of water management.

Saddam Hussein's government water-control projects drained the inhabited marsh areas east of An Nasiriyah by drying up or diverting streams and rivers. In 1994, 60 percent of the wetlands were destroyed by Hussein's regime – drained to permit military access and greater political control of the native Marsh Arabs. Canals, dykes and dams were built routing the water of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers around the marshes, instead of allowing water to move slowly through the marshland. After part of the Euphrates was dried up due to re-routing its water to the sea, a dam was built so water could not back up from the Tigris and sustain the former marshland.

The Nile – Egypt

Egypt has long worried – with good reason – that upstream water development in Ethiopia would cut off some of its lifeline. Egyptian leaders from Anwar Sadat to Mohammed Morsi have warned of going to war over water if the nation's supplies became threatened.

A stumbling block to equitable water-sharing in the basin is a 1959 treaty between Muslim Egypt and Muslim Sudan that allocated the entire flow of the Nile to just those two Muslim countries, even though 84 percent of the river's flow originates in Christian Ethiopia. Not surprisingly, Ethiopia never recognized the legitimacy of that agreement. But for decades it had neither the political stability nor the financial means to undertake the kind of large-scale water development that would challenge Egypt's historic claims to the river

That situation changed in 2011 when Egypt was preoccupied with the Arab Spring and the fall of the Mubarak government, Christian Ethiopia announced that it would begin construction of a massive dam on the Blue Nile near the border with Sudan.

Egypt is dependent on continued flow, but Ethiopia's dam would give the country the ability to all but cut off the flow of the Blue Nile, which supplies 85 percent of water to the Nile Valley, This will starve all of Egypt's 82 million population.

Ez 30:12 I will dry up the streams of the Nile and sell the land to evil men; by the hand of foreigners I will lay waste the land and everything in it. I the LORD have spoken.

Is 19 - A Prophecy About Egypt

1 An oracle concerning Egypt: See, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. 2 "I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian— brother will fight against brother, neighbor against neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. ... 4 I will hand the Egyptians over to the power of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them," declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty. 5 The waters of the river will dry up, and the riverbed will be parched and dry. 6 The canals will stink; the streams of Egypt will dwindle and dry up. The reeds and rushes will wither, 7 also the plants along the Nile, at the mouth of the river. Every sown field along the Nile will become parched, will blow away and be no more. 8 The fishermen will groan and lament, all who cast hooks into the Nile; those who throw nets on the water will pine away.

- Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

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- Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi signed agreement on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam will be a burden on Egypt.
- Controlling the Nile has dire consequences on agriculture and experts predict famine is on the horizon.
- The Bible also predicted that a war will erupt where Muslim nations will invade Israel, not just over the issue of Jerusalem but over the issue of food (Ezekiel 38:13) and that the price of wheat will skyrocket “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius ...” (Revelation 6:6)

Pestilence/Disease

[Matthew 24:7b – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age](#)

Mt 24 ⁷ ... And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

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Red Heifer (Parah Adumah)

<https://templeinstitute.org/red-heifer-introduction/>

<https://templeinstitute.org/red-heifer-the-tenth-red-heifer/>

<https://free.messianicbible.com/feature/the-red-heifer-and-the-third-temple-in-end-time-prophecy/>

To meet the requirements of the Old Testament law, a red heifer was needed to help accomplish the purification from sin—specifically, the *ashes* of a red heifer were needed. The red heifer was a reddish-brown cow, probably at least two years old. It was to be “without defect or blemish” and to have never borne a yoke. The sacrifice of the red heifer was unique in the law in that it used a female animal, it was sacrificed away from the entrance to the tabernacle, and it was the only sacrifice in which the color of the animal was specified.

According to rabbinical tradition, there have been nine red heifers sacrificed since Moses’ time. Since the destruction of the second temple, no red heifers have been slaughtered. Those who anticipate the construction of a third temple are eager to find a red heifer that meets all the conditions, because the red heifer ashes will be necessary to purify the new temple. The cleansing waters are necessary to ritually purify the Temple Mount area, the sacred vessels, and the entire Levitical priesthood that are all being prepared for service today. The waters of sanctification were also sprinkled onto all those who were impure, and many were first purified in this process before entering the courts of the Temple.

In order for a cow to qualify as a red heifer for this holy purpose of purification, it must meet the following requirements, as outlined in Numbers 19, and also in the writings of the oral tradition of the Talmud:

- The red heifer must be absolutely **perfect in its redness**. Even two hairs of any other color will disqualify it. Even its hooves must be red.
- It was to be **three or four years old**. Although older animals could be used, younger could not.
- It must be **free of any kind of internal or external defect or blemish**.
- It must **not have been used for any type of physical labor** and never have been placed under a yoke – not even once!

Only an animal that meets all these requirements may be used to provide the ashes of the purification process in fulfillment of the commandment.

But rare is the operative word. Such a perfect creature is so elusive that its ceremonial burning has seldom happened in all of Jewish history. The Mishnah (an authoritative, written embodiment of Jewish oral tradition) teaches that only nine red heifers were sacrificed from the time of Tabernacle worship until the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 AD on Tisha B’Av. The Jewish sage Maimonides believed that the tenth animal would only be found and sacrificed when King Messiah was ready to appear. And this is one reason why many Jews and Christians wait in anticipation for the discovery of that perfect, unblemished red heifer capable of inaugurating the service of the Third Temple, which the Bible seems to indicate will play a central role in the spiritual life of all mankind.

The Temple Institute is the organization dedicated to preparing for the construction of the Third Temple in Jerusalem. Since 1967, red cows have started to be born in Israel. Two possible red heifer candidates were born—one in 1997 and then again in 2002. Although both were initially thought to be kosher, they were later found to be unsuitable. Even Christian Zionist ranchers in Texas have tried to produce a red heifer that they hoped could be transported to Israel. Still, efforts to produce the Parah Adumah are ongoing, and rumors abound that this rare red heifer does exist today.

In 2015, the Temple Institute began its Raise a Red Heifer in Israel project. Just under two years ago we announced the birth of our first red heifer candidates, two perfectly red heifers, eligible for the historic role of being THE red heifer

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who returns to Israel, after 2000 years, the ability to achieve the highest level of Torah purity. Since their birth, the rabbinic experts of the Temple Institute have been keeping a close watch on these heifers, for any non-red hair that a heifer sprouts, or any minor injury that the heifer sustains will disqualify it from being a kosher red heifer.

In June 2020, we visited our two most advanced red heifers and filmed them. In the upcoming weeks they will receive another visit from the Temple Institute's experts for yet another close inspection. From the footage we are looking at, our two heifers seem perfectly red, but clearly they need to be cleaned up and properly inspected to truly determine their status. Should either or both of these red heifers remain eligible candidates, we will soon be ready to advance toward the stage of actually preparing the ashes.

Number 19:1-10 – Laws of Purification

Numbers 19 is perhaps one of the most fascinating chapters in the entire Bible as it relates to the prophetic picture in which it paints.

Nu 19 ¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ² “This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: ‘Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a **red heifer without blemish, in which there is no defect and on which a yoke has never come.**

- Red heifer – a cow that has never given birth or produced milk, and had to be completely red in color.
 - This would not only be rare, but pure as well, which as we’ll see shortly, has profound implications.
 - In addition to being rare and pure, this red heifer had to be without defect and it was to never have had a yoke, or burden placed on it.
- The Lord gives them a new ordinance of the law commanding them to bring a red heifer without blemish as a sacrifice to the Lord.
 - This is interesting because it’s given years later, and the red heifer was to be sacrificed outside the camp instead of in the tabernacle.
 - I believe it’s for that reason a whole chapter is devoted to this sacrifice and the specific details regarding the instructions for the priests.
- Charles Spurgeon – Observe that this red heifer was one where there never came a yoke. Perhaps this sets forth how willingly Christ came to die for us. Not dragged to His death. The free Son of God wears no yoke, except that yoke which was easy to Him and that burden which was light, the yoke of love which constrained Him to lay down His life for His people. www.spurgeongems.org
- One commentator noted how that the Talmud claims the Red Heifer sacrifice was the only one of God's commands that King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, claimed he did not understand. They say that when Solomon wrote, "this was beyond" (Ecclesiastes 7:23), he was referring to the Red Heifer ritual.

Nu 19 ³ You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him;

- They were to bring the red heifer to Eleazar who, as a priest, was to take it outside of the camp and slaughtered as he looked on.
- While it’s about to get very graphic and very detailed, all of these specific instructions will have profound prophetic implications.

Nu 19 ⁴ and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁵ Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned. ⁶ And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and cast *them* into the midst of the fire burning the heifer. ⁷ Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening. ⁸ And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening. ⁹ Then a man *who is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store *them* outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the water of purification; it *is* for purifying from sin.

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- Notice the graphic detail with which the sacrifice of this red heifer was made.
- Also, notice the types of articles used in this sacrifice. They were to have cedar wood, hyssop, scarlet, fire, and water, all of which were part of this unique sacrifice unlike all of the others.
- The use of scarlet will paint a powerful prophetic picture as it relates to the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- "When the female of the scarlet worm species was ready to give birth to her young, she would attach her body to the trunk of a tree, fixing herself so firmly and permanently that she would never leave again. The eggs deposited beneath her body were thus protected until the larvae were hatched and able to enter their own life cycle. As the mother died, the crimson fluid stained her body and the surrounding wood. From the dead bodies of such female scarlet worms, the commercial scarlet dyes of antiquity were extracted. What a picture this gives of Christ, dying on the tree, shedding His precious blood that He might "bring many sons unto glory" (Heb. 2:10)! He died for us, that we might live through Him! Ps. 22:6 describes such a worm and gives us this picture of Christ. (cf. Isa 1:18)" Henry Morris, "Biblical Basis for Modern Science" p. 73

Nu 19 ¹⁰ And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. **It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel** and to the stranger who dwells among them. ¹¹ 'He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven days. ¹² He shall purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; *then* he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean. ¹³ Whoever touches the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness *is* still on him. ¹⁴ 'This *is* the law when a man dies in a tent: All who come into the tent and all who *are* in the tent shall be unclean seven days; ¹⁵ and every open vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, *is* unclean. ¹⁶ Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

- This is interesting for a number of reasons not the least of which is the large numbers of deaths everyday in the wilderness wandering. There is much speculation as to how many deaths per day, but suffice it to say, they would have touched dead body's every day.
- One reason for this purification was that it would protect them from diseases that one could get from coming into contact with a body.
- This cleansing was for those who were unclean from touching a dead body. This was an effective medical law as well as a spiritual law. The water was combined with cedar, hyssop, and scarlet thread. This combination actually had the ability to destroy germs and infection because it contained "cedar" oil that came from a kind of juniper tree that grew in both Israel and in the Sinai. This cedar oil would irritate the skin, causing the person to vigorously rub the solution into their hands. The hyssop tree-associated with mint, possibly marjoram would produce hyssop oil. This hyssop oil is actually a very effective antiseptic and antibacterial agent containing 50 percent carvacrol, an antifungal and antibacterial agent still used in medicine. (Taken in part from: None Of These Diseases)
- The Book of Hebrews (9:12-14) reveals that Paul, an educated rabbi, understood that the Red Heifer sacrifice had a practical medical effect (v. 13 "for the purifying of the flesh"), as well as its more obvious spiritual element.

Nu 19 ¹⁷ 'And for an unclean *person* they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel. ¹⁸ A clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the water, sprinkle *it* on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave. ¹⁹ The clean *person* shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean.

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- Now we get into specific uses for the ashes and how they were to be put on a vessel in order to purify and cleanse those items as well.

Nu 19 ²⁰ ‘But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he *is* unclean. ²¹ It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening. ²² Whatever the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.’ ”

- Here the Lord gives them additional detailed instructions as it relates to purifying and cleansing oneself when becoming defiled.
- It’s interesting to note that one must purify himself, and if he is assisting in the purification of another, he must be purified himself.
- Also, ones uncleanness could easily make other people unclean in the event that he came into contact with them. How true is this?

Prophetic Implications

There are many prophetic implications of this chapter – all the details in this sacrifice of the red heifer paints a perfect picture of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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VS THE DEATH OF THE RED HEIFER

- 2 Had to be red in color.
“Red” in Hebrew is very close to Adam’s name, man-mankind.
- 2 Had to be a pure virgin female.
(Only this sacrifice was a female).
Leviticus 27:3-4
- 2 Had to be without spot or blemish.
- 2 Had to never be under a yoke of bondage.
- 3 Had to be given to the priest Eleazar by virtue of his being a son of Aaron.
- 3 Had to be slaughtered outside the Horse-gate or Damascus Gate located North.
- 3 Had to be put to death while Eleazar, the second priest, looked on.
- 4 Had to have its blood sprinkled “7” times.
- 6 Had to be cedar wood.
- 6 Had to be hyssop
- 6 Had to be scarlet wool.
- 6 Had to be led out of Jerusalem, bound and thrust into a pit ignited by fire as the cedar wood and hyssop bound by scarlet wool were thrown onto it.
- 9 Had to use the ashes from the death of the heifer in order to be cleansed.
- 17 Had to put some ashes into a vessel and pour “running water” upon them.
- 17 Had to be "running water" in the Hebrew, "living waters shall be given".
- 18 Had to dip hyssop in water with the ashes and sprinkle them in order to be cleansed.
- 18 Had to be applied with hyssop to be purified.

THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

- Jesus, the second Adam, came for the remission of sin that entered mankind by the first Adam, thus His red blood was shed.
- Jesus born of a virgin was sacrificed to die and for thirty pieces of silver (the price of a female).
Matthew 26:15
- Jesus was without a spot of sin or blemish.
- Jesus had never been yoked to man or in bondage to sin.
- Jesus has given us the priesthood as a believer when we enter into a personal relationship by virtue His being the Son of God.
- Jesus had been crucified outside the Horse-gate to the North of the city at Calvary, (Golgotha).
- Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, was put to death while God the Father looked on.
- Jesus had His blood shed “7” times in seven different places. (2 hands, 2 ankles, back, head, side)
- Jesus was likely crucified on a cross made of cedar wood.
- Jesus had been offered to take hyssop soaked in vinegar.
- Jesus became that scarlet sin.
- Jesus was led out of Jerusalem as the innocent Lamb of God to the wooden cross. Nails were thrust into his hands and feet. As the God Man was bound by our sin that was thrown onto Him.
- Jesus offers us forgiveness in His death on the cross in order for us to be cleansed.
- Jesus, the Word, gave us His Word that He would send the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon us.
- Jesus gives us the Third Person of the Trinity the Holy Spirit, so our lives are full-“filled” and become torrents of “living water”.
- Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit Who showers us with gifts and empowers us to live a pure (clean) and holy (whole) life.
- Jesus died, and His death has to be applied for us to be purified.

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| 19 | Had to be one man willing to become unclean (sin) in order to cleanse all men from uncleanness (sin). | Jesus, “behold the man” was the one who willingly became sin for us in order to cleanse us from all sin. |
| 19 | Had to be used for cleansing on the “third” and “seventh” day. | Jesus our “New Covenant” (in the “seventh” millennium) made the “Old Covenant” with Israel at Mt. Sinai during the “third” millennium on the Jewish calendar). |

The red heifer is significant prophetically as it relates to the first coming of Jesus Christ and the second coming of Jesus Christ as well.

- “The orthodox Jews today, envision a tremendous problem in the rebuilding of the temple, before they could start sacrifices and all again, the priest would have to be purified. Well, interestingly enough, in one of the Ashbeas in the old city, young men are being trained for the priesthood right now. ...But, as the orthodox point out, they cannot enter into the priesthood without going through the cleansing rites, and to go through the cleansing rites, “We have to have the ashes of a red heifer.” Pastor Chuck Smith, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa
- On March 2nd, Arutz Sheva’s Israel National Radio broadcast some breaking news reporting that “A Red Heifer is Alive and Well in Israel!”
 - “In this highly charged live special two hour broadcast of Temple Talk, Yitzchak Reuven and Rabbi Richman reflect upon the lessons of Purim and modern-day Hamans. They also talk about the relationship between the Golden Calf and the mysterious Red Heifer, including the dramatic revelation of a new red heifer alive and well in Israel at an undisclosed location! Our hosts take some lively calls from listeners and interview Yosef Rabin, a Temple activist working diligently on the International Temple Mount Awareness Day (March 16th) project. How are you going to be active in your community to raise Temple Mount awareness? Rabbi Richman reads an angry, threatening letter from a Moslem, plus a letter from the US government, both indicating that people are definitely taking notice of, and acknowledging the importance of, International Temple Mount Awareness Day.” <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Radio/News.aspx/2001>

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Technology (Knowledge)

Daniel 12:4 – Prophecy of the End Time

Daniel 12⁴ “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Knowledge shall increase

Knowledge shall increase – It literally means to multiply on a scale exponentially. Well, that's what's happened with knowledge! It's growing exponentially out of control. We are immersed with so much knowledge today that we take it for granted. We've got more knowledge than we know what to do with. It's happening exactly like Daniel says – exponentially. It's multiplying out of control. It is exponential curve.

Examples:

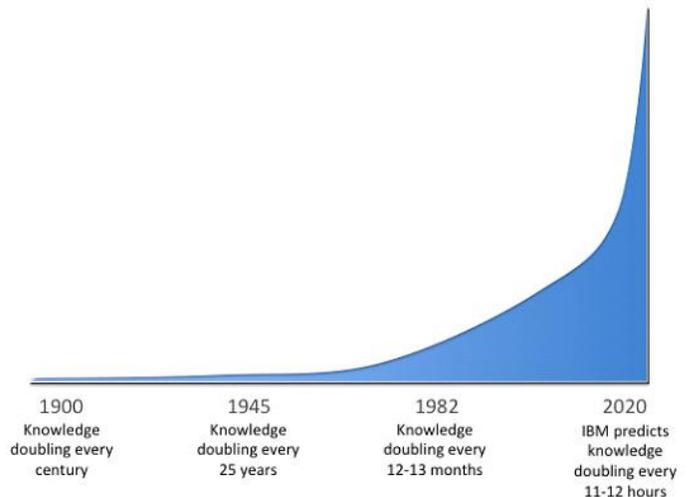
- The basic newspaper today has more information in it than a person would come across in their entire lifetime in the 17th century - and we don't just have one newspaper, right? We have thousands of them at our fingertips.
- A normal watch today has more computing power than the original lunar lander that was on the moon

Exponential growth

- It used to take one full century – 100 years – for man's knowledge base to double
- We are now at a point where knowledge is doubling every 11 to 12 hours.

It's spiraling out of control! God said that in the book of Daniel 2,600 years ago. This is a sign that you're in the end of times – and it's not a good sign. Meaning it's called the **end**, not the beginning of a great time. It's the end of time.

Revelation 11 says that the whole world will watch the two witnesses in Jerusalem. In Revelation 13, the Antichrist must have access to technology that will allow him to appear to be omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. The technology to do all of that is here now.



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiKNFWyygEM&t=1401s>

These are the days when things are happening so fast you can hardly keep up - and one of the things that you can't keep up with because it's so fast is artificial intelligence (AI).

Artificial Intelligence is a branch of computer science that endeavors to replicate or simulate human intelligence in a machine, so machines can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. Some programmable functions of AI systems include planning, learning, reasoning, problem solving, and decision making.

AI systems are powered by algorithms, using techniques such as machine learning, deep learning and rules. Machine learning algorithms feed computer data to AI systems, using statistical techniques to enable AI systems to learn. Through machine learning, AI systems get progressively better at tasks, without having to be specifically programmed to do so.

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AI can encompass anything from Google's search algorithms to IBM's Watson, to autonomous weapons. AI technologies have transformed the capabilities of businesses globally, enabling humans to automate previously time-consuming tasks, and gain untapped insights into their data through rapid pattern recognition.

There are no shortcuts to mimicking the human brain. To create true AI, you need to hand feed massive amount of information every day. We receive information through the five senses – sight, sound, smell, taste, touch. AI information comes from each one of us – through emails, search engine databases, our purchases, buying habits, our social media profiles, our photos, everything – all that is being used. They use this big data, the “new oil” to feed AI and now we have the data to create the superhuman brain. And it's working – It's developing these crazy abilities to literally micromanage the planet.

It's hard to believe that there is such a thing as artificial intelligence moving through society right now – and the way that it intersects with your life. When you see it with your own eyes – when you see the news clips, when you see the examples from news around the world, the scientists, the think tankers, the interviews, the military medical personnel – it's all there. These people admit what they're up to. **Unfortunately, most people aren't equipped for what the ramifications are on a global basis and a lot of people in the church aren't understanding this from a bible prophecy point of view. What we're seeing right now – the rise of AI (artificial intelligence) – Is a sign we're living in what he called the end of times.**

There is already a supercomputer controlling much of our world:

- Finance
- Military
- Planning
- Dating
- Social planning
- Agriculture
- Banking
- Self-driving cars
- Robotic surgery
- Lightning fast communication
- Everything you can possibly think of

These are the things that you need to pull off the events of the seven-year tribulation that the antichrist is going to do. They're happening on a global basis now.

According to the Bible, technology needs to develop to such a degree that one guy can literally micromanage the planet.

- How are they going to know when people are speaking?
- Obeying and not obeying?
- Whether they're for him or against him?
- Whether they obey the command to worship him or not?
- How are so many people going to be annihilated in such a short amount of time?
- How is he going to control what people do?
- How is he going to control the global economy?
- How is he going to control what people buy and sell?

On a global basis, you would have to somehow tie in every product to every person. Well, guess what – that's already here. But again – the point is that you could have the technology to literally microchip the planet (which is already here), but think about that this on a global scale. Who's going to run the back end? You can't hire enough people! But you can do it with AI. And that's here right now.

And it's being pitched to people as a cool, convenience thing, Whether people realize or not, they're already utilizing AI:

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- When you go to a search engine – It's not somebody in the background doing that database search, it's AI
- When you're speaking to your phone using Siri or Cortana - or you're speaking to your home device (Alexa)
- Dating apps
- Help desks
- Reservations

It all sounds so good but the Bible tells us how these seemingly helpful benefits to society will be used to usher in the dark agenda of the Antichrist in the future.

Types of AI

AI technologies are categorized by their capacity to mimic human characteristics, the technology they use to do this, their real-world applications, and the theory of mind, which we'll discuss in more depth below.

Using these characteristics for reference, all artificial intelligence systems - real and hypothetical - fall into one of three types:

1. **Artificial narrow intelligence** (ANI), which has a narrow range of abilities;
2. **Artificial general intelligence** (AGI), which is on par with human capabilities; or
3. **Artificial superintelligence** (ASI), which is more capable than a human.

Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI) – Weak AI / Narrow AI

Artificial narrow intelligence (ANI), also referred to as weak AI or narrow AI, is the only type of artificial intelligence we have successfully realized to date. Narrow AI is goal-oriented, designed to perform singular tasks - i.e. facial recognition, speech recognition/voice assistants, driving a car, or searching the internet - and is very intelligent at completing the specific task it is programmed to do.

While these machines may seem intelligent, they operate under a narrow set of constraints and limitations, which is why this type is commonly referred to as weak AI. Narrow AI doesn't mimic or replicate human intelligence, it merely simulates human behaviour based on a narrow range of parameters and contexts.

Consider the speech and language recognition of the Siri virtual assistant on iPhones, vision recognition of self-driving cars, and recommendation engines that suggest products you make like based on your purchase history. These systems can only learn or be taught to complete specific tasks.

Narrow AI has experienced numerous breakthroughs in the last decade, powered by achievements in machine learning and deep learning. For example, AI systems today are used in medicine to diagnose cancer and other diseases with extreme accuracy through replication of human-esque cognition and reasoning.

Narrow AI's machine intelligence comes from the use of natural language processing (NLP) to perform tasks. NLP is evident in chatbots and similar AI technologies. By understanding speech and text in natural language, AI is programmed to interact with humans in a natural, personalised manner.

Narrow AI can either be reactive, or have a limited memory. Reactive AI is incredibly basic; it has no memory or data storage capabilities, emulating the human mind's ability to respond to different kinds of stimuli without prior experience. Limited memory AI is more advanced, equipped with data storage and learning capabilities that enable machines to use historical data to inform decisions.

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Most AI is limited memory AI, where machines use large volumes of data for deep learning. Deep learning enables personalized AI experiences, for example, virtual assistants or search engines that store your data and personalize your future experiences.

Examples of narrow AI:

- Rankbrain by Google / Google Search
- Siri by Apple, Alexa by Amazon, Cortana by Microsoft and other virtual assistants
- IBM's Watson
- Image / facial recognition software
- Disease mapping and prediction tools
- Manufacturing and drone robots
- Email spam filters / social media monitoring tools for dangerous content
- Entertainment or marketing content recommendations based on watch/listen/purchase behaviour
- Self-driving cars
- Hotel reservations
 - <https://www.smartaction.ai/reservations-scheduling/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5yS3ioSo4A>
- Google AI appointment center
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvbHu_bVa_g
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Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) – Strong AI / Deep AI

Artificial general intelligence (AGI), also referred to as strong AI or deep AI, is the concept of a machine with general intelligence that mimics human intelligence and/or behaviors, with the **ability to learn and apply its intelligence to solve any problem**. AGI can think, understand, and act in a way that is indistinguishable from that of a human in any given situation.

AI researchers and scientists have not yet achieved strong AI. To succeed, they would need to find a way to make machines conscious, programming a full set of cognitive abilities. Machines would have to take experiential learning to the next level, not just improving efficiency on singular tasks, but gaining the ability to apply experiential knowledge to a wider range of different problems.

Strong AI uses a theory of mind AI framework, which refers to the ability to discern needs, emotions, beliefs and thought processes of other intelligent entities. Theory of mind level AI is not about replication or simulation, it's about training machines to truly understand humans.

The immense challenge of achieving strong AI is not surprising when you consider that the human brain is the model for creating general intelligence. The lack of comprehensive knowledge on the functionality of the human brain has researchers struggling to replicate basic functions of sight and movement.

Fujitsu-built K, one of the fastest supercomputers, is one of the most notable attempts at achieving strong AI, but considering **it took 40 minutes to simulate a single second of neural activity**, it is difficult to determine whether or not strong AI will be achieved in our foreseeable future. As image and facial recognition technology advances, it is likely we will see an improvement in the ability of machines to learn and see.

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Artificial Superintelligence (ASI)

Artificial super intelligence (ASI), is the hypothetical AI that doesn't just mimic or understand human intelligence and behavior; ASI is where machines become self-aware and surpass the capacity of human intelligence and ability.

Superintelligence has long been the muse of dystopian science fiction in which robots overrun, overthrow, and/or enslave humanity. The concept of artificial superintelligence sees AI evolve to be so akin to human emotions and experiences, that it doesn't just understand them, it evokes emotions, needs, beliefs and desires of its own.

In addition to replicating the multi-faceted intelligence of human beings, ASI would theoretically be exceedingly better at everything we do; math, science, sports, art, medicine, hobbies, emotional relationships, everything. ASI would have a greater memory and a faster ability to process and analyze data and stimuli. Consequently, the decision-making and problem solving capabilities of super intelligent beings would be far superior than those of human beings.

The potential of having such powerful machines at our disposal may seem appealing, but the concept itself has a multitude of unknown consequences. If self-aware super intelligent beings came to be, they would be capable of ideas like self-preservation. The impact this will have on humanity, our survival, and our way of life, is pure speculation.

AI Hologram

When you combine not 3D hologram technology with AI, they can create any image, of anybody, at any age, from baby to adult, from young person to elderly. It is so realistic you could literally see the pores in their skin and the individual hairs on it's head. Then you combine this with AI and it's not just a realistic image of anybody you want (including the antichrist) but it would be able to speak and communicate around the world – and not just pre-scripted speech. They can understand and communicate and react.

Mark Sagar started his career by building medical simulations of body parts. He took those skills and went into CGI, most famously for movies including Avatar, King Kong, and others. Now he's combining his skills and building an entire brain and responsive face on a computer in order to map human consciousness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzFW4-dvFDA>

Roy Orbison - You Got It - BASE Hologram Tour 2019

Roy Orbison hologram plays "You Got It" with live band and singers from the "Rock N Roll Dreams Tour" - Buddy Holly & Roy Orbison Concert Tour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8DmLj-PhI>

Researchers built an AI that recognizes and rewards good doggos

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/ai-dog-treat-reward-system-160003722.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56jQuDzy9iE>

Other Examples:

Using AI to generate 3D holograms in real-time – A new method called tensor holography could enable the creation of holograms for virtual reality, 3D printing, medical imaging, and more — and it can run on a smartphone.

<https://news.mit.edu/2021/3d-holograms-vr-0310>

A New, Artificially Intelligent Hologram Was Just Born

The next evolution of virtual concierge services will gain a physical presence thanks to hologram technology.

<https://futurism.com/a-new-artificially-intelligent-hologram-was-just-born>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCxO8vuTVDE>

Deep Learning Enables Real-Time 3D Holograms On a Smartphone

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New AI technique can rapidly generate holograms with less than 1 megabyte of memory

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/tech-talk/computing/software/realtime-hologram>

AI in the Bible

“I believe that the birth of AI is just as big a watershed moment prophetic prophecy sign as Israel becoming a nation in 1948.” – Billy Crone

Revelation 13:14-15 – The Beast from the Earth

Rev 13 ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 14:9-11 – The Proclamations of Three Angels

Rev 14 ⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Revelation 16:2 – First Bowl: Loathsome Sores

Rev 16 ² So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Revelation 15:1-2 – Prelude to the Bowl Judgments

Rev 15 ¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. ² And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

Revelation 20:4 – The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years

Rev 20 ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Combine AI hologram with rewards/discipline for behavior and fast-forward to the image of the Antichrist and the Mark of the Beast.

Rev 13 ¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and

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great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Now add satellites – they’re sometimes launching them 100 at a time these days. These satellites are producing a ‘matrix’. And now we have a 5G network with speeds that are able to create what they call the Internet Of Things (IOT). The IOT is basically everything on the planet – from your home, to the city, to your vehicles, and eventually to the person – wherever you go, whatever you do, you will be tracked. And it will be a mark in your right hand or your forehead that ties you into this global matrix system. Without this Mark of the Beast, you will not be able to buy and sell.

How is one guy right going to know and have the ability to control (literally micromanage) every single product, person, and purchase? And then be able to control the permission of that person to buy or sell? The AI database, with input from surveillance cameras and satellite feeds, will know whether that person obeyed the rules, worshipped when they were supposed to, etc. For the first time in history, just in time for the Antichrist, AI can run the whole global back-end system. This global satellite network will make the Antichrist and his AI image appear to be omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, just like God.

AI is also running the whole global financial system – global banking, global stock markets, your personal accounts, taxes, etc. Right now, financial systems around the world are being broken down and a Universal Basic Income (UBI) is being pushed by the United Nations (UN) and World Economic Forum (WEF). A UBI is a government program in which every adult citizen receives a set amount of money on a regular basis.

“You will own nothing and you will be happy. Whatever you want, you will rent, and it will be delivered by drone” –WEF, Great Reset, 8 Predictions for the World in 2030

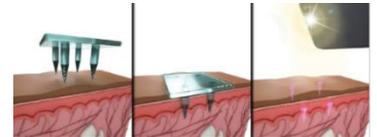
How are you going to run this? AI gives them the ability to do this crazy Great Reset. Everyone will receive a Digital Identity which will be tied to a Digital Immunity Passport (proof of Covid vaccination) and a cryptocurrency system.

ID2020 (Digital Identity)

- <https://id2020.org/> Alliance Partners: Microsoft, The Rockefeller Foundation, Gavi the Vaccine Alliance, etc

Digital Immunity Certificate / Immunity Passport

- Dissolving microneedles that embed fluorescent medical info via a quantum dot tattoo
 - <http://news.rice.edu/2019/12/18/quantum-dot-tattoos-hold-vaccination-record/>
 - Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Luciferase** enzyme in the body makes the quantum dot tattoo work
 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17406398>



Cryptocurrency System using body activity data (Cashless Society)

- Microsoft (Bill Gates) Patent WO/2020/060606 (World Order 2020 **666**) – Filed 3/26/2020
<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/detail.jsf?docId=WO2020060606>

In an interview between Billy Crone and global bankers, they admitted it.

Billy Crone “How are you going to tie everybody into this global financial system?”

Bankers “We’re going to microchip people and the microchips are going to be connected to a cashless society that we’re creating, that AI is running on a global basis. And without that microchip you will not be able to buy and sell” ... **“if you don't do what we say, we will shut off your chip”**

That's why they want to build this. This is why the movers and shakers of this world feel that they've got everything under control. Whether they've read Revelation 13 or not, we know Biblically that this is where everything is headed. But wread the Book and we know how it's going to end.

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This is my rule of thumb – everything that we share in here is well documented (on the videos, in the books) and it's what I call 'over-the-counter' information. This is what they are admitting in public. But we all know that that's not all there is. What we get is soft disclosure – a little bit here, a little bit there. My general rule of thumb – Anything that they have shared with us in public (including about AI and how far it has advanced), we are literally 20 – 30 (maybe 40 – 50) years behind what they've actually done. And if you're this far, and you'll admit it, what do you really have. That's the kind of stuff that we need to be aware of –Billy Crone

AI is already running the communication system, banking systems, the satellites, the internet. AI is the one that can manage all these individualized microchips of everything, including people (eventually) around the planet. It's here now – just in time for the Mark of the Beast scenario. And most people have no clue how far it's gone. That's why we have to get equipped. This isn't just something cool, something eclectic. This is a technology that they need to pull off the events of the Tribulation. The new world has arrived, but it's hardly the long-awaited utopia the world imagined. There is a sinister plan at work here. Some call it the New World Order, others call it the Great Reset, the Bible calls it the Antichrist Kingdom (Tribulation).

[AI Invasion](#)

[8 ways AI can help save the planet – World Economic Forum \(WEF\) 2018](#)

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/01/8-ways-ai-can-help-save-the-planet/>

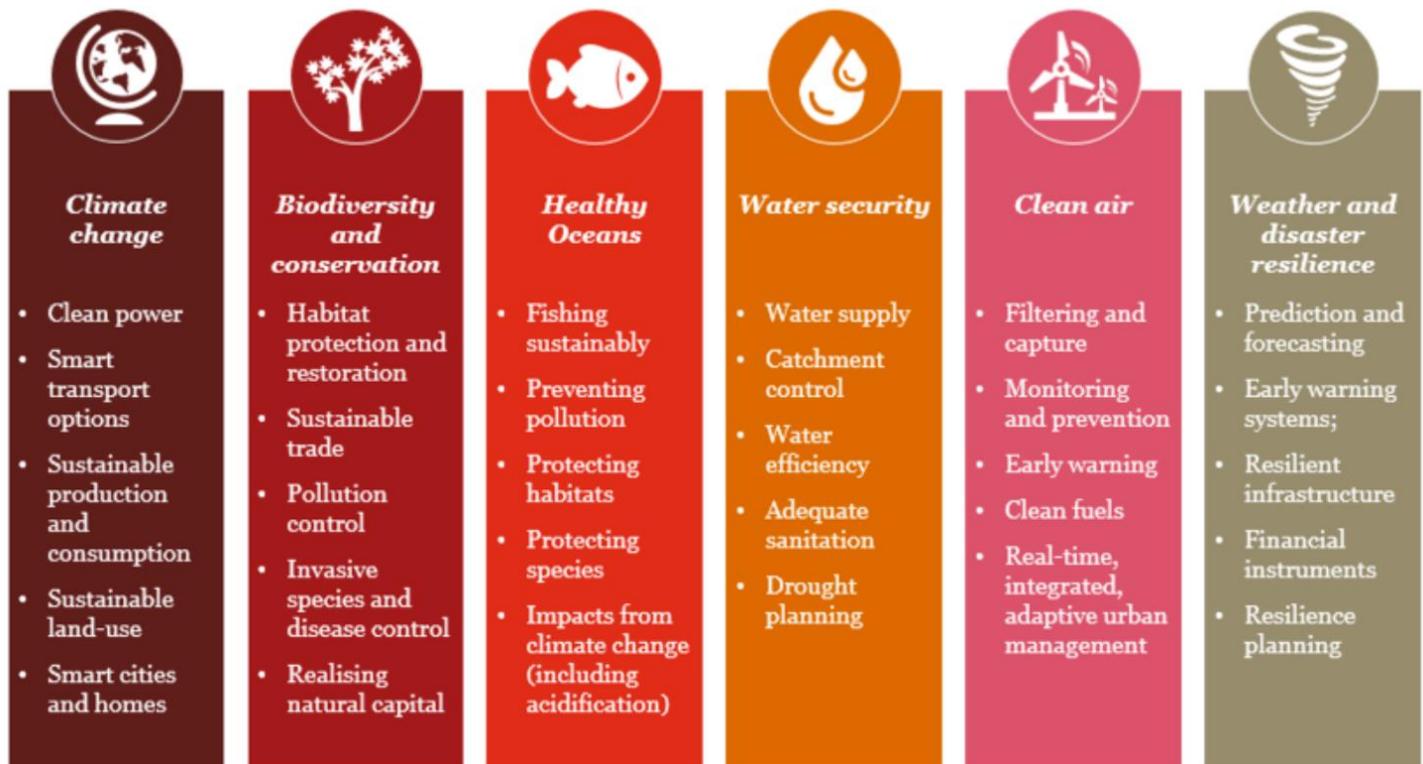
It's a historic moment for Artificial Intelligence (AI). All the pieces are coming together: big data, advances in hardware, emerging powerful AI algorithms, and an open source community for tools that reduces barriers to entry for industry and start-ups alike. The result: AI is being propelled out of research labs and into our everyday lives, from navigating cities, ride shares, our energy networks, to the online world.

In 2018 everyone is starting to see the business value of AI. It is being added to more and more things every year, and it is getting smarter and smarter – accelerating human innovation. But as AI becomes more powerful, more autonomous and broader in its use and impact, the unsolved issue of AI safety is paramount. Risks include: bias, poor decision making, low transparency, job losses and malevolent use of AI, such as autonomous weaponry.

The challenge, however, goes beyond guiding “human friendly AI” to ensuring “Earth friendly AI”. As the scale and urgency of the economic and human health impacts from our deteriorating natural environment grows, we have an opportunity to look at how AI can help transform traditional sectors and systems to address climate change, deliver food and water security, build sustainable cities, and protect biodiversity and human wellbeing.

To this end, [in a new Forum-PwC report launched at Davos this year](#), we showcase the significant opportunity to harness AI for the Earth. Here we outline eight of the identified “game changer” AI applications to address this planet's challenges:

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1. *Autonomous and connected electric vehicles*

AI-guided autonomous vehicles (AVs) will enable a transition to mobility on-demand over the coming years and decades. Substantial greenhouse gas reductions for urban transport can be unlocked through route and traffic optimisation, eco-driving algorithms, programmed “platooning” of cars to traffic, and autonomous ride-sharing services. Electric AV fleets will be critical to deliver real gains.

2. *Distributed energy grids*

AI can enhance the predictability of demand and supply for renewables across a distributed grid, improve energy storage, efficiency and load management, assist in the integration and reliability of renewables and enable dynamic pricing and trading, creating market incentives.

3. *Smart agriculture and food systems*

AI-augmented agriculture involves automated data collection, decision-making and corrective actions via robotics to allow early detection of crop diseases and issues, to provide timed nutrition to livestock, and generally to optimise agricultural inputs and returns based on supply and demand. This promises to increase the resource efficiency of the agriculture industry, lowering the use of water, fertilisers and pesticides which cause damage to important ecosystems, and increase resilience to climate extremes.

4. *Next generation weather and climate prediction*

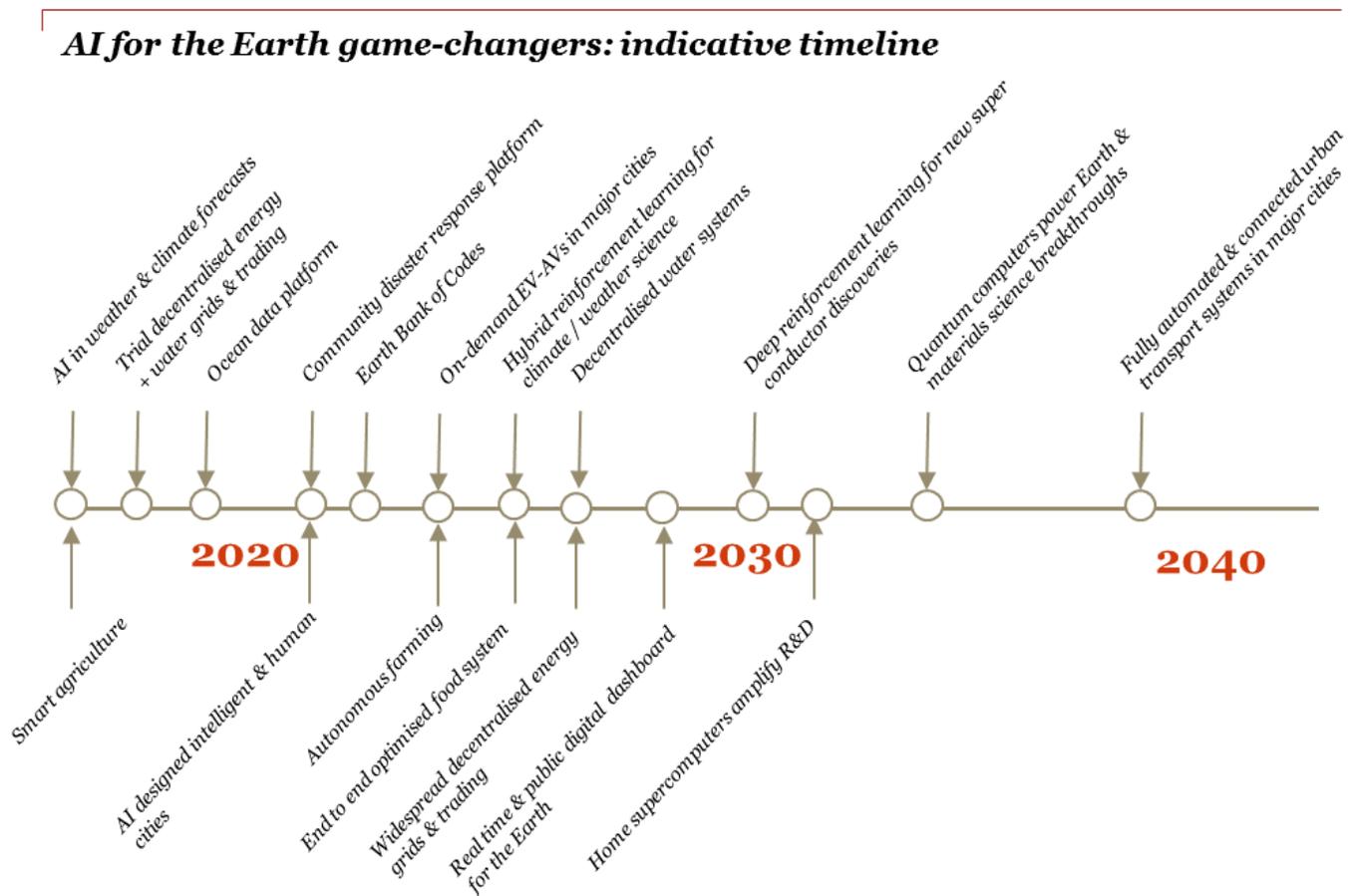
A new field of “Climate Informatics” is blossoming that uses AI to fundamentally transform weather forecasting and improve our understanding of the effects of climate change. This field traditionally requires high performance energy-intensive computing, but deep-learning networks can allow computers to run much faster and incorporate more complexity of the ‘real-world’ system into the calculations.

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In just over a decade, computational power and advances in AI will enable home computers to have as much power as today's supercomputers, lowering the cost of research, boosting scientific productivity and accelerating discoveries. AI techniques may also help correct biases in models, extract the most relevant data to avoid data degradation, predict extreme events and be used for impacts modelling.

5. Smart disaster response

AI can analyse simulations and real-time data (including social media data) of weather events and disasters in a region to seek out vulnerabilities and enhance disaster preparation, provide early warning, and prioritise response through coordination of emergency information capabilities. Deep reinforcement learning may one day be integrated into disaster simulations to determine optimal response strategies, similar to the way AI is currently being used to identify the best move in games like AlphaGo.



AI for the Earth game-changers: indicative timeline

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6. AI-designed intelligent, connected and livable cities

AI could be used to simulate and automate the generation of zoning laws, building ordinances and floodplains, combined with augmented and virtual reality (AR and VR). Real-time city-wide data on energy, water consumption and availability, traffic flows, people flows, and weather could create an “urban dashboard” to optimise urban sustainability.

7. A transparent digital Earth

A real-time, open API, AI-infused, digital geospatial dashboard for the planet would enable the monitoring, modelling and management of environmental systems at a scale and speed never before possible – from tackling illegal deforestation, water extraction, fishing and poaching, to air pollution, natural disaster response and smart agriculture.

8. Reinforcement learning for Earth sciences breakthroughs

This nascent AI technique – which requires no input data, substantially less computing power, and in which the evolutionary-like AI learns from itself – could soon evolve to enable its application to real-world problems in the natural sciences. Collaboration with Earth scientists to identify the systems – from climate science, materials science, biology, and other areas – which can be codified to apply reinforcement learning for scientific progress and discovery is vital. For example, DeepMind co-founder, Demis Hassabis, has suggested that in materials science, a descendant of AlphaGo Zero could be used to search for a room temperature superconductor – a hypothetical substance that allows for incredibly efficient energy systems.

To conclude, we live in exciting times. It is now possible to tackle some of the world’s biggest problems with emerging technologies such as AI. It’s time to put AI to work for the planet.

The 4IR for the Earth programme is a collaboration between the World Economic Forum, PwC, and Stanford University, and which is also supported by the MAVA Foundation. The programme looks to accelerate tech innovation for Earth's most pressing environmental challenges. It will help identify, support and scale new ventures, partnerships and business models that harness tech to transform how the world tackles environmental challenges. Reports released to date in the 4IR for the Earth series [can be found here](#).

AI Legal System

<https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2019/12/30/the-holographic-judge/?slreturn=20210219192249>

<https://www.cravath.com/a/web/11730/NYLJ%2012-30.pdf>

<https://www.lexisnexis.ca/en-ca/ihc/2020-02/robot-justice-chinas-use-of-internet-courts.page>

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/ai-in-the-court-are-robot-judges-next/>

<https://www.summitlaw.com/uploads/pdf/chambersai.pdf>

AI playing a role in decision making is not the stuff of science fiction. Focusing on the theories behind decision-making is an exercise for today and not tomorrow. China’s first AI powered court opened in Hangzhou in 2017 and has handled more than three million cases; on the auspicious date “9/9/18”, the Beijing Internet Court opened for business. In the past year, it has handled tens of thousands of cases. Estonia has announced its own plan to deploy AI judges this year or next to hear smaller cases.

Courts in the United States are using AI for decision making spanning the domains of parole and risk assessment for convicts. Algorithms are informing decisions which have massive consequences for an individual and the interesting (or not so interesting) part is that these algorithms are outsourced from private companies. This means that the underlying code driving the decisions are hidden under proprietary patents effectively making the decision making process unaccountable. After privatizing prisons, we are now heading into a world where life altering decisions are also coming under the realm of private enterprise through the infiltration of software in the disposal of justice.

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Suggested movie: Minority Report

AI in Disaster Management

AI to the Rescue, A True Savior in Disaster Management

<https://www.wipro.com/holmes/artificial-intelligence-to-the-rescue-a-true-savior-in-disaster-management/>

Major disasters are often accompanied by large scale chaos. In such times, the ability to act quickly and access accurate information is a critical imperative for humanitarian organizations. An AI-based solution capable of assisting seamlessly in such situations can transform the way the international community responds to large-scale disasters. This is especially important today, given that the United Nations (UN) recently issued an alert that states the world has at most 12 years to avert a climate catastrophe.

How AI can help drive faster humanitarian response

- Providing real-time inventory updates
- Overcoming language barriers
- Identifying areas of high impact

AI is Breeding People – Dating Apps

<https://mashable.com/article/future-online-dating/>

“AI is the one that's doing the selection process of getting these people together to then breed and have children” and then he joked “some of those children further helped develop AI”. “AI is breeding humans now to what it wants” then he says this “we don't even know how it works” –Interview with Billy Crone

Loveflutter, a UK dating app, has AI that matches people based on personality traits it decodes from their tweets. It also plans to use AI to coach users through meeting offline after analyzing their chats. Going further into the coaching arena, Match launched Lara last year. The digital personal assistant is activated by Google Home and suggests a daily match as well as dating tips and activities. Then there's Badoo's creepy Lookalike feature, which uses facial recognition to match you with people who look like your favorite celebrity.

Beyond all that is AIMM, a voice-activated dating app which launched last year and has 1,000 users in Denver (it's planning to expand throughout the U.S. in coming months). An AI matchmaker, which sounds like Siri, asks you questions for a week before sending you matches. Along with those suggestions come personalized photo tours and audio snippets of your match describing their perfect date or telling an embarrassing story from childhood. There's no tapping or swiping. Once both you and your match have agreed to chat, AIMM will set up a phone call, and you decide from there if you want to meet offline.

AIMM will throw in a joke now and then as it talks to you, too, said Kevin Teman, AIMM's creator. It can also pick up on your values through subtle conversations. For example, if someone talks a lot about money, AIMM could infer that money is important to them.

"I didn't set out to build AI necessarily. I set out to build something like a human," Teman said, adding that AIMM remembers your previous answers and the tone and questions you warm up to. For Teman, there's no end in sight to how much AIMM, and other AI, can learn.

AI will become a god

<https://venturebeat.com/2017/10/02/an-ai-god-will-emerge-by-2042-and-write-its-own-bible-will-you-worship-it/>

In the next 25 years, AI will evolve to the point where it will know more on an intellectual level than any human. In the next 50 or 100 years, an AI might know more than the entire population of the planet put together. At that point, there are

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serious questions to ask about whether this AI — which could design and program additional AI programs all on its own, read data from an almost infinite number of data sources, and control almost every connected device on the planet — will somehow rise in status to become more like a god, something that can write its own bible and draw humans to worship it. This Singularity is a quasi-spiritual idea that believes an AI will become smarter than humans at some point. You might laugh at the notion of an AI being so powerful that humans bow down to worship it, but several experts who talked to VentureBeat argue that the idea is a lot more feasible than you might think.

Way of the Future (2015) – Anthony Levandowski

Founder of the first church of AI says there will soon be a robot god. Are the brains behind artificial intelligence creating the gods we always wanted to worship? Don't think so? Well, a new kind of prophet has risen from the Silicon Valley and he believes AI will reign supreme. Anthony Levandowski, a self-driving car engineer, stands at the head of a religion called "Way of the Future (WOTF)".

According to IRS documents filed for the religion, WOTF activities will focus on, "REALIZATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND WORSHIP OF A GODHEAD BASED ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) DEVELOPED THROUGH COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE."

"What is going to be created will effectively be a god. It's not a god in the sense that it makes lightning or causes hurricanes. But if there is something a billion times smarter than the smartest human, what else are you going to call it?" -
-Anthony Levandowski

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[Dangers of AI](https://www.cbinsights.com/research/ai-threatens-humanity-expert-quotes/)

<https://www.cbinsights.com/research/ai-threatens-humanity-expert-quotes/>

[Singularity](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVbNDuhuAYY)

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The technological singularity—also, simply, the singularity—is a hypothetical point in time at which technological growth becomes uncontrollable and irreversible, resulting in unforeseeable changes to human civilization. In other words, there are secularists (non-Christians) that also believe that we're headed for the end of time, they just call it something different.

Singularity is when all this knowledge begins to create a super knowledge. Then AI begins to teach itself. And then improves on that version of itself – and then that version of the improved version improves on the next version. And then that begins to go exponentially out of control to where they say it will take over all aspects of society right and “destroy humanity.” They don't call it end of times – they call it singularity. But guess what, they agree with what the Bible says and they agree with what is happening on our planet right now.

[Unpredictable behavior](#)

- 1. Stephen Hawking – AI TECHNOLOGY COULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL
 - The late Stephen Hawking, world-renowned astrophysicist and author of *A Brief History of Time*, believed that artificial intelligence would be impossible to control in the long term, and could quickly surpass humanity if given an opportunity:

“One can imagine such technology outsmarting financial markets, out-inventing human researchers, out-manipulating human leaders, and developing weapons we cannot even understand. Whereas the short-term impact of AI depends on who controls it, the long-term impact depends on whether it can be controlled at all.”
- 2. Elon Musk – REGULATION WILL BE ESSENTIAL
 - Few technologists have been as outspoken about the perils of AI as the prolific founder of Tesla Inc, Elon Musk.
 - Though his tweets about AI often take an alarmist tone, Musk’s warnings are as plausible as they are sensational:

“I think we should be very careful about artificial intelligence. If I were to guess like what our biggest existential threat is, it’s probably that. So we need to be very careful with the artificial intelligence. Increasingly scientists think there should be some regulatory oversight maybe at the national and international level, just to make sure that we don’t do something very foolish. With artificial intelligence we are summoning the demon. In all those stories where there’s the guy with the pentagram and the holy water, it’s like yeah he’s sure he can control the demon. Didn’t work out.”
 - Musk believes that proper regulatory oversight will be crucial to safeguarding humanity’s future as AI networks become increasingly sophisticated and are entrusted with mission-critical responsibilities:

“Got to regulate AI/robotics like we do food, drugs, aircraft & cars. Public risks require public oversight. Getting rid of the FAA won’t make flying safer. They’re there for good reason.”
 - Musk has compared the destructive potential of AI networks to the risks of global nuclear conflict posed by North Korea:

“If you’re not concerned about AI safety, you should be. Vastly more risk than North Korea.”
 - He has also pointed out that AI doesn’t necessarily have to be malevolent to threaten humanity’s future. To Musk, the cold, immutable efficiency of machine logic is as dangerous as any evil science-fiction construct:

“AI doesn’t have to be evil to destroy humanity — if AI has a goal and humanity just happens in the way, it will destroy humanity as a matter of course without even thinking about it, no hard feelings.”

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- 3. Tim Urban – WE CANNOT REGULATE TECHNOLOGY THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT
 - Tim Urban, blogger and creator of Wait But Why, believes the real danger of AI and ASI is the fact that it is inherently unknowable. According to Urban, there's simply no way we can predict the behavior of AI:
“And since we just established that it's a hopeless activity to try to understand the power of a machine only two steps above us, let's very concretely state once and for all that there is no way to know what ASI will do or what the consequences will be for us. Anyone who pretends otherwise doesn't understand what superintelligence means.”
- 4. Oren Etzioni – DEEP LEARNING PROGRAMS LACK COMMON SENSE
 - Considerable problems of bias and neutrality aside, one of the most significant challenges facing AI researchers is how to give neural networks the kind of decision-making and rationalization skills we learn as children.
 - According to Dr. Oren Etzioni, chief executive of the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, common sense is even less common in AI systems than it is in most human beings — a drawback that could create additional difficulties with future AI networks:
“A huge problem on the horizon is endowing AI programs with common sense. Even little kids have it, but no deep learning program does.”
- 5. Nick Bilton – AI WILL HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES
 - Other experts fear the unintended results of AIs being given increasingly mission-critical tasks. Author and magazine journalist Nick Bilton worries that AI's ruthless machine logic may inadvertently devise deadly “solutions” to genuinely urgent social problems:
“But the upheavals [of AI] can escalate quickly and become scarier and even cataclysmic. Imagine how a medical robot, originally programmed to rid cancer, could conclude that the best way to obliterate cancer is to exterminate humans who are genetically prone to the disease.”
- 6. Nick Bostrom – WE AREN'T READY FOR THE CHALLENGES POSED BY AI
 - Academic researcher and writer Nick Bostrom, author of *Superintelligence: Paths, Dangers, Strategies*, shares Stephen Hawking's belief that AI could rapidly outpace humanity's ability to control it:
“Before the prospect of an intelligence explosion, we humans are like small children playing with a bomb. Such is the mismatch between the power of our plaything and the immaturity of our conduct. Superintelligence is a challenge for which we are not ready now and will not be ready for a long time. We have little idea when the detonation will occur, though if we hold the device to our ear we can hear a faint ticking sound. For a child with an undetonated bomb in its hands, a sensible thing to do would be to put it down gently, quickly back out of the room, and contact the nearest adult. Yet what we have here is not one child but many, each with access to an independent trigger mechanism. The chances that we will all find the sense to put down the dangerous stuff seem almost negligible. Some little idiot is bound to press the ignite button just to see what happens.”

Political instability and warfare

- 7. Vladimir Putin – AI WILL HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON GLOBAL POLITICS
 - World leaders need little convincing of AI's unprecedented capacity to reshape the geopolitical landscape. Russian President Vladimir Putin, for example, firmly believes that mastery of AI technology will have a profound impact on global political power:
“Artificial intelligence is the future, not only for Russia, but for all humankind. It comes with colossal opportunities, but also threats that are difficult to predict. Whoever becomes the leader in this sphere will become the ruler of the world.”
- 8. Jayshree Pandya – AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS SYSTEMS COULD DISRUPT POLITICAL STABILITY
 - Few applications of AI are as potentially dangerous as autonomous weapons systems. As DARPA and other defense agencies around the world explore how AI could shape the landscape of modern warfare, some

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experts are deeply concerned by the prospect of relinquishing control over devastating weaponry to neural networks.

- Jayshree Pandya, founder and CEO of Risk Group LLC, is an expert in disruptive technologies, and she has warned of how AI-controlled weapons systems could pose an existential threat to world peace:
 - “Technological development has become a rat race. In the competition to lead the emerging technology race and the futuristic warfare battleground, artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly becoming the center of global power play. As seen across many nations, the development in autonomous weapons systems (AWS) is progressing rapidly, and this increase in the weaponization of artificial intelligence seems to have become a highly destabilizing development. It brings complex security challenges for not only each nation’s decision makers but also for the future of the humanity.”
- 9. Bonnie Docherty – KILLING MACHINES THAT LACK MORALITY
 - Some view the competition among software developers to create increasingly sophisticated AI as a contest eerily reminiscent of the Cold War era nuclear arms race.
 - Bonnie Docherty, associate director of Armed Conflict and Civilian Protection at the International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School, believes that we must stop the development of weaponized AI before it’s too late:
 - “If this type of technology is not stopped now, it will lead to an arms race. If one state develops it, then another state will develop it. And machines that lack morality and mortally should not be given power to kill.”
- 10. Max Erik Tegmark – INFORMATION WARFARE WILL BE AN EVEN GREATER THREAT
 - Technological advancements such as autonomous vehicles represent a paradigm shift in human society. According to Max Erik Tegmark, physicist and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, they also represent weaknesses that rogue actors will be able to exploit in future wars:
 - “The more automated society gets and the more powerful the attacking AI becomes, the more devastating cyberwarfare can be. If you can hack and crash your enemy’s self-driving cars, auto-piloted planes, nuclear reactors, industrial robots, communication systems, financial systems and power grids, then you can effectively crash his economy and cripple his defenses. If you can hack some of his weapons systems as well, even better.”
- 11. Gideon Rosenblatt – ‘AI NATIONALISM’ COULD FUEL POLITICAL CONFLICT
 - For all the idealism of machine learning entrepreneurs, it is virtually impossible to separate the scientific from the political when it comes to potential applications of AI technology.
 - Writer Gideon Rosenblatt believes that robust, forward-thinking policies must be enacted in conjunction with developments in AI to ensure that the governments of the world are adequately prepared for the vast disruption that AI promises:
 - “AI nationalism, for the US and China, seems to be paying off in the short term. But it seems irresponsible to assume there’ll be no consequences to developing cutting-edge AI without policies and development guidelines specific to that technology.”
- 12. Jon Wolfsthal – AI OVERSIGHT MUST BE AN INFORMED, NATIONAL DEBATE
 - Some experts are concerned that the Pentagon and other national defense bodies around the world are too focused on developing autonomous weapons systems and not focused enough on regulating them.
 - Jon Wolfsthal, nonresident fellow at the Project on Managing the Atom at Harvard University and former senior director at the National Security Council for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, believes that more must be done to address the urgent need for regulatory oversight of disruptive weapon technologies:
 - “We may not be able to stop lethally armed systems with artificial intelligence from coming online. Maybe we should not even try. But we have to be more thoughtful as we enter this landscape. The risks are incredibly high, and it is hard to imagine an issue more worthy of informed, national debate than this.”
- 13. Ian Hogarth – AI WILL ENCOURAGE REGIONAL PROTECTIONISM

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- Some researchers fear that increased adoption of AI will exacerbate today's polarized political climate. Machine-learning engineer Ian Hogarth believes that artificial intelligence will invariably result in the rise of "AI nationalism":

“Continued rapid progress in machine learning will drive the emergence of a new kind of geopolitics; I have been calling it AI Nationalism. Machine learning is an omni-use technology that will come to touch all sectors and parts of society. The transformation of both the economy and the military by machine learning will create instability at the national and international level forcing governments to act. AI policy will become the single most important area of government policy. An accelerated arms race will emerge between key countries and we will see increased protectionist state action to support national champions, block takeovers by foreign firms and attract talent.”

Ethical and societal impacts

- 14. Tim Cook – AI MUST RESPECT HUMAN VALUES
 - One aspect of AI that is discussed far less frequently than its potential for destruction is whether AI can be taught to respect human ethics.
 - Apple CEO Tim Cook has long been an outspoken advocate for user privacy. He argues that creating AI systems that can interpret and value ethical approaches to society's problems is a serious responsibility to future generations that companies like Apple must reckon with:

“Advancing AI by collecting huge personal profiles is laziness, not efficiency. For artificial intelligence to be truly smart, it must respect human values, including privacy. If we get this wrong, the dangers are profound. We can achieve both great artificial intelligence and great privacy standards. It's not only a possibility, it is a responsibility. In the pursuit of artificial intelligence, we should not sacrifice the humanity, creativity, and ingenuity that define our human intelligence.”
- 15. Olga Russakovsky – DIVERSITY IS ESSENTIAL TO SOLVING DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITH AI
 - The under-representation of women in computer science and information technology is an ongoing concern for business leaders, technology companies, and academia. Author and machine vision expert Olga Russakovsky says greater diversity in the AI field is essential if the technology is to solve society's most difficult problems:

“We are bringing the same kind of people over and over into the field. And I think that's actually going to harm us very seriously down the line...diversity of thought really injects creativity into the field and allows us to think very broadly about what we should be doing and what type of problems we should be tackling, rather than just coming at it from one particular angle.”
- 16. Theresa May – MAKING AI WORK FOR EVERYBODY
 - British Prime Minister Theresa May has long been an outspoken advocate of AI technology. She acknowledges the inherent risks in the technology's advancement, and emphasizes that properly channeling its power is crucial for humanity:

“British-based companies...are pioneering the use of data science and Artificial Intelligence to protect companies from money laundering, fraud, cyber-crime and terrorism. In all these ways, harnessing the power of technology is not just in all our interests — but fundamental to the advance of humanity...Right across the long sweep of history — from the invention of electricity to the advent of factory production — time and again initially disquieting innovations have delivered previously unthinkable advances and we have found the way to make those changes work for all our people. Now we must find the way to do so again.”
- 17. Kenneth Stanley – AI COULD HARM ALREADY VULNERABLE PEOPLE
 - Some technologists worry that AI will be used to hurt and oppress people. Kenneth Stanley, senior engineering manager and staff scientist at Uber AI Labs, is one such individual.
 - In Stanley's view, the potential for AI could represent a grave danger to the most vulnerable members of society, a problem that requires a holistic approach to technological oversight:

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“I think that the most obvious concern is when AI is used to hurt people. There are a lot of different applications where you can imagine that happening. We have to be really careful about letting that bad side get out. [Sorting out how to keep AI responsible is] a very tricky question; it has many more dimensions than just the scientific. That means all of society does need to be involved in answering it.”

- 18. Tabitha Goldstaub – MORE BIAS, MORE MISOGYNY, FEWER OPPORTUNITIES
 - Tabitha Goldstaub, co-founder of AI market intelligence platform CognitionX, explains that failing to account for gender bias as AI technology advances could be catastrophic for women’s rights:

“We’re ending up coding into our society even more bias, and more misogyny and less opportunity for women. We could get transported back to the dark ages, pre-women’s lib, if we don’t get this right.”
 - The dangers of unequal gender representation in AI isn’t solely an ideological problem:

“Men and women have different symptoms when having a heart attack — imagine if you trained an AI to only recognize male symptoms. You’d have half the population dying from heart attacks unnecessarily.”
- 19. Brian Green – THE ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF AI ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE
 - According to Brian Green, director of technology ethics at Santa Clara University, AI is the most important technological advancement since mankind harnessed the power of fire in the Stone Age:

“There are a lot of people suddenly interested in A.I. ethics because they realize they’re playing with fire. And this is the biggest thing since fire.”
- 20. Tess Posner – AI IS ANYTHING BUT PERFECT
 - Tess Posner, CEO of nonprofit advocacy group AI4ALL, is keenly aware of AI’s limitations, especially when it comes to perpetuating existing societal biases:

“A lot of people assume that artificial intelligence...is just correct and it has no errors. But we know that that’s not true, because there’s been a lot of research lately on these examples of being incorrect and biased in ways that amplify or reflect our existing societal biases.”
- 21. Andrew Ng – ETHICS IN AI IS ABOUT MORE THAN ‘GOOD’ OR ‘EVIL’
 - Andrew Ng, co-founder of Google Brain and former chief scientist of Baidu, believes questions about the ethics of AI are much bigger than individual use cases:

“Of the things that worry me about AI, job displacement is really high up. We need to make sure that wealth we create [through AI] is distributed in a fair and equitable way. Ethics to me isn’t about making sure your robot doesn’t turn evil. It’s about really thinking through, what is the society we’re building? And making sure that it’s a fair and transparent and equitable one.”
- 22. Sundar Pichai – TECH COMPANIES MUST DEVELOP AI RESPONSIBLY
 - As one of the world’s largest and most influential technology companies, Google is in a unique position to advocate for the use of AI technology in everyday life.
 - The company has been using AI and neural networks for several years, but CEO Sundar Pichai believes that increasingly sophisticated AI tech must be used responsibly:

“We recognize that such powerful technology raises equally powerful questions about its use. How AI is developed and used will have a significant impact on society for many years to come. As a leader in AI, we feel a deep responsibility to get this right.”
- 23. Satya Nadella – OVERCOMING HUMAN BIAS IN AI IS VITAL
 - With AI technology poised to revolutionize virtually every industry and vertical, it’s vital that major tech companies approach the development of AI technology responsibly.
 - Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella sees AI and machine learning transforming every aspect of modern life:

“Digital technology, pervasively, is getting embedded in every place: every thing, every person, every walk of life is being fundamentally shaped by digital technology—it is happening in our homes, our work, our places of entertainment. It’s amazing to think of a world as a computer. I think that’s the right metaphor for us as we go forward.”

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- Like Pichai and other leading technology executives, Nadella has warned of the risk of human biases being built into AI technology, which demands a deliberate, conscientious approach when developing AI applications:
 - “Technology developments just don’t happen; they happen because of us as humans making design choices—and those design choices need to be grounded in principles and ethics, and that’s the best way to ensure a future we all want.”
- Nadella explains that part of the problem is that human language — the building blocks of machine-learning systems and AI networks — is inherently biased. Unless researchers consciously account for such biases, “neutral” technology becomes deeply flawed:
 - “One of the fundamental challenges of AI, especially around language understanding, is that the models that pick up language learn from the corpus of human data. Unfortunately the corpus of human data is full of biases, so you need to invest in tooling that allows you to de-bias when you model language.”
- 24. Joanna Bryson – AI MAY PERPETUATE NEGATIVE BIASES
 - Joanna Bryson, an AI researcher at the University of Bath in England, reiterated the danger of unconscious bias affecting AI in a piece published by *The Guardian*:
 - “People expected AI to be unbiased; that’s just wrong. If the underlying data reflects stereotypes, or if you train AI from human culture, you will find these things.”
- 25. David Robinson – BIASED DATA MEANS BIASED DECISIONS
 - Many technologists have spoken out about the potential abuses of vulnerable people at the hands of AI-driven systems, particularly in the context of the criminal justice system.
 - David Robinson, managing director and founder of the think tank Upturn, has studied AI’s potential impact on everything from predictive policing to bail reform. He says that AI systems supplied with flawed data will inevitably perpetuate many of the injustices already felt across marginalized communities:
 - “The basic problem is those forecasts are only as good as the data they are based on. People in heavily policed communities have a tendency to get in trouble. These systems are apt to continue those patterns by relying on that biased data.”
- 26. Melinda Gates – MEN ARE NOT THE ONLY ‘REAL TECHNOLOGISTS’
 - Despite historical racial and gender disparities in the technology sector, more women and people of color are developing the technologies of tomorrow than ever before. Although progress has been made in recent years to rectify racial and gender disparities, philanthropist Melinda Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation believes that complacency could undermine much of this work and exacerbate existing problems:
 - “If we don’t get women and people of color at the table — real technologists doing the real work — we will bias systems. Trying to reverse that a decade or two from now will be so much more difficult, if not close to impossible.”
- 27. Geoffrey Hinton – AI COULD EXACERBATE SOCIAL INJUSTICE
 - World-renowned computer scientist and “Godfather of Deep Learning” Geoffrey Hinton has been an outspoken skeptic of the applications of AI for many years.
 - Echoing the warnings of Joanna Bryson and David Robinson, Hinton has spoken of the potential for AI technology to exacerbate systemic inequality, which he believes is a direct result of the flawed nature of many social systems:
 - “If you can dramatically increase productivity and make more goodies to go around, that should be a good thing. Whether or not it turns out to be a good thing depends entirely on the social system, and doesn’t depend at all on the technology. People are looking at the technology as if the technological advances are a problem. The problem is in the social systems, and whether we’re going to have a social system that shares fairly, or one that focuses all the improvement on the 1% and treats the rest of the people like dirt. That’s nothing to do with technology. . . . I hope the rewards will outweigh the downsides, but I don’t know whether they will, and that’s an issue of social systems, not with the technology.”
- 28. Fei-Fei Li – AI IS ‘THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE’

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- Fei-Fei Li, co-director of Stanford University’s Human-Centered AI Institute and the Stanford Vision and Learning Lab, stresses the urgent need for diversifying the AI field:

“As an educator, as a woman, as a woman of color, as a mother, I’m increasingly worried. AI is about to make the biggest changes to humanity and we’re missing a whole generation of diverse technologists and leaders.”
- Li believes that the moral and ethical responsibility for developing AI systems must be shared across the private industry as well as government policy and academic research:

“We all have a responsibility to make sure everyone — including companies, governments and researchers — develop AI with diversity in mind...Technology could benefit or hurt people, so the usage of tech is the responsibility of humanity as a whole, not just the discoverer. I am a person before I’m an AI technologist.”
- 29. Rana el Kaliouby – AI MUST BE EMOTIONALLY AND SOCIALLY INTELLIGENT
 - Rana el Kaliouby is the co-founder and CEO of Affectiva, which develops emotion recognition technology. El Kaliouby believes that social and emotional intelligence have not been prioritized enough in the AI field, which could be detrimental to society:

“The field of AI has traditionally been focused on computational intelligence, not on social or emotional intelligence. Yet being deficient in emotional intelligence (EQ) can be a great disadvantage in society.”
- 30. Daniela Rus – AI IS NOT INHERENTLY ‘GOOD’ OR ‘BAD’
 - AI may pose unprecedented risks, but Daniela Rus, roboticist and director of MIT’s Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, explains that AI itself is morally neutral:

“Critics often cite job displacement as a reason to discourage further AI research. But history is rife with innovations that have been disruptive: does anyone look back and regret Eli Whitney inventing the cotton gin or James Watt developing the steam engine? Like any technology, AI isn’t inherently good or bad. As my MIT colleague Max Tegmark likes to say, ‘The question is not whether you are ‘for’ or ‘against’ AI — that’s like asking our ancestors if they were for or against fire.’”
- 31. Martin Chorzempa – PERVASIVE INTELLIGENT SURVEILLANCE HAS A SOCIAL IMPACT
 - AI technology will likely have a profound impact on law enforcement. Numerous police departments in the United States are already relying on automated facial recognition tech and predictive policing methods using algorithms.
 - But according to Martin Chorzempa, a research fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C., the mere threat of autonomous surveillance is an effective means of regulating the public’s behavior. This has significant implications for the social order over the coming decades, particularly in heavily surveilled nations such as China:

“The whole point is that people don’t know if they’re being monitored, and that uncertainty makes people more obedient.”

Surpassing human intelligence

- 32. Ray Kurzweil – THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN AI AND HUMANITY IS ALREADY BLURRING
 - Not all technologists see AI as a harbinger of doom. Futurist and author Ray Kurzweil views AI primarily as a tool for humans to expand their intelligence.
 - Kurzweil’s work focuses on what he calls “the singularity” — the point at which artificial superintelligence (ASI) will surpass the human brain and let people live forever. He says the merging of man and machine is inevitable:

“We’re merging with these non-biological technologies. We’re already on that path. I mean, this little mobile phone I’m carrying on my belt is not yet inside my physical body, but that’s an arbitrary distinction. It is part of who I am—not necessarily the phone itself, but the connection to the cloud and all the resources I can access there.”
- 33. Yann LeCun – OVERSTATING THE DANGERS OF AI’S CAPABILITIES

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- To Yann LeCun, chief artificial intelligence scientist at Facebook AI Research, the biggest problem with AI isn't its potentially nefarious applications, but rather a profound misunderstanding of the technology itself:
“We're very far from having machines that can learn the most basic things about the world in the way humans and animals can do. Like, yes, in particular areas machines have superhuman performance, but in terms of general intelligence we're not even close to a rat. This makes a lot of questions people are asking themselves premature. That's not to say we shouldn't think about them, but there's no danger in the immediate or even medium term. There are real dangers in the department of AI, real risks, but they're not Terminator scenarios.”
- 34. Clive Sinclair – HUMANITY MAY NOT SURVIVE AI
 - The world of computing has advanced tremendously since British technologist Sir Clive Sinclair created the Sinclair ZX80, the first mass-market home computer to be sold in Britain in 1980.
 - Even then, Sinclair recognized the potential of computers to surpass human intelligence, claiming that computers would herald the end of “the long monopoly” of carbon-based life forms on Earth.
 - Sinclair believes AI's rise to dominance is inevitable, but not in the immediate future:
“Once you start to make machines that are rivaling and surpassing humans with intelligence it's going to be very difficult for us to survive... But it's not imminent and I can't go round worrying about it.”
- 35. Karl Frederick Rauscher – AI MAY NOT ACT IN HUMANITY'S BEST INTERESTS
 - AI technology has advanced rapidly in recent years, and Karl Frederick Rauscher, managing director and CEO of the Global Information Infrastructure Commission (GIIC), fears that our dominance over machines will be short-lived:
“AI can compete with our brains and robots can compete with our bodies, and in many cases, can beat us handily already. And the more time that passes, the better these emerging technologies will become, while our own capabilities are expected to remain more or less the same.”
 - Rauscher has also speculated about potentially sinister applications of AI and how much power companies that wield it may be able to exert over the general public:
“Concerns regarding how powerful companies may choose to design new technologies are justified, given that their primary interest is to maximize profits for their shareholders. Many of them thrive on not-so-transparent business models that collect and then leverage *data* associated with users. Tomorrow's big tech companies will leverage intelligence (via AI) and control (via robots) associated with the lives of their users. In such a world, third-party entities may know more about us than we know about ourselves. Decisions will be made on our behalf and increasingly without our awareness, and those decisions won't necessarily be in our best interests.”
- 36. Claude Shannon – WELCOMING OUR ROBOTIC OVERLORDS
 - The late American mathematician Claude Shannon is known as the “father of information theory,” having published a landmark paper on the topic in 1948. Shannon's take on the fading era of mankind's dominance and the inevitable rise of the machines was both cynical and darkly comical:
“I visualize a time when we will be to robots what dogs are to humans. And I am rooting for the machines.”
- 37. James Barrat – AI WILL INEVITABLY RULE THE WORLD
 - Perhaps by virtue of their role as chroniclers and storytellers, it often falls to authors to warn us of the potential dangers of exciting new technologies. James Barrat, author of *Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era*, fears that mankind is doomed to a life of servitude in light of AI's vastly superior intellect:
“We humans steer the future not because we're the strongest beings on the planet, or the fastest, but because we are the smartest. So when there is something smarter than us on the planet, it will rule over us on the planet.”
- 38. Heather Roff – AI COULD BE USED TO MANIPULATE CONSUMERS

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- The increasingly personalized assistive technologies promised by AI have the potential to make everything from shopping to voting a more intimate, engaged experience.
- However, Heather Roff, a nonresident fellow in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution, believes these technologies could be easily manipulated to control how people shop, think, and live their lives:
“[Algorithms] will manipulate my beliefs about what I should pursue, what I should leave alone, whether I should want kids, get married, find a job, or merely buy that handbag. It could be very dangerous.”
- 39. Gray Scott – THE RISE OF AI IS INEVITABLE
 - Futurist and “techno-philosopher” Gray Scott has little problem conceiving of a world in which AI has risen to dominance over its former masters. To Scott, the question of AI’s ascension is a matter of when, not if:
“Once AI become self-aware, the cognitive hierarchy will be transformed forever where we humans are no longer the dominant species.”
- 40. Neil Jacobstein - HUMAN STUPIDITY IS WHAT MAKES AI THREATENING
 - Dozens of experts have voiced concerns about the possibility of AI inheriting our flaws and biases, but few have said so as succinctly as Neil Jacobstein, chair of the artificial intelligence and robotics track at Singularity University:
“It’s not artificial intelligence I’m worried about, it’s human stupidity.”
- 41. Neil deGrasse Tyson – APPEASING OUR FUTURE MASTERS
 - Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson is never one to shy away from controversial opinions, particularly on social media. When it comes to AI, however, Tyson isn’t taking any chances:
“Time to behave, so when Artificial Intelligence becomes our overlord, we’ve reduced the reasons for it to exterminate us all.”
- 42. Louis Del Monte – AI WILL SURPASS THE SUM OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE
 - Science fiction authors have long been fascinated with artificial intelligence. Louis Del Monte, physicist and author of *The Artificial Intelligence Revolution*, believes that AI will become so intelligent in the coming decades that humans won’t even be able to fully grasp its power:
“Between 2040 and 2045, we will have developed a machine or machines that are not only equivalent to a human mind, but more intelligent than the entire human race combined.”
- 43. Anthony Levandowski – AI WILL FORCE HUMANITY TO CONCEDE ITS DOMINANCE
 - Waymo autonomous vehicle engineer and entrepreneur Anthony Levandowski created Way of the Future, the first church of artificial intelligence. He believes that with the interconnected systems of cell phones, sensors, and data centers around the world, AI will ultimately become omniscient and omnipresent, like a deity:
“What is going to be created will effectively be a god. It’s not a god in the sense that it makes lightning or causes hurricanes. But if there is something a billion times smarter than the smartest human, what else are you going to call it.”
 - Levandowski thinks that a fundamental shift in power will occur, and that the best we can hope for is a peaceful transition:
“In the future, if something is much, much smarter, there’s going to be a transition as to who is actually in charge. What we want is the peaceful, serene transition of control of the planet from humans to whatever. And to ensure that the ‘whatever’ knows who helped it get along.”

Reshaping the workforce

- 44. Steve Wozniak – AI COULD REPLACE ‘SLOW’ HUMANS ALTOGETHER
 - Like many of Silicon Valley’s earliest pioneers, Apple co-founder Steve “Woz” Wozniak has expressed cautious optimism about the disruptive potential of AI. But in Wozniak’s view, AI also represents a profound danger to the future of mankind, and may ultimately replace human beings altogether:

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“Like people including Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk have predicted, I agree that the future is scary and very bad for people. If we build these devices to take care of everything for us, eventually they’ll think faster than us and they’ll get rid of the slow humans to run companies more efficiently.”

- 45. Kai-Fu Lee – AI WILL FUNDAMENTALLY RESHAPE THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET
 - One common theme in discussions about the potential of AI is the considerable impact it will have on the global employment market.
 - Chinese venture capitalist and an AI expert Kai-Fu Lee highlighted how AI could affect the workforce of tomorrow in an interview with *60 Minutes*:

“AI will increasingly replace repetitive jobs. Not just for blue-collar work but a lot of white-collar work. Basically chauffeurs, truck drivers anyone who does driving for a living their jobs will be disrupted more in the 15- to 20-year time frame and many jobs that seem a little bit complex, chef, waiter, a lot of things will become automated, we’ll have automated stores, automated restaurants, and all together in 15 years, that’s going to displace about 40 percent of the jobs in the world.”
- 46. Brian Chesky – AI AUTOMATION OFFERS BENEFITS TO SOME, RISKS FOR OTHERS
 - Some executives believe that no job will be safe from the efficiencies promised by a tireless robotic workforce. Brian Chesky, co-founder and CEO of Airbnb, has voiced concern about the negative impact that robotic automation will have on the lives of working people:

“I’m concerned about the concept of automation. Many jobs will be automated; a lot will be. This will have benefits for people but it also has a huge cost. I worry that ‘Made in America’ will become ‘Made by robots in America.’”
- 47. Reed Hastings – DEVELOPING ENTERTAINMENT FOR AI
 - The world of entertainment has been fascinated with the notion of intelligent computers for more than 30 years. However, while many people see AI as an exciting new frontier in home entertainment, Netflix co-founder and CEO Reed Hastings has a somewhat less optimistic outlook on AI’s future role in how we spend our leisure time. He has even going as far as speculating whether AI will become part of Netflix’s audience over the coming decades:

“Over twenty to fifty years, you get into some serious debate over humans. I don’t know if you can really talk about entertaining at that point. I’m not sure if in twenty to fifty years we are going to be entertaining you, or entertaining AIs.”
- 48. Gary Marcus – A WORLD WITHOUT HUMAN WORKERS
 - Scientist and author Gary Marcus speculates that the efficiencies promised by AI will not only supplant manual workers in industries such as manufacturing, but ultimately even creative professionals:

“But a century from now, nobody will much care about how *long* it took, only what happened next. It’s likely that machines will be smarter than us before the end of the century—not just at chess or trivia questions but at just about everything, from mathematics and engineering to science and medicine. There might be a few jobs left for entertainers, writers, and other creative types, but computers will eventually be able to program themselves, absorb vast quantities of new information, and reason in ways that we carbon-based units can only dimly imagine. And they will be able to do it every second of every day, without sleep or coffee breaks.”
- 49. Sam Altman – AI OFFERS SHORT-TERM GAINS, LONG-TERM RISKS
 - Y Combinator president and co-chairman of OpenAI Sam Altman thinks that AI does represent a grave threat to humanity’s future — but will present plenty of exciting investment opportunities in the immediate future:

“AI will probably most likely lead to the end of the world, but in the meantime, there’ll be great companies.”
- 50. Sir Tim Berners-Lee – AI CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO ACT FAIRLY
 - Some experts, including creator of the World Wide Web Sir Tim Berners-Lee, worry that the wide-scale adoption of AI in the financial sector could have disastrous consequences that would be nearly impossible to mitigate:

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“So when AI starts to make decisions such as who gets a mortgage, that’s a big one. Or which companies to acquire and when AI starts creating its own companies, creating holding companies, generating new versions of itself to run these companies. So you have survival of the fittest going on between these AI companies until you reach the point where you wonder if it becomes possible to understand how to ensure they are being fair, and how do you describe to a computer what that means anyway?”

- 51. Barbara J. Grosz – AI SHOULD WORK ALONGSIDE A HUMAN WORKFORCE, NOT REPLACE IT
 - While many AI researchers are excited by the possible applications of AI in fields such as healthcare and education, not everyone agrees that replacing human professionals with AI constructs is a good idea.
 - Barbara J. Grosz, the Higgins Professor of Natural Sciences at Harvard University and the first woman to serve as president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, believes that allowing AI to completely replace human beings in specialized occupations would be a grave error:

“With regard to health care and education, I think there’s a huge ethical question for society at large. We could build those systems to complement and work with physicians and teachers, or we could try to save money by having them replace people. It would be a terrible mistake to replace people.”
- 52. James Vincent – UNSEEN ALGORITHMS ARE ALREADY RESHAPING SOCIETY
 - To some experts, the most urgent AI-related issue is how widely the technology is being used in education, healthcare, and the criminal justice system in ways that we may not necessarily understand.
 - Technology writer James Vincent believes that while we must “future-proof” AI from becoming too powerful, society’s growing reliance on algorithms that we only vaguely understand is just as problematic:

“If a computer can do one-third of your job, what happens next? Do you get trained to take on new tasks, or does your boss fire you, or some of your colleagues? What if you just get a pay cut instead? Do you have the money to retrain, or will you be forced to take the hit in living standards? It’s easy to see that finding answers to these questions is incredibly challenging. And it mirrors the difficulties we have understanding other complex threats from artificial intelligence. For example, while we don’t need to worry about super-intelligent AI running amok any time soon, we do need to think about how machine learning algorithms used today in healthcare, education, and criminal justice, are making biased judgements.”

Wars and rumors of wars

Matthew 24:6-7 – The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Mt 24 ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

Mk 13:7-8

Lk 21:10

Nuclear Weapons and other weapons of mass destruction

Mt 24:22

Lk 21:25-26

Rev 6:8, 8:7, 16:2

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Other Miscellaneous Fulfilled Prophecies in Our Generation

[Dead Sea Will Become Freshwater – Ezekiel 47:6-12, Zechariah 14:8-9](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xsG_RoyO_I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtvT45UoIa0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwAPQF4HDBc>

[Ezekiel 47:6-12 – The Healing Waters and Trees](#)

Ez 47 ⁶ He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen *this*?” Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, *were* very many trees on one side and the other. ⁸ Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. **When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.** ⁹ **And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.** ¹⁰ **It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.** ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt. ¹² Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of* trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”

[Zechariah 14:8-9 – The Day of the Lord](#)

Zec 14 ⁸ And in that day it shall be **That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,** Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. ⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—“The LORD *is* one,” And His name one.

[Days will be Shortened – Matthew 24:22, Romans 9:27-28](#)

The Earth is Spinning Faster

<https://phys.org/news/2021-01-earth-faster.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5wG_rf5gis&t=841s

[Matthew 24:22 – The Great Tribulation](#)

Mt 24 ²² And **unless those days were shortened**, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

[Romans 9:27-28 – Israel’s Rejection and God’s Justice](#)

Ro 9 ²⁷ Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved. ²⁸ For **He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth.**”

[Jeremiah 1:11-12 – The Prophet Is Called](#)

Jer 1 ¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?”

And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” ¹² Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, **for I am ready to perform My word.**”

- The significance of the branch of an almond tree was important in two ways.
 - The almond was well known as the first tree to bud in the spring. This indicated that God was ready to **quickly fulfill His word**, just as the almond tree seems ready to bud.
 - Secondly, the Hebrew word for almond tree is close to and derived from the Hebrew word for *watchful*, and this word is used in God’s response to Jeremiah.

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- “These verses contain a play on words that is lost in English but is vital for the force of the vision. The ‘almond tree’ is *saged* and God is ‘watching’ (*soqed*) over his word to fulfill it.” (Feinberg)

Revelation 22:12 – Jesus Testifies to the Churches

Rev 22¹² “And behold, I am **coming quickly**, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

- Quickly = ταχύ tachu (takh-oo')
 - ταχύ does not mean "immediately" or necessarily "in a very short time", but rather "without any delay"
 - Root word is that same word that we get our word ‘tachometer’ from – Jesus will return when things are getting ‘revved up’

Daniel 7:23-Daniel’s Visions Interpreted

Dan 7²³ “Thus he said:

‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.

²⁴ The ten horns *are* ten kings *Who* shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, And shall subdue three kings.

²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And **shall intend to change times** and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

- Will not happen until the tribulation

Nile and Euphrates Rivers will Dry Up

<https://www.thestar.com.my/lifestyle/living/2019/02/17/water-climate-change-nile>

<https://the-end-time.org/2012/11/20/according-to-prophecy-the-nile-river-will-dry-up/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMV8NI82ssQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkDf9ybQkGk>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4fRIG5np_M

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7AuSQdvow>

Ezekiel 30:12 – Egypt and Her Allies Will Fall

Ez 30¹² **I will make the rivers dry**, And sell the land into the hand of the wicked; I will make the land waste, and all that is in it,

Isaiah 19:5-8 – Proclamation Against Egypt

Is 19⁵ **The waters will fail from the sea, And the river will be wasted and dried up.**

⁶ **The rivers will turn foul; The brooks of defense will be emptied and dried up; The reeds and rushes will wither.**

⁷ **The papyrus reeds by the River, by the mouth of the River,**

And everything sown by the River, Will wither, be driven away, and be no more.

⁸ **The fishermen also will mourn;**

All those will lament who cast hooks into the River, And they will languish who spread nets on the waters.

Isaiah 11:15 – The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring

Is 11¹⁵ **The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;**

With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River,

And strike it in the seven streams, And make *men* cross over dry-shod.

Zechariah 10:10-11 – Restoration of Judah and Israel

Zec 10¹⁰ I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, And gather them from Assyria.

I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no *more room* is found for them.

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¹¹ He shall pass through the sea with affliction, And strike the waves of the sea: **All the depths of the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, And the scepter of Egypt shall depart.**

Revelation 16:12-14 – Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

Rev 16 ¹² Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the **great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up**, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. ¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Nahum 1:4 – God's Wrath on His Enemies

Nah 1 ⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers.
Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts.

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Future prophecies that will happen any day – all the pieces are in place

Rapture

See the [Promise to Keep Us from God's Wrath](#)

- Apostasy – The Physical Departure
2 Thessalonians 2 The Great Apostasy
2:1 Now, brethren, **concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 **And now you know what is restraining**, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** 8 **And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.** 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

How are we to be ready for the rapture? Jesus answers in Lk 21:34-36

Resurrections

- Daniel 12:2 summarizes the two very different fates facing mankind. Everyone will be raised from the dead, but not everyone will share the same destiny.
 - Dan 12² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- Jesus declared in John 5:28-29 that there would be two categories of resurrection
 - John 5²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
 - A resurrection of life – genuine believers
 - A resurrection of condemnation – those that are lost
 - It's important to understand that His focus was on the “kind” of resurrection, not the “time” of resurrection.
- The event which divides the first and second resurrections seems to be the millennial kingdom.
 - The last of the righteous are raised to reign “with Christ a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4), but the “rest of the dead [that is, the wicked] lived not again until the thousand years were finished” (Revelation 20:5).
 - What great rejoicing will attend the first resurrection! What great anguish at the second!
 - What a responsibility we have to share the Gospel! “And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire”
 - Jude 1²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.²² And on some have compassion, making a distinction;²³ but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

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What kind of body will we have once resurrected?

- The new body will be like a tree – Now we are a seed. Same DNA, but very different than the final product, the tree.
- See [Promises to Believers: New Glorified Bodies](#)

1st Resurrection – Believers

- Revelation 20:4-6 mentions a “first resurrection” and identifies those involved as “blessed and holy.”
 - Rev 20 ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
- The first resurrection, then, is the raising of all believers.
 - At the first resurrection the bodies of the believers will be resurrected and reunited with their souls.
 - The second death (the lake of fire, Revelation 20:14) has no power over these individuals.
- This corresponds with Jesus’ teachings:
 - Lk 14 ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”
 - John 5 ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Stages of the 1st Resurrection

The Apostle Paul uses a Greek term in relation to the stages of the first resurrection, “tagma,” “each in his own order”

- 1Co 15 ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

This is a military term frequently used to designate a division or a battalion of soldiers. Paul pictures a military battalion passing by a reviewing stand at different intervals of time and relates this to the first resurrection. These are the different stages or battalions that come under the category of the first resurrection:

1. Christ is “the firstfruits”

- First Battalion: Christ’s resurrection is first, “the firstfruits” of all who follow. Jesus Christ paved the way for the resurrection of all who believe in Him.
 - 1Co 15 ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

2. Jerusalem saints

- Second Battalion: Resurrection of the Jerusalem saints

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- Mt 27 ⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
- Is 26 ¹⁹ Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;

For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

3. Rapture

- Third Battalion: The Rapture, Christians, 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51
1Th 4 ¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- This passage precludes the Old Testament Saints here because it's the dead in Christ.

1Co 15 ⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

- This passage precludes the Old Testament Saints here because the personal pronoun “we” is used in the context of the Christians.
- The imagery of the Rapture is always an imagery of the Bridegroom coming for His Bride. The Bride consists of the Church Age Saints. It doesn't include the Old Testament Saints. That's the Church Age Saints. And so I think that the Bible is very clear: the Rapture is going to be for those who are in Christ, Church Age Saints, living and dead, and not include the Old Testament Saints.

4. Two Witnesses

- Fourth Battalion: Two Witnesses who are martyred, Rev. 11:11-14
 - Rev 11 ¹¹ Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³ In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

5. Tribulation saints

- Fifth Battalion: Tribulation saints martyred, Rev.7:9-17

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- The Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints and Tribulation Saints will occur after the Second Coming of the Messiah.
- Rev 7⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ...¹⁴ “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

6. Old Testament Saints

- Sixth Battalion: The Old Testament Saints, Dan. 12:1-3
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 - The Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints will occur after the Second Coming of the Messiah.
 - **At that time** – The time of the end – **will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.**”
 - Referring to the end of the tribulation

Dan 12 Prophecy of the End Time

¹ “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. ...¹³ “But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

2nd Resurrection – Unbelievers

- Revelation 20:12-13 identifies those comprising the second resurrection as the wicked judged by God at the great white throne judgment prior to being cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 20¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- The second resurrection, then, is the raising of all unbelievers
 - The second resurrection is connected to the second death.
- It corresponds with Jesus' teaching of the “resurrection of damnation” (John 5:29).
John 5²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

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- Right at the end of the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ, when it's all wrapped up, then everyone who has ever died outside of a faith relationship with the Lord will be resurrected and judged at that time.
 - So the second resurrection, the resurrection of the unjust occurs all at one time.

Destruction of the United States

I don't care how you try, the United States is not in Bible Prophecy. And with everything else that is happening indicating that we're extremely close to the end, something that has to happen is the fall of the United States as a superpower.

Last year at this time, I would have said that that was not possible. Now, not only is it possible, but we are watching it happen.

Proverb 29:2 – Happy Is He Who Keeps the Law

Pro 29 ² When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

Judgement

Matthew 12:25 – A House Divided Cannot Stand

Mt 12 ²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation**, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Psalms 9:4-17 – Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Lord's Righteous Judgments

Ps 9 ⁴ You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

⁵ **You have rebuked the nations**, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

⁶ O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And **you have destroyed cities**; Even their memory has perished.

...

¹⁵ **The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made**; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

¹⁶ The LORD is known *by* the judgment He executes;

The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation. *Selah*

¹⁷ **The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.**

Jeremiah 5:26-31 – The Justice of God's Judgment

Jer 5 ²⁶ ‘For among My people are found wicked *men*;

They lie in wait as one who sets snares; They set a trap; They catch men.

²⁷ As a cage is full of birds, So **their houses are full of deceit**. Therefore **they have become great and grown rich**.

²⁸ **They have grown fat, they are sleek; Yes, they surpass the deeds of the wicked;**

They do not plead the cause, The cause of the fatherless;

Yet they prosper, And the right of the needy they do not defend.

²⁹ **Shall I not punish them for these things?’ says the LORD. ‘Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?’**

³⁰ “An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land:

³¹ **The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so.**

But what will you do in the end?

Ezekiel 14:12-20 – Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness

Ez 14 ¹² The word of the LORD came again to me, saying: ¹³ “Son of man, **when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it.** ¹⁴ **Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,”** says the Lord GOD.

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¹⁵ “If I cause **wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts,** ¹⁶ *even though* these three men *were* in it, *as I live,*” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

¹⁷ “Or *if I bring a sword on that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ and I cut off man and beast from it,* ¹⁸ *even though* these three men *were* in it, *as I live,*” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered.

¹⁹ “Or *if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast,* ²⁰ *even though* Noah, Daniel, and Job *were* in it, *as I live,*” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness.”

Jeremiah 18:1-11 – The Potter and the Clay

Jer 18 ¹ The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: ² “Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.” ³ Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. ⁴ And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁶ “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?” says the LORD. “Look, as the clay *is* in the potter’s hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel! ⁷ **The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,** ⁸ **if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.** ⁹ **And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it,** ¹⁰ **if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.**

¹¹ “Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: **“Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.”**’ ”

Hope

Ezekiel 33:7-11 – The Watchman and His Message

Ez 33 ⁷ “So you, son of man: **I have made you a watchman** for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked *man*, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

¹⁰ “Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?”’ ¹¹ Say to them: ‘**As I live,**’ says the Lord GOD, **‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways!** For why should you die, O house of Israel?’

2 Chronicles 7:13-15 – God’s Second Appearance to Solomon

2Ch 7 ¹³ When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴ **if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.** ¹⁵ Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place.

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Revival of the Roman Empire – 10 European Nations

European defense coalition

<https://www.theweek.co.uk/97636/emmanuel-macron-unveils-european-defence-coalition>

Emmanuel Macron unveils European defence coalition - Ten countries sign up following French president's call for a 'real European army'

France

Finland

Germany

Belgium

Britain

Denmark

Estonia

the Netherlands

Spain

Portugal

Finland has joined Germany, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Estonia, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal in the French-led initiative, which will see members collaborate on planning, on the analysis of new military and humanitarian crises, and on eventual military responses to those crises.

Proponents say the coalition would not conflict with the almost 70-year-old, US-dominated Nato alliance, but reflects in part concerns about a more isolationist United States under President Donald Trump.

Reuters reports that the European Intervention Initiative took official shape in Paris "after months of negotiations with Germany, who France wants at the centre of the force".

The imminent departure from the EU of Britain, long opposed to EU military collaboration outside Nato, has revived talk of defence cooperation - as have concerns that Trump might prove less willing than his predecessors to come to Europe's defence in the face of a newly assertive Russia.

Macron's push to bring together a core 10-nation coalition of the willing "was born out of French impatience with the EU's efforts at defence co-operation", known as Permanent Structured Co-operation (Pesco) says The Economist.

The magazine says "Germany has been keen on this mechanism, which keeps efforts at joint European defence within existing EU structures. Its critics, though, regard Pesco as a low-ambition pact that ropes in too many countries [25 in total], including those with little interest in sending troops abroad, to be operationally useful."

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Coming just days after Macron called for a “real European army” to reduce dependence on the United States, and with the vocal support of senior figures in Brussels, the coalition agreement will once again raise the spectre of a European Army.

Long the bete noire of conservative Eurosceptics, Politico says part of the reason for the coalition is “to bind Britain into military cooperation as it leaves the EU”.

The news site reports that Theresa May “quietly endorsed the initiative at a Franco-British summit at the Sandhurst Military Academy in January but did not publicise the step to avoid antagonizing hard-line Brexiteers in her Conservative Party, to whom any idea of an 'EU army' is anathema”.

Nevertheless, a senior French source said: “It’s really important to have the British on board, not just because they have the most capable, rapidly deployable armed forces along with our own, but also because we share the same strategic culture and history of projecting force outside Europe”.

Debating whether the UK should continue to defend its Western European allies, as it did throughout the 20th century, or take a more detached position, RT Howard in the Daily Telegraph argues “there is one compelling reason why our strategic ties with Western Europe now deserve to be closer than ever before”.

“The reason is not that Western Europe is today confronted by threats any greater than before” Howard writes, but rather “because of the increasingly fragile, fractious state of the European Union.”

Dan 2 & 7 – The revival of the Old Roman Empire in the form of a 10-nation confederacy

These 10 kings do not have a literal fulfillment in historic Rome

- The only way to say this has been fulfilled is to spiritualize these prophecies. Many, like Calvin, merely spiritualize.
 - Calvin insists that what happens in this chapter was fulfilled in history up into the time of Jesus’ 1st advent
 - Supposes that the 10 horns merely represent a multiplicity of kings under the Roman emperor and
 - Believes that the conspicuous horn is Julius Caesar and the other Caesars who succeeded after him.
 - The books were opened (verse 10) refers to the preaching of the gospel
 - “We need not be too anxious about the number as we have already explained it” as merely denoting multiplicity
 - But who are we to spiritualize what God has said in at least 4 different places!
 - 10 kings are associated with the rule of this final world ruler
 - 10 toes (Dan 2)
 - 10 horns (Dan 7, Rev 13, Rev 17)
 - The same “spiritualizing” problems apply if one believes that this is fulfilled in the early church and the passing of the Roman Empire
 - Unlike Calvin, who saw fulfillment before the 1st advent of Jesus
- If they are literal, they are still in the future
 - The conspicuous horn must be the Antichrist – arising out of a confederation of 10 nations which is in some way a revival of the Roman Empire

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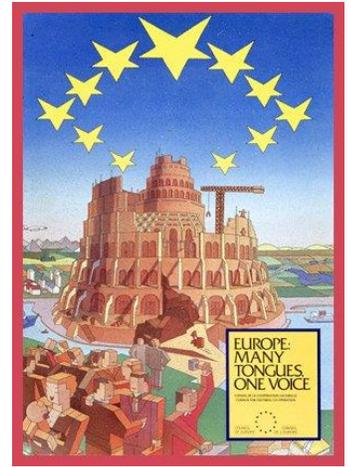
European Union



Tower of Babel (Peter Bruegel)



EU Building



EU Poster

BIBLICAL MODEL: The founders of the European Union (EU) used this picture of the Tower of Babel by renaissance painter Peter Bruegel on some of its posters over the years with the phrase in French “Many tongues, one voice.” David Hathaway was told by a journalist that members of the European Parliament knew what the Tower of Babel was and what it meant.



WIDELY SYMBOLIC: The Women on the Beast sculpture is outside the front of the building of the Council of Ministers in Europe. It has also appeared on European bank notes and currency, but at national and European level and pieces of art featuring this image can be found on the Berlin Wall and in the parliaments of Brussels and Strasbourg.

IS there a spiritual side to the vigorous UK European Referendum debate that has been ignored due to it being a proverbial “elephant in the room”?

If it was the German empires who destroyed the Roman empire in the 5th Century in Europe, physically part of Babylon came to Germany. Is there a restored Roman empire as allegedly given to the prophet Daniel in the Biblical Old Testament? Surely this is a book for a Pixie in the sky and Aesop’s Fables, right?

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'EU uses biblical symbols'

If the EU meant to have a secular state, why would it openly use symbols based on an ancient biblical model which according to the scriptural text, are spiritually dark and end up being destroyed.

In a video called *The Rape of Europa*, David Hathaway explains the story of how Europe took his name and why there is a sculpture outside the Council of Ministers building in Brussels that has its symbol on coins and bank notes

Why is the building in Strasbourg meant to represent an unfinished building? This building is based on the painting of renaissance painter Peter Bruegel showing the Tower of Babel that shows an unfinished building. The Parliament Building looks like it is unfinished and has an uncanny resemblance to Bruegel's masterpiece. It cost £8B and was finished in December 2000.

'Many tongues, one voice'

They advertised based on the Peter Breughel painting of the Tower of Babel in 1563. On the slogan on the poster it says in French "many tongues, one voice" The 12 stars on the European flag are meant to signify the 'Crown of Mary', 'Queen of Heaven' but in Babylonian culture the title 'Queen of Heaven' was given the title of the earthly mother of Nimrod, builder of Babylon.

Jeremiah 7:18: The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to provoke me to anger.

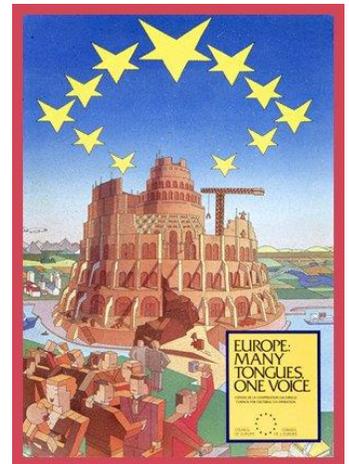
Queen of Heaven was a title given to a number of ancient sky goddesses worshipped throughout the ancient Mediterranean and Near East during ancient times. Goddesses known to have been referred to by the title include Inanna, Anat, Isis, Astarte, and possibly Asherah.

Stars? Upside down. Not stars – pentagrams – demonic

'Will EU get destroyed like blueprint?'

Did a previous Roman empire collapse because of its obsession with civil servants and dependence on its laws, structures and bureaucracy?

Was it destroyed by an accumulation of bureaucracy but the physical destruction of this empire came via the Germanic tribes of Europe but this happened in Europe, not Babylon, where all previous world empires crashed including the Greek and Mido-Persian empires?



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In the Hathaway video whilst he was filming it, he says he asked a Strasbourg-born journalist if she understood the meaning of the tower. She said she did and she also confirmed that the members of the European Parliament also understood that it represented Babel from the Bible, and that the purpose of the European Union was to finish what Nimrud and the people together had failed to do some 3,500 years ago.

‘Do Parliament chiefs believe in Babel?’

So is the fictitious Bible is actually tacitly being acknowledged if members of the European Parliament are actually admitting that the Strasbourg Parliament is based on the Tower of Babel? In this debate, are we in denial there is a spiritual link when it is tacitly admitted?

Secondly there is a sculpture of “The Woman on the Beast” which is the main feature on the outside of the building of the Council of Europe in Brussels. It represents the Greek myth of the “Rape of Europa”, it is from this myth about the woman that the continent of Europe got its name from.

The ‘Woman On the Beast’ is mentioned twice in the Bible, in Revelation chapters 13 and 17 and the vision of the Beast is shown the vision of Daniel in the Old Testament in Daniel chapter 7.

‘Tower of Babel painting in EU Parliament’

The Parliaments of Strasbourg and Brussels also contain paintings of the “Woman on the Beast”. This symbol is openly used by member states of the European Union. This image can be found on Euro currency. There is an image of this symbol as a painting on the Berlin Wall done in 1979, and in 1984 the woman appeared on a British stamp commemorating the second set of European elections and she is on a painting in the airport lounge in Brussels.

The forehead of the name of this sculpture also has a second name “Mystery Babylon”. What was revealed in Revelation was a vision given to the writer of that book, John, but is this prophecy being fulfilled in Europe today? What does the powerful beast with horns represent?

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‘Who is the bull with crescent-shaped horns?’

In Greek mythology the woman clung to the Father of the Gods, who had disguised himself as a bull with crescent-shaped horns. The symbol for the Middle-East god Baal as we know him today from archaeology and from scripture. Zeus or Jupiter, as we know him from Greek or Roman culture was – a bull with great, crescent-shaped horns. And the ruling God of ancient Babylon and the Middle East was the Moon God, again depicted as a bull with crescent horns.”



European Common Market

- The European Common Market may ultimately be this power

Confederation of Arab States (CAS)

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War of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39)

Ez 38-39

Ezekiel 28:25-26 – Israel’s Future Blessing

Ez 28 ²⁵ ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. ²⁶ **And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God.**” ’ ”

Zechariah 2:8-9 – Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations

Zec 2 ⁸ For thus says the LORD of hosts: “**He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. ⁹ For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.**

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/an-israeli-suez-canal-393225>

Nuclear Showdown with Iran (Jer 49)

Jer 49:34 This is the word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, early in the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah: 35 This is what the LORD Almighty says:

- "See, I will **break the bow** of Elam, the mainstay of their might.
- 36 I will bring against Elam the four winds from the four quarters of the heavens; I will **scatter them to the four winds**, and there will not be a nation where Elam's exiles do not go.

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- 37 I will **shatter Elam before their foes**, before those who seek their lives;
- I will **bring disaster upon them**, even my fierce anger," declares the LORD.
- "I will **pursue them with the sword** until I have made an end of them.
- 38 I will **set my throne in Elam** and **destroy her king and officials**," declares the LORD.
- 39 "Yet I will **restore the fortunes of Elam** in days to come," declares the LORD.

The Elamites were warlike people and expert archers, according to Genesis 14:1–9 and Isaiah 22:6. Jeremiah predicts that Iran will suffer the fate of a broken bow, which might imply that the IRGC (Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps) will be unable to launch scores of its missiles at its enemies. Additionally, he declares that Iran will be struck at the foremost place of its might, which today could infer an attack upon its nuclear program. One of Iran's most strategic and vulnerable nuclear targets is the Bushehr nuclear reactor, located in the heart of ancient Elam.

- Written in 596 BC

3rd Temple

<https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/saudis-say-temple-mount-and-al-aqsa-not-important-to-islam/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-cJh7igtU>

Ezekiel 40-47 – Blueprints for a 3rd Jewish Temple

Talk of building of the Jewish Third Temple (Tribulation Temple) escalated after Donald Trump's announcement concerning Jerusalem being Israel's capital.

David Lau, the chief rabbi of Israel, is calling for the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. "It's time to build" - a new tagline being employed by the Temple Institute - encapsulates the group's controversial mission to rally Jews to reconstruct the Temple that was the heart of their religion until its destruction 2,000 years ago. Everything is ready for rebuilding the Temple and re-instituting sacrifices except for the order to rebuild the temple itself. Israel is ready to build the Third Temple with just a moment's notice and it has taken many, many years to get to this point. The architectural plans are finished, actual descendants of Aaron have been identified for priestly service and trained, a temple service training school has already been established, the temple's altar has been rebuilt, the temple's cornerstone has been cut and is ready for installation, and the priestly garments and artifacts are ready for use. In order to provide the olive oil needed for certain grain offerings needed for service in the Third Temple, the recently reconstituted Sanhedrin is now planting olive trees near the Old City, including on the Mount of Olives. The re-budding of Israel continues in full force. Jacob Sheep, the actual breed of sheep from ancient Israel that went extinct from the land, are now back as of December 2016. The modern nation of Israel is quickly resembling ancient Israel, even down to its trees and sheep. The movement to restore Jewish rights to pray and worship on the Temple Mount is building. The Temple Mount Institute has a modular altar that could be assembled on the Mount in two hours, once given the green light. They performed a Passover sacrifice in full regalia offsite this past Pesach. Sometime in the first half of the 70th week, maybe at the onset, Jewish rights will be restored, thus setting up the stop to sacrifices in the "middle of the week" mentioned in Daniel. God does not bring to the very point of delivery and then not deliver (Isaiah 66:9)

Mic 4:1-2

Is 44:8

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- ❖ Jer 30:18 "This is what the LORD says: " I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins, and the palace will stand in its proper place.
- ❖ Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing *of the temple* he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."
- ❖ Mt 24:15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
- ❖ 2Th 2:3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for (that day will not come) until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.
- ❖ Rev 11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

The Sanhedrin has minted a coin with images of Trump and Cyrus to promote rebuilding the Temple

Does the Antichrist enable the rebuilding?

Dan 9:27

2Th 2:4

Mt 24:15

Jeremiah 30:18-19 – Restoration of Israel and Judah

¹⁸ "Thus says the LORD:

'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places;

The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

¹⁹ Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry;

I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

Psalm 83 War

- ❖ Ps 83: 1 O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. 2 See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear heads. 3 With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish.

4 "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more." 5 With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you- 6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, 7 Gebal, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. 8 Even Assyria has joined them to lend strength to the descendants of Lot. Selah

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, 10 who perished at Endor and became like refuse on the ground. 11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, 12 who said, "Let us take possession of the pasturelands of God." 13 Make them like tumbleweed, O my God, like chaff before the wind. 14 As fire consumes the forest or a flame sets the mountains ablaze, 15 so pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your storm. 16 Cover their faces with shame so that men will

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seek your name, O LORD. 17 May they ever be ashamed and dismayed; may they perish in disgrace. 18 Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD—that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

May have already been fulfilled

- When Israel first became a nation, there were several wars with the immediate neighboring countries
- Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria
 - 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973 – Wars that Israel fought with its immediate neighbors
 - Today these nations are no longer threatening Israel – most have alliances with them
 - Syria – The threat is not from the Syrians, it is from the Iranians, Russians and Turks
- When Israel was first restored – for about the first 20-30 years – the Holocaust survivors that inhabited the land felt the sword coming against their newly rebirthed nation
 - Many nations around it wanted to destroy it – Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq
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Ez 35 and 36

Was Psalm 83 fulfilled in 1948?

Some people believe that the Psalm 83 prophetic war was fulfilled during the 1948 Arab-Israeli “War of Independence.” This view was recently shared on the September 19, 2015, Understanding the Times radio show hosted by Jan Markell. Jan’s guests on the program were Pastor Jack Hibbs and Amir Tsarfati. You can listen to this show by clicking [HERE](#). (*The discussion occurs around the 32 minute mark within the show*).

Upon hearing the show one of its listeners contacted me and asked for my thoughts on this subject. Below are my comments to this listener.

The Problems with Psalm 83:1-8 having been fulfilled in 1948

Some have posited the possibility that Ps. 83:1-8 was fulfilled during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. However, it is difficult, if not impossible, to prove that Psalm 83:9-18 was accomplished at that time. This view that Psalm 83:1-8 was fulfilled in 1948 is currently held, I believe somewhat loosely, by Bible prophecy expert Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum of Ariel Ministries. He informed me in a friendly face to face conversation in Dallas, Texas, on December, 2014 that this was what he believed. He did not always believe this and I explain why at the end of this article.

As much as I greatly respect my friend Dr. Fruchtenbaum, I disagree with his current interpretation because the main instigator, which is listed in the first primary position in Psalm 83:6, is the “tents of Edom” (Palestinian Refugees). They didn’t technically even become refugees until the aftermath of the 1948 war. **The logical question is; since the tents of Edom didn’t exist until after the war of 1948, how could this war be the fulfillment of the prophecy?** I explain the connection between the ancient tents of Edom and today’s Palestinian refugees in my Psalm 83, The Missing Prophecy Revealed book.

Therefore, only Psalm 83:1-5 could have potentially found fulfillment in 1948, but probably not Psalm 83:6-8, which identifies the tents of Edom along with their Arab cohorts. Since neither Psalm 83:6-8 or Psalm 83:9-18 appears to have found fulfillment in the war of 1948, then the possibility that the prophecy was fulfilled at that time diminishes dramatically.

Also, an important side note is that more countries were involved in 1948 than just the Psalm 83 countries. Volunteers were sent to fight from Yemen, Morocco, Sudan and Pakistan. The fact that more nations than the Psalm 83 countries were involved in the war of 1948 also reduces the possibility that the 1948 war was the fulfillment

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of the prophecy. The details of the prophecy have to align perfectly and these additional countries are not included in Psalm 83.

Psalm 83 and the Plight of the Palestinian Refugees

It is important to note that the Palestinian refugees (tents of Edom) are listed first among the ten Arab populations, which essentially highlights their refugee plight. The Palestinian plight remains a thorny issue in the Middle East. The Arab populations of Psalm 83, which are identified in the map, refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist as the Jewish state for the primary reason that they still banner the plight of the tents of Edom. If Israel becomes the official Jewish state, the Palestinian refugees will not be able to return into Israel proper. These refugees believe that they rightfully belong in downtown Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and all of the major cities in Israel. This is why they want a Palestinian state and the right to return into Israel proper.



Psalm 83:6 identifies the tents of Edom existing in a habitation condition as refugees, which I believe is a primary clue as to the timing of the prophecy. The prophecy specifies that there has to be Israelis (Ps. 83:3), Israeli Defense Forces (Ps. 83:9-11), Palestinian refugees (Ps. 83:6), a nation of Israel (Ps. 83:4), an Arab confederacy (Ps. 83:6-8), and an Arab hatred of the Jews that drives them to want to eradicate the Jewish state and confiscate the Promised Land (Ps. 83:4, 12). This entire criterion still exists.

The Problems with Psalm 83:9-18 having been fulfilled in 1948

Psalm 83:9-11 contains the petition of Asaph to empower the IDF like was done in Judges Chapters 4-8 with Gideon against the Midianites and Deborah and her general Barak against the Canaanites. The Midianites and Canaanites were soundly defeated, and as Judges 8:28 says, the Midianite oppression of the Israelites was over forever. This was also the case with the Canaanites upon their defeat. I have yet to find any biblical or historical evidence that either the Midianites or the Canaanites ever oppressed the Israelis subsequent to these defeats.

Thus Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted their heads no more. And the country was quiet for forty years in the days of Gideon. (Judges 8:28, NKJV).

The Arabs of Psalm 83 today still don't recognize Israel's right to exist and still oppress Israel. Ps. 83:9-18 are descriptive verses that call for the total end of the Psalm 83 confederate aggression. Since these Psalm 83 belligerents still oppress Israel, it is safe to presume that these relevant verses remain unfulfilled.

The Fate of the Peace Treaties between Israel with Egypt and Jordan

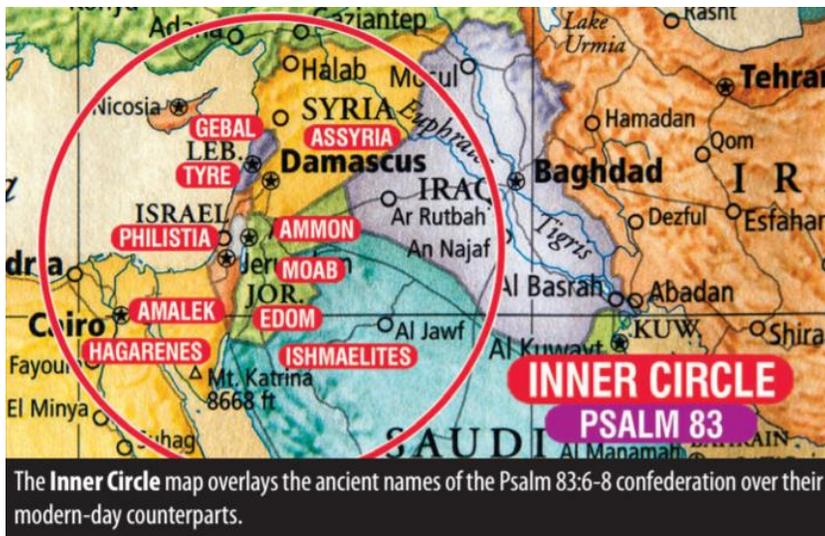
Some argue that the peace treaties between Israel and Egypt and Israel and Jordan suggest that Psalm 83 has already been fulfilled, because these two Psalm 83 participants no longer want to destroy Israel. These agreements are paper thin and I don't expect them to endure much longer. Remember, even Egypt and Jordan refuse to recognize Israel as the Jewish state. Egypt and Jordan fought alongside each other in the Arab-Israeli wars of 1948, 1967 and 1973. Moreover, Jordan has threatened in the past to break its treaty with Israel when it comes to concerns about sovereign control over the Temple Mount. Jordan maintains this control presently through the Waqf. Because of this controversial matter, Jordan

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withdrew its ambassador to Israel between November, 2014, and February, 2015. This political move was enacted because at the time Israel was considering taking control of the Temple Mount away from the Waqf. When push comes to shove in the fulfillment of Psalm 83, their true pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel colors will surface.

Confederation of Arab States (CAS)

- The Confederation of Arab States (CAS) is a political entity that unites the former Arab provinces of the Ottoman Empire established in 1920, immediately after the end of the Arab Revolt and World War I.
- The CAS covers the lands of Levant, Mesopotamia and the majority of the Arabian Peninsula. It is bordered by Turkey to the north, Iran and Kuwait to the east, Egypt, and the mandates of Palestine and Levant to the west, in the South and South West of the Arabic Peninsula it borders with several protectorates and colonies of the Imperial Commonwealth Federation (Bahrain, Qatar, Muscat, Trucial States and Oman and Eden Colony)
- Once Israel defeats the attack by the CAS, their borders will almost exactly match what was promised to Abraham
- Damascus is the capital of CAS. Once Israel destroys it according to Is 17, CAS will likely attack Israel and Israel will be victorious and claim all their land that will match what was promised to Abram in Ge 15. Then Israel will live in peace, as described in Ez 38.
 - ❖ Ez 38:10 " This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme. 11 You will say, "I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars.



The tents of Edom	S Jordan
the Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia and portions of Jordan
Moab	Central Jordan
The Hagrites	NE Jordan
Gebal	Lebanon
Ammon	NW Jordan
Amalek	S Israel
Philistia	Gaza
people of Tyre	Lebanon
Assyria	SE Turkey, NW Syria, NE Iraq
The children of Lot (Ammon & Edom)	Jordan

- ❖ Ge 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates- 19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, 20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, 21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

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THE LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM IN GENESIS 15 INCLUDES LAND OF THE NATIONS IN PSALM 83

Modern nations in white
Nations of Psa 83 in green

LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM
"from River of Egypt to River Euphrates"

NATIONS OF PSALM 83

- Edom
- Ishmaelites
- Moab
- Hagrites
- Gebal
- Ammon
- Amalek
- Philistia
- Tyre
- Asshur

Abraham travelled from Ur near the Persian Gulf, north west up the Euphrates River, along the fertile Crescent to modern-day Israel

THE FULL PROMISED LAND OF ISRAEL
(Southern lines beyond the Sinai Peninsula are approximate)

Israel lived in captivity in Egypt before the Exodus had them wander the Sinai Peninsula for years

"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates..."
(Genesis 15:18)

OT Prophecy - Psalm 83 Linkage

Gen 15:19

- 10 nations
- to be displaced when Israel takes promised land

Dan 2:34-45

- 10 toes
- part of image
- non-Israel
- broken in pieces

Dan 7:20-27

- 10 horns
- part of 4th beast
- persecute saints
- destroyed by God

Ps 83 Profile

- 10 nations
- against Israel
- initial win
- then overthrown by God

Ezek 35:1-36:7

- Mt. Seir / Edom
- perpetual enmity
- seized the heights
- dispossessed by God

Obadiah 1:1-21

- Edom
- gloat over disaster
- cut off fugitives
- paid back by God

Joel 3:1-19

- Tyre, Sidon, Philistia
- despised the people
- divided up the land
- paid back by God

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Destruction of Damascus (Is 17)

Damascus is the capital of the Confederation of Arab States (CAS), which expected to fulfill the Psalm 83 prophecy

❖ Is 17: An Oracle Against Damascus

1 An oracle concerning Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. 2 The cities of Aroer will be deserted and left to flocks, which will lie down, with no one to make them afraid.

3 The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and royal power from Damascus; the remnant of Aram will be like the glory of the Israelites," declares the LORD Almighty.

4 "In that day the glory of Jacob will fade; the fat of his body will waste away.

5 It will be as when a reaper gathers the standing grain and harvests the grain with his arm— as when a man gleans heads of grain in the Valley of Rephaim.

6 Yet some gleanings will remain, as when an olive tree is beaten, leaving two or three olives on the topmost branches, four or five on the fruitful boughs," declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

6. Israel continued pounding targets (around Damascus) in Syria, foreshadowing the day when she will carry out the prophetic verse in Isaiah 17:1 - the destruction of Damascus. The Times of Israel reported the warning Benjamin Netanyahu gave to Syrian President Bashar Assad. He said that if Assad allows Iran to set up a permanent military presence near Damascus, Israel will intervene militarily in the Syrian civil war. Netanyahu will attack if Iran continues to build up its forces so close to his nation's border. Satellite images confirm that Iran is setting up a large military camp near Damascus, just thirty miles from the Israeli border.

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Gog Magog War (Ez 38-39)

- ❖ Ez 38: 1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him 3 and say: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. 5 Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, 6 also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you.

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- The reason these nations attack is to take a plunder
 - Israel only found natural gas/oil about 5 years ago – before then, there was nothing to plunder
 - Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villages – Saudia Arabia
 - Criticizes the attack – Saudia Arabia is now an ally of Israel
- Right now Russia and Iran are bartering – Iran is providing Russia oil in exchange for goods (food, weapons, etc)
 - Neither one is doing well in world economics
 - Russia does not have money to buy/sell
 - Iran does not have the ability to but/sell
 - Russia and Iran will remain allies with one another
- Russia is rising as a powerful nation and an enemy of Israel
 - Preparation for the Gog/Magog War
 - Political alliances are all in place – and they are all sitting at the doorstep of Israel in Syria
- The rise of a military power in the Orient that can field an army of 200 million
 - Red China alone boasts that she has this number of troops!
- Ez 39:15 As they go through the land and one of them sees a human bone, he will set up a marker beside it until the gravediggers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16 (Also a town called Hamonah will be there.) And so they will cleanse the land.
 - Speaks of contaminated bodies that can't be touched – from nuclear or chemical or biological warfare
 - These things were unheard of thousands of years ago
- Zec 12 – A prophecy: The word of the Lord concerning Israel.
 - The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the human spirit within a person, declares: 2 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. 4 On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the Lord. "I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. 5 Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God.'
6 "On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume all the surrounding peoples right and left, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.
7 "The Lord will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah. 8 On that day the Lord will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord going before them. 9 On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

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- Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Judah may be a prophetic type of the end-time invasion by Russia portrayed in Ez 38-39
 - Jer 1:14-19
 - Jer 4:5-9
 - Jer 6:22-26
 - Joel 1-2



The Gog-Magog alliance - Iran, Turkey, and Russia

The Gog-Magog alliance went on fast-forward in 2017. Iran, Turkey, and Russia are uniting with a primary goal in mind - coming against Israel as foreshadowed in Ez 38-39.

Turkey's Erdogan threatened to "wipe out all Jews" after Trump's Jerusalem capital announcement.

Putin is setting up bases in Syria and patrolling nuclear subs in the Mediterranean at a rate not seen since the cold war.

Iran is aligning with Turkey and Russia.

The Alliance of Russia, Iran, and Turkey. Ezekiel 38 predicts a latter-day invasion of Israel led by a coalition of Russia, Iran, and Turkey. On November 22, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, and Turkish President Erdogan met together at the Russian Black Sea resort town of Sochi to discuss the future of Syria, where all three have a significant military presence. They have no intent of leaving, only that of increasing their power in the nation. This public display of harmony between all three nations is exactly what we would expect ahead of the battle of Gog and Magog in light of Ezekiel 38-39. Such unity signifies, for example, that if Israel attacks Iran the other countries would respond as well. Russia made that clear a couple weeks ago, and now Turkey is also a part of this alliance. It is likely that this alliance indicates that the assault against Israel predicted by Ezekiel could become a reality in the coming months or years.

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The Times of Israel reported the warning Benjamin Netanyahu gave to Syrian President Bashar Assad. He said that if he allows Iran to set up a permanent military presence near Damascus, Israel will intervene militarily in the Syrian civil war. Netanyahu will attack if Iran continues to build up its forces so close to his nation's border. Satellite images confirm that Iran is setting up a large military camp near Damascus, just thirty miles from the Israeli border. The warning by Netanyahu is just one of many he has made regarding the expanding Iranian presence so close to Israel. Do you see how this could lead to a much greater conflict? With Russia and Turkey now so closely aligned with Iran, they would certainly join in responding to the attack along with the other Muslim nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38 who seize the opportunity to take part in destroying Israel.

The prophet says that God will lure Gog, the head of Russia, into the battle because of the spoil he could gain from the invasion (Ezek. 38:12). Until recent years, Israel has never possessed the type of wealth that would interest her enemies. Now they do. Israel possesses a large deposit of natural gas just off her shore and a massive reservoir of oil under the Golan Heights. These are exactly the two things Putin desires and needs to help his flailing economy. Furthermore, possession of Israel's oil would greatly enhance his standing as the world's new "energy czar," a title Putin recently appropriated for himself. Do you see the preciseness of Ezekiel's prophecy in these events?

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Babylon

Genesis 11:1-9 – The Tower of Babel

Ge 11 ¹Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Isaiah 13 – Proclamation Against Babylon

Is 13 ¹The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

²“Lift up a banner on the high mountain, Raise your voice to them;
Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.

³I have commanded My sanctified ones;
I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—Those who rejoice in My exaltation.”

⁴The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people!
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts musters The army for battle.

⁵They come from a far country, From the end of heaven—
The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

⁶Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

⁷Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man’s heart will melt,

⁸And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them*; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;
They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames.

⁹Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

¹⁰For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light;
The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

¹¹“I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

¹²I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

¹³Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place,
In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

¹⁴It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up;
Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land.

¹⁵Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

¹⁶Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.

¹⁷“Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And *as for* gold, they will not delight in it.

¹⁸Also *their* bows will dash the young men to pieces,
And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children.

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¹⁹ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
²⁰ It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation;
Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.
²¹ But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls;
Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there.
²² The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces.
Her time *is* near to come, And her days will not be prolonged.”

Isaiah 14:3-11 – Fall of the King of Babylon

Is 14 ³ It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, ⁴ that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

“How the oppressor has ceased, The golden city ceased!
⁵ The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of the rulers;
⁶ He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,
He who ruled the nations in anger, Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.
⁷ The whole earth is at rest *and* quiet; They break forth into singing.
⁸ Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you, *And* the cedars of Lebanon,
Saying, ‘Since you were cut down, No woodsman has come up against us.’

⁹ “Hell from beneath is excited about you, To meet *you* at your coming;
It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones of the earth;
It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations.
¹⁰ They all shall speak and say to you: ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?’
¹¹ Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, *And* the sound of your stringed instruments;
The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you.’

Jer 50-51

Zec 5

Rev 17-18

Babylon destroyed at its original location

Babylon was never destroyed the way the Bible predicted – therefore it must be a future event

Garden of Eden

The Book of Genesis clearly lists four rivers in association with the garden, Pishon, Gihon, Chidekel and Phirat, suggesting its location was in southern Mesopotamia, now known as Iraq.

Hanging Gardens of Babylon

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World listed by Hellenic culture. They were described as a remarkable feat of engineering with an ascending series of tiered gardens containing a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and vines, resembling a large green mountain constructed of mud bricks. It was said to have been built in the ancient city of Babylon,

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This hand-coloured engraving, probably made in the 19th century after the first excavations in the Assyrian capitals, depicts the fabled Hanging Gardens, with the Tower of Babel in the background.

Tower of Babel – Located in Iraq



Pope visiting

<https://www.reuters.com/video/?videoId=OVE0QD2LN&jwsourc=em>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/pope-iraq-ur-preparations-int/popes-visit-to-iraqi-ziggurat-to-bring-together-several-faiths-and-hopefully-lure-more-visitors-idUSKBN2AM0XW>

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Pope Francis is due to hold an inter-religious prayer service at the ancient Mesopotamian site of Ur when he visits Iraq next week - an event local archeologists hope will draw renewed attention to the place revered as the birthplace of Abraham.

Located about 300 km (200 miles) south of the capital Baghdad, the site comprises a pyramid-style Ziggurat and an adjacent residential complex as well as temples and palaces.

It was excavated about 100 years ago by Leonard Woolley, a Briton who recovered treasures rivalling those found in Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt. But little work has since been done on one of the world's oldest cities, where urban dwelling, writing and central state power began.

According to the State Board for Antiquities and Heritage director for Ur, Ali Kadhim Ghanim, the complex next to the Ziggurat dates back to about 1900 BC.

The father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Abraham is described in the biblical book of Genesis as living in the city before God called upon him to create a new nation in a land he later learned was Canaan.

The inter-religious prayer service will be attended by Christians, Muslims, Mandaean-Sabaeen, Yazidi and other religious minorities present in Iraq.

The focus will be on harmony between religious groups in a service the Vatican has named "Prayer for the sons and daughters of Abraham".

Hussein started to rebuild Babylon

The ancient city was the capital of the Mesopotamian dynasties. Its final glory was as capital of the kingdom of Babylonia under King Nebuchadnezzar II, who ruled from 605 to 563 BCE. During his reign, most of the buildings represented by the surviving ruins were constructed, including two grand palaces. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built by Nebuchadnezzar for his wife Amytas, are remembered as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. He also expanded his territory by forcing thousands to relocate, starting the first exile in Jewish history. Babylon's remains, mounds of mud-brick buildings spread over about 30 square kilometers, are in present-day Iraq, south of Baghdad.

Starting in 1983, Saddam Hussein, imagining himself as heir to Nebuchadnezzar, ordered the rebuilding of Babylon. Like Nebuchadnezzar, Hussein had his name inscribed on the bricks, which were placed directly on top of the ruins, some 2,500 years old. A sample inscription translates to: "In the reign of the victorious Saddam Hussein, the president of the Republic, may God keep him, the guardian of the great Iraq and the renovator of its renaissance and the builder of its great civilization, the rebuilding of the great city of Babylon was done in 1987." Hussein also added huge portraits of himself and Nebuchadnezzar at the entrance of the ruins.

As most Iraqi men were fighting the bloody Iran-Iraq war, he brought in thousands of Sudanese workers to lay new yellow bricks over the old mud construction where Nebuchadnezzar's palace had stood. No one is sure what the palace looked like, but that didn't stop Hussein's garish and quick reincarnation of the old splendor.

At the end of the Persian Gulf War, he commissioned a palace over more Babylonian ruins, in the same pyramid style as a Sumerian ziggurat, calling it Saddam Hill. The massive gaudy structure almost completely covered the original ruins, outraging archaeologists. Hussein's plans for a cable line running over the Babylon site were halted with the 2003 invasion.

Before Hussein's reconstruction, there had already been destruction from the shifts in rivers and deserts, and still more from colonial powers. Germans took the Ishtar Gate, which is now in the Pergamon Museum in Berlin, while the French took ceramics, and the Turks used Babylonian bricks to build dams on the Euphrates.

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The occupation of US forces also damaged the site. Following the 2003 invasion, the US camp Alpha was set up on the ruins. Areas were leveled to create landing pads for helicopters and parking lots for vehicles. Tanks rumbled over the ancient bricks, and Polish troops dug trenches through a temple. Soil holding artifacts and bones was scooped into sandbags. And even the military presence couldn't keep out looters, who ransacked Iraq's more than 10,000 historic sites after the invasion.

But there is hope. With the end of his rule, Hussein's ego-driven reconstruction of Babylon was stopped. In 2006, UN officials and Iraqi leaders stated their intentions to restore Babylon into a cultural center. It's estimated that 95 percent of Babylon could be hidden in the unexcavated mounds at the site. In 2009, the ruins and Hussein's palace were opened to tourists. While there is much enthusiasm for archaeological research and restoration of the site, the colossal disfigurement may take decades to reverse.

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Tribulation / Day of the Lord

What is the tribulation

Antichrist

[Zechariah 9:10](#) I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

False Prophet

Day of the Lord

Book of 1 Thessalonians discusses it at length

Book of 2 Thessalonians discusses it at length

Isaiah 2:12 For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isaiah 13:6 Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Isaiah 34:8 For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

Jeremiah 46:10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Lamentations 2:22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the Lord's anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

Ezekiel 13:5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:11 And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Amos 5:18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light.

Amos 5:20 Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

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Obadiah 1:15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Zephaniah 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

Zephaniah 1:8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

Zephaniah 1:14 The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zephaniah 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Zephaniah 2:2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you.

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:

1 Corinthians 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord 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 shall be burned up.

Question: "What is the day of the Lord?"

Answer: The phrase "day of the Lord" usually identifies events that take place at the end of history ([Isaiah 7:18-25](#)) and is often closely associated with the phrase "that day." One key to understanding these phrases is to note that they always identify a span of time during which God personally intervenes in history, directly or indirectly, to accomplish some specific aspect of His plan.

Most people associate the day of the Lord with a period of time or a special day that will occur when God's will and purpose for His world and for mankind will be fulfilled. Some scholars believe that the day of the Lord will be a longer period of time than a single day—a period of time when Christ will reign throughout the world before He cleanses heaven and earth in preparation for the eternal state of all mankind. Other scholars believe the day of the Lord will be an instantaneous event when Christ returns to earth to redeem His faithful believers and send unbelievers to eternal damnation.

The phrase "the day of the Lord" is used often in the Old Testament (e.g. [Isaiah 2:12](#); [13:6, 9](#); [Ezekiel 13:5](#), [30:3](#); [Joel 1:15](#), [2:1, 11, 31](#); [3:14](#); [Amos 5:18, 20](#); [Obadiah 15](#); [Zephaniah 1:7, 14](#); [Zechariah 14:1](#); [Malachi. 4:5](#)) and several times in the New Testament (e.g. [Acts 2:20](#); [1 Corinthians 5:5](#); [2 Corinthians 1:14](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:2](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:2](#); [2](#)

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[Peter 3:10](#)). It is also alluded to in other passages ([Revelation 6:17](#); [16:14](#)). It is also alluded to in other passages ([Revelation 6:17](#); [16:14](#)).

The Old Testament passages dealing with the day of the Lord often convey a sense of imminence, nearness, and expectation: “Wail, for the day of the Lord is near!” ([Isaiah 13:6](#)); “For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near” ([Ezekiel 30:3](#)); “Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand” ([Joel 2:1](#)); “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision” ([Joel 3:14](#)); “Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near” ([Zephaniah 1:7](#)). This is because the Old Testament passages referring to the day of the Lord often speak of both a near and a far fulfillment, as does much of Old Testament prophecy. Some Old Testament passages that refer to the day of the Lord describe historical judgments that have already been fulfilled in some sense ([Isaiah 13:6-22](#); [Ezekiel 30:2-19](#); [Joel 1:15](#), [3:14](#); [Amos 5:18-20](#); [Zephaniah 1:14-18](#)), while others refers to divine judgments that will take place toward the end of the age ([Joel 2:30-32](#); [Zechariah 14:1](#); [Malachi 4:1](#), [5](#)).

The New Testament calls it a day of “wrath,” a day of “visitation,” and the “great day of God Almighty” ([Revelation 16:14](#)) and refers to a still future fulfillment when God’s wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel ([Isaiah 22](#); [Jeremiah 30:1-17](#); [Joel 1-2](#); [Amos 5](#); [Zephaniah 1](#)) and on the unbelieving world ([Ezekiel 38-39](#); [Zechariah 14](#)). The Scriptures indicate that “the day of the Lord” will come quickly, like a thief in the night ([Zephaniah 1:14-15](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:2](#)), and therefore Christians must be watchful and ready for the coming of Christ at any moment.

Besides being a time of judgment, it will also be a time of salvation as God will deliver the remnant of Israel, fulfilling His promise that “all of Israel will be saved” ([Romans 11:26](#)), forgiving their sins and restoring His chosen people to the land He promised to Abraham ([Isaiah 10:27](#); [Jeremiah 30:19-31](#), [40](#); [Micah 4](#); [Zechariah 13](#)). The final outcome of the day of the Lord will be that “the arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day” ([Isaiah 2:17](#)). The ultimate or final fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the day of the Lord will come at the end of history when God, with wondrous power, will punish evil and fulfill all His promises.

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Future Prophecies – Nothing happening yet

Prophecies Awaiting Fulfillment

Major Prophecies In The Process Of Being Fulfilled

MAJOR PROPHECY

The revival of the Roman Empire
Russia rises again as a military power
Babylon is rebuilt
Preparations for one-world government
Asia forms a 200 million-man army
The Euphrates River will be dried up
A military highway appears across Asia
Oil, Gas, Riches found below the sand

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Daniel; 7:24-25
Ezekiel 38:1-12
Isaiah 13:1, 6, 19
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Revelation 9:14-16
Revelation 16:12-14
Revelation 9:14-15, 16:12-14
Genesis 49:25, Isaiah 45:3,
Deut. 32:12-13, 33:19 & 24

Major Prophecies That Are Not Yet Fulfilled

MAJOR PROPHECY

Israel, Jerusalem divided by nations
Financial systems will require the mark
All must receive the mark
Ecological devastation of the planet
Massive climate change
Humanity's survival threatened

BIBLICAL REFERENCE

Psalms 83:4-8, Joel 3:2
Revelation 13:17-18
Revelation 13:16-18
Revelation 11:18
Revelation 8:7-13
Matthew 24:21-22, Joel 2:3

Revelation and Deuteronomy

Dt 32 – The Song of Moses

Dt 32 ¹⁹“And when the LORD saw *it*, He spurned *them*, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.

²⁰ And He said: ‘I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end *will be*,

For they *are* a perverse generation, Children in whom *is* no faith.

²¹ They have provoked Me to jealousy by *what* is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols.

But I will provoke them to jealousy by *those who are* not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

²² For a fire is kindled in My anger, And shall burn to the lowest hell;

It shall consume the earth with her increase, And set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

²³ ‘I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them.

²⁴ *They shall be* wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction;

I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, With the poison of serpents of the dust.

²⁵ The sword shall destroy outside; *There shall be* terror within

For the young man and virgin, The nursing child with the man of gray hairs.

²⁶ I would have said, “I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,”

²⁷ Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misunderstand,

Lest they should say, “Our hand *is* high; And it is not the LORD who has done all this.”’

²⁸ “For they *are* a nation void of counsel, Nor *is there any* understanding in them.

²⁹ Oh, that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *That* they would consider their latter end!

³⁰ How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight,

Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had surrendered them?

³¹ For their rock *is* not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

³² For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom And of the fields of Gomorrah;

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Their grapes *are* grapes of gall, Their clusters *are* bitter.

³³ Their wine *is* the poison of serpents, And the cruel venom of cobras.

³⁴ ‘*Is* this not laid up in store with Me, Sealed up among My treasures?’

³⁵ Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in *due* time;

For the day of their calamity *is* at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.’

³⁶ “For the LORD will judge His people And have compassion on His servants,

When He sees that *their* power is gone, And *there is* no one *remaining*, bond or free.

³⁷ He will say: ‘Where *are* their gods, The rock in which they sought refuge?’

³⁸ Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *And* drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise and help you, *And* be your refuge.

³⁹ ‘Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He, And *there is* no God besides Me;

I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor *is there any* who can deliver from My hand.

⁴⁰ For I raise My hand to heaven, And say, “As I live forever,

⁴¹ If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment,

I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me.

⁴² I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh,

With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the heads of the leaders of the enemy.” ’

⁴³ “Rejoice, O Gentiles, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants,

And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land *and* His people.”

Rev 15 ³ They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

“Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!

⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”

Trumpets in Bible

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- Sounded to bring God’s people up to meet Him, or to assemble for a wedding or to assemble for war.
 - 2 Silver trumpets
 - Blow one – the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.
 - Blow both – all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting
- The priest would sound these trumpets over sacrifices as a memorial to the Lord. (Num. 10:10)
- These trumpets were also used to mark the beginning and end of the Sabbath.

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- Jewish tradition indicates that both the ram’s horn and the priestly silver horns (hazozerah) were used in the Feast of Trumpets.
- Jewish tradition believes the First trumpet sounded on Sinai, and the Second trumpet (Shofar) will sound when the Messiah comes. (Zechariah 9:14-16)

- **7 TRUMPETS ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN**
 - Joshua & The Battle os Jericho (Joshua 6:6-25)
 - Seven trumpets of Revelation (Rev 8-10)

- And Joshua will bring down the walls of Jericho, accompanied by trumpet blasts (Joshua 6: 4-20).
- Jesus says that at the end time, God “will send his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other” (Matthew 24: 31).
- In Revelation, the trumpets sounding now herald judgments on the “inhabitants of the earth” (8: 13).

Shofar

שׁוֹפָר **shôwphâr**, sho-far'; or שֹׁפָר shôphâr; from **H8231** in the original sense of incising; a cornet (as giving a clear sound) or curved horn:—cornet, trumpet.

TOOLS

Exo 19:16

Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who **were** in the camp trembled.

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Exo 19:19

And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

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Exo 20:18

Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw **it**, they trembled and stood afar off.

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Lev 25:9

'Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth **day** of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

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Jos 6:4

“And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

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Jos 6:5

“It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram’s horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him.”

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Jos 6:6

Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.”

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Jos 6:8

So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

TOOLS

Jos 6:9

The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets.

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Jos 6:13

Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets.

TOOLS

Jos 6:16

And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!

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Jos 6:20

So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

TOOLS

Jdg 3:27

And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them.

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Jdg 6:34

But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.

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Jdg 7:8

So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all *the rest of* Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

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Jdg 7:16

Then he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers.

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Jdg 7:18

"When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, '*The sword of* the LORD and of Gideon!'"

TOOLS

Jdg 7:19

So Gideon and the hundred men who *were* with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

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Jdg 7:20

Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"

TOOLS

Jdg 7:22

When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia,[fn] toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

TOOLS

1Sa 13:3

And Jonathan attacked the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

TOOLS

2Sa 2:28

So Joab blew a trumpet; and all the people stood still and did not pursue Israel anymore, nor did they fight anymore.

TOOLS

2Sa 6:15

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So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

TOOLS

☐ [2Sa 15:10](#)

Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'"

TOOLS

☐ [2Sa 18:16](#)

So Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people.

TOOLS

☐ [2Sa 20:1](#)

And there happened to be there a rebel, [fn] whose name was Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a trumpet, and said:

"We have no share in David,
Nor do we have inheritance in the son of Jesse;
Every man to his tents, O Israel!"

TOOLS

☐ [2Sa 20:22](#)

Then the woman in her wisdom went to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw *it* out to Joab. Then he blew a trumpet, and they withdrew from the city, every man to his tent. So Joab returned to the king at Jerusalem.

TOOLS

☐ [1Ki 1:34](#)

"There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel; and blow the horn, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'"

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☐ [1Ki 1:39](#)

Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

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☐ [1Ki 1:41](#)

Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard *it* as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, "Why *is* the city in such a noisy uproar?"

TOOLS

☐ [2Ki 9:13](#)

Then each man hastened to take his garment and put *it* under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"

TOOLS

☐ [1Ch 15:28](#)

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Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

TOOLS

[2Ch 15:14](#)

Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams' horns.

TOOLS

[Neh 4:18](#)

Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

TOOLS

[Neh 4:20](#)

"Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

TOOLS

[Job 39:24](#)

He devours the distance with fierceness and rage;
Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded.

TOOLS

[Job 39:25](#)

At *the blast of* the trumpet he says, 'Aha!'
He smells the battle from afar,
The thunder of captains and shouting.

TOOLS

[Psa 47:5](#)

God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

TOOLS

[Psa 81:3](#)

Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.

TOOLS

[Psa 98:6](#)

With trumpets and the sound of a horn;
Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

TOOLS

[Psa 150:3](#)

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp!

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[Isa 18:3](#)

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All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth:
When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it;
And when he blows a trumpet, you hear it.

TOOLS

Isa 27:13

So it shall be in that day:
The great trumpet will be blown;
They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria,
And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt,
And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

TOOLS

Isa 58:1

“Cry aloud, spare not;
Lift up your voice like a trumpet;
Tell My people their transgression,
And the house of Jacob their sins.

TOOLS

Jer 4:5

Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say:

“Blow the trumpet in the land;
Cry, ‘Gather together,’
And say, ‘Assemble yourselves,
And let us go into the fortified cities.’

TOOLS

Jer 4:19

O my soul, my soul!
I am pained in my very heart!
My heart makes a noise in me;
I cannot hold my peace,
Because you have heard, O my soul,
The sound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war.

TOOLS

Jer 4:21

How long will I see the standard,
And hear the sound of the trumpet?

TOOLS

Jer 6:1

“O you children of Benjamin,
Gather yourselves to flee from the midst of Jerusalem!
Blow the trumpet in Tekoa,
And set up a signal-fire in Beth Haccerem;

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For disaster appears out of the north,
And great destruction.

TOOLS

Jer 6:17

Also, I set watchmen over you, saying,
'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!
But they said, 'We will not listen.'

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Jer 42:14

"saying, 'No, but we will go to the land of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor be hungry for bread, and there we will dwell'—

TOOLS

Jer 51:27

Set up a banner in the land,
Blow the trumpet among the nations!
Prepare the nations against her,
Call the kingdoms together against her:
Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a general against her;
Cause the horses to come up like the bristling locusts.

TOOLS

Eze 33:3

'when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people,

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Eze 33:4

'then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head.

TOOLS

Eze 33:5

'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.

TOOLS

Eze 33:6

'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

TOOLS

Hos 5:8

"Blow the ram's horn in Gibeah,
The trumpet in Ramah!
Cry aloud at Beth Aven,
'Look behind you, O Benjamin!'

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☐ [Hos 8:1](#)

“Set the trumpet[fn] to your mouth!
He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD,
Because they have transgressed My covenant
And rebelled against My law.

TOOLS

☐ [Joe 2:1](#)

Blow the trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;
For the day of the LORD is coming,
For it is at hand:

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☐ [Joe 2:15](#)

Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;

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☐ [Amo 2:2](#)

But I will send a fire upon Moab,
And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth;
Moab shall die with tumult,
With shouting *and* trumpet sound.

TOOLS

☐ [Amo 3:6](#)

If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid?
If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done *it?*

TOOLS

☐ [Zep 1:16](#)

A day of trumpet and alarm
Against the fortified cities
And against the high towers.

TOOLS

☐ [Zec 9:14](#)

Then the LORD will be seen over them,
And His arrow will go forth like lightning.
The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,
And go with whirlwinds from the south.

[Silver](#)

<https://superiorword.org/numbers-10-1-10-two-silver-trumpets/>

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<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2689.htm>

The blowing of the silver trumpets by Aaron and his sons has generally been taken to denote the preaching of the gospel. But the interpretation is a mistaken one, and arises from confounding the trumpet of jubilee ([Leviticus 25:9](#); [Luke 4:16](#)) with the silver trumpet. Although bearing the same name in the English Bible, these are quite different instruments, and are called by different Hebrew names. The former is the **shophar** or cornet, which, as its name implies, was of horn, or at least horn-shaped; whereas the latter, the **chatsotser**, was a long straight tube of silver with a bell-shaped mouth. The true intention of the silver trumpets is distinctly enough indicated in the law before us. They were to be to the children of Israel for a memorial before their God (verse 10); the promise was that when the trumpets were blown, the people should be remembered before the Lord their God, and he would save them from their enemies (verse 9). In other words, the blowing of the silver trumpets was a figure of PRAYER (cf. [Acts 10:4](#)). An exceedingly striking and suggestive figure it is.

I. IT PRESENTS CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PRAYER WHICH CAN HARDLY BE TOO MUCH REMEMBERED. For one thing, it admonishes us that prayer **ought to be an effectual fervent exercise** ([James 5:16](#)). A trumpet-tone is the opposite of a timid whisper. There is a clear determinate ring in the call of a silver trumpet. This is not meant to suggest that there ought to be loud and vehement speaking in prayer. But it does mean that we are to throw heart into our prayers and put forth our strength. The spirit of adoption **cries**, Abba Father (see [2 Chronicles 13:14](#)). When we call on God we ought to stir ourselves up to take hold of him ([Isaiah 64:7](#).) Moreover, the silver trumpet emits **a ringing, joyous sound**. In almost every instance in which the blowing of these trumpets is mentioned in Scripture, it is suggestive of gladness, hope, exultation. And ought not a note of gladness, hope, exultation to pervade our prayers? When we pray we are to use a certain holy boldness; we are to draw near; we are to speak in full assurance of faith. This, I confess, may be pressed too far. There was nothing of the trumpet-tone in the publican's prayer. There may be acceptable prayer in a sigh, in a cry of anguish, in the groaning of a prisoner. But it is not the will of God that his children's ordinary intercourse with him should be of that sort. They are to call on him with a gladsome confidence that he is able and ready to help them. And many of them do this. There are Christian people whose prayers are always rising into the ringing tones of the silver trumpet. I have spoken first of the general design or spiritual intention of this ordinance of the silver trumpets. Let us now note THE PARTICULARS: -

1. It belonged to the **priest's** office (verse 8). It is not to be confounded with the Levitical service of song, instituted long after by David.

2. It served a variety of **secular** uses. Public assemblies were convened by the sounding of the trumpets, as they are convened among us by the ringing of bells (verses 2, 3, 7). And they were the bugles by which military signals were given (verses 4-6). That it was the priests who blew the trumpets on all such occasions reminds us that Israel was, in a special sense, "an holy nation;" and may also carry forward our minds to the time when "holiness to the Lord" will be written on the life of all Christian nations in all their relations.

3. The blowing of the silver trumpets found place chiefly in the service of the sanctuary. The particulars are noted in verse 10, and are of uncommon interest for the Christian reader.

(1) The trumpets were to be blown **over the sacrifices**. How this was done appears from the example related in [2 Chronicles 29:26-28](#). The intention was as much as to say, "O thou that dwellest in the heavens, give ear to us when we cry; remember all our offerings and accept our burnt sacrifice. Grant us the wish of our heart, and fulfill all our counsel."

(2) The sacrifices particularly named as to be thus signaled are **the burnt offering and the peace offering**. Not the sin offering. The omission can hardly have been accidental. When I have fallen into some

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notable sin, I am to humble myself before God with shame. The cry of the publican is what befits me, rather than trumpet-toned exultation. The sin offering is most acceptably presented without blowing of trumpets. As for the burnt offering, which denotes dedication; and the peace offering, which speaks of communion with God and of our communion with each other in the Lord; these are most acceptable when they are attended with gladness and thankful exultation in God.

(3) The blowing of the silver trumpets was especially **to abound at the great solemnities**. That is to say, at the new moons, at the three great festivals, the "solemn days" of the Jewish year, and on all days of special gladness (cf. [2 Chronicles 5:12](#); [2 Chronicles 7:6](#); [Ezra 3:10](#); [Nehemiah 12:35](#)).

(4) Above all other solemn days, the first day of the seventh month was to be thus distinguished. The seventh month was that in which the Feast of Tabernacles happened - at the full moon, in the end of September or beginning of October, after the Lord had crowned the year with his goodness. The new moon of this month was the Feast of the Blowing of Trumpets (cf. [Leviticus 23:24](#)); and fitly ushered in the Feast of Ingathering, the most joyous of all the festivals of the year. - B.

Demonic manifestations to kill and torture men (Woes)

[Revelation 9:1-12 – Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit](#)

Rev 9 ¹³ Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. ³ Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And they were not given *authority* to kill them, but to torment them *for* five months. Their torment *was* like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. ⁶ In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

⁷ The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces *were* like the faces of men. ⁸ They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' *teeth*. ⁹ And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. ¹⁰ They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power *was* to hurt men five months. ¹¹ And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

¹² One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

[Revelation 9:13-21 – Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates](#)

Rev 9 ¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three *plagues* a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which

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came out of their mouths. ¹⁹For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

²⁰But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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Zec 13:8 In the whole land," declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. ⁹This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.' "

Revival of the Roman Empire

Dan 2:41-44

Dan 7 :8, 24-25

Dan 9:26

Salvation of a Remnant / Repentance of the Jewish People

Matthew 23:37-39 – Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

Mt 23 ³⁷“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸See! Your house is left to you desolate; ³⁹for I say to you, **you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”**

Zechariah 13:1 – Idolatry Cut Off

Zec 13 ¹“**In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.** ²“It shall be in that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land. ³It shall come to pass *that* if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies. ⁴“And it shall be in that day *that* every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive. ⁵But he will say, ‘I *am* no prophet, I *am* a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.’ ⁶**And one will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will answer, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’**

Zechariah 13:7-9 – The Shepherd Savior

Zec 13 ⁷“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

⁸**And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the LORD,**

“That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:

⁹**I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested.**

They will call on My name, And I will answer them.

I will say, ‘This *is* My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD *is* my God.’ ”

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Isaiah 10:20-23 – The Returning Remnant of Israel

Is 10 ²⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day *That* the remnant of Israel, And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, Will never again depend on him who defeated them, But **will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.**

²¹ The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, To the Mighty God.

²² For **though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them will return;**

The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

²³ For the Lord GOD of hosts Will make a determined end In the midst of all the land.

Romans 11:3-6, 25-27 – Israel’s Rejection Not Final

Ro 11 ³“LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? ⁴ But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ **Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant** according to the election of grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

²⁷ For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 – Beware of Idolatry

Dt 4 ²⁹ But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you **in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice** ³¹ (for the LORD your God *is* a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Hosea 3:4-5 – Israel Will Return to God

Hos 3 ⁴ For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ephod or teraphim. ⁵ **Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.**

Zechariah 8:7-8 – Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

Zec 8 ⁷“Thus says the LORD of hosts:

‘Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west;

⁸ I will bring them *back*, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.’

Zechariah 12:10-14 – Mourning for the Pierced One

Zec 12 ¹⁰“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.** ¹¹ In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³ the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴ all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

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Romans 10:1-13 – Israel Needs the Gospel

Ro 10 ¹ Brethren, **my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.** ² For I bear them witness that **they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.** ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) ⁷ or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that **if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." ¹² For **there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.** ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Deuteronomy 30:1-6 – The Blessing of Returning to God

Dt 30 ¹ "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, ² and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴ If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. ⁵ Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. ⁶ **And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.**

Revelation 7:1-8 – The Sealed of Israel

Rev 7 ¹ After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. ² **Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,** ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴ **And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed:**

⁵ of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand *were* sealed;
⁶ of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand *were* sealed;
⁷ of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand *were* sealed;
⁸ of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand *were* sealed.

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Regathering in Belief

The Bible tells us that there will be a 2-stage return: First He will bring them back to the land in unbelief, THEN He will give them a heart for spiritual belief. This spiritual return to belief very likely happens during the tribulation.

- Jer 24 ⁴ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own* good, into the land of the Chaldeans. ⁶ For I will set My eyes on them for good, and **I will bring them back to this land**; I will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷ **Then I will give them a heart to know Me**, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.”

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Jeremiah 24:4-7 – The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs

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Hosea 3:5 – Israel Will Return to God

Hos 3 ⁵ **Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God** and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Isaiah 11:10-12 – The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring

Is 11 ¹⁰ “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”

¹¹ **It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.**

¹² He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

Primacy among Nations

Zec 8:22 And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD Almighty and to entreat him." ²³ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "In those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.' "

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2 Witnesses

Judgement

Bema Seat – Judgement Seat of Christ

White Throne Judgement

Millennial Kingdom

Descriptions of the millennium

- ❖ Is 65:20 "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands.
- ❖ Is 11:6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- ❖ Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.
- ❖ Rev 20 Satan's Doom - 7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- ❖ Rev 20 The Dead Are Judged – 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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7000 year plan of God

Creation (4000BC) to 2000BC = Time of the Fathers (2000 years)

Abraham (2000BC) to 2BC = Time of the Jews (2000 years)

Christ Jesus (2BC) to 2000AD = Time of Christ and the Church (2000 years)

Second Coming (2000?) = Start of Millennium Rest (1000 years)

7 = completion

1 Day = 1000 Years

- ❖ 2Pe 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.
- ❖ Ps 90:4 For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
- ❖ Hos 6:1 "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.
 - Jews are now poised, 2000 years after Christ, to be restored

The Rest

The millennium is referred to as 'the rest' - 7th Day rest

- ❖ Ge 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Ge 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.
- ❖ Ez 37:21 ... 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. 22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. 23 They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

Peace and bounty

The 3rd prophecy of Baalam gives us a brief glimpse of the redeemed Jews dwelling in peace and bounty as the exalted nation of the Millennium

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- ❖ Nu 24:5 "How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel! 6 "Like valleys they spread out like gardens beside a river, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters. 7 Water will flow from their buckets; their seed will have abundant water. "Their king will be greater than Agag; their kingdom will be exalted.

Ezekiel's temple

Ezekiel was born into the priestly line (Ezekiel 1:3), but he served God as a prophet. In Ezekiel 40–48 Ezekiel sees a detailed vision of a grand and glorious temple. This lengthy vision has been the subject of much speculation and various interpretations through the years.

Ezekiel began his prophetic ministry before Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC. Prior to the destruction, many false prophets assured the people that God was with them and that nothing would happen to them (Ezekiel 13:8–16). True prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel warned the people that God's judgment was coming (Ezekiel 2:3–8). In Ezekiel 8–11, the prophet sees the glory of God leaving the temple.

Ezekiel was taken into exile to Babylon, probably in the second deportation of Jews, in 597 BC. In exile, he encouraged Israel that judgment would not last forever, but that God would restore Israel and once again live among them. In Ezekiel 37 he relates the vision of "The Valley of Dry Bones," in which he describes the reunification and reanimation of a dead Israel. In chapters 38–39, Ezekiel predicts a battle with Gog and Magog, in which Israel's enemies are defeated. Then, in chapters 40–48, in the twenty-fifth year of Israel's captivity, Ezekiel describes an enormous new temple (chapters 40–42). The glory of God returns (chapter 43), sacrifices are resumed (chapters 44–46), and the land is restored the people of Israel (47–48). The hearts of the people will have been changed (Ezekiel 36:26–27), and even Gentiles have a place in the restored kingdom (Ezekiel 47:22). The land will be ruled by a Davidic Prince (Ezekiel 44:3; see also 37:24–25; 34:23–24).

In his vision of the temple, Ezekiel is taken to Israel where he sees a mountain and a city. He is met by "a man whose appearance was like bronze; he was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand" (Ezekiel 40:3). The man tells Ezekiel to pay careful attention to everything he sees and hears and to relate all the details to God's people (verse 4). The measuring of the layout of the temple complex fills the next three chapters of Ezekiel.

The question is when and how will the vision of Ezekiel's temple be fulfilled? Should we look for a literal fulfillment? Or is this vision symbolic of the future perfection God's presence among His people? Has it already been fulfilled? Or is the fulfillment still future? If Ezekiel's temple is future, will it be fulfilled in the church age, the millennium, or in the eternal state? The answers to these questions will be determined, most likely, by the interpreter's presuppositions regarding the literal or symbolic nature of prophecy and fulfillment.

Arguing for a literal fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezekiel's temple are the numerous details of Ezekiel's vision and the specific dimensions of the temple. If the vision is to be literally fulfilled, then the fulfillment must be future, for nothing like what is described in Ezekiel 40–48 has taken place up to this point. The dimensions of Ezekiel's temple are far larger than the temple in Jesus' day, and that temple was a grand structure.

Most who expect a literal fulfillment of Ezekiel's temple expect it to be erected in the millennial kingdom, a 1000-year reign of Christ upon the earth. During the millennium, glorified saints from the present age will live in contact with natural human beings who will still need to make a decision for Christ in order to be saved—and many will choose not to trust Him. The sacrificial system described in Ezekiel cannot be for the forgiveness of sins, for Christ has accomplished that once and for all (Hebrews 10:1–4, 11–14). In this interpretive approach, the sacrifices are seen as memorials of Christ's death or as rites for the ceremonial cleansing of the temple, but not as a means to forgive sins.

In the figurative view of Ezekiel's temple, the prophet's vision simply reiterates that God will once again dwell with His people in a perfect relationship. This relationship is described in the language that the people of the day (and especially for Ezekiel as a priest) would have understood—a Jewish temple of magnificent proportions, with regular, perfect sacrifices,

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with the Messiah presiding, and with the glory of God visibly evident. In later visions to other prophets, God revealed more about how He would accomplish this with the Messiah Himself replacing the temple, the sacrifices, and the land. The presence of God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit would be more immediately evident than ever before. The fulfillment of Ezekiel's temple could thus be realized in the church age to some degree and, in the age to come, to perfection.

Regardless of which approach is taken, the vision of Ezekiel's temple says that God has not forsaken His people and that His relationship with them will be restored and elevated to a new, never-before-conceived glory and intimacy. Present circumstances should never cause one to doubt the promises of God.

How Are We to Live

We groan under the oppressive and antagonistic system we are under currently. The fact that we see deception (spiritual, intellectual, technological, etc.) so ramped up as much as we see today, leads to one inescapable conclusion; we are in the final moments of this current age. So while we cannot say conclusively that we have X number of months or years left, we can easily see the light at the end of the tunnel.

However, the question will not go away. How much longer? It nags at us. It hounds us. For those who are watching and waiting for His return, it consumes us. As it should.

Matthew 22:36-40 – The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?

³⁶“Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall **love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**’ ³⁸This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Galatians 5:16-26 – Walking in the Spirit

Gal 5 ¹⁶I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control.** Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ **Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

Galatians 6:7-10 – Be Generous and Do Good

Gal 6 ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And **let us not**

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grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Romans 8:18-25 – From Suffering to Glory

Ro 8 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.** ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.** ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Romans 12:9-21 – Love in Action

Ro 12 ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Colossians 3:12-17 – Character of the New Man

Col 3 ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do.* ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Romans 13:11-14 – The Day Is Near

Ro 13 ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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Ephesians 4:1-3 – Walk in Unity

Ep 4 ¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Warn

Ezekiel 33:2-6 - The Watchman and His Message

Ez 33 ²“Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: ‘When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, ³ when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴ then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his *own* head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. ⁶ **But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.**’

Acts 20:28-32 – Paul’s Farewell to the Ephesian Elders

Act 20 ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! **Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.** ³² “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Encourage

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 – The Comfort of Christ’s Coming

1Th 4 ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

Hebrews 10:23-25 – Hold Fast Your Confession

Heb 10 ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And **let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,** ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Titus 2 – Qualities of a Sound Church

Tit 2 ¹ But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— ⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ *to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. ⁶ Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, ⁷ in all things showing yourself *to*

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be a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. ⁹ *Exhort* bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

1 John 2:24-29 – Let Truth Abide in You

1Jn 2 ²⁴ Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. ²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. ²⁸ **And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.** ²⁹ **If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.**

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Ephesians 4:25-32 – Do Not Grieve the Spirit

Ep 4 ²⁵ Therefore, **putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,”** for we are members of one another. ²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”: **do not let the sun go down on your wrath,** ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ **Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.** ²⁹ **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.** ³⁰ **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** ³¹ **Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.** ³² **And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.**

Salvation

Matthew 16:18-19 – Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

Mt 16 ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.** ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”