

## Q. What's the difference between prophecy and propaganda?

(This question is an abbreviation of a much longer, multi-faceted question. The paraphrased question was something like this: *'How do we know that the prophecy you teach is prophecy and not just propaganda to support your own style of teaching? You take a Scripture and link it to a whole lot of other Scriptures and then claim it's speaking in support of the first. How do you know it is? Also, you seem to be generating propaganda for the conservative side of politics. This has nothing to do with the Bible!'*)

**Firstly** you have to understand that prophecy is *not* for private interpretation. This is what Peter said: **2Peter 1:19 – 2:3** "And we have the **word of the prophets made more certain**, and **you will do well to pay attention to it**, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> **Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.** <sup>21</sup> **For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their shameful ways **and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.** <sup>3</sup> **In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up.** Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping."

So instead of people arguing over their favourite interpretations of prophecy, they should be seeking the Truth that the prophets have declared through God's Holy Spirit. God didn't ever rely on the clever arguments of those who sought to interpret the Scriptures to make them comply with their own fanciful doctrines. His prophets were taught through the Holy Spirit – **by Him!** And the starting point was the writings of Moses, the servant of God. And God warns to remember this (**Mal 4:4**).

**Secondly**, Jesus spoke of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, clearly showing that the information about the Kingdom has been concealed. **Matt 13:11-16** "He replied, "The knowledge of the **SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** has been given to you, but **not to them.** <sup>12</sup> Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. <sup>13</sup> **This is why I speak to them in parables:** "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. <sup>14</sup> **In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:** "'You will be ever **hearing but never understanding,** you will be ever **seeing but never perceiving.** <sup>15</sup> For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' <sup>16</sup> But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. <sup>17</sup> For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." So by this we see that the **Secrets of the Kingdom** have been **hidden** from those who **don't** have God's Holy Spirit, and who are still obsessed with **the elementary teachings about Christ** (which we will deal with in a moment). And contrary to the popular belief that Jesus spoke in parables to make the meaning clearer, He actually spoke in parables **so that no one would understand** – except those who are guided by God's Holy Spirit and seek the Truth with all their hearts – just as the prophets of old did.

**Thirdly**, there is an established protocol for understanding the Bible, and it's summarized as a little here, a little there, line upon line, **precept upon precept** (less accurately **'do and do'** in the NIV version of the Bible), but the point is clear that God's Word and His intentions are established by a little here and a little there for those who truly desire to know the Truth. **Isa 28:9-13** **"Who is it He is trying to teach? To whom is He explaining his message? To children weaned from their milk, to those just taken from the breast?"** <sup>10</sup> For it is: Do and do, do and do, **rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there.** <sup>11</sup> Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, <sup>12</sup> to whom He said, **"This is the resting place, let the weary rest";** and, "This is the place of repose" – but they would **not** listen. <sup>13</sup> **So then**, the word of the LORD to them will **become**: Do and do, do and do, **rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there – so that they will go and fall backward, be injured and snared and captured.**" Those who lack the desire to enter God's Rest will be destroyed by the very principles they rejected! They will **fall backward, be injured** and **snared and captured** – and they will finish in captivity and slavery.

Generally today, those who profess to be Christians are learning nothing about God's message, and their teachings are **like that of babies just taken from the breast.** The Book of Hebrews confirms this: **Heb 5:12 - 6:6** "In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. **You need milk, not solid food!** <sup>13</sup> **Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.** <sup>14</sup> **But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves TO DISTINGUISH GOOD FROM EVIL.** <sup>1</sup> **Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity,** not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, <sup>2</sup> instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And God permitting, we will do so. <sup>4</sup> It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God **AND THE POWERS OF THE COMING AGE,** <sup>6</sup> **if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and SUBJECTING HIM TO PUBLIC DISGRACE.**" In view of these verses, you would think that Christians would be **seeking the solid food of the mature,** and **leaving aside the elementary teachings about Christ** which are constantly heard on street corners and in the religious tracts handed out.

The **'resting place'** is the Holy Land and the Kingdom of God. This is where you will find **rest** once the Kingdom is established **by force.** And we'll deal with this later. In the meantime, you will learn nothing if you don't follow the principles established by God through **'here a little, there a little.'** All Christian nations know who Jesus is; what they don't know is what He taught, and neither do they understand that He is the Mighty Christ – the Warrior of God. **The childlike elementary teachings about Christ have merely subjected Him to public disgrace.** Stupid Christians, who teach these **elementary teachings** over and over again have made Him look like a wimp. Well, such people will soon learn that they never knew the Lord Christ, and believe it or not, He never knew them!

**Fourthly**, Jesus testified of the Father, and the Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy (**Rev 19:10**). As evidence that prophecy comes from the Father, we find that it was God the Father who handed to Jesus the Scroll concerning the Book of Revelation (**Rev 1:1**). All prophecy is about the coming Kingdom of God and all the events that will lead to its establishment. It was never God's intention to have unauthorized men giving their own interpretations of the Scriptures and then claiming that it was their own personal intelligence that enabled them to understand. As evidence of just how stupid people can become in regard to prophecy, we have the furor generated by the Da Vinci Bible code. Does anyone seriously believe that God would generate this type of nonsense as prophecy for the understanding about the Kingdom of God? If you want a clear indication of Bible charlatans, the 'revelations' of the Da Vinci code is it! **Bible prophecy is advance knowledge of**

**future events.** But the Da Vinci code 'prophecies' are generally about such worthless issues as the assassination of JFK. Do we really need a code like this to tell us that Kennedy is dead? What sort of madness is this? What is so important about Kennedy that God would conceal such details in the Bible? What feeble minds these people have!

Would God entrust His secrets to someone who doesn't have His Holy Spirit? Perhaps some are not aware of this, but God gives His Holy Spirit only to those who **obey** Him! **Acts 5:32** "**We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.**" If people don't believe the witness of the Apostles and the Holy Spirit, then it's no wonder that so many refuse to obey God and His Laws. Most Bible students are aware that Jesus faithfully obeyed God even to giving up His life, secure in the knowledge that God would raise Him from the dead after three days and three nights. And further, He gave the example of Jonah the prophet being in the belly of the great fish for this period. It hasn't gone unnoticed that through erroneous reasoning, people haven't believed this sign of His Messiahship. They think He was only in the grave for a day and a half. And this is an example of those, who through faulty reasoning, don't understand the Scriptures. Through this lack of knowledge and judgment, they imply that Jesus was a fake messiah. He gave this clear sign, but no-one believes Him! Was Jesus the Passover Lamb or not? If He was (**and He certainly was!**) then He was sacrificed on the Day of Passover. And in 30AD this was a Wednesday. So it's incumbent upon all those would-be prophets to get some of the basics right concerning their faith before they attempt to try to understand prophecy.

Most **prophecy** today is pure **propaganda!** And there is very little difference between the two. **Bible prophecy**, however, is light-years away from the prophecy that masquerades as prophecy. **Bible prophecy** is a counterweight to the nonsense spewing now from all quarters including the popular but silly Da Vinci code. Bible prophecy is not necessarily good news for anyone – but it does give assured outcomes. Propaganda takes on many forms, but it is primarily either secular or religious. Secular propaganda is just as insidious as religious propaganda and it's now rife in what has now become a very dangerous world.

Secularism and religion by their very nature have traditionally been opposing ideologies, especially in Western society. Freedom of religion is not only tolerated but enshrined in law in the U.S., but secularism is the law. Secular law, however, is the poor cousin of God's Law, and while it reflects certain principles of God's Law, it is **not** God's Law! Today, we see a marked tendency to trample on the religious rights of practicing Christians. There seems to be no such restriction on other religions – only Christianity. The separation of Church and State was designed to encourage religious freedom. The churches and the State would live side by side without interference – as long as lawlessness did not prevail, and the laws of the land were upheld. And for centuries now, the system worked and everyone enjoyed the right to worship as they saw fit, and their right to do this is enshrined in law. It was a harmonious arrangement that has stood the test of time. Any disharmony was generally restricted to Christian religions bickering among themselves about religious principles, while secularists bickered among themselves over political issues, but neither were life or death issues.

Then suddenly this harmonious relationship was shattered when another religion began to gain ascendancy all over the world and began to infiltrate Christian nations. Not content to practice their religion in harmony – they sought to destroy the opposition in a bloodbath that would continue until every 'infidel', that is, every Christian and Jew was dead. The warning bells should have rung across the length and breadth of Christian nations to eradicate this curse, but instead they chose to placate.

Immediately after September 11 the rights of this evil religion of Islam were defended, and while it was well known that their stated objectives were to kill 'infidels', they were deemed to be '**a peaceful religion**'. Thousands of subsequent terrorist acts by these satanic creatures have failed to reverse the tide of official support for them in Christian nations. Initially, it was just a few phantom terrorists who would have to be hunted down and killed, and then harmony would prevail. It seemed that all nations, and especially a 'peaceful'

religion like Islam, would support such actions. The West was soon to learn that whole nations of Muslims were hostile and actually shared the terrorist's views. Terrorist pictures were enshrined as public icons, and a successful suicide bombing was rewarded with cash payments to their family.

Foolishly it was thought that the tolerance of the West would yield dividends as Islam observed this tolerance and realized the error of their ways. The West believed that persuasive talks and heaps of money thrown at them would yield the desired result. Gratitude could be expected as vast hordes of these creatures were liberated and blessed with the abundance that democracy offered. It was expected that in just a short span of time that democracy would prevail, and the killing would stop as the benefits of Western ideals were recognized. The clincher would be the global market, where all nations could share the West's prosperity. Then everyone could live in harmony without the desire to kill the opposition and peace would prevail. And that was the theory. In practice it has proven to be a failed concept and that has become more evident every day since September 11.

If it were merely prosperity through secularism that was desired, then perhaps the theories might have worked. But when this is combined with the fanaticism of a murderous religion that is sponsored by the arch-rebel of the universe, then there can be no peace while they continue to live. And this is the thrust of God's Great Plan to bring peace to the world. Any Bible student would know how God dealt with rebel nations from Bible history, and especially those nations that were trampling down His Holy Land. God's resolve has not changed!

Islam is fanatically fixated to the service of Satan the devil who was a ***liar*** and a ***murderer*** from the beginning. Muslims practiced these very characteristics, and this makes them ***children of the devil***. Jesus had this to say in relation to all those who teach against the Word of God: **John 8:43-44** "Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup> **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**" Some may argue that Jesus was speaking to the Scribes and Pharisees, which is only partially true. But like the fanatical and treacherous Muslims today, these Jewish leaders were deceitful and self-righteous liars, and as it turned out, were also murderers. You'll notice that it was the religious elite of that day and not the common people, and it was the common people that adopted Christianity against the counsel of the Scribes and Pharisees. These fanatical and hypocritical liars were actually possessed by demons to carry out the devil's work. Jesus' accusations against them in **Matt 23** actually prove that He was addressing the **demons** when He accused them **of killing righteous Abel: Matt 23:35-36** "And **so upon you** will come **all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berehiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.** <sup>36</sup> **I tell you the truth, all this will come upon *this generation.*" *This generation* existed long before the Jews were born, and they are guilty of the murder of righteous Abel, the son of Adam. So those whom Jesus addressed were ***not*** human, and the Scribes and Pharisees had merely become their greedy, conniving protégés, and these were suspicious of everyone who didn't express admiration for them.**

There is certainly a lesson to be learned from Jesus' words – a lesson that is applicable today. Those who engage in showy extravaganzas in the name of Christianity are lying deceivers whose only objective is to ***deceive*** and ***exploit***. Find any place in the Bible where Jesus engaged in this type of blatant showmanship – He never did! In fact, He taught the people to ***not*** be like the Scribes and Pharisees, who were expecting the Messiah to appear and make them the religious elite that they so craved. The Apostles and all His followers faithfully adhered to this instruction, and never emulated the Scribes and Pharisees in any way. This is hardly the model chosen by the religious elite in the hallways of Christendom today.

Satan has chosen a different way. There is none of the ceremonial nonsense practiced by Christianity, which, although it provides emotional overtones among Christians to make them feel good, it has nothing to do with the teachings of Jesus. Satan has chosen a grassroots fanaticism that appeals to the masses of Muslims who believe they are martyrs for God as long as they plot to kill 'infidels'. Muslims dress the same to promote the idea of equality and singleness of purpose. And while they have powerful leaders who masquerade as one of the common people, they are the protégés of Satan himself and they motivate his troops. Satan has chosen an age-old strategy: to identify a **common** enemy. Historically, this has always been the Jews, because Jews traditionally have been at the forefront of obedience to God's Law, and traditionally have most resembled God's people. In complete contrast, Christianity has not. Mainstream Christianity has practiced lawlessness, and adopted the attitude that God can take it or leave it. They'll decide for themselves how they will worship God with no compromises.

Satan is different. He plans to enforce law, but not God's law! His choice is Sha'ria law that prescribes death to 'infidels', and of course, 'infidels' are Christians and Jews. It's hardly surprising that Satan would adopt this strategy. He is well aware that Christians **refuse** to **obey** God's Law and is sneeringly triumphant that his brood obeys his law. Who then, has the most dedicated followers – God or himself? Why, it's himself – he claims. How many of God's followers would be prepared to give their lives in God's honour as Jesus did? Well, Satan claims, he has hundreds of millions of them whom he's been grooming for centuries, and daily they prove their dedication to him. Satan makes the point that his troops don't retreat in the face of the enemy, but fight to the death out of dedication to him. His troops have made significant gains against the West, and now he has the West in a siege mentality where they spend billions of dollars to prevent terrorist attacks.

Satan knows he has the numerical advantage. He knows that if each of his brood were to kill ten 'infidels' with a suicide bomb, he could wipe out the West and still have a formidable army of followers left. The Israelis have largely thwarted this by profiling suspicious Muslims and killing them. As many as ten attacks a day are thwarted, though this number has diminished because of the strategy of building a wall to keep them out. And how Satan's agents howled and raged over this! Why should any nation object to another nation building a border wall on their own land? Well, the Whitehouse did, because they thought it would disadvantage the Muslim hordes that surround the Holy Land, and they did everything to stop it. And while these objections were being raised, America actively engaged in building their own border wall to keep out Mexicans. What's wrong with this picture?

The Israelis built their wall to keep out murderous suicide bombers who were bent on killing innocent men, women and children. The U.S. built their wall to keep out Mexicans whose cheap labor might affect their economy and put Americans out of work. Its funny how out of whack their priorities are and how hypocritical their objections against Israel continue to be.

Okay, so we can concede that America has been very supportive of the Israelis with financial aid and moral support. All of which is admirable. But when is America going to concede that the Israelis live daily in a sea of Islamic hostility, and their enemies are the same enemies of America? America cannot make peace with this enemy, nor can they diminish the hostility by any means, including war, but they insist that Israel must, and through silly 'roadmaps' for peace, which entails giving away significant portions of God's Holy Land.

But let's be realistic! America has no idea how to make war anymore. And what is more, they made a big mistake in making Israel the whipping-boy for their crazy inability and resolve to confront their enemies. The American way is to promote their enemies to affluence and prosperity and make them an even more formidable foe for little Israel. The U.S. really believes they have friends at the helm of the Iraqi government, but the hostile comments from these leaders concerning the Israeli-Lebanon war, and leveled at the Israelis, was merely double-speak to express their hatred for America and the support of the Israelis. If only America could get it through their thick skulls that they are hated and loathed by all

Islamic nations, and with a homicidal fanaticism unlike anything witnessed since the world began. America's 'lovers', to use the Biblical term, hate their guts and will stop at nothing to destroy them all.

So now America faces a new challenge. What to do about Iran? Sanctions? More talk-fests and delaying tactics? Or should they mount yet another war on yet another front? But let me tell you something of what was spoken of by Daniel. Daniel said that **wars would continue to the end: 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.**" Bible students should be aware that Daniel spoke of three successive empires: the **Babylonian Empire** that stretched right across the Middle East, the **Medo-Persian Empire** that took over the same territory and made the city of Babylon its capital. And after this, another king would arise and sweep through the region like a dose of salts and conquer the entire Middle East. This was the **Greco-Macedonian Empire**, and Alexander the Great made Babylon his capital and actually died there. Through the mesmerism of false prophecy, Christianity has twisted and perverted these prophecies with renditions of their own that don't in any way resemble Bible Prophecy.

Daniel desired to know the outcome of all this: **Dan 10:12** "Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you **set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God**, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them." Then the archangel Gabriel responded to him: **Dan 10:20** "So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return **to fight against the prince of Persia**, and when I go, **the prince of Greece will come;**"<sup>21</sup> but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince." After a lengthy explanation, Daniel enquired again of the timing of it all: **Dan 12:8-10** "I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?" He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because **the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.**"<sup>10</sup> Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. **None of the wicked** will understand, **but those who are wise will understand.**" Although there was an earlier fulfillment of *some* of these prophecies, all these prophecies are reserved and **sealed for the time of the end**, and **only the wise will understand them**. Those described as **the wicked** will not! So there's a challenge for you – are you **wise** or **wicked**?

How can we be sure of what is meant by **the time of the end**? Gabriel explains: **Dan 12:13** "As for you, go your way **till the end**. You will **rest**, and then **at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.**" Daniel was to sleep in the grave until he arises in **the resurrection**. The **resurrection** was explained to him earlier: **Dan 12:1** "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. **There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.** But at that time your people – **everyone whose name is found written in the book** – will be delivered."<sup>2</sup> **Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.**<sup>3</sup> Those who are **wise** will shine like the brightness of the heavens, **and those who lead many to righteousness**, like the stars for ever and ever.<sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, **close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end**. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge." The **wise** are those who understand the words of these prophecies and the **wicked** are those who don't. God has a condition that He places on His children: they must **believe** Him! Unbelievers will have their place in the lake of fire, and will suffer this shame in everlasting contempt by all believers.

So those who spend all their time in sanctimoniously quoting elementary verses to make them feel good and to impress others, will find out something about themselves. They'll find out that they are **wicked**, and will have no place with the **wise** who have **believed** God. And didn't Jesus confirm this? **Matt 7:19-23** "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and **thrown into the fire.**"<sup>20</sup> **Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.** "Not

everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, **did we not prophesy in your Name**, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, **'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'** Christianity today don't want **to do the will of the Father**, but they do love **to 'prophesy' in God's Name**, even though they don't know what they are talking about. In fact, so diminutive is their knowledge that their prophecies are usually confined to prophesying that their followers are going to heaven when they die. Daniel is still dead and awaiting the resurrection, but their followers who have died are already there – according to their diminutive reasoning. Is it prophecy or propaganda? Let the reader decide!

Going back again to something else Gabriel said to Daniel in **Dan 12:1 "There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then"**, we find that Jesus referred to this Himself, a one-time horrific sequence of events that would occur at **the time of the end: Matt 24:21-22 "For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again.** <sup>22</sup> If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of **the elect** those days will be shortened." **The elect** of course are the **12 Tribes of Israel – the only people God ever chose out of all the families on the face of the earth (Amos 3:1-2)**. So it's the Tribes of Israel that will be subjected to this time of slaughter, and except God were to cut short those days, none would survive. Included among the elect are the Churches who do the will of the Father and obey His Laws, although they're in the extreme minority in the world of Christianity! But God has reserved seven thousand of these Christians to set an example for all the House of Israel – all 12 Tribes, and just as Jesus did, they will **do the will of the Father** – this entails offering themselves as human sacrifices and going to their deaths as martyrs. Not as the Muslims do, but **as sheep to the slaughter**. But first they must divest themselves of their false prophecies and start **believing** God instead of the fabrications of men. This will transform them from **wicked** to **wise**. They will find that their deaths are a small price to pay for the contempt they'd previously shown for God's prophecy – why didn't they **believe** God?

These martyrs for God must face the full fury of Satan himself: **Rev 12:16-17 "But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.** <sup>17</sup> **Then the dragon was enraged at the woman** and went off to make war **against the rest of her offspring** – those **who obey God's Commandments and hold to the Testimony of Jesus.**" And the Testimony of Jesus is... Well, it's the **Spirit of Prophecy** – a special addition to the downpayment of God's Holy Spirit. **Rev 19:10 "At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."** So the importance of prophecy couldn't be clearer. What is more, it's found in the Book of Revelation – the very words of God the Father who gave it to Jesus to show His servants what must soon take place (**Rev 1:1**). It remained unfulfilled at the time John received it, and obviously, it remains unfulfilled at this time of writing. It culminates with Jesus' return in glory. Though you may realize that Jesus will return before this, just as the angel told His disciples when He departed to the Glory from the Mount of Olives: **Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee,"** they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This **same** Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.**"

And how did Jesus go into heaven? **Alone**, and this is the way He will return. He will appear to His servants the prophets first of all, and when they proclaim to the Jewish people, **'Here is your God' (Isa 40:9)**, He will be riding on a colt as He did once before as He entered Jerusalem. It will be a time of trouble, and the beginning of the Kingdom of God: **Zech 9:8-10 "But I will defend my house against marauding forces. Never again will an oppressor overrun my people**, for now I am keeping watch. Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! **See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt,** the foal of a donkey. I will

take away the **chariots from Ephraim** and the **war-horses from Jerusalem**, and the **battle bow will be broken**. He will proclaim peace to the nations (of Israel). **His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth.**"

You probably know that in the initial stages, the Holy Land will be expanded from the river of Egypt (the Nile) to the Euphrates River in Babylon (Iraq), but at this time the Lord Christ will proclaim His rule from **the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth**. Have you ever noticed who lives in the region **from the Nile River to the Euphrates River**? It's Islam! So they'll be out of there – either dead or alive! And preferably dead! These are the **marauding forces** described in the above verses, but this should be obvious to the intelligent reader.

But there is a problem! Presently, there is a mighty force holding back these marauding forces and they are restrained from carrying out their assigned role of destruction against Christians and Jews. And who is this mighty power which is holding them back? **Everyone knows its America!** Only America can be relied upon to take Islam to task for their satanic ways and acts. And it's America that Islam fears most, and hates most. To a lesser extent, the sea of Muslims also fear the Israelis who have traditionally beaten in several wars.

And believe it or not, the Apostle Paul also knew from his understanding of the Scriptures that Ephraim would become a mighty force in the latter days. He knew that Ephraim, as the son of a prince and a prophet Joseph, would arise to prominence in the last days, though he never attempted to expand on detail – simply because he could not envisage it at that time. But he drew on his knowledge of Daniel and the prophets to speak of it: **2Thess 2:1-12** "Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter **supposed to have come from us**, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. <sup>3</sup> **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.** <sup>4</sup> 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.** Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now you know **what is holding him back**, so that he may be **revealed at the proper time.** <sup>7</sup> For the **secret power of lawlessness** is already at work; but the **one** (Ephraim) **who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.** <sup>8</sup> And then the **lawless one** will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. <sup>9</sup> **The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.** They perish because they **refused** to love the **truth** and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> **For this reason God sends them a POWERFUL DELUSION so that they will believe the lie** <sup>12</sup> and so that **all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.**" So we see that the reference in **Zech 9:8-10** to Ephraim having their **'chariots'** taken away, and the Israelis, their **'war-horses'**. And the power of the mighty **'battle-bow will be broken'** so that the Islamic world will no longer feel restrained.

It goes without saying that this man of lawlessness will in fact be a powerful spirit ruler – one of Satan's rulers of the heavenly realm. He will come in the guise of a man, but the man will be a mere puppet in the manipulating hands of this evil creature. As Paul explains in **Eph 6:10** "Finally, be **strong** in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that **you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.** <sup>12</sup> **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**" If only the Churches of God would believe these words written by the Apostle Paul, they would have been further along in their understanding. Perhaps then they wouldn't have succumbed to the seducing spirits that inspired their foolish 'prophecies'. All those who **refused to love the Truth** will be sent **strong delusion by God to believe the ultimate lie**. And they will only have themselves to blame.

Even today, the Churches of God remain deluded over their fanciful prophecies that have mostly all failed. There's a crazy Irishman, who styles his church as the Philadelphia Church of God, and who thinks he's the successor of Herbert W. Armstrong. Even today, with everything that is happening in the world, he still holds to Armstrong's failed prophecies. He still believes that the poor ol' Tribe of Simeon (the Germans), who have been a model of decorum since the last world war are going to rise up as the prophesied Beast and kill all Christians and Jews. Simeon is probably the most noble defender of the Israelis out of all the nations of Europe today. But what is even more bizarre is that this man teaches that Germany is to unite ten other European nations (***Israelites all!***) into a '***United States of Europe***' and these are going to rush out and conquer the rest of the world and enslave them. Where do they get this nonsense? There is nothing in the Bible to even suggest ***anything*** like this! It's not only blasphemous to claim that God's people Israel are the Beast power since it utterly refutes everything that God has said, but it also makes God's real enemies look like the innocent, good guys. There is nothing ***wise*** about the guy that runs that church. Those who teach this nonsense are guilty of blasphemy and they will pay the price of their actions! In view of everything that is happening in the world today, they are utterly without excuse!

Such conduct brings to mind a passage in the Book of Zechariah: **Zech 13:1-6** "On that day a fountain will be opened to the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. "On that day, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more," declares the LORD Almighty. "**I will remove both the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land.**"<sup>3</sup> And if anyone still prophesies, his father and mother, to whom he was born, will say to him, '**You must die, because you have told LIES in the LORD's name.**' **When he prophesies, his own parents will stab him. On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his prophetic vision.** He will not put on a prophet's garment of hair **in order to deceive.**"<sup>5</sup> He will say, 'I am ***not*** a prophet. I am a farmer; the land has been my livelihood since my youth.' If someone asks him, 'What are these wounds on your body?' he will answer, '**The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.**'" Everyone wants to prophesy today, but not from the Bible. They make it up as they go along. God appoints His prophets, and what is more, He teaches them. No true prophet would dare to engage in the type of phoney nonsense of the false prophets, because they know the penalty. And as **V3** above says, '**You must die, because you have told lies in the LORD's name.**' And as indicated, ***the penalty will be swift.***

Leaving aside the wicked sinfulness of the false prophets and returning to the subject of the title, we find that lies and propaganda mark the signs of our times. Cunning, crafty manipulation is rife throughout Western society. Not only do these nations want to mask the truth of the identity of their enemy with ideas of converting them to freedom and democracy, they refuse to recognize them for what they are and what they plan. And what is more, they are prepared for furious rebuttal if anyone should present an opposing view. Political correctness and the pathetic theories of multiculturalism has blinded the West to reality.

Multiculturalism has been deemed desirable and progressive, even though on every continent on earth it has shown to be ***divisive***. It has never worked in the entire history of human existence, and it's no more working now that at any time in the past. Perhaps it could work in an ideal world, but idealism means different things to different people. One's ideals don't necessarily correspond to that of others. Whatever culture or '***culturalism***' is supposed to mean, it's clear that opposing cultures never exist harmoniously except for brief periods of time. Sooner or later one or the other attempts to gain the ascendancy! This is the nature of the beast, so to speak.

As in the days of the Crusades a thousand years ago, a cultural war developed between Christianity and Islam. And caught in the middle now as then is Judaism. But standing off as an observer is Zionism! Zionism also means different things to different people. To Islam, Zionism is a Jewish plot to take over the world. In this, they are almost right. What they don't know is that Zionism will succeed, whereas they will fail – but not before Islam has wreaked

havoc on an unsuspecting world. Anyone with any savvy at all knows what Islam's objectives are. They openly state that their goals are to destroy the Western world – and destroy Christianity and Judaism. They not only want to destroy these faiths, **they want to destroy all who practice them**. This much is clear from all that they have openly stated! But political correctness forbids anyone to believe it. The mind-numbing ignorance of political leaders has led them to believe that democracy will save the day.

Remember all the propaganda that emerged after September 11? The West attempted to defend the honour of Islam with such stupid statements as '***Islam is a peaceful religion***'. It was the Islamic religion that motivated the terror, and it continues to be only Islam that commits these thousands of subsequent atrocities. But it's the propaganda of multiculturalism that nurtures the mindless defense of the sadism and evil of Islam, and the hope that Islamic terrorists can be reeducated according to the values of Western Christianity. But in this, the West and Islam are worlds apart. The West has done little to learn from the experience of history, and to rectify this deficiency, a good starting place would be the history of the Crusades a thousand years ago, and to familiarize itself with the enemy that existed then. Contrary to the Islamic propaganda movie '***Kingdom of Heaven***' recently released by Hollywood, the enemy then, as it is today, is Islam – and they have no honour! They are a law to themselves. Hollywood can't help itself! In that silly movie, Islam was portrayed as honourable, and the bad guys were the Knights Templar.

Today the West can no longer afford to rely on failed mainstream Christian dogma. The world is at war and the forces of evil are building everywhere. True Christianity can no longer afford to be complacent. But can true Christians rise to the occasion and identify the enemy before it's too late? Some of them have saturated themselves with so much of the falsity of false prophecy, that they are currently blind to reality. The days are gone when they could continue to indulge in picky issues and arguments about the rightness of their particular doctrine. Then it was hardly a life and death issue, but today it is! For the Western nations there will be no last minute **rescue** – or as some like to frame it: **salvation**.

For the next generation there **will** be limited rescue after God's anger is assuaged and He looks favourably once more upon them. In the meantime, **salvation is by the Jews and for the Jews**, and the Kingdom of God will develop among them. Then they too, will become a fighting force of the standards set by God. And like the sons of God, they too, will begin to consume the nations that surround them. But not yet! They are too indoctrinated by the propaganda of the West to realize that there will **never** be peace with Islam. This lesson must be learned the hard way, and one more onslaught must ensue. Then they will see their salvation when their rescuers arrive; violent men who stop at nothing to clear God's Holy Land of Islamic dogs and to establish the Kingdom of God. Formerly, the Knights Templar shared this idealism, but today God's servants are called the Sons of Jerusalem. Then you will see the fate of God's enemies, and you will see them get what they deserve!

Christianity is too 'righteous' and too 'holy' to condone war – especially against God's enemies. They think that their future is tied to befriending God's enemies and cannot see that this is considered to be treason in God's eyes. Now they must learn the hard way why Islam is the enemy of God. Right now they are positioning themselves for the lesson of their lives – literally!

But they don't believe it! Surely God can see how righteous they are! Why would He permit such a thing? Read Bible history and you'll find out! And just a few words of warning...! To the righteous, the truth of Bible prophecy is as sweet as honey in the mouth, but to those disbelieving and cynical it will be bitterness in their belly. Almighty God has forewarned of this and even now this is coming true: **Isa 8:19** "When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people **inquire of their God**? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> **To the Law and to the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.** <sup>21</sup> Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, **they will become enraged and**,

looking upward, will curse their king and their God.<sup>22</sup> Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness." There have been many who thought they were 'spiritual giants' and knew everything about the Bible, but all they really understood was their own selective doctrine. On hearing the truth and seeing prophecy unfolding as revealed by God through His servants, they became enraged and began to curse God – and they became atheists. And many of them did it publicly on newsgroups, and have actively engaged in enticing others to their hatred of God. What they lack is the vision to see is the horrific death they will face – which is the meaning of 'thrust into utter darkness' and which means death. To those who once honoured God through The Law and the Testimony and received God's Holy Spirit and then turned away, they have yet another trial to face because God is not finished with them yet. At a later date, they will be brought up in a resurrection to face the second death – in a lake of fire.

These evil, detestable creatures should have paid attention to God's Word and believed it while they had the chance, and a good starting point would have been **V13** "The LORD Almighty is the One you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread, and He will be a sanctuary; but for both Houses of Israel He will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem He will be a trap and a snare."

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. This is the lesson such people should have learned and believed. **Ps 111:10** "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise." It's so humorous to see foolish people debating against the meaning of verses from the Bible, and trying to put their own spin on them to comply with their own doctrine. It's a bit like watching a clown act. But in reality it's more like bear-baiting, because they are provoking the Almighty God, and He is the One that human beings should fear and dread. **Heb 10:26** "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the Knowledge of the Truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,<sup>27</sup> but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.<sup>28</sup> Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.<sup>29</sup> How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the Blood of the Covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?<sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people."<sup>31</sup> It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Notice the fate of those who turned away after receiving the knowledge of the Truth! It's the raging fire for them, and they will join all the enemies of God. What sickos these people are!

There's no way back for those who turned away – there is no further sacrifice for them. They should have feared God while they had the chance! But what about those from mainstream Christianity who never obeyed the Law and the Testimony and have never acknowledged the Knowledge of the Truth? Well, contrary to all their illusions, they never received God's Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Grace! God only gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him: **Rom 2:12** "All who sin apart from the Law will also perish apart from the Law, and all who sin under the Law will be judged by the Law."<sup>13</sup> For it is not those who hear the Law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the Law who will be declared righteous."

**Acts 5:29** "Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead – whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.<sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.<sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

**Rev 12:17** "Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring – those who obey God's Commandments and hold to the Testimony of Jesus."

It's beyond belief that anyone should believe that they could have favour with God if they don't obey His Law or Commandments. What possible interest would God have in anyone who refused to obey Him? Does anyone imagine that God wants His Kingdom filled with the disobedient and lawless? As you will have noticed in **Rev 12:17**, it's the dragon that is hostile to those who obey God's Commandments and hold to the Testimony of Jesus. As all Bible students should know, the Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy (**Rev 19:10**).

We are living in perilous times because we are the generation on whom the end of the age has come. And as unconscionable as it is to some, everything that is written in the Scriptures that Christ used, and all the examples thereof, are for us on whom the fulfillment (or end) of the age has come (**1Cor 10:11**). Jesus frequently spoke of the end of the age (**Matt 10:22, 13:39, 49, 24:3, 6, 13, 14**). And the reason for this is because this is when everything that is written will culminate to fulfillment – and they will be terrible days: **2Tim 3:1** "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days." The Apostle Paul also wrote this prediction: **1Tim 4:1** "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."<sup>2</sup> Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron." And how we're now seeing the fulfillment of this!

Lying deceivers abound today at all levels; both secular and religious. And all of them are motivated by greed and power. Those in political power are obsessed with placating the people with promises of peace and safety, while ignoring the dangers that are building all over the world. Preventing terror is now their number one goal. But the way to peace they do not know! **Rom 3:13-18** "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

The Apostle Paul was quoting from the Scriptures Christ used concerning not knowing the way of peace: **Isa 59:7-10** "Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are evil thoughts; ruin and destruction mark their ways. The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks in them will know peace. So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like men without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead."

Why don't the leaders of the Western nations understand the way to peace? God gives the reason: Justice is far from them! They know the reason why they've adopted the siege mentality of trying to prevent terrorist attacks. They know that the enemy is all of Islam and all of Satan's protégé nations of old – the murderous Gentiles! They know what justice cries out for, and it doesn't involve 'winning the hearts and minds' of God's enemies! When did God ever send in the 'Armies of the Living God' anciently with the instructions to win the hearts and minds of His enemies? The specific instruction to the House of Israel was to go in and fight and to wipe out the enemy, so that neither root nor branch of them would survive. At times, God even ordered the killing of all their animals. So perhaps the reader can begin to understand God's Way, and begin to understand how different it is today from the way of descendants of the House of Israel. The whole House of Israel is acting in a treasonous manner, and in so doing, they will never again know peace until they are utterly destroyed.

For the first time in 6,000 years Satan knows it. He now knows that the Day of Reckoning is near, and the mightiest nation on earth is about to fall. Satan senses that it's near. He's busy alerting his troops and emboldening them. And the bolder they become, the weaker the West becomes.

The solution was all so simple for preventing this from happening, but it was unacceptable to the mindless reasoning of those who don't know the way to peace. Wars should never be fought with the purpose of preventing collateral damage. Collateral damage is a part of war, and it's also a part of justice. Any nation that provokes a war should be prepared for the consequences of huge civilian losses. And because this impediment to the proper conduct of war exists in the West, the enemy has used it to advantage. In the Israeli-Lebanese war, the Lebanese bemoaned they had suffered so many civilian casualties. And who were these civilians? They were Hezbollah, and they were dressed in civilian clothes! They lived as civilians with their families but they were still terrorists. It was justice that their families also got whacked because they were using them as human shields to protect themselves. They got what they deserved!

Perhaps the reader is a little sensitive to this kind of talk. But believe me; you will see the horror of the mistakes the West has made – right before your eyes! Now you are blind to reality, but then you will see! But don't blame God! He has warned His people, the whole 12 Tribes of Israel, ***but they thought they knew best***. They thought they knew the way to peace, but they are not even in the ballpark.

Satan is rallying his troops, and these number 90% of all humanity, and his generals – the rulers of the heavenly realms – are busily preparing them. The Bible is very specific about which nations will provide the first line of attack. It's his ancient hordes of old – those who surround the Holy Land! And we all know who these are! It's Islam! So God was right again, and everyone else was wrong! And especially the false prophets in the Churches!

Naturally enough, God has provided a buffer force to combat these hordes – but for one purpose only. And that is to clear the Holy Land and prepare the Kingdom of God. We've all heard about the grandiose visions of the false prophets, and their ideas on how the Kingdom of God will be established, but they obviously don't understand the Scriptures. Jesus said it would begin ***like a tiny mustard seed*** and would grow to fill the entire earth. He also said that it would begin right among the Jews in the Holy Land. Didn't He also say that salvation is of the Jews? Now, if you are a Presbyterian then you wouldn't believe that, would you? These self-righteous SOB's hate the Jews and were recently divesting themselves of all stock in Jewish companies as their initial approach to the destruction of the Jews. Their strategy was to weaken Jewish stocks and shares to make it more difficult to support the State of Israel. They favour the Islamic hordes and feel duty-bound to destroy the Jews by any means possible. So in a reverse twist of fate, these Presbyterians will be targeted by the very people they supported, and they will receive the most profoundly brutal treatment imaginable. God plans to make an example of them for their wanton blindness and treachery. And the rulers of the heavenly realms will comply.

There are many other groups that will earn God's displeasure, and they can expect no mercy either. ***It really is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God!*** Right now, a millstone around their necks is their only option: **Matt 18:6** "But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, ***it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.***" You may not know it, but God is a God of vengeance: **Heb 10:30** "For we know Him who said, ***It is mine to avenge; I will repay,***" and again, "The Lord will judge his people."<sup>31</sup> ***It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*** It's no small thing that people don't fear the Almighty God and realize that He is serious about establishing righteousness forever – ***based on His Law and His Way of doing things.***

So the satanic forces are alive and well, but one thing is certain, their days are numbered as far as living in the Holy Land. But what sort of force would be needed to remove them? God has already begun to establish this force, and it's not what one might expect. Who would God call to this task? Well, it's not the Presbyterians obviously, and it's not those who spent years teaching lying prophecy and refuting Bible prophecy. No, none of these could be trusted.

**God needed people who had been taught by Him;** people who believed Him and listened to Him, and never departed from the Truth for any reason whatsoever. God's servants had to be of unimpeachable character and resolve. They had to be obedient to God's Law and faithful to God's Way or they could never be servants of God. In fact, all those who were taught by God and who understand the Scriptures are actually the sons of God:

**John 6:43** "*It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.'* Everyone who **listens to the Father and learns from Him** comes to me." How many Christians today listen to the Father and learn from Him? But to the point, where is this **written in the prophets?** **Isa 54:11** "**O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted,** I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. **All your sons will be taught by the LORD,** and great will be your children's peace. **In righteousness you will be established:** Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. **Terror** will be far removed; it will **not come near you. If anyone does attack you,** it will **not** be my doing; **whoever attacks you will surrender to you.**"

Obviously this is speaking about Jerusalem and her sons. Jerusalem is the afflicted city, lashed by storms **and not comforted**. But Jerusalem **is** about to be **comforted:** **Isa 40:1-5** "**Comfort, comfort my people,** says your God. **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,** and **proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed,** that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. **A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.** Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. **And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**" What a coincidence! These are the very verses where John the Baptist began his ministry. God has proclaimed comfort for her and that her hard service has been completed – very soon! And then after this, a voice says, '**Cry out**' (V6). The prophet asks, "**What should I cry out?**" He is told: **V6** "**All men are like grass,** and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. **The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.** The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the word of our God stands forever.** You who bring good tidings to Zion, **go up on a high mountain.** You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; **say to the TOWNS OF JUDAH, "Here is your God!"** Well, **we know that all men are grass,** but do you?

So who is it that prepares the way (or in this case the **highway**) for our God? And who secures the City of God and **speaks tenderly to Jerusalem?** And after all this preparation, **who lifts up their voices to the TOWNS OF JUDAH** to introduce their God: "**Here is your God!**"? Well, first time around it was John the Baptist, but now there is another in order to fulfill **Mal 3:1.**

So what is to be expected of the Sons of Jerusalem? The prophet Zechariah makes it very plain: **Zech 12:4-9** "On that day I will strike every **horse** with panic and its **rider** with madness," declares the LORD. "**I will keep a watchful eye over the House of Judah,** but I will **blind all the horses of the nations.**"<sup>5</sup> **Then** the **leaders of Judah** will say in their hearts, '**The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.**' "On that day I will make the **leaders of Judah** like **a firepot in a woodpile,** like **a flaming torch among sheaves.** They will **consume** right and left **all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.** 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.**"<sup>8</sup> **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.** <sup>9</sup> **On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.**" When Judah begins to slaughter the surrounding peoples just like the 'People of Jerusalem', God says their **HONOUR** will be equal to that of the Sons of Jerusalem. So understand what God is saying here! It will be an **HONOUR** to slaughter the Muslim hordes! So here's your chance to start believing God! At that time, all the House of Israel will consider it justice, but they will be powerless to execute this justice themselves. They are going to have to rely on salvation from the Jews and from the House of David.

**Everyone knows that this has not yet been fulfilled!** But soon it will. And when it does, you will know that **the Kingdom of God is near** – in fact, on the very ground in Jerusalem. The term, '**the Kingdom of God is near**' was first introduced by John the Baptist: **Matt 3:1** "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**" <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of **through the prophet Isaiah**: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Then Jesus took up the same mantra: **Matt 4:17** "From that time on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**"

Christians have traditionally considered the story of John the Baptist to be an interesting anecdote, but one which bears no resemblance to the '**salvation**' they expect. You may be surprised to know that the term 'salvation' was clarified at John's birth, and that 'salvation' was assigned to be carried out and executed by John the Baptist. Under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, John's father Zechariah (who was both a priest and a prophet) clarified its meaning. **Luke 1:67-79** "The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. <sup>66</sup> Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "**What then is this child (John the Baptist) going to be?**" **For the Lord's hand was with him. His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:** "Praise be to the Lord, **the God of Israel**, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up **a horn of salvation** for us in the **House of his servant David** (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), **salvation from our enemies** and **from the hand of all who hate us** – to show mercy to our fathers and to **remember His Holy Covenant**, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: **to rescue us from the hand of our enemies**, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And **you, my child**, will be called **a prophet of the Most High**; for you will go on before the Lord **to prepare the way for Him**, to give his people the **knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins**, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which **The Rising Sun** will come to us **from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.**"

'**Guide our feet in the path of peace**' – this is what we were speaking of earlier. If you don't know that **all men are grass** and fit only to be burned up **like a flaming torch among sheaves**, then you don't know **the way to peace**. You'll notice that Zechariah under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit detailed what his son would be. John was everything his father said he would be, but like Jesus, his life was cut short and he never fulfilled all that was written and spoken of him. But that Spirit lives in yet another priest and prophet who is appointed to prepare the way for the Mighty Christ (**Mal 3:1**), but also to fulfill all that was prophesied of John. And that priest and prophet is called **Prophet Levi** (or in Hebrew **Nevi Levi**) in **Mal 2:4-8**. And he was named and taught by God – though he didn't know it as he bumped along through most of his life. But God molded and shaped him to be what He wanted him to be. Then at the appointed time, he was given a double-portion of God's Holy Spirit so that he could understand the Scriptures. It was miraculous, and the Scriptures became crystal clear as to their meaning and purpose.

The ministry of John the Baptist was very similar. Both were commissioned to provide the Knowledge of Salvation – which means '**to rescue us from the hand of our enemies**'. And further, to provide this salvation or rescue '**through the forgiveness of their sins**'.

Only those who are truly repentant of their shabby ways of treating God like a fool will enter the Kingdom of God – but they will have to be **rescued first**. Rescued? From what? Well, soon you will see. By then, you will truly understand the meaning of God's enemies – or you will be dead by their hand.

And just one other thing to combat the fuzzy logic of so many holier-than-thou Christians who think '**The Rising Sun**' represents paganism, noticed what is written in the Messenger's Book: **Mal 4:1-4** "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be **stubble**, and that day that is coming will **set them on fire**," says the LORD Almighty. "**Not a root or a branch will be left to them**."<sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name, **the Sun of Righteousness will rise** with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall."<sup>3</sup> **Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet** on the day when I do these things," says the LORD Almighty." Surely '**the sun represents paganism**' freaks know that the Christ is to replace the **Lightbringer** – Satan the devil – and take over all the kingdoms of the world, which were formerly Satan's kingdoms? Why didn't they understand what Peter said concerning the new Dawn – the emerging light from the sun? **2Pet 1:19-21** "And we have **the word of the prophets made more certain**, and you will do well to **pay attention to it**, as to **a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts**."<sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.<sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**." We won't even go into what is written about those who conjure up their own prophecies! But read it for yourself.

So the New Dawn is very significant, and consider the following few Scriptures as a mini study that should require no explanations: **Isa 58:8** "**Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear**; then your righteousness will go before you, **and the Glory of the LORD will be your rear guard**."

**Isa 8:20** "**To The Law and to the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn**."

**Isa 60:3** "Nations will come **to your light**, and kings **to the brightness of your dawn**."

**Isa 62:1** "For **Zion's sake** I will not keep silent, **for Jerusalem's sake** I will not remain quiet, **till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, HER SALVATION LIKE A BLAZING TORCH**."

**Matt 4:16** "**The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned**."

I hope you grasped that anyone who doesn't live by **The Law and the Testimony** have **no light of dawn!**

Going back now to the subject of **being rescued from the hands of the enemy**, the ministry of Jerusalem, that is, her sons who are also called Zion Ministry, are the advance guard of the '**Armies of the Living God**'. Whereas once the 12 Tribes of Israel were called the '**Armies of the Living God**' in antiquity, by God's servant David, now they have been fired as incompetent because they've failed to nail God's enemies with **overwhelming and disproportionate force**. In other words, they've become weaklings and are **unworthy** of the title of '**Armies of the Living God**'. They don't consider it an **HONOUR** to slaughter God's enemies who surround the Holy Land! Now they are in a quagmire and in the midst of a civil war in Iraq – and all because they wanted to bring peace to God's enemies as well as their own enemies, but they were too silly to recognize it!

Interestingly enough, the Israelis have just been accused of using **disproportionate force** in the Israeli-Lebanese war. The UN, the French, Italians, Russia, Syria and Iran leveled this charge against them. Hardly unexpected! But of course, it was **not disproportionate force!** It's just that none of these has yet seen **disproportionate force**, but they will see it, and when they do, they'll know what it means!

As for Jerusalem, **all her sons will be taught by God**. These are called **The Sons of Jerusalem**. As God has said, if anyone were to dare attack, **then they would quickly surrender (Isa 54:13-15)**. But why would they surrender? Because they will meet such **overwhelming** and **disproportionate force** that it would be suicide to continue. They will literally be facing the mighty power of God – and the **armies of the Living God**. **And the attackers will be enslaved**. If they work hard and break their backs rebuilding the Holy Land, then they may one day be freed under God's terms of the Law and returned to their originating country. For the faint-hearted, there will be many slaves in the territory of the Kingdom of God. And perhaps you should ponder why God has decreed this. But we won't go into it now. Just remember during your ponderings that these slaves will be the lucky ones, because they will survive. Those who don't surrender will be killed.

So much of what one reads of Christian religious articles is pure propaganda. It's hard to believe that preachers and ministers of religion, who profess to be Bible savvy, could write so much nonsense. Yet it's even harder to believe that people would believe it – don't they read their Bibles? It's now 1980 years since Jesus built His Church, and it only took about 100 years after that most significant event before errors began to creep into the teachings of the scattered Churches. Today the doctrine of mainstream Christianity is pure dribble and meaningless nonsense that ignores the weighty issues of Bible teachings. Sure they realize that Jesus was crucified and raised from the death through a selfless act of **obedience** to God, and they even realize that this was done for a noble purpose. But Christianity deludes itself in understanding what that noble purpose was. They all realize the stark realism of the prophecies of the Book of Revelation which cannot be reconciled to the pathetic doctrine taught by them. The whole Book of Revelation is addressed to the Christian Church, in fact seven of them in particular. These are seven Churches that will come to prominence in the final days – and in a specific place.

So why do mainstream churches ignore Bible prophecy? The main reason is that they don't understand it, and there are very good reasons for this. They don't believe God's Word! Their Bible prophecy is what they invent themselves and which cannot be proven from the Bible.

Jesus was as innocent as a lamb going to the slaughter. He had done nothing to warrant the extreme accusations against Him by **the rulers of the heavenly realm** (spoken of by Paul in **Eph 6:10-12**). But these spirit rulers knew who He was and were determined to kill Him. Satan and his rulers hate the very concept of Christianity, and they hate the very One who inspired it.

Today, Christianity has no idea what God means when He speaks of **His enemies (ICor 15:24-25)**. And you'll note that this is the very purpose of the Mighty Christ – to make His enemies **ashes under His feet**. The reason the Christ came was **to destroy the devil's work (1John 3:8)**. And only those people, who are truly His people, share His view. To those who are Bible savvy, it shouldn't take long to work out which people are trying to overrun the Holy Land and to eradicate **Judah – the keepers of the Book – those entrusted with the very words of God (Rom 3:1-2)**. And although Christianity is oblivious to it, they must share in the sufferings of Christ if they are to become God's children: **Rom 8:17** "Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, **if indeed we share in His sufferings** in order that we may share in His glory."

How many Christians today would be willing to go **as sheep to the slaughter – just as Jesus did?** Would they be prepared to go to their deaths as martyrs? Probably 99% of

Christians would not! **And martyrdom is what these Scriptures mean! Rom 8:35** "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall **trouble** or **hardship** or **persecution** or **famine** or **nakedness** or **danger** or **sword**? <sup>36</sup> **As it is written:** "For your sake **we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."** **As it is written,** God makes this very clear: **Ps 116:15** "**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**" A saint, of course, is someone who has God's Holy Spirit, and without God's Holy Spirit you are not His! Neither children nor heirs! What is more, God gives His Holy Spirit **only** to those who **obey** Him! (**Acts 5:32**). It's very precious to God that His saints are prepared to die as true martyrs; that is, they are prepared to be killed by God's enemies in order to honour of God – **just as Jesus did!**

We hear so much about 'martyrs' today. Among God's **enemies**, a 'martyr' is anyone who kills Christians and Jews. And the very antithesis of a 'martyr' is someone who supports these satanic killers. These murderous swine believe that **their god** requires them to kill God's people Israel. In this they are right. As **children of the devil**, they **are** required to kill Christians and Jews, and the Apostle John made it clear who the **children of the devil** are (**1John 3:10**). Why is it so difficult for Christians to identify the **children of the devil**. The Apostle John had no difficulty! But of course, most Christians today are too sanctimonious to accept **what is written**. In fact, if the price of being God's children is martyrdom, then they want none of it! They want to believe that Jesus did it all for them, and from here on out, they expect all the rewards for mere lip-service. They don't want God controlling their lives, and they certainly **don't want to obey Him**. As far as they are concerned, the Jews can obey God if they want, but they themselves will live by 'grace' – whatever that's supposed to mean. They're supposed to live by **faith – faith in God** – and **believe** Him!

So what's the difference between prophecy and propaganda as far as Christianity is concerned? True prophecy details the final outcome of Satan's mad rage against the people of God – the only people God ever chose of all the human families of the earth (**Amos 3:1-2**). And although only the Tribe of Judah (the Jews) **obey** God today, the other Tribes of Israel are still God's nations. But for their disobedience, the day of reckoning is coming; in fact, it's here. Most people realize today that the West is locked in a global battle **against the forces of evil**. Collectively, they are expending hundreds of billions of dollars to counteract this Islamic scourge. And even today, they can't accept that this scourge is **all** of Islam (mustn't accuse 'good' Muslims – they believe!) So which are the good Muslims in their view? The men, women and children who danced in the streets and handed out cakes and sweets to celebrate 9/11? Or the ones who attend mosques regularly where they are indoctrinated by hatred for Jews and Christians – infidels, as they call them, and carry placards which read 'death to Americans and Israelis'?

How naïve the West becomes when they succumb to Islamic propaganda! Identify one instance where any Muslim leader of any Moslem nation has defended Israel's right to exist. Or identify any Moslem nation that expressed any outrage for 9/11 or even 7/7 in Britain? The only sounds heard on the streets of Islam was rejoicing. Don't believe it? How many Muslims hit the streets in America to protest the outrage of 9/11? Instead they hit the airwaves defending it. Of course there was plenty of the 'bait and switch' routine where Islamic spokesmen condemned it as a terrorist act....but...! And the 'but' is that the West has been unaccommodating to Islam and they need to do more. The West, they insist, should do something about Israel, which is at the forefront of Islamic concerns. Furthermore, they insisted that Islam be honoured in America, and they even demanded that Islam be described as a peaceful religion and not be judged in any way for whatever happens. Dutifully the West complied. There were sickening statements made in support of Islam by Western leaders that were pure propaganda. And then 'political correctness' took over, and Islam became honourable – and even respectable, while at the same time, Christianity came under condemnation for their beliefs. Across America, any reference to the Christian religion was removed from all public places. Oddly enough, the thrust of this satanic campaign was to remove symbols of the Ten Commandments from court buildings and public places. And it's odd that this symbol was chosen, because the Ten Commandments are the very Law that

Christianity refuses to obey – especially the Fourth Commandment, which identifies God’s people. **Eze 20:10** "Therefore I led them out of Egypt and brought them into the desert. <sup>11</sup> I gave them my decrees and made known to them my Laws, **for the man who obeys them will live by them.** <sup>12</sup> **Also I gave them my Sabbaths as a sign between us,** so they would know that I the LORD **made them holy.**"

It seems reasonable to believe that what God made holy, and which is a sign to His people Israel, would be honoured today for what God made it – a **Holy Day**, but no! Any other day can be holy, including Friday or Sunday, but **not** the **Seventh!**

It’s obvious that the origins of this mad campaign were satanic when one considers the many other pagan symbols that could have been removed. The removal of Buddha’s and other pagan idols might have been a good start in a Christian nation, but no! This satanic targeting only applies to Christians and Jews. Any religion, regardless of how pagan it might be, has a right to practice without restriction in America – but not Christianity! Christianity must be censured at all times.

Once a nation adopts the siege mentality, then they have already lost the war. It’s commonly stated today that the security agencies must prevent dozens of attempted terrorist attacks to succeed, but the terrorists only have to succeed once.

The predictions of Bible prophecy couldn’t be clearer today, because we are seeing it unfold right before our eyes. The fault is not with God’s Word, but the slovenly way that people have treated it, and the ongoing delusion that masquerades as doctrine and prophecy. The Churches of God taught a brand of prophecy that was not only shallow and elementary, it was also foolishly conceived and fraught with faulty interpretations. Most of it was not even based on the Bible, but based on recent history and a gymnastic imagination. It’s the remnant of the Church of God that has a major role to play in the fulfilment of Bible Prophecy, which is made very clear in the Book of Revelation and which is addressed specifically to the Churches – seven in all. We might have been left to wonder which Churches this is referring to. The prophet Zechariah was told to act out a parable about a man who would be **called by God** to be **a shepherd over His flock**. And this man was destined to appear at the time of the end. This parable was very specific about identifying this man. He was to be **blind in his right eye** and his name had to be **arm-strong** to fulfil the prediction. The account is found in **Zech 11:15-17**. Just as God predicted, this man arose to become a shepherd; at first a **foolish** one, and later a **worthless** one. But as so many have said, **the legacy of his ministry was that he taught and established the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath rest, and the Holy Days of God, and got the Church of God off to a good start**. Some few have maintained these teachings of obedience to God and continue to do so today. But where Herbert Armstrong became a **worthless shepherd** was when he ventured to **interpret** the Scriptures to support his many – what turned out to be – **failed prophecies**.

Then a great falling away occurred and people left in droves – never to return. Some few chose to continue their obedience to God in their own personal lives without the structure of a regulating organization of the many offshoots of the Worldwide Church of God. These people were wise enough to know that the fault was **not** with God – **but with men**. Certain concepts taught by Jesus came into focus, and one of these was the warning **not** to adopt the ways of the Gentiles. The account is found in **Matt 20:24-28** "When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, **"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.** <sup>26</sup> **Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,** <sup>27</sup> **and whoever wants to be first must be your slave** – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." But Herbert Armstrong wanted to be like the Gentiles and lord it over everyone, and he demanded honour and respect out of all proportion to normal standards. All of which defied Jesus’ very specific instructions! Gentile Christianity

milks this for all its worth, but Jesus said, '**Not so with you**'. And of course, 'ordained' ministers in the Church pulled the same stunt in defiance of Jesus' instructions. Those who were 'ordained' were usually those who hungered for the approbation of men, and these naturally gravitated to dictatorial behaviour – just like Gentiles!

If Jesus words were not enough, then Jude was even more scathing in what he wrote: **Jude 1:12** "These **men** are blemishes at your love **Feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm – shepherds who feed only themselves**. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted – **twice dead**.<sup>13</sup> They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, **for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever**." In view of this, one might have expected that these 'ordained' ones might have been more circumspect over Jesus' instructions concerning the ways of the Gentiles and made some effort to curb their avarice. Instead, they been proclaimed '**twice dead**' and '**for whom the blackest darkness has been reserved forever**', but they certainly had no **qualms** about their conduct. Yes, they may have been considered **shepherds**, but they were **worthless ones**! There may have been some who repented and turned from their wicked ways, but this is not evident in the majority of them. Their craving for recognition still dominates their every thought and action. And all because they succumbed to the teachings of the **worthless** shepherd – Herbert Armstrong.

I know that some will object and go on believing that **their** ministers were different. Their Mr. Such-and-such was not like that at all. But was he like Mr. Jesus? Or was only your minister deserving of a formal title, but Jesus isn't? At times there was a question of 'Why am I calling this young guy 'Mister' when he's supposed to be **my brother** in the Lord? Have we all gone mad?' The formal title was used so that no-one would fail to recognize their authority or their right to lord it over others. Today, the Churches of God and their various offshoots are merely shells of what they should be.

And just to put into perspective what Jude was saying, **he was warning of the last days**: **Jude 1:17** "But, dear friends, remember what the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.<sup>18</sup> They said to you, "**In the last times** there will be **scoffers** who will follow their own ungodly desires."<sup>19</sup> **These are the men who divide you**, who follow mere natural instincts **and do not have the Spirit**.<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.<sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.<sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt;<sup>23</sup> **snatch others from the fire and save them**; to others show **mercy**, mixed with **fear** – **hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh**." '**These are men who divide you** – and they have certainly succeeded in doing this in the Churches of God. They weren't interested in the welfare of the congregation but only their respective organizations.

The political correctness towards Muslims has emboldened them. Not only do they see it as insipid weakness, they use it to maximum advantage. Yet if everyone realized that **all terrorists are Muslims**, and acted appropriately against them at all levels, they would soon start to realize that they are fooling no-one except those who have gone mad from the implementation of political correctness.

People all over the world know that it's **the Islamic religion** that is driving the terror phenomena, but outside of the Tribes of Israel, those nations sympathize to some degree with the terrorists as long as they direct their venom against America and little Israel. Those at the forefront of political correctness lunacy are the Americans! And the monitoring and implementation of political correctness is the brain-child of the Democrat left-wing loonies, who go out of their way to protect and abate the guilt of Islam. The only people who can be persecuted without restriction are white Americans – and especially those who are Christians and Jews. Racial epithets can be directed only at white Americans, and only white Americans are required to act responsibly; blacks and Hispanics and all Muslims are exempt from any restrictions to accuse and abuse. The point is that all those with a lively conscience are aware that something is wrong with the affirmative action on behalf of Islam, blacks and Hispanics.

And what motivates all of this? It could be cowardice in the face of the enemy – and the enemy to any rational observer, *is Islam*. While there are certainly elements of this among professional appeasers like the Democrats, the depth of this overt appeasement of Islam is something greater than cowardice.

The term 'diplomacy' has become the laughing stock of the Islamic world. When did they ever yield to diplomacy. They consider it hilarious that the cowardly West would be offering inducements to get them to stop killing Western civilians. Who invented the rule that Cubans must be allowed to stay in America if they can get their feet onto American soil even though they arrive illegally? All it does is to give them a legal option for arriving illegally! And why Cubans? What is it about Cubans that makes them any different from anyone else? It wasn't too many decades ago that the Cubans were hosting Soviet nuclear weapons for the destruction of the U.S. Even today, the Cubans have a love affair going with other despots in the region, as well as the present global despot – Ahmadinejad of Iran. Hasn't America got enough enemies within their shores without inviting more – either legally or illegally? It's time to shut the door on all of them.

Almighty God is a very practical – largely because He created all life and knows how they will react in different circumstances. There is hope for the future for all the House of Israel and all those who desire to live by the Laws of God regardless of their ethnicity. Yet God is not prepared to accept rejects who first rejected Him. There is no surer way for former Christians to find eternal death than to turn away from God and repudiate Him. Oddly enough, this also applies to those who reject God's servants, but we won't go into that now. Naturally enough, God's servants who serve Him in the end of this age, which is now in progress, are prophets, and they have the ability to understand the Scriptures. Some not perfectly, but they are growing in grace and knowledge. Some of these were once in the Worldwide Church of God, while others were able to recognize God's Truth from what we teach. In many ways, the latter have the advantage of not having to unlearn some of the nonsense they were formerly taught. For example, God's message to the Seven Churches speaks of the future role they will play in establishing God's Kingdom and expanding the borders: **Rev 2:26-29** "To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, **I will give authority over the nations – he will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery** – just as I have **received from my Father**.<sup>8</sup> I will also give him the Morning Star.<sup>29</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." This is a decree from the Father, but the Churches must **overcome to the end** if they are to be given this authority.

There is a lot of overcoming to do. We previously quoted **Zech 9:10** about taking away Ephraim's power and replacing this power with God's power in the hands of His servants: Here is the whole passage: **Zech 9:10-17** "**I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken.** He will proclaim peace to the nations. **His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**<sup>11</sup> As for you, **because of the Blood of my Covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.**<sup>12</sup> **Return** to your fortress, **O prisoners of hope**; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.<sup>13</sup> **I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword.**<sup>14</sup> **Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning.** The Sovereign LORD will **sound the trumpet; He will march in the storms of the south,**<sup>15</sup> and the LORD Almighty will **shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones.** They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar.<sup>16</sup> **The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people.** They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.<sup>17</sup> How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women."

**The sons of Zion** [Jerusalem] will be like **a warrior's sword**, and they will attack the **King of Greece**. This actually gives us the time setting for this battle. The **King of Greece** arrives on the scene following his conquest of the Persian Empire. He pounds ten Islamic nations into

submission and then sets his goals on the conquest of the Holy Land. The whole scenario is far more complicated than this, but suffice it to say that the '**Warrior's Sword**' – the **Sons of Zion** – will violently oppose him. The whole explanation is better given in a separate article, because all this happens over a number of years, and the description carries a lot of detail.

But one point must be made. **The Blood of the Covenant** was made with the House of Israel and is set in stone awaiting fulfillment. But there is another Covenant made with blood that applies to the Church of God. And this was made by Jesus with His disciples on the Passover Day of His death – in remembrance of Him. The reader should remember what the Passover was originally all about. By means of the blood of a lamb put on the lintel of their doors, the Israelites protected their lives from the avenging death angel. An entire book could be written about this concerning both the history of it and its purpose in prophecy. So before anyone waxes lyrical about the '**Lord's supper**', be assured that this term is insulting to the true meaning of Christ's **Passover**.

There is a precedent set by God to assign different missions to different people. He speaks of a noble purpose and a common purpose. The term '**common**' is used in the sense that they are the majority and are more numerous than those of the **noble** purpose. This has been explained quite adequately by Paul in **Rom 9:16-21**. But it's worth noting that this disparity exists in order for God to complete His plan – the means by which He will establish the Kingdom of God.

The term 'propaganda' is an interesting concept, and one that is used extensively to win others to one's way against contrary logic. It's been used extensively down through the ages by those who have sought power over the people. Traditionally, it has been used by despots to win the favour of others for their ambitions of conquest and rule. For five thousand years of mankind's existence, conquest has been the way to further the ambitions of despots, and all of them had to convince their subjects of the urgency to go to war and expand their borders through the conquest of the vulnerable. At the time it all seemed so logical and respectable to be constantly making war, and especially to rulers who received the instant self-gratification of expanded wealth and power.

Propaganda became a well-proven concept through the media of repetition. When propaganda is expressed often enough to the people, people soon start to believe it – especially when there are incentives to believe, or penalties for not believing. Propaganda just happens to be the favourite tool of Satan the devil, and he is the grand master of it. Teaching however, is not propaganda. Education is based on proven principles and knowledge (or it's supposed to be!). Education has also been used to some extent to sway the masses in a way that creates subservience. Kings and rulers frequently withheld education from the masses, and permitted it only to the upper class. This ensured that the masses would always be dependent on the ruling class.

Today, the West believes that if everyone were to be educated then there would be no despots because education is supposed to illuminate the people and make them invulnerable to propaganda. To some extent, all that happens is that propaganda takes a different form. Rulers today realize that the people need to continue to bleed in order that their influence continues to be needed and respected.

The methodology is a little different today in the Western world where a two-party political system exists made up of the incumbents and the opposition. The opposition is usually engaged in constant accusations of impropriety or some other fabricated criticism or charges of illegality, and this is all done to weaken the ruling party. It's considered to be just politics in action. But it does reflect the power-hungry characteristics of ruthless and wanton men and women who love to bathe in the limelight of public approbation. If you know anything about the conduct of President George Washington, then you will know that he was **not** this

way. Washington seems to be the man chosen by God Himself to lead the fledgling American people. This man set the bar so high that future generations have never produced another like him. But he set the standards of propriety, standards that while never fully implemented by others could not be ignored by the law-makers that would follow in the ensuing generations.

There are differences today from the noble and just standards of propriety set by the founding fathers, and particularly George Washington. The type of unassailable character exhibited by this man is not truly evident by this present generation of law-makers because the desire for power has obscured their core duty – to govern on behalf of the people. And what changes we've seen in America to the men and women that aspire to public office and their determination to get what they want. If there are no grievances by the people concerning the system, then they invent them, and even encourage public demonstrations so they can champion their cause. Public demonstrations, they insist, are an example to the world that democracy is working and is desirable in a free world. And this is one of the reasons that democracy is a failure as a political system. Why? Because the rest of the world of despots don't permit demonstrations against them! They do, however, encourage demonstrations against the democratic Western nations, and this is rightly termed propaganda, and it's conducted on a massive scale today.

Oddly enough, the West sees these foreign demonstrations as a sign of emerging democracy among the heathen – and never seem to understand the difference. In their own nations, Western leaders wouldn't permit, for instance, demonstrations against **Islam – the propagators of terrorism all over the world**. And anyone who attempted a street demonstration against **Islam** would be termed '**racist**' and a '**white supremacist**' and police batons and attack dogs would soon end the demonstration. Of course if the demonstration is conducted by **black** supremacists, it's considered perfectly respectable. And even though the ruling class insists that this is democracy in action, it is in fact, propaganda. Americans have seen the one-million march to the White House by militant blacks and they've seen the racial hatred spewing from the mouths of the leaders of the mob. To the propaganda-prone this is merely democracy in action. If it is, then democracy is most undesirable, and this is the way it's seen by the despots of the world. Despots don't want demonstrations against them and often they are ended with force. Demonstrations against the West, and particularly against Christians and Jews, is tolerated and even encouraged. And when the West sees this type of thing, with the burning of flags and the mindless ranting against them, they allude to the myth that it's democracy in action – the right of the people to demonstrate. Officially, they see it as perfectly acceptable and a free expression of the people. They can't seem to understand that it's officially promoted propaganda designed to generate hatred for the West. And when these heathen nations do these things, the West can hardly object since they are the instigators of lawless demonstrations – which they believe is the right of the people. In a different age it would have brought a furious response – wars have been fought for far less!

The king of Jordan said recently, that '**democracy means different things to different people**'. He certainly got that right! It's true even in democratic societies. Democracy is a far-cry from Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity – the motto of the French during the Napoleonic days. The sissy and cowardly Belgae (Belgiums today) succeeded in changing that view, and desecrated the manhood of the French. And their legacy has survived to flourish throughout the West. Typical cake-eating lunatics with no backbone, they've managed to impoverish the resolve of the West to take a manly stand against tyranny. You may imagine that this refers only to their cowardly stance against Hitler, but it goes further back than this! But that's another story.

Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity are principles espoused by the principles of democracy, however, democracy falls way-short of such virtues in the hands of those deluded by propaganda. Consistency of judgment is nowhere to be seen! **True righteousness means different things to different people** and it depends of which side of the divide one

happens to be standing. In America, this great divide is between Democrats and Republicans. The GOP (Grand Old Party – the Republicans) was based on secure and righteous principles through the righteous idealism of the founding fathers, who flanged together an unassailable Constitution that was truly unique in the world. It's true that the Magna Carta was a very good document, but nothing compares with the US constitution. It has held up as an example to the whole world, some to demean, others to admire. But no-one could deny the prosperity it has delivered because it was based on righteous principles!

Democracy has had limited success in the Western Democracies, but it's now clear that it doesn't work in places like Iraq, or anywhere that Islam exists. It's merely a pipe-dream to imagine otherwise, and the inclusion of '**respect for Shariah law**' in heathen constitutions is a sure sign that it can never work in Muslim nations. Has it worked in Iraq or Afghanistan? It hasn't even worked in 'West-friendly' Egypt. The 'Muslim Brotherhood' is fast gaining power and is now threatening the Mubarek government who only won the election by stealth, deception and intimidation. But the mental-gymnasts of Washington believe it was a victory for democracy. Though they now realize that it's only a time-clock victory that is ticking away to oblivion and Mubarek himself has confirmed this. It merely gained him time, but the outcome is inevitable. Added to this is the fact that the southern Islamic block of nations – Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Yemen and the Emirates – find themselves very vulnerable to the emerging behemoth in the northern bloc of nations – Iran, Iraq, Syrian and Lebanon. These are battle hardened nations and they are bent on conquest!

Propaganda began in the Garden of Eden, and we all know who the author of this is. Down through the ages Satan has used it to good effect. Power-hungry maniacs have used it to gain ascendancy over others and to dominate. And again, there is a big difference between ambition and domination. Ambitious people are movers who get things done by motivation. Despots are those who dominate and impart fear to gain respect. Once in power they set out to destroy all others who might aspire to their position. There are plenty of examples of this in history.

But it's the subtle propaganda that creeps in unawares that deludes the most people. It always seems right at the time. But it's written, **Pro 14:12** "There is a **way** that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." That **way** is a reference to any way that conflicts with God's instructions. God gave us life – and you had better believe it! He gave us one shot at life, and what we do now depends on what happens to us later. The end result is death for all those who refused to follow His Way. And we'll deal with this more conclusively before the end of this Q&A.

Propaganda has existed from the very time of the Garden of Eden, but it reached its culmination, its zenith, at the beginning of the sixth millennium in 1,000 AD. For the 350 years prior to this, Satan had his advance guard out there securing the Middle East. One of his most famous despots had arrived on the scene to brutalize and to conquer all those in the Middle East. He had a special and notable characteristic: he never hesitated **to kill his own people**. **Isa 14:20** "...you will not join them in burial, for you have **destroyed your land and killed your people**." It's true that this is a reference to Satan the devil and his final demise, but you'll notice this verse continues: "The **offspring of the wicked [one] will never be mentioned again**." The 'offspring' of Satan are his satanic hordes, and it's perfectly obvious today who these are. These are also the followers of Mohammed, the despot chosen by Satan in preparation for the final battle of good against evil – and that's not far off. The legacy of Mohammed is alive and well. At the beginning of the sixth millennium, the western nations decided that Islamic insurgency had become rampant, and enough was enough. They mounted a crusade that was organized and financed by the Knights Templar. The sole objective of the Crusades was to slaughter Muslims and clear the Holy Land. What vision these men had!

When you put a few items of Scripture together – and **understand** them, you will understand the stark reality of what the world is now facing. There will be a time when the

saints will be defeated and severely decimated. **Dan 7:21-22** "As I watched, this horn was waging war **against the saints** and **defeating them**,<sup>22</sup> until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, **and the time came when they possessed the Kingdom.**" We are all aware that mainstream Christianity teaches something entirely contrary to this as a weapon from their propaganda arsenal, but God speaks the Truth! These liars are in fact murderers because they've left their flocks unprepared for what lies ahead. In fact, all liars are deceivers who care nothing for others, but only themselves. Truth doesn't shine above their own personal desires, and their only objective is for self-glorification. By their fruits you will know them! Surely their fruits are evident today! It's their life, but the blood of their parishioners is on their heads. As the Apostle James once said, they will be judged more strictly (**James 3:1**), and in fact, they will be judged severely in the holocaust they will face. It's a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the Almighty God and suffer the just retribution for their conduct. It's hard to believe that people would believe a doctrine that makes the Almighty God look petty and stupid. Contrary to popular belief, God doesn't love His enemies. God's love is reserved **only** for His people Israel, and He plans to wipe out the **majority of all others**, and as He says, they will be ashes under the feet of the righteous (**Mal 4:1-3**).

Was killing millions of people in the Great Flood an act of love? Or is it an act of retribution for their ungodly conduct? God doesn't love evil, and neither does He love wicked evildoers who love Satan's ways. How could anyone suggest anything to the contrary? How long would any society last if everyone was a liar or a thief or a murderer? To be perfectly honest, I **hate** all three and so does God! Perhaps liars are the most cunning and subtle of them all, and many of them practice their craft on a daily basis. God is a God of Truth and justice – Satan has been a liar and a murderer from the beginning.

Andrea Yates killed her own children by drowning them in a bathtub, even though they pleaded for their lives. Was this an act of love – or was it demon influence? It was the latter, but this doesn't justify her actions. She is a murderer and a monster and she should be put to death according to God's Law. Instead, she's been found not guilty on appeal by reason of insanity. This is certainly not a deterrent to others, but the value of deterrence is no longer considered in the justice system. It does, however, rank very high in God's way of doing things. The propaganda of left-wing loonies has won another victory in the eroding of society by removing this deterrent factor.

Religious Christian ministers crossed the line when they convinced their parishioners that **their reward is in heaven** when they die, when it plainly is **not**, but rather it's the **Kingdom of God on earth** – but this is **only for the saints**. The saints are those who have God's Holy Spirit, and God gives His Spirit only to those who obey Him. **Acts 5:32** "We are witnesses of these things, and so is **the Holy Spirit**, whom **God has given to those who obey him.**" Those who **don't obey God's Laws don't have God's Holy Spirit**, and I don't care how highly they rate themselves as Christians.

It's true that many of the survivors of the House of Israel will arrive in the Kingdom of God as pitiful refugees who know nothing of God's Laws – **just as it was when the Tribes of Israel left Egypt**, but at that time they will be amenable to God's Truth and His Law and they will be deeply repentant for their sins. **God will pour out His Holy Spirit on them all.** **Eze 39:25-29** "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: **I will now bring Jacob back from captivity** and will have compassion **on all the people of Israel**, and I will be zealous for my Holy Name.<sup>26</sup> **They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid.**<sup>27</sup> When I have brought them back from the nations **and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies**, I will show myself holy through them **in the sight of many nations.**<sup>28</sup> **Then they will know that I am the LORD their God**, for **though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind.**<sup>29</sup> I will no longer hide my face from

them, **for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel**, declares the Sovereign LORD."

**Joel 2:28-29** "And afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit on all [my] people**. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> **Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.**"

We are witnessing the emergence of a different world – a world no longer based on justice and freedom. The Bible foretold it all as the final conclusion of the ages. This is the time of the battles between good and evil; a time when all propriety will be discarded and replaced with the satanic mindset of Satan's hordes. Satan has been preparing his hordes for the past thousand years for this very time. This will be a time when a quarter of the world's population will be wiped out and cease to exist – a time when the Bible says there **will be few men left!** **Isa 24:6** "Therefore a curse consumes the earth; **its people must bear their guilt**. Therefore earth's **inhabitants** are burned up, **and very few are left.**" If you think life is tough now, believe me, you've seen nothing yet! The earth's inhabitants must now bear their guilt. And that guilt involves opposition to their Creator God! And it all started with foolish propaganda. In one way or the other, the whole world is involved; hence the global proportions of this prophecy. The average person may believe themselves to be immune to propaganda, but the truth is that Satan has been deceiving the whole world and alienating them from any knowledge of God. There is to be a famine of God's Word at the most crucial time in history: **Amos 8:11-12** "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land – **not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.**"

It may be convenient for some to assume that this is speaking of some former time. But in **V7** God says this: **Amos 8:7** "The LORD has sworn by the **Pride** of Jacob: **"I will never forget anything they have done.**" So what is this **Pride** emphasized with a capital 'P' in this verse? If it were referring to the human condition of pride, God would not have emphasized it with this capital letter. No, it's a reference to something else, and it's also mentioned in the Bible. Another clue is found in the use of the name '**Samaria**' in **V14**, where it refers to the '**shame of Samaria**', the northern region of the Holy Land which was wrested from the rule of Judah and Jerusalem. It was the Tribe of Ephraim that led this rebellion against God's Holy City Jerusalem and of course from God Himself. It was Jeroboam an Ephraimite that engineered this rebellion against God and repudiated God's Holy City. They did this because they hated Solomon's son King Rehoboam, and refused to be ruled by him. It all seemed so right at the time, humanly speaking. If they had to tolerate Rehoboam, they reasoned, then they would abandon both God and His City and plot their own destiny and take their chances. Even though God warned them that He would **never forget anything they had done**, He allowed them 200 years of grace before He sent them into a calamitous war and finally exile as slaves to the Assyrians.

It was all on Ephraim's head for their rebellious reasoning and their treasonous conduct. Much later, in fact 2,500 years later, they pulled the same stunt and rejected yet another king from ruling over them – King George III. God knew it would happen from prior experience with Ephraim. This too happened just over 200 years ago. But what has all this to do with the '**Pride**' that God mentions in **Amos 8:7**? Well this '**Pride**' just happens to be **a city**, the Capital city and the place of government in the U.S. And God refers to it as the **Pride of Ephraim's** drunkards: **Isa 28:1-2** "Woe to that wreath, the **PRIDE** of Ephraim's drunkards, to the fading flower, his glorious beauty, **set on the head of a fertile valley** – to **THAT CITY**, the **PRIDE** of those **laid low by wine!** See, the Lord has one who is powerful and strong. Like a hailstorm and a destructive wind, like a driving rain and a flooding downpour, he will throw it forcefully to the ground. That wreath, **the pride of Ephraim's drunkards**, will be trampled underfoot." The Pride of Ephraim's drunkards is **THAT CITY** and that City is

Washington DC where all the decisions of government are made. God is not happy with their conduct today!

But it's not just Ephraim that has drunk this wine and gone mad; so has the whole world. God has made Ephraim the greatest nation on earth and the controller of all other nations. When Ephraim speaks the nations tremble. No-one wants to risk an all-out war with them because of their military might. When used effectively this military might could reduce any nation to dust, so the heathen nations must first weaken the American resolve if they are ever to prevail. They're almost there. Even now America doesn't know how a war should be waged against God's enemies. They seem to think the root and branch of nations should be left to breed up again. It's not what God says in **Mal 4:1**, is it? He doesn't want them breeding again!

**Rev 18:3** "**For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries.** The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." This is speaking about the City of Babylon – the harlot city of old. So the term **adultery** is **not** used in the usual sense, but in the mode of **adulteration**. And there's plenty of this today in the thought processes of normally rational people. Some have literally gone mad defending **the Babylonian mentality that is sweeping the earth**. Everyone today knows the religion of those who live in the former territories of the Babylonian Empire. It's Islam! It's the Babylonian mentality of old!

True to His Word, God has **never forgotten what Ephraim did**, and to emphasise this, God has caused a reenactment of the whole thing, from the rejection of King George a couple of hundred years ago, to the establishment of their City of Washington **set at the head of a fertile valley**. When you understand what God means by **laid low by wine**, you'll realize that this is a reference to worthless talk and propaganda to further a secret agenda. And what do people laid low by wine do? They talk like fools! At a time when Satan's 'wine' is turning Islam into raving fools and killers set on the destruction of 'infidels', at least half those in Washington are already legless and mindless with the same intoxication. They are listening to Satan and becoming his allies whether consciously or otherwise.

When propaganda reaches dangerous proportions is when an obvious threat to whole nations exists, and foolish leaders choose to appease the perpetrators. The propaganda takes the form of issuing disinformation about the motives of the enemy. In the case of Islam, they like to blame a few isolated 'terrorists', yet the evidence shows that it was whole populations that danced in the streets on September 11, and to this very day, we see the ordinary people burning the flags of the US and Israel and shouting death to America and Israel. Such conduct is **not** considered provocative by the blind leaders of the free world, and they make every effort to diffuse the antagonism that is felt by the ordinary citizens of the West. Appeasement, appeasement, appeasement! Yet, in the land of free speech, don't ever get caught stating the truth of the situation or verbalizing against the evil that echoes from the mosques around the world. Any criticism of Islam, regardless of how slight, will bring 'democratic' governments buying for the blood of their own people. But their lying propaganda is wearing very thin now. The average person can see the hatred and threats that emanates from Islamic countries, and know that the enemy is one fourth of the world's population, and they have vowed the destruction of all Christians and Jews, whom they refer to in the derogatory term of 'infidels'.

The term 'infidels' gained momentum at the start of the sixth millennium, beginning in 1,000 AD. To memorialize the beginning of the sixth millennium, Satan inspired the observance of the satanic 'sabbath' to correspond with the sixth millennium. Naturally enough he chose Friday, the sixth day of the week. The sixth millennium was to be a time of conquest – a time to wipe out all Christians and Jews, and to overrun and possess their lands. His intention was to kill them all and ensure that neither root nor branch of them remained, and to ensure that Bible prophecy failed. He set out to destroy whatever God had built and foil whatever He had planned. History records this period as The Crusades. As evidence of the power of

propaganda, you only need to see the movie *'The Kingdom of Heaven'* by Ridley Scott. It was a whitewash from start to finish of the 'noble' Muslims and the *'inferred'* disgusting behaviour' of the Knights Templar and the Crusaders. One would not expect anything else from Hollywood, but what a time they chose to be upholding Islam as honourable and virtuous as they did. If it had been written by Saddam Hussein or Ahmadinejad one could understand the obvious slanting of the script, but Americans? Have they gone completely mad? Self-deprecating weaklings! They have no idea what truth and honour means.

It's quite funny that California, and particularly Hollywood, is unaware of the danger of being overrun by the hordes in the south. And if they think they have gained any favour with them through their stupid political correctness, they are about to find out just how ruthless Satan's hordes can be. Satan has vast hordes of his degenerate brood living in South America; the same treacherous hordes that Hernandez Cortez encountered. Cannibalism, human sacrifice, torture and torment are just some of their instilled practices that have been suppressed by the might and power of their northern neighbour. But a vulnerable America would (and will) change all that. So the Californians should enjoy themselves while they can, because they have very little time left. And Hollywood, given their perverted sense of pleasure, they might even get to enjoy a rollicking good holocaust, with themselves in the starring role. It's certainly coming! Here's a good tip for all those heroic actors and actresses. Always remember to show cowardice in the face of the enemy – this enemy will love it! Practice your groveling; it will keep the enemy occupied for hours. They do like entertainment, and you have taught them plenty about the type of entertainment they like. Remember all the sicko movies you made in Hollywood? Well they gained a big following, and the payoff is coming soon. So enjoy yourselves, Hollywood, and know that retribution is on its way for your practiced heathenism.

Those who sow evil reap evil or as Job put it: **Job 4:8** "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, **reap the same.**" As true as it is, very few people heed it. Jesus makes it even clearer: **Mark 4:24** "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "**With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more.**"<sup>25</sup> Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." The Word of God is like a two-edged sword that cuts deep, and for those who fall victim the wound is fatal. **Heb 4:12-13** "**For the Word of God is living and active.** Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul [body or entity] and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."<sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." Yes, you've probably read it many times, but did you notice that the Word of God is **living and active**? Remember how many times Jesus said *'it is written'*? Where was it written that He quoted from? It was what is called the Old Testament or Covenant. The Covenant may be old, but it's **still active**. When the New Testament was written, the Scriptures were the Old Testament or Covenant – the very ones that Jesus quoted from and lived by. In fact, most of the prophecy for today is in the Old Testament or Covenant. Sure we have Matthew chapter 24, but Jesus was quoting in large part from the same Scriptures He always used, and even specifically mentioned Daniel. The Book of Revelation is largely new prophecy, though much of it refers to the same Scriptures that Jesus used, and that same Scripture is **living and active**. Regardless of what anyone says, you will be judged by it, together with all the Commandments and Laws. In the same chapter where God speaks of the wicked being under the feet of the righteous in **Mal 4:1** we find God's warning to "**Remember the Law of my servant Moses, the decrees and Laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel!**" (**V4**).

At the beginning of His ministry on earth in the year 26ce, Jesus built His Church. This was a momentous event that has spanned scores of generations. Yet Jesus made it very clear that He had come **only** to 'the lost sheep of Israel'. **Matt 15:24** "He answered, "I was sent **only to the lost sheep of Israel.**" Furthermore, He instructed His twelve disciples to go to **the lost sheep of Israel** and stay away from the Gentiles: **Matt 10:5-7** "These twelve Jesus sent out with the following **instructions:** "**Do not go among the Gentiles** or enter **any**

**town of the Samaritans.** <sup>6</sup> **Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.** <sup>7</sup> As you go, preach this message: **'The Kingdom of Heaven is near.'**" From this we can conclude a number of things. Don't go to the Gentiles, don't get involved with the Samaritans – who are the equivalent of the so-called Palestinians today. Instead they were instructed to go to the lost sheep of Israel. And what were the instructions concerning the message they were to deliver? It was **'The Kingdom of Heaven is near'**. This is the very *same message* of John the Baptist some months earlier. **Matt 3:1** "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "*Repent* for **'The Kingdom of Heaven is near.'**" <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, **'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'**" It's important to note that both John and Jesus were teaching the same message, and John had been appointed to **prepare the way** for Jesus' arrival.

So we can conclude that the primary role of the Church was to **'go to the lost sheep of Israel'** and preach that **'The Kingdom of Heaven is near'**. Is Christianity following these instructions today? It's perfectly obvious that they are not! Does mainstream Christianity know who the **'lost sheep of Israel'** are? Western Europeans, Americans, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, don't know who they are, nor do they know they are the **'lost sheep of Israel'**. It's odd that they don't know, because they are well aware of that the Jews who live among them and who preserve the original Scriptures and obey them **look just like them**. The Jews don't look like black Africans, or Eskimos, or Chinese; they look like Americans and Europeans. This is because all the Tribes of Israel are cut from the same cloth as it were. They look alike! So there is no excuse for them not knowing who they are. But then they are called the **'lost sheep of Israel'**, and this says volumes for their ignorance.

What is so humorous about some of these fake Christian religions is their outrageous assumptions. For instance, Joseph Smith of Mormon fame actually believed that the American Indians were the lost tribes of Israel – and millions believed him. His evidence? He had none! Nothing! Zilch! Why then did his followers believe him? Probably for the same reason that they believe Mormons should be baptized for the dead. How can a dead man repent? Baptism follows repentance – a cardinal rule of the teachings of Christ. This craziness came about because they couldn't understand the theme of **1Cor 15**. In effect Paul was saying that if Jesus has not risen from the dead, then why are we being baptized for a dead man? The whole theme of **1Cor 15** is that **Jesus was raised from the dead**, and **so will those who believe Him**. It starts with repentance and baptism, and dead men can't repent. This Mormon craziness probably comes about because of their pagan beliefs that everyone goes to heaven when they die, and they feel their duty is to be baptized for them so God will treat them well. It's almost on a par in regard to credulity with the Islamic belief that there are 72 virgins waiting in heaven for them.

Leaving aside the nonsense of deluded people, the Church that Christ built were Jews and Levites – the remnant of the remaining numbers of the 12 Tribes of Israel. The word **'Church'** means the *congregation* and **not** the building! The instruction to, and the duty of the Church is, to proclaim that **'The Kingdom of Heaven is near'**. Oddly enough, this is **not** the message we are hearing from the churches! Instead, they seem obsessed with speaking about going to heaven when they die. Jesus very plainly told His disciples that **where He was going they cannot come**: **John 7:33** "Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the One who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will look for me, but you will **not** find me; **and where I am, you cannot come.**" Not so, these liars say! They're not waiting around for any resurrection! They want to live in heaven when they die, but they're not keen to get there just yet. They're more interested in prolonging their lives on earth than the uncertainty of what is in heaven. But they are adamant that they are **not** prepared to wait for the resurrection when they die.

Well, there is some good news for them. They won't have to wait for the resurrection when they die, **because there is no resurrection for them!** For those who never obeyed God

as Jesus did, and all those who never believed Him, **there is no resurrection – ever!** They are **dust**, and to **dust** they will return – just as the Logos said in the Garden of Eden. In the message that John the Baptist delivered, which was recorded in **Isa 40**, there is some further clarification on this **dust**. It could even be considered offensive to mainstream Christianity, but then so are some of the other things John said that are probably even more offensive to the arrogant, but we'll get to that shortly. This is what Isaiah recorded, and which formed the basis of John's message: **Isa 40:15-17** "Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; **they are regarded as DUST on the scales**; he weighs the islands as though they were **fine DUST**. **Lebanon** is **not sufficient for altar fires**, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.<sup>17</sup> **Before him all the nations are as nothing**; they are regarded by Him **as worthless and less than nothing**." It they are worthless and less than nothing, what possible reason would God have for resurrecting them?

**Lebanon?** With little Israel at war with **Lebanon** at the present time of writing, there is some important instruction about it in the message of John the Baptist. And the mention of **Lebanon** here is no coincidence. What have we been hearing from the churches and from the 'lost sheep of Israel' concerning **Lebanon**? You know for yourselves that sympathies were generally with the 'innocent' Lebanese people! How innocent were they? They actually voted Hezbollah into parliament knowing they were murderous terrorists, and knowing their election platform was to kill Israelis. They constantly express hatred for God's people the Israelis. And one other thing – **these heathen are living on God's Land!** As for the argument that some of them are Christians – they are not! They don't obey God, and neither have they the Spirit of God – God gives His Spirit only to those who **obey** Him: **Acts 5:32** "We are witnesses of these things, and so is **the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him**." Anyone who does not obey God does **not** have God's Holy Spirit – and you can bet your life on this!

The **altar fires** must be lit, because sacrifice must be made. But all of Lebanon is not sufficient for this Holy purpose. But it's a good start. If the Israelis followed God's instructions carefully, they would crush the Lebanese like ants and destroy all their cities, leaving nothing standing. A bit harsh, you say? If so, then you are **not** listening to God. God has something else to say on the matter concerning Lebanon:

**Isa 10:33-34 - Isa 11:1-4** "See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs **with great power**. The lofty trees will be felled, the tall ones will be brought low.<sup>34</sup> He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax; **Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One**." And the Mighty One is mentioned in the next verse: **Isa 11:1** "A shoot will come up from the **stump** of Jesse; from **his roots** a **Branch will bear fruit**."<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him – **the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD** -<sup>3</sup> **and He will delight in the fear of the LORD**. He will not judge by what He sees with his eyes, or decide by what He hears with his ears;<sup>4</sup> but with **righteousness** He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. **He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked**."

So don't think that Jesus is going to return to save everyone, He's coming to destroy His enemies, just as it's stated in **1Cor 15:25**. **Lebanon**, like all other heathen nations **are considered less than worthless** to Almighty God **and fit only to be burnt**. Those who disagree with God in this are going to find out the hard way that God was right all along.

## **WHERE IS HEAVEN?**

It was appointed to John the Baptist to explain where Heaven is, and since you may have missed it, let's clarify it once and for all. Let's begin in the message John taught from Isaiah: **Isa 40:3-5** "A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up, every

mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> **And the Glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.**  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." And I'll bet you *think* you've already seen the Glory of the LORD in your church congregation amid all the whooping and hollering with people lying flat on their backs and foaming at the mouth. If so, then you are completely on the wrong track. That's neither the glory nor the Glory of the LORD but the machinations of demons. The Glory of the LORD is something completely different! What is more, **all mankind together** will **see** it!

So where is it, and what is it? John's message declares it: **Isa 40:21-22** "**Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?**" <sup>22</sup> **He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers.** He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out **like a tent to live in.**" In the canopy of the heavens God lives, close to the earth so that human beings look like small grasshoppers – so God is very close and lives in the heavens that the birds fly in. Surely rational people should have known from the beginning that God's 'tent' is very close to the earth. Wasn't Jesus taken up into the clouds in view of the Apostles? You don't really believe He was on His way to some distant planet, do you?

It's true that John's message tends to taunt a little, with comments like '**Have you not understood**' and '**hasn't it been told you from the beginning**', but the truth of the matter is that these things were discoverable, but today, they would not be believed, and especially by the arrogant who believe they are smarter than God. Well, believe it or not, the men of the Bible did understand where God lives and the nature of His Dwelling. In the Book of Hebrews its mentioned by name, and note the capital 'G' which indicates a name: **Heb 9:5** "Above the ark were the **cherubim** of **the Glory**, overshadowing the atonement cover. **But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.**" Obviously, not every use of the word 'glory' in the Bible relates to the dwelling-place of God. But some references most definitely do!

**Luke 2:8** "And there were **shepherds living out in the fields nearby**, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An **angel of the Lord** appeared to them, and **the GLORY of the Lord shone around them**, and **they were terrified.** <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Obviously these shepherds were terrified of the shining light of the **Glory** above them. An angel of the Lord appeared because Jesus was now a little baby who had just been born. But just to dispel any doubts as to **where** the light was coming from, others saw the light from a long way off and followed it. Not knowing what it was, they called it a star: **Matt 2:9** "After they had heard the king, they went on their way, **and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.** <sup>10</sup> **When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.** <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, **they returned to their country by another route.**" The Bible margin says the magi saw the star **rising** from the East, and they were able to follow it. It actually stopped over the house where Mary and the baby Jesus were. Being wise men, they were able to tell the difference between an angel and a star, even though the star was certainly different to what they were used to. Seeing this craft, they might have imagined that all stars would look like this up close. But at no stage did they describe it as an angel as some have tried to do. So what they saw was exactly what the shepherds saw, though in the case of the shepherds an angel did appear and spoke to them. It's worth noting that it was the **Glory of the Lord** and **not** the **glory of the angel** that **shone all around them.**

Being rather good at mathematics, these magi had calculated the gestation period of Mary and were anticipating the birth. Their knowledge of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and what was told her, would indicate that these Magi lived reasonably close to Galilee and knew what to expect. A best guess, based on available evidence is that they lived close to the Jordan River, possibly in the territory of Ephraim or Manasseh (the Sons of Joseph). They saw the Glory of God rising from the East and heading towards Jerusalem. The term 'magi' means 'wise men', and perhaps 'community elders' would describe them best. Recall that when Jesus departed for the Glory from the Mount of Olives, the Apostles were left standing there gazing up after Him. An angel appeared and addressed them as '**You men of Galilee**'. They were indeed **all Galileans**.

Perhaps you've never noticed it before, but King David, the servant of God, described the plans for the Temple to his son Solomon, who was to build it for God after David's death. The Holy Spirit had described it to David, and he passed this information to his son. You'll notice something very strange about the description of the Most Holy Place. It describes a **chariot**: **1Chron 28:18** "...He also gave him the plan for the **chariot, that is, the cherubim of gold that spread their wings** and shelter the ark of the covenant of the LORD." This is no mistake or misprint. It's powerful symbolism for what exists and what will be! But why should any Bible student doubt the meaning of it? The KJV puts it slightly different: "and gold for the pattern of **the chariot of the cherubims, that spread their wings...**" So it's obvious that it relates to **a flying chariot** in its symbolism. So, is this important? It's very important if you are to understand **the secrets of the Kingdom of God**.

To further explain, John the Baptist came in the Spirit and power of Elijah. This much is very clear because Jesus plainly said so, and so did the angel that appeared to Zechariah, John's father (**Luke 1:17**). Elijah truly was a remarkable man. Fire from heaven killed anyone who tried to arrest him. He ordered around 400 pagan priests to be slaughtered on the spot. Whatever one may say about these things, Elijah was truly a man of God. You may not know it, but Elijah actually outran a galloping horse for 20 miles (**1Kings 18:45**). But one thing that everyone is familiar with is the fact that Elijah was flown off in a '**fiery chariot**'. Whenever someone sees something flying in the sky which they can't identify they call it a UFO – an unidentified flying object. Some of the Middle Ages paintings and drawings depict Elijah's departure with horses and a chariot that appears to be on fire. Several hundred years ago, this was the only concept they could envisage, and they depicted it as they imagined it from the account in the Bible. But the vehicles of God are not primitive. For instance, one of the vehicles of God rained fire down on Sodom and Gomorrah, and these cities disappeared without trace. God was particularly keen to make sure that Lot and his wife didn't see this – and for very good reason. It was not the time for human beings to see the weapons of God. This was to come much later.

This is the account of Elijah's departure: **2Kings 2:11** "As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a **chariot of fire** and **horses** of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, "**My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!**" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart." **The Horsemen of Israel** is a synonym for **the Cavalry of God**. Elisha spoke of **chariots** in the plural. In the language of antiquity, **the horsemen drive the chariots**. As a matter of interest, the KJV says '**the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof**'.

Being unfamiliar with an airborne chariot, some of the 50 observers (men in the company of the prophets) who viewed this from a distance (**V7**) saw what happened, but thought it might have been a whirlwind that had taken Elijah up in the air, and insisted on searching for them over the next three days, even though Elisha urged them not to (**V16**). Elisha knew where Elijah had gone, and it **wasn't** to God's heaven and His dwelling-place! It's worth noting that Elijah wrote King Joram a letter 20 years later (**2Chron 21:12**). So he was still on earth and actively engaged as a prophet in God's service. Just as Jesus said, '**No man has ascended into Heaven**' – the dwelling-place of God – except Jesus Himself. Not Elijah,

and not even Enoch! Enoch was a faithful and obedient man of God and God took him and buried him to await the resurrection. So contrary to what men have said in this regard, Jesus was telling the truth.

As a result of what Elisha had witnessed concerning Elijah's departure, his eyes were opened to understand the means by which God protects His servants. It's worth noting that to others, these things are invisible: **2Kings 6:15-18** "When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." **Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.** As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked."

And to put things into perspective, Jesus said He could call upon 12 legions of angels at any time: **Matt 26:53** "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. **Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?**"<sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" Two things to consider here; firstly the question of 'drawing the sword'.

David was a saint; that is, he had God's Holy Spirit, and he lived most of his life by the sword. He didn't die of the sword. So to whom was Jesus referring? He was speaking to **the Apostles**, so it was **a message for the Church** who must, like Christ, **go as sheep to the slaughter without resistance**. They must endure death in order to be saved or rescued. If they do, then they will be gathered at the appointed time in the resurrection. But in the time of the end, the slaughter of the saints will be widespread, and these will be gathered to await the killing of the rest of the brothers of the Church: **Rev 6:9** "When he opened the fifth seal, I saw **under the altar** the souls of **those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained**."<sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth **and avenge our blood?**"<sup>11</sup> Then each of them was given a white robe, **and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.**"

And the second consideration of **Matt 26:53** is that 12 legions of angels were ready to be appointed to fight to prevent Jesus' arrest if He had made this request. It would not have taken 12 legions of angels to just whisk Jesus away; their purpose would have been far more ranging than this. Had Jesus backed out of His death, then humanity wouldn't have survived. There would have been no further purpose for humanity's existence.

But harking back to **Rev 6:9**, we learn something else. Firstly, **the Altar** is the place where Jesus serves the Father as High Priest. And this **Altar** is in heaven – in **the Glory** as it happens, and the vast expanse below **the Altar** in the Glory Mothership where God dwells, is where the saints will be gathered and taken after they have been killed in martyrdom. You will notice that these verses mention **'the number'**. These rescued people had to wait until this number was reached. And this number is 12,000 from each of the 12 Tribes of Israel (**Rev 7:4**). And the only way for all 144,000 of them to qualify in these latter days is to die as Christian martyrs – just like Christ. God knows what a true martyr is, and that's why He mentions they had **'been slain for the Word of God and the Testimony they maintained.'**

The funny thing about all this is that God's gives the exact number, and identifies them as of the 12 Tribes of Israel, yet most of the aspirants today don't even recognize who the 12 Tribes are. They believe themselves to be Gentiles, and that they attend church with other

Gentiles. It hasn't even dawned on them that all the Islamic forces of evil are directing their hatred towards Americans, Israelis, Australians, and Europeans. But then, these fake churches don't even recognize Islam as Satan's bride, and nor do they understand what Satan has decreed. He wants the 12 Tribes of Israel wiped out by any means possible. At present, the Tribes of Israel are in tune with Satan and think Islam is worthy of special privileges. And this mindlessness has been orchestrated by these fake churches. What these fake churches don't realize is that they can never be saved and transported to the Glory. The reason is that God has set standards that they don't comply with. If they don't obey God (and they don't) then they cannot have God's Holy Spirit.

The Bride of Christ is to replace Satan's entire administration, and he and all his rulers of the heavenly realms and all the ordinary demons are destined to die in the lake of fire – never to exist again.

The great conundrum of life's challenge is to understand the difference in the thinking processes of human beings. It's our thinking patterns that determine what we are and what we will be. Often it's life's experiences that determine what we become. And while our living environs and what we are taught by others tends to condition our thinking, every human being has control of their own mind for better or for worse. Even two brothers born of the same parents can have widely divergent views on different things and life in general. Such divergence can lead them on a different course throughout life. The difference between their perceptions of right and wrong greatly influences this. Methodology and practicality both play a role and subtle differences exist in everyone. It's all a part of being human.

God could have given us millions of restrictive laws to live by, including the minutiae of everyday human conduct – just as exists in the secular world by which we are governed. Most of these seemingly millions of laws are considered reasonable and practical by the citizenry and a guide to human behavior. They realize they are there to protect them and to retain good order. Some don't obey them of course, and they pay the penalty. But by and large, law is necessary. The problem is that lawyers and judges don't know the law, and endless arguments are conducted over what the law means. What chance has the average citizen got of understanding the meaning of the law of the land? And to add to the complications, the law infers that ignorance of the law is no excuse for any transgression. So a final arbitrator decides what the law means. This is the Supreme Court, made up of 9 judges, in the U.S. It would be reasonable to expect that they would be unanimous in their decisions concerning a point of law. If the citizenry must abide by the laws of the land, then there should be no ambiguity over what it says. But the 5-4, 6-3 decisions that are so frequently given, show that no-one knows the law with any degree of clarity.

But God is different. He gave 10 Laws to guide our lives; inviolable Laws that would carry a penalty for the transgression of them, or a lifetime of blessing for those who are obedient. King David said of them, "O how I love your Law!" God also gave examples of these Laws in the Statutes, the minor laws, which are designed to give examples and directions for human conduct. Obviously, many of these minor laws can only be enforced in the Holy Land and in the Kingdom of God. For example, the stoning of an adulterer would not fare too well in the laws of nations at the present time. As God told Moses, these minor laws were designed to be fully implemented in the Promised Land. For this purpose they were given, and by this means they will be enforced. The Laws in the Kingdom of God will be the yardstick or measure, and the teacher to the rest of the world.

The Kingdom of God has been in preparation from the beginning of the world. It was designed for all those who are in the image and likeness of God's Son Jesus. Forever more, God's people Israel will be molded and shaped to conform to this image. God has always been upfront about this, that His sheep must follow the True Shepherd. Sheep and goats look alike, but their conduct is often quite different as anyone would know that has ever been butted by a billy-goat. They tend to be more aggressive than a sheep, and they can be wild and unruly.

The 'lost sheep of Israel' are not always sheep-like when dealing with their fellow Israelites, and about half of them have no desire to follow the True Shepherd. In fact, those who are of the nation of God's primary interest among the scattered Tribes, are the Ephraimites, who collectively have the greatest likeness to the True Shepherd. But even this great nation is divided down the middle where sincerity is concerned between the Republicans and the Democrats. It's only since 9/11 that this vast chasm of difference has become evident. Under the auspices of Democrats, we've seen the Ten Commandments removed from courthouses, schools, and any other public place that was a viable target of their lunacy. They hate the Name of God and want it removed from everything, yet they put up a façade of wanting to do everything according to law. In reality, they are treasonous and lawless, and their actions in wanting to protect murderous terrorists and uphold their 'rights' is now endemic.

What is God to do with this recalcitrant mindset of the Democrats? God has the answer! He's going to gather all His sheep – the 'lost sheep of Israel' – all the nations of them, and He is going to judge them for worthiness to live in His Kingdom. **Matt 25:32-46** "**All the nations (of the lost sheep of Israel) will be gathered before Him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Jesus is the True Shepherd of His sheep).**"<sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, **the Kingdom prepared for you** since the creation of the world."<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?'<sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, **whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.**" Jesus came only to the House of Israel, that is, **'the lost sheep of Israel'**, so the nations mentioned here are the **nations of Israel**. God has no particular interest in Gentiles, and neither has He ever promised them anything. But He has made limited provision for some of them – provided that they emulate His people Israel and worship Israel's God. But it's more than that! If they show compassion on the captives and the dispersed of Israel in the time of the coming holocaust, **to feed them and clothe them** and generally comfort them, then they will be numbered among God's people Israel. In the depth of the coming holocaust, amid the mindless slaughter of Israelites by the hundreds of millions, there will be people **from every nation, tribe, people and language**, who will show mercy on the suffering of their fellow human beings and try to save their lives. Oscar Schindler comes to mind as an example of this in WW2. These are people who refuse to participate in the slaughter of God's people Israel, even at the risk of their own lives. Jesus was saying that these would be amply rewarded with admission to His Kingdom. Rulership of cities is also a part of the rewards that will be given to the faithful.

**V41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'<sup>44</sup> They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'<sup>45</sup> He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, **whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.**'<sup>46</sup> **Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.**" These details come immediately after the prophecies of the previous chapter: **Matthew 24**, prophecies that speak of the horror of the final days of this present era. Those who passively or actively participate in the slaughter of God's people Israel will be burned alive in the fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Hopefully, there will be more sheep than goats left alive to face this judgment. The goats who betray the sheep will be put to death, but there are indications that some may be judged to be exiled from the Kingdom of God for the rest of their lives.

Under pressure from the satanic forces of Satan's brood, the Western world has been measurably weakened. The West's much vaunted ideals of honour and decency are mere talk and hypocrisy. The kidnapping of the three Israelis (1 in Gaza, 2 in Northern Israel) should have brought an immediate response from the Western World with demands for an immediate and unconditional release. No negotiations, no compromises – **hand them over NOW!!** But no! First Islam's needs must be attended to, and their demands listened to. Never mind that Lebanon has been violating the UN Security Council demands of article 1559 – which demands the **disarming** of Hezbollah. Never mind that Lebanon continued to ignore it and even encouraged Hezbollah in their attacks on Israel. Forget that the UN had 'peace keepers' there who did nothing to keep the peace. Worry not about the deliberate targeting of Israeli citizens with 4,000 rockets over Israel's cities. Once again, the Israelis are to blame for defending themselves. It seems perfectly logical to the West that the Israelis must not retaliate even when their soldiers are murdered and kidnapped and rockets are raining down daily on their civilian population. The rights of murderous Muslims must always override Israel's right to defend or even to exist.

Added to this, the Israelis must not build a border wall to keep out suicide bombers that blow up school buses and restaurants. It's not fair to the murderous Muslims who want to kill them. Israel must do everything possible to placate treacherous Muslims, even if it means allowing them to kill their women and children. What sort of drunken and deluded reasoning is this?

Like American armed forces, little Israel has a combat policy of never leaving behind a soldier. To the horror of decent men everywhere, Israel quit the war when they were winning and then succumbed to international pressure to retreat and leave the two soldiers behind which was the purpose of fighting the war in the first place.

Patronizing the Islamic religion has become a disease in Europe and America. For a short while, the Israelis succumbed to the disease and believed that the Bush roadmap might actually work. Consequently, at the height of murderous terrorism and the continual lobbing of Kassam rockets on their civilian population, they elected a dove – a peacemaker – one whose daughter is a radical left-wing looney like her father, and this was the man they elected to bring them peace. Deliberately, the Israelis chose a man who had no understanding of war, and was ill-equipped for anything but talking. And talk he did! Mumbling, bumbling incoherent nonsense that was light-years from reality! Olmert lives in the twilight zone of delusion, and this has now become evident.

He handed over Gaza in return for peace, and trouble escalated right off the scale. And in the midst of all this, he said he was giving away the West Bank as well, and nothing would dissuade him. The White House loves him! He's been heralded as a peacemaker extraordinaire.

I've just had a good idea. The Hispanics want to come to America and they're desperate to get there. Let's devise **a roadmap for peace**, one based on the **same roadmap for the Israelis**. To get the ball rolling, hand over all the Midwest and the Texas Gulf and Florida, which were once Indo-Spanish territories. California is strategically important to the Mexicans, so give them that too. But even then, this would leave America with more land than they need, so why not give them the Capital as well – **just as the Israelis are supposed to hand over their capital Jerusalem in appeasement**. There are some very nice homes in Washington so the Mexicans would be so grateful. And they could holiday at Martha's vineyard. A nice touch would be to hand over Martha's vineyard as well so they can build a shrine to Ted Kennedy at Chappaquidick. After all, Ted is one of their most vocal supporters. But a word of warning to the Mexicans – hide your daughters from Ted or they might finish up drowned in a river.

It's only fair that in order for this roadmap to work, America would need to surrender an amount of land equal to the Israeli roadmap. So in fairness, a ballot could be held and lots drawn to determine which states to hand over – around 70% of the land taken by conquest in 1967 is what is required of the Israelis. Just remember that the Israelis were required to hand back the Sinai Peninsula all the way to the river of Egypt (the Nile). So another ten states should keep the Mexicans happy. What a big happy, multicultural family it will be. There would be smiling happy Hispanics everywhere. Problem solved.

After America has fully implemented ***their roadmap***, we can begin discussing the Israeli roadmap. First things first! We don't want any suggestion of hypocrisy, do we? Come on, be a sport, America! The former USSR handed over most of their former territory, howbeit, reluctantly. So now it's your turn. You want the Gentiles to be happy – well don't you? Don't be selfish!

So when it is permissible to build a wall to keep out undesirables? The Whitehouse gives the answer: Only when the undesirables want to come and work in America – which may affect the economy and put some Americans out of work. Then it's perfectly logical and permissible to build a wall to keep them out. The Israelis, on the other hand, don't have this economic consideration, and they merely want to bar them because these intruders are murderous assassins, and this is not a good enough reason to keep them out. ***It's the economy, stupid*** – as President Clinton liked to say. Only danger to the economy must be considered and the Israelis, presumably, are out of line. The Israelis must be willing to sacrifice a few of their citizens to suicide bombs in order to keep the U.S. administration in good standing with the Islamic hordes. The Whitehouse considers it provocative to keep aliens out, ***but only for Israelis***. You will realize of course that Israelis are ***not*** welcome in ***any*** Islamic country for any reason! Read ***hypocrisy!***

The problem is that this sort of deluded reasoning is at odds with God, who predicted this type of madness: **Hos 12:8** "Ephraim boasts, 'I am very rich; I have become wealthy. With all my wealth they will ***not*** find in me ***any iniquity or sin.***" And this just about sums it all up! So let's just reflect on the reasons that Jesus enumerated for the judgment of the House of Israel in the above passage from **Matt 25**. Because America is very rich they can afford to financially support Israel as the only democratic nation in the region. But this doesn't give them the right to retreat in the face of criticism from the Islamic hordes. If they were anything like Jesus they would stand firm and never retreat from the enemy. Satan's hordes have Congress looking like cowards today. We're even seeing Republicans becoming shaky now because ***it's the election, stupid!***

Half the American people object to building the wall on the Mexican border. These are the same Democrats that are always talking about legalities, and straining to find some sort of illegality on the part of their President. They even suggest that it is illegal to prevent ***terrorists*** from entering the country – citing the ***terrorist's*** right to privacy. Remember how they reacted when the FBI wanted to access Zecharias Moussaoui's laptop computer? He was the 20<sup>th</sup> hijacker. It was illegal to do so, they ranted. But it's perfectly legal to allow illegals to enter the US, they claim. It's perfectly legal to drag off little old ladies of European descent for a full body search at an airport, but it's illegal to search a Muslim woman – and the searching of Muslim men is considered an outrage. Never mind that all terrorists are Muslims, and for that matter, ***all Muslims are terrorists*** – you only have to read their teachings to understand this! But Europe and the US Democrats don't believe ***what the Muslims have admitted themselves***.

Almighty God has a way of giving His people the rulers they deserve. It's fast becoming evident that the drunken stupor that now exists in America, with the constant placating of Islam, will usher in the era they deserve.

**'We don't negotiate with terrorists'** is the famous catchcry of the drunkards at the **Pride of Ephraim – that City of Washington**. What bitter memories of hypocrisy this conjures up! The Muslim terrorist swine who started this entire global war was Yasser Arafat, and it was this man that President Clinton chose to negotiate with at the now famous meeting at Camp David. From that time on terrorism has escalated all around the world. In view of this escalation, and the mindless strategy of a Democrat President, who is it that deserves the reputation of ushering in the total destruction of the United States of America? It's the Democrats! To his credit, President Bush refuses all contact with Yasser Arafat!

And the destruction will come. Like the waves of the sea until the nation is no more. All that they have inflicted on the Israelis with their bumbling, drunken reasoning will come back to haunt them, and they will face a holocaust unlike anything in the history of the world. Nothing will save them now! Well, that's not quite right, because there is still something that America could do, and that is to declare war on all of Islam and decimate them all – man, woman and child so that few of them are left. Then God would grant favour for yet another generation. But could it happen? It never will! The House of Israel has yet another war to fight (it's probably more accurate to describe it as a continuation of the present one) but because of their stupid reasoning – unique to this generation – of trying to kill only terrorists and sparing all others, they will lose this war. This war will be the greatest fiasco ever seen in wartime. And the reason is that this time, **God will fight against them Himself!**

Now if the Western leaders were only dealing with **a bunch of human despots** in the Middle East who have never been able to live in peace with anyone, it might have been different. But they are not! The enemy is **not** flesh and blood. The real enemy is Satan and all his rulers of the heavenly realms – just as Paul says in **Eph 6:12**. These creatures are magnitudes smarter, and far more experienced than human beings, and they are even more cunning and treacherous. Human beings need God's Holy Spirit to counter them, and without it, they're sitting ducks.

Has this generation learned anything? Remember the Balkans war that was waged because the Serbs had decided they'd had enough of the treacherous Muslim hordes that lived within their borders and set out to wage war on them. They had good reason to do this. It was a Croatian Muslim that assassinated Crown Prince Ferdinand of Austria and triggered the First World War – one of the maddest wars ever fought! Though it did destroy the Islamic Ottoman Empire and free the Holy Land and Jerusalem of Muslim rule! Understandably, President Milosovic had no desire to see the rebuilding of the Ottoman Empire in his nation and set out to drive the Muslims from his borders. In view of what we are seeing today, the Greeks and Macedonians have every right to be alarmed. Greek-ruled Cypress is now divided, with Turkish Muslims ruling the Eastern sector and constantly causing trouble. You'll recall from history that Alexander the Great, the king of the Greek-Macedonian nation, fought these very enemies after generations of treachery from them. You can understand that the Greeks and Macedonians are sensitive to invasions from the Middle-Eastern hordes who now live under the banner of Islam. Milosovic was an early visionary who could see the writing on the wall and did something about it.

So what happened in the Balkans war? America and the NATO forces stormed the Christian territories and slaughtered them **to protect the Muslims**. And the entire Moslem hordes throughout the world celebrated! What a popular war that was! By killing a few thousand Christians, the hearts and minds of Islam would be won over for ever, and they would be eternally grateful. This was the theory, but in practice it stimulated an onslaught of Islamic demands and finally a revolution. And that revolution continues on every continent now. In retrospect, it would be right and proper to consider Milosovic to be a hero. He did what the West doesn't have the guts to do: to storm the Islamic hordes of the Middle East and bomb them back to the stone age.

Some may think this a little harsh, but time will erase their erroneous and misguided feelings. In time they will join **Ephraim** in **beating their breast** in despair, as the realization dawns

that Almighty God's instruction should have been followed. God has singled out Ephraim for special punishment followed by special compassion. It all begins with the parable of the mourning of Rachel. Rachel was the mother of **Joseph**, and her grandchildren were **Ephraim and Manasseh** – the sons of Joseph. **Jer 31:15** "This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, **Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.**" This was said to have been partially fulfilled when a ruler of the heavenly realms (Herod) sought to kill a potential ruler – the Christ (**Matt 2:18**). You'll notice that Rachel is not the mother of Judah, though she was the mother of Benjamin who was absorbed into Judah and Ephraim following the slaughter of the Tribe of Benjamin, when only 400 men survived. It's evident that Herod desired to kill the Son of God. But clearly, there is a later fulfillment of this verse about Rachel. And believe it or not, it's a reference to a son of God – in this instance: **Ephraim!**

Continuing now: **V16** "This is what the LORD says: "Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the LORD. "**They will return from the land of the enemy.**" <sup>17</sup> **So there is hope for your future,**" declares the LORD. "**Your children will return to their own land.**" <sup>18</sup> "I have surely heard **EPHRAIM'S moaning: 'You disciplined me like an unruly calf, and I have been disciplined.** Restore me, and I will return, because you are the LORD my God. <sup>19</sup> After I strayed, **I repented; after I came to understand, I beat my breast. I was ashamed and humiliated** because **I bore the disgrace of my youth.**" God has a very special love for the nation of Ephraim, partly because of the righteous provision made by the founding fathers of their nation. But this is also partly because Ephraim is the son of a great prophet – Joseph. The founding of America was based on righteousness; the same type of righteousness that will result in the establishment of the Kingdom of God. However, in the last two hundred years, this righteousness has been eroded away, and particularly in the last 40 years or so. **There is hope for the future,** but only **after Ephraim comes to their senses and repents** – and **beats their breast in humiliation** and recognizes that they have been **disciplined by God.** Then **their children will return to their own land** – that which is allotted in the Holy Land by God.

Judah will be the first to be comforted, and they will join the mighty Sons of Jerusalem as they clear the Holy Land. Then Judah will recognize that this is God's Work (**Zech 12:5**), and will set out to destroy the **surrounding nations** like **a fire-pot in a woodpile,** and like **a flaming torch among sheaves** (**V6**).

Ephraim is next. The remnant of them will be called to duty and extracted from the land of their enemies. They will be reconciled to Judah and become one nation in the Kingdom of God. Even though they must face severe discipline, God will have compassion on His dear son: **V20** "**Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him.** Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD." There's a whole lot more to this story, but that's for another day.

Ephraim is the mightiest nation on earth today, but they have severely misused their power and influence in order to favour God's enemies against His own people. **Right now they should be actively engaged in destroying the nations that surround the Holy Land,** but instead, they want to build them up and prosper them. Their strategy has failed, and now the genie is out of the bottle and breathing fire against them.

America should have leveled the cities of Iraq and turned it into a desert, but instead they put their own soldiers on the ground and exposed them to house to house fighting with the loss of thousands of Americans. America seems to believe that God's ancient enemies of the Babylonian Empire are worthy of life. Those people who believe such myths are going to be astounded at the ferocity of God's new sons – the Sons of Jerusalem! This Brotherhood of believers have no illusions about who God's enemies are and whom He has decreed must be wiped out.

Presently, the vast majority of American people are mesmerized by pseudo-sanctimonious visions of peace, and unwilling to believe that the Mighty Christ is a Mighty Warrior who is coming to wipe out all His enemies. What is about to happen will come like a flood, and they will know nothing until they're swept away. Perhaps you will recall that this is exactly what Jesus said in the prophecies of **Matt 24** – see **V36-39** "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.<sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.<sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;<sup>39</sup> **and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.**" This time it's the flood of war that will sweep them away, and they will be gone before the Son of Man appears. No-one has any excuse for not knowing the identity of the enemy that will sweep them away! God has sent His prophets to warn in a timely manner, and they have done their duty. Nevertheless they will know nothing because they refused to be warned. And this is the way it has to be in order that prophecy is fulfilled. In time, all will know that God has appointed a Brotherhood of believers who will take up where Ephraim left off, but this time, the Armies of the Living God will bring death and destruction to all of God's enemies, and set up the Kingdom of God. As a matter of fact, the two leaders of Judah and Levi will face death after many years of fighting and the whole world will rejoice and send gifts to one another (**Rev 11:10**). These two leaders will rally their troops for the final showdown – the defense of Jerusalem. Having exercised astounding power over the nations, they will be granted the greatest honour of all! Martyrdom for God!

So don't be too dismayed that God will require the Churches **to go as sheep to the slaughter** in order to follow the Lord Christ perfectly. This is how it will be for all those who could not bring themselves to believe God's Brotherhood of prophets. We haven't lied to anyone – we have told the Truth, and for those who don't believe, then they can go their own way and fulfill what is written of them. Martyrdom is still required, but it will be of God's place and choosing – and far away from the Holy City of God. The choice is yours!

To those who continue to be wishy-washy and weak, you might like to read the rest of **Rev 11** and get an idea of what Godly men are. The servants of God bring fire from heaven to destroy their enemies, and they pronounce curses on whole nations through the power of God. Most Bible students would be aware of the description of the two servants of God, but could never accept that this is Godliness according to their own debauched standards. Well, the weak and the disbelieving must learn the hard way! Perhaps the first step may be to divest themselves of the teachings of liars and false prophets by whom they've been deluded. You are now living in a seriously dangerous world and there is no hope of peace. There is no peace and there will be no peace until all prophecy is fulfilled.

The House of Israel, and for that matter, the Churches of God, are too ensconced with day to day living, and secure in the myth that they are safe, to be aware that WW3 is now in progress. And the shock of all shocks: the destiny of the Churches is tied to the destiny of the 'lost Ten Tribes of Israel', and they must go with them into captivity and serve as a beacon of hope and faithfulness. They must set the example of going as sheep to the slaughter, and believe that God will raise them from the dead (which He will do – if they are faithful and willing martyrs!) They will gathered shortly after death and transported to the Glory, where they will be housed and clothed to await the slaughter of their brothers, who must be killed just as they have been killed (**Rev 6:9-11**). This living space is immediately below the Altar where Jesus serves the Father as High Priest. So they will be in very good company.

All that is written must now be fulfilled and the outcome will be glorious. But the interim years will be punishing and harsh. **Wars will continue to the end** and **desolations have been decreed**, but God has appointed rescuers to save the survivors. These will be brought back trembling and in want of everything. They will be housed in the Kingdom of God and will settle and have children and will live to a very great age. **Those who die at age 100 will be considered mere youths.** **Isa 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.** <sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> They will **not** toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> **The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox,** but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my Holy Mountain," says the LORD."

Of course, all this raises the spectre of the present precepts which have been taught, and which visualizes everyone in God's Kingdom being immortal. Such people err not knowing the Scriptures. However, God will pour out His Holy Spirit on all the House of Israel, and at a future time, they will be resurrected to life by His Spirit, but for a different purpose. Not Project Earth but Project Universe. But that's a long way off.

In the meantime, perilous times are here, and God has appointed an advance guard to prepare the Kingdom of God; initially as a tiny mustard seed that will grow to fill the entire earth. Battles will be fought and people will die like flies and sorrow and heartache will cascade on the inhabitants of the earth: **Isa 51:4** "Listen to me, **my people;** hear me, **my nation: The Law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.** <sup>5</sup> **My righteousness draws near speedily, MY SALVATION IS ON THE WAY, and my arm will bring justice to the nations.** The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and **its inhabitants die like flies. But my SALVATION will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.**" God's '**salvation**' seems a little different to the type of '**salvation**' spoken from the pulpit, doesn't it? God speaks of **HIS SALVATION** being **on the way** amid the **earth's inhabitants dying like flies**. Who do you suppose got it right? God? Or your local preacher? Your local preacher has been telling you that you're **already saved**, hasn't he?

Some may even presently believe that the deaths of a few thousand Christians and Jews in this global war on terrorism was all worth it, provided that Islam is assuaged. But by now the reader should realize that Islam's demands are never assuaged – only increased! Their power has increased immeasurably, and now they dictate how they will be treated everywhere. Islam must be honoured everywhere, while Christianity and Judaism must be suppressed and vilified. And throughout this ordeal to date, the West still believes that it's only a few isolated Islamic terrorists who are the trouble makers. **The West should be listening to God!**

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